

## DEPARTMENT OF RESOURCES RECYCLING AND RECOVERY

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Steven Lederer Upper Valley Waste Management Agency 1195 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 101 Napa, CA 94559-3035

Dear Mr.Lederer,

I am writing regarding the status of CalRecycle's review of Upper Valley Waste Management Agency's compliance with meeting AB 939 requirements. Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 41825 specifies a schedule for this review and requires CalRecycle to make an independent evaluation and finding of whether or not each jurisdiction was in compliance with PRC Section 41780 during the review period. As a result of this review, CalRecycle may find:

- 1) A jurisdiction is meeting the requirements of AB 939 because:
  - a. it has adequately implemented its diversion programs and has achieved the diversion requirement; or
  - b. while it has not achieved the diversion requirement, it has made a good faith effort to implement diversion programs; or
- 2) A jurisdiction has failed to adequately implement its SRRE and/or HHWE and the process should commence to consider whether issuance of a compliance order would be appropriate. Jurisdictions that fail to satisfy the conditions of a compliance order may be subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 per day.

CalRecycle has finalized the 2012-2015 Jurisdiction Review and determined Upper Valley Waste Management Agency is meeting the requirements of AB 939. We commend the Agency for continuing to dedicate resources to meeting the requirements of AB 939. Your efforts are helping to conserve natural resources, strengthen the State's economy, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We also want to note, as the economy continues to grow, businesses will likely produce more, consumers will purchase more, and construction will increase. While this would be great news, we expect more solid waste will be generated and discarded. Continuing the Agency's diversion programs is critical to ensuring continued compliance with AB 939. In particular, in addition to meeting and maintaining the requirements of AB 939, the Agency is responsible for implementing the Mandatory Commercial Recycling and Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling education, outreach and monitoring requirements of AB 341 and AB 1826.

As required by law, Karla Miller from CalRecycle's Local Assistance and Market Development (LAMD) Branch will contact you to set up annual site visits to verify the implementation of diversion programs and continued compliance with AB939.

In conclusion, we are pleased Upper Valley Waste Management Agency has been found in compliance with PRC Section 41780 as part of the 2012-2015 Jurisdiction Review. We look forward to working with you in the future to ensure the continued success of the jurisdiction's overall diversion efforts. If you have any questions, please contact your LAMD representative, Karla Miller at <u>Karla.Miller@CalRecycle.ca.gov</u> or (916) 327-8804.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Yee, Section Manager, Bay Section