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Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Directors

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SUBJECT: California Integrated Waste Management Act

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 – The spring hazardous waste collection events are scheduled for April 7 (business) and April 8 (residential), the events will be held at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency's (UVWMA) hazardous waste (HW) collections contractor, Clean Harbors, will collect and dispose of HW materials collected. Businesses will schedule appointments and pay disposal costs for their materials, residents are not charged a fee. UVWMA and Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling (UVDS) staff will advertise the event via: flyers in the community, ad's in local papers, St Helena water bill, Yountville Town newsletter, UVDS newsletter, Napa Valley TV, banner on UVDS property along Hwy 29 and an e-blast of the flyer to parents in the St Helena School District.

UVWMA staff have been working with Town of Yountville staff to create a sign and brochures for the antifreeze, batteries, motor oil and paint collection (ABOP) point at the town's corporate yard. The sign will advise residents on what materials are accepted. The brochure will inform residents of disposal locations for items that cannot be left at the ABOP.

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.

Mattress Recycling – The nonprofit Mattress Recycling Council launched their mattress recycling program, Bye Bye Mattress, in California in January 2016. The program uses a recycling fee collected on each mattress and box spring sold; fees pay for the transportation and recycling of the mattresses. Clover Flat Landfill is now accepting mattresses for free through the Bye Bye Mattress program. More information can be found at www.byebyemattress.com.

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 are preparing for the next regional application for beverage container recycling funds, due May 2, 2017.

CalRecycle is currently considering a proportional reduction to all programs currently funded by the beverage container recycling program, which includes funding UVWMA uses for the purchase of recycling bins. A 20% reduction in funds is possible. The reduction may be phased in with small increments or the full reduction could be applied at one time after a longer period of time after notification. A 20% reduction would mean a loss of \$5,000 in funds annually. UVWMA staff will monitor the situation and provide necessary updates.

Napa County Green Business Program – The County has expanded its efforts to certify local businesses and wineries 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) is assisting 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.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – Up-valley residents may drop-off sharps and old or unwanted medications that are not controlled substances at local Ole Health 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. Vasconi's Pharmacy, at 1381 Main St. in St Helena, recently installed a medication collection bin, staff are working with pharmacy staff on promoting the pharmacy as a location for old or unwanted medications. UVWMA will be assisting Vasconi's in the purchase of the mail back containers as staff's advertising efforts will likely increase then number of drop offs to the collection bin.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have scheduled 2017 workshop dates. Attendance at up valley workshops has been low, to help bring up attendance two up valley workshops will be held in conjunction with the Napa County Master Gardeners garden tour in Calistoga on May 21. A third up valley workshop will be held June 3 at the Napa Valley Museum in Yountville and will cover worm composting. Residents can sign up for workshops at www.compost.naparecycles.org

Recycling Outreach and Activities – UVWMA staff have created a tentative outline for 2017 in-person outreach to up valley communities. This outreach will mainly be focused on residents and will be conducted at farmers markets and community events.

Throughout 2017 UVWMA and UVDS staff will be conducting print, electronic and in person outreach regarding AB 1826, AB 341 and SB 1383. These outreach activities will include but are not limited to; mailing a letter and brochure to all commercial accounts, ads in newsletters, providing printed materials to businesses renewing licenses, in person outreach at chamber of commerce events, in person outreach to all current food waste

accounts and in person outreach to all up valley multi-family properties of five dwellings and more. A copy of the letter that was sent in February 2017 to all 828 UVDS commercial accounts is attached, titled "AB 1826 letter", a copy of the brochure that was included with the letter is attached, titled "Business Recycling Services Brochure".

Solid Waste Relevant Legislation – AB 1826 was enacted in September 2014 and went into effect in April 2016. AB 1826 requires businesses that generate organic waste materials to separate the material for composting, the requirements phase in depending on the volume of organic waste generated each week. AB 341 was enacted in October 2011 and went into effect in July 2012. AB 341 requires that businesses that generate more than 4 cubic yards of solid waste per week and multifamily dwellings of five or more units must have recycling services. SB 1383 was enacted in September 2016 and goes into effect in January 2022. SB 1383 is a multi-agency bill, the solid waste portion requires a 50% reduction in organics in landfills compared in 2014 levels by 2020 and a 75% reduction by 2025.

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

- A . AB 1826 Letter
- B . Business Recycling Services Brochure

Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Steven Lederer