

# CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF DIRECTORS OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



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# CCDEH Achievements

- ✓ Development and operation of statewide data management information systems for local jurisdictions.
- ✓ Preparation of a complete compilation and analysis of environmental health services provided by local and state jurisdictions.
- ✓ Drafting and adoption of numerous program implementation guidelines for use by local agencies statewide.
- ✓ Development and implementation of the State Safe Drinking Water Act enforcement program and regulations for small water systems.
- ✓ Preparation of annual platform statements on elements of environmental health which include issue statements and recommendations.
- ✓ Effective adoption of fee-for-service based program funding.
- ✓ Retail Food Safety Inspection Standardization Program.
- ✓ Promotion of effective local solid waste permitting and enforcement through Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) program.
- ✓ Enhancement of bioterrorism and emergency response capabilities for local agencies.
- ✓ Instrumental in formation of the CUPA Forum Board and the California Retail Food Safety Coalition.

## DEVELOPMENT OF MAJOR LEGISLATION & REGULATIONS



*Farmers' Markets & other Direct Marketing*

### **Statewide Onsite Wastewater Management**

*Certified Unified Program Agency*



**Roadside Stand Regulations**



*Raw Oyster Safety Regulation*

### **Safe Body Art Act**

*California Retail Food Code*



*Swimming Pool Regulations*



**Public Beach Sanitation Law & Regulations**



### **REHS Continuing Education Unit Regulations**





# CCDEH Mission

**CCDEH mission:  
Enhance the quality  
of life in the State of  
California by  
encouraging the  
formulation and  
implementation of  
effective local  
environmental health  
programs to protect  
the public health,  
safety and the  
environment.**

## HISTORY

Environmental health improvements were dramatic in the 20th century and continue to be prominent in government affairs. Since its establishment in September 1956, CCDEH has been active in shaping and implementing some of the nation's most effective and innovative environmental health programs. As a 501(c)(3), CCDEH strongly promotes the education and training of professional staff that provide the public with a high degree of public protection and government accountability. CCDEH has grown in both membership and influence to become the leading advocate for and authoritative voice in all local environmental health matters in California.

## GOALS FOR ACHIEVING THIS MISSION:

Improve the quality and scope of environmental health programs throughout the state and promote uniformity in implementing such programs. | Develop mutual understanding, interpretation, and uniform application of existing California laws and regulations pertaining to local environmental health programs. | Provide a forum for members to share information and expertise. | Articulate environmental issues and/or concerns that contribute to the public's understanding of environmental problems, needs and programs. Maintain a dialogue with community organizations, private enterprise, academia and state and local officials. | Manage environmental health programs in a cost-effective manner. | Establish and maintain communication and a cooperative working relationship with the County Health Executives Association of California (CHEAC), the California Conference of Local Health Officers (CCLHO), California CUPA Forum, the California Environmental Health Association (CEHA), the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the League of California Cities (LOCC), and other state, federal, and local agencies and organizations.

# Organizational Structure

CCDEH is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation whose membership is comprised of environmental health directors from 62 jurisdictions, including counties and cities. Associate membership is open to all local environmental health program managers. A consultant/organization membership is available, upon invitation, to other professionals and entities working in the environmental health field. Members of CCDEH are also members of the California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA), which is the legislative and business arm of CCDEH. The CCDEH Executive Committee includes four officers, eight policy chairs and four regional representatives. An Executive Director and a Manager are based in Sacramento to support the two organizations in legislative, regulatory and administrative matters. CCDEH has four regional and eight policy committees which serve at the direction of the Executive Committee.

Policy committees cover the following programmatic areas:

**Food Safety | Hazardous Waste/Materials | Community Environmental Health | Water and Land Use | Solid Waste & Resource Recovery | Environmental Health Information Technology | Emergency Response | Professional Development**

The conference holds an annual meeting at which its office holders are elected and organization priorities and positions are established. CCDEH is an affiliate of CSAC and CCLHO.



