

## Minutes of the SEPTEMBER 16, 2013

##### **Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors**

**1. Call to Order**

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 12:30 p.m. at Rutherford Grove Winery, 1673 St. Helena Highway, St. Helena. Chair Luce called the meeting to order at 12:50 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

The following members were present: Chair Mark Luce, Vice Chair Marjorie Mohler, Member Diane Dillon, Member Chris Canning, and Member Sharon Crull.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Luce lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Public Comment**

None

###### **5. Consent Calendar Items**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Staff requested approval of the June 24 and August 19, 2013 special meeting minutes.

 Approved Consent Calendar item A: CC-DD-MM-ML-SC

### **6. Administrative Items**

1. **California Integrated Waste Management Act**

David Briggs, Environmental Resource Specialist referred to the report on activities relevant to the Act found in the packet and noted specifically that:

1. HHW Event dates and locations have been confirmed as follows; 10/26/13 Calistoga Fairgrounds, 04/12/14 Rutherford Grove Winery.
2. The County Sheriff’s office recently included a drug take-back at a Yountville community event. Calistoga Police will co-host another drug and sharps collection with the local Soroptimist on Oct. 19 - one week before the annual household hazardous waste event at the Fairgrounds.
3. Paintcare has been in touch with Clover Flat and one additional location in the City of St. Helena to establish free collection points for used paint. They should be up and operating in a month or two. Suitable outreach will be conducted once the sites are ready to go.
4. Chris Bria, of CalRecycle, provided the Board with an overview of the main reasons for CalRecycle’s findings of UVA compliance with the state waste diversion requirements (set forth in AB 939). Mr. Bria noted that, in its recently completed 4-year review, CalRecycle saw the broad set of local waste diversion services and supporting educational and hazardous waste programs as adequate for compliance findings. Mr. Bria explained that CalRecycle also suggests UVA consider focus on other diversion related activities, particularly member agency green purchase policies, and requirement of waste diversion plans for construction & demolition projects, He also described various current activities at the state level, including:
	1. Implementation of AB 341, and specifically mandatory commercial recycling (MCR). Next summer, UVA will need to report to CalRecycle on local efforts to monitor all commercial entities, including local businesses, schools, government buildings and apartments that generate over 4 cubic yards of trash per week, for compliance with the statewide commercial recycling mandate. It is not yet entirely clear how businesses could show “compliance” if they do not have traditional recycling service. Chris and Dave Briggs will remain in contact as these requirements become more clear. Dave will report results to the Board when available.
	2. Chris Bria was requested to investigate further into the recycling programs at the Yountville Veteran’s Home (VH). Yountville representatives explained that, while the VH technically meets standard waste diversion requirements for state facilities, in reality there is almost no traditional recycling (like in UVA single stream recycling) available to the residents and offices there. Some residents have complained to their elected officials on Yountville Town Council.

No action required

1. **Mandatory Service**

Agency manager Steve Lederer provided a status of research efforts into other jurisdictions which have mandatory service requirements. UVA has engaged a temporary staff member, Antonio Villalobos, to conduct the investigation. He has targeted several similar jurisdictions, including Marin, Sonoma, Monterey, Santa Cruz, and Placer County. Tony has developed a standard list of questions which will be asked of each agency. Board members suggested that Tony also contact small cities within these jurisdictions to get their point of view, and that newspaper research be conducted to attempt to determine the public’s reaction to these ordinances when they were adopted. Christy Abreu has obtained information from various trade associations, which she has shared with Tony as well.

Board member Sharon Crull mentioned that she had not heard complaints from St. Helena residents about problems caused by those not subscribing to recycling and waste services. Diane Dillon offered that the research effort is not necessarily to respond to a current problem but to prepare for the future, when the number of local homes used as second homes increases and the number of absentee owners not supporting the existing recycling and waste management infrastructure causes illegal dumping or financial problems for UVA and its service providers.

Agency Manager Steve Lederer reported that the results of our investigations will be provided at a future meeting for further discussion.

### **7. franchises' business items**

1. **Franchise’s Status**

Steve Lederer reported that French Blue (in St Helena) is now in compliance.

Bob Pestoni reported that the C & D line remains out of service, but is currently under repair and should be operational in about 3 weeks. Items are being hand sorted at this time.

The draft newsletter, focusing on the upcoming HHW event, was provided to the Board. It was noted that several recent newsletters focused on keeping sharps out of the recycling waste stream, and this information appears to have been effective as complaints from workers on the recycling line have greatly decreased.

Dave Briggs reported he is working with a contact person from the Angwin Community Council to determine the practicality of having a “bulky waste” event in Angwin next spring. Board member Dillon suggested he contact County staff member Joann Melgar for information on past and future Angwin Community Council meetings.

**B. Waste Management Companies’ Issues**

None

No action required

### **8. Other Business Items**

**A. Manager’s Report**

Agency Manager, Steve Lederer did not have anything to report.

**B. Reports from Jurisdictions**

* 1. Napa County: Napa Sanitation District (NSD) is in a partnership with RealEnergy to determine the feasibility of developing a plant on NSD grounds using organic wastes from the solid waste stream and from NSD to develop biofuel which would then be made available to commercial and municipal customers.
	2. Calistoga: Conducting a river cleanup event on 9/21; investigating a voluntary plastic bag ban.
	3. St. Helena: Considering a mandatory plastic bag ban, potentially to be enacted before the end of the year. Board Member Dillon reminded all that the County is offering to support a countywide effort to limit plastic bag use. Steve noted that the City of Napa is launching a coordination effort in which all cities and town in the County will be invited.
	4. Yountville: Working with Upper Valley Recycling to add an e-waste collection area to the existing recycle-only household hazardous waste collection site at the town corporation yard.
1. **Board of Directors Comments**

None.

1. **Future Agenda Items**

 The Board acted to cancel the October Meeting, and will meet in November as regularly scheduled.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m. The next Board meeting will occur at 1:30 p.m. on November 18, 2013 at the Yountville Community Center.

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| NOES: |  |
| ABSTAIN: |  |
| ABSENT: |  |
| By: |  |
|  | ATTEST: Steven Lederer, Manager of the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency |

KEY

Vote: DD = Diane Dillon; MM = Marjory Mohler; ML = Mark Luce; SC = Sharon Crull; CC = Chris Canning

The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.

Notations next to vote: N = No; X = Excused; A = Abstain; B = Absent