

Lassen County Environmental Health Mission Statement

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

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The mission of Environmental Health is to protect, and promote public health and environmental quality through the application of scientific principles, education and the enforcement of applicable laws and regulations. Environmental Health carries out necessary programs designed to control or prevent disease, improve the overall environment, and enhance the general welfare and health of the community.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS

Food Safety

-Inspect retail food facilities for compliance with California Food code

Hazardous Materials Management

-Inspect and permit facilities that store hazardous materials or generate hazardous waste

Aboveground Petroleum Storage Tank (AST)

-Inspect and permit AST facilities to ensure compliance with federal and state standards

Underground Petroleum Storage Tank (UST)

-Inspect and permit UST facilities annually to ensure compliance with federal and state standards

Housing and Institutions

-Inspect Juvenile Detention Facility and Adult Detention Center for compliance with Title 15 requirements

Land Use

-Review proposed subdivisions, parcel maps, lot line adjustments and special use permits

Lead Program

Work with Public Health Department in lead related investigations

Liquid Waste Management

-Inspect and permit septic pumper vehicles and respond to sewage complaints

Medical Waste

-Inspect and permit large quantity medical waste facilities, inspect and register small quantity medical waste facilities

Organized Camps

-Inspect and permit organized camps for compliance with food, water, medical waste, sewage and housing requirements

Recreational Health

-Inspect and permit public swimming pools and spas

Septic Systems/On Site Sewage Disposal

-- Inspect and permit onsite sewage disposal systems

Solid Waste

-Inspect and permit solid waste facilities including active landfills, transfer stations as well as the closed, illegal and abandoned disposal sites in the County

Vector and Rabies Control

-Oversee the rabies program for the County. Investigate animal bite reports, quarantine domestic biting animals and send off feral or wild biting animals to lab for testing.

Water Wells

-Inspect and permit all well construction or well modifications.

Water Systems

-Inspect and permit State Small water systems (5-14 connections) and food facility water systems that provide drinking water to less than 25 people per day for 60 days out of the year