CAEHA is an associated 501(c)(4) non-profit corporation with membership limited to local Environmental Health Directors and Retired Directors. CAEHA's mission is to improve the quality and scope of environmental health programs throughout the State and to promote uniformity in the conduct of such programs. CAEHA goals are as follows: To advocate on behalf of environmental health and CCDEH in the legislature and regulatory agencies; to provide environmental health management, training, and information services to its members, other environmental health professionals and the public; and to generate revenues from certain activities to fund environmental health projects that further its mission. The principal sources of revenue include information transfer, training and contract management. CAEHA provides temporary professional staffing to jurisdictions under direct contracts, CAEHA employees or third-party service providers. The Past President of CCDEH serves as the Chair of the CAEHA Board, which is comprised of seven members from CAEHA membership. The Executive Director and Manager of CCDEH serve as the Executive Director and Manager of CAEHA.

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# Local Environmental Health Program Elements

## LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

The purpose of local environmental health programs is to protect the health, safety and well-being of the public and to preserve and improve environmental quality. Legal authorities for local environmental health programs are cited in the California Health and Safety Code, California Code of Regulations Titles 17 and 22, and local ordinances and regulations.



### FOOD SAFETY

Assuring food is safely prepared, served and stored by implementing retail and consumer protection programs in conjunction with State and Federal inspection programs; Surveillance of a wide range of food establishments including restaurants, markets, mobile food units, farmers markets, dairy and milk products facilities, vending machines, etc.; and Food Facility Plan Check and Construction. Local environmental health agencies permit every regulated retail food facility statewide and conduct approximately 400,000 retail food facility inspections annually.



### HOUSING

Housing code enforcement; Lead Poisoning investigations and remediation; Employee Housing; Jail/Detention Facilities; Organized Camps; Mobile Home Parks; and Motels/Hotels. There are an estimated 200,000 inspections done on housing units each year.



### RECREATIONAL HEALTH

Lakes, Streams and Beaches; Public Swimming Pools/Spas; Public Pool Plan Check and Construction. Environmental health agencies are responsible for safe construction and operation of all public bathing areas, including pools and spas in the state. Local environmental health agencies monitor coastal and freshwater bathing areas and post warnings or close polluted waters.



### WATER QUALITY

Regulation of Small Public Water Systems; Private Well Construction/ Abandonment Permitting; Cross Connection Control Program; Water Haulers; Storm Water Pollution Prevention; Recycled Water. To ensure safety of Small Public Water Systems, over 6,000 inspections are completed yearly.



### LAND USE

Land Development Regulation; Domestic Water Supply; Sewage and Solid Waste Disposal; Storm Water Drainage; Community Noise; Vector Control; Animal Confinement Facilities. Every year environmental health agencies and special vector districts conduct some 200,000 vector control inspections/actions in California.



### SOLID WASTE & RESOURCE RECOVERY

The environmental health departments' delegated Local Enforcement Agencies (LEAs) inspect and enforce statewide laws and regulations at landfills, transfer stations and other waste and recycling facilities. LEAs help to meet the state's goals for greenhouse gas and short-lived climate pollutant reduction through reduction, reuse, recycling and recovery of waste and materials.



### LIQUID WASTE

On-Site Sewage Systems; Septage Haulers; Greywater Systems/Wastewater Reclamation. Much of this statewide effort ensures the safe construction and operation of on-site sewage systems.



### MEDICAL WASTE/PUBLIC SAFETY

Regulation of Large and Small Quantity generators including limited quantity haulers and the registration and regulation of Body Art Practitioners.



### HAZARDOUS MATERIALS & WASTE

Certified Unified Program Agencies (CUPAs) regulate facilities with Hazardous Materials, Hazardous Wastes, Underground Tanks, and Aboveground Tanks. CUPAs also provide Emergency Response services, Household Hazardous Waste events, and Groundwater and Soil Cleanup. Each year CUPAs direct over 35,000 hazardous material facility inspections and conduct over 15,000 household hazardous waste collection events. Annually, every underground storage tank in California is inspected by a local agency.