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## Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Manager  
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**REPORT BY:** Alice Ramirez, Senior Office Asstistant - 259-6716  
**SUBJECT:** California Integrated Waste Management Act

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Staff to provide an update on the status of activities relevant to the Act.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### **WASTE REDUCTION, RECYCLING, HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Hazardous Waste Collections – Upper Valley Waste Management Agency’s hazardous waste contractor, *Clean Harbors*, handles materials dropped off by the public at the spring and fall hazardous waste collection events. Clean Harbors prepared to hold fall collections at Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga on October 9 & 10. UVWMA cancelled the collections when the Fairgrounds became a main location for fire evacuation relief. UVWMA staff rescheduled the collections to November 6 and 7. It then cancelled the November 6 business collection event after it received no calls for business appointments. On November 7, Clean Harbors accepted, processed, and shipped household hazardous waste it received in 98 deliveries from residents. Staff will report to the Board on the costs of the collection at a future meeting.

Paint Recycling – The paint industry, working through its affiliated non-profit group, “PaintCare,” handles and covers all costs of shipment and disposal of paints and other coatings dropped-off by the public at up-valley hazardous waste events, at the “recycle only” hazardous waste collection station in Yountville, and at Clover Flat Landfill. Up-valley residents and businesses can drop-off paints and coatings at these collection sites at no charge. PaintCare lists all acceptable paints and coatings on its website: [www.paintcare.org](http://www.paintcare.org).

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA creates a funding pool each year with payments that CalRecycle issues to the four UVWMA member agencies. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container and litter reduction activities, including purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, main streets, businesses, schoolyards and public gathering areas, recycling at public and private events, and related publicity and education. The funds represent about 70% of all funding UVWMA budgets for waste reduction, recycling, and

litter prevention. UVWMA staff applied for funds on behalf of all of its member agencies. CalRecycle recently issued payments to local agencies. UVWMA has received the forwarded payment from the City of Calistoga but not from the other member agencies.

Napa County Green Business Program – The County has expanded its efforts to certify local businesses through its Green Business Program. County staff offers certification to businesses that meet high environmental standards for reduced energy use, water conservation, recycling and waste reduction, and pollution prevention. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVWMA) assists by providing recycling containers and signage for offices wine production, food service, and picnic areas. Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service is providing waste service level audits and a set of recycling and composting collection services. Staff expects the program to increase UVWMA expenditures on printing, recycling bins for indoors and outdoors, and food waste collection bins.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – Up-valley residents may drop-off sharps and old or unwanted medications that are not controlled substances at local Clinic Ole offices at 1222 Pine St. Suite A, in St. Helena or 911 Washington St. in Calistoga during regular business hours. Clean Harbors accepts medications and sharps at up-valley hazardous waste collection events. Clover Flat Landfill accepts sharps at no charge during regular business hours.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners will begin planning 2016 workshops during the winter of 2015/16.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

#### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

None.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Alice Ramirez