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(Above) Workshop attendees talk about how drought, fire and research impact compliance issues.

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- > Calling all photographers!

Your photos could be featured on the new County Infonet homepage.

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Environmental Compliance Workshop Serves Local Business

Water, fire and drought were all on the agenda this month at the Monterey County Health Department Environmental Health Bureau's 11th annual Environmental Compliance Workshop in Salinas.

One of the most important tasks for the staff of the Environmental Health Bureau is making sure local businesses and agencies follow the laws and regulations designed to keep our community and environment healthy and safe. But rather than just enforce, Bureau staff educates.

“Many environmental laws and regulations are complicated, so we assist our regulated community by helping them to understand the whys and hows of these laws,” explains Bruce Welden, Supervisor of Hazardous Materials Management Services. “The ‘why’ is that it is important to protect our community and environment and the ‘how’ is offering education in how to comply.”

Welden says there was a good turnout and most attendees wanted to know to comply in a reasonable and cost effective way. The workshop offers a range of topics including regulations, emergency response, the environmental impacts of hazardous materials, recycling and proper waste disposal.

At the November 4th event, attendees heard presentations from a diverse group of speakers and topics including water conservation, a drought update, the Tassajara Fire, the City of Salinas and regional water management efforts and an update on research in the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

In addition, attendees were able to visit with staff from California Water Service, get useful water conservation sample items and learn about the Bureau’s Childhood Lead Program plus the full range of its services.



(Above) A workshop presentation on water management.

Tax Seminar Focuses on Affordable Care Act

If you need to know the latest tax information about the Affordable Care Act and other 2015 tax developments, an upcoming seminar may have what you are looking for.

The Auditor-Controller’s Office is hosting the annual Government Tax Seminar with information presented by Nelson White Diehl Evans & Company, LLP.



The day-long seminar will be held December 17th at the Embassy Suites in Seaside. It will address the new 2015 reporting and compliance requirements of the Affordable Car Act (ACA), plus other key tax developments.

The Association of Government Accountants (AGA) – Central Coast Chapter will sponsor the program and attendees will receive timely and interesting tax information as well as a discount on tuition. The cost of the AGA-sponsored seminar is \$195 per person which includes the 2015 Government Tax Manual (Nelson White Diehl Evans & Company charges \$225/person elsewhere).

The seminar is suitable for anyone, but attorneys and those working in finance and human resources fields might benefit the most from the program.

In addition to the tax information, Senior Deputy County Counsel Kay Reimann will present her educational workshop called “The Accidental Employee,” which details the legal pitfalls employers can face with independent contractors and temporary employees.

For information about the seminar and a sign-up sheet, contact Maria Papurello x5084.



Libraries Have a New Collection – Discarded Glasses

You can check in more than books at Monterey County Libraries (MCFL). All branches are now eyeglass collection sites.

MCFL is partnering with the Lions Recycle for Sight program to help put old eyeglasses to good use. Bring the glasses to any branch of MCFL and help make a huge difference in the life of a visually-impaired person.

All types of eyeglasses are welcome: prescription, reading, sunglasses and glasses



with plastic or metal frames but the greatest need is for children's glasses.

Used eyeglasses are delivered to regional Lions Eyeglass Recycling Centers where volunteers clean and sort them by prescription strength then package them for redistribution to people in need. So gather up those glasses with outdated prescriptions and bring them by your local MCFL branch or bookmobile!

Locations and hours of MCFL branches and bookmobile stops are available at www.MontereyCountyFreeLibraries.org.