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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 – Upper Valley Waste Management Agency’s (UVWMA) hazardous waste (HW) collections contractor, Clean Harbors, has completed both the fall and spring collection events for 2016-17. It accepted HW from small businesses and local households that subscribe to UVDRS collection services or use Clover Flat Landfill. Staff has set dates for the next HW collection event at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga; October 20 (business) and October 21 (residential).

UVWMA staff have been working with Town of Yountville staff to produce a sign and brochures for the antifreeze, batteries, motor oil and paint collection (ABOP) point at the town’s water treatment plant. The sign will advise residents on what materials are accepted. The brochure will be available to residents to inform them of disposal locations for items that cannot be left at the ABOP. The following is the complete list of items that are accepted: paint, electronic waste, motor oil & oil filters, antifreeze, batteries and fluorescent tubes & bulbs.

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 has submitted the regional application for beverage container recycling funds for FY 2017-18.

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 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, independently installed a medication collection bin. UVWMA staff are 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 the number of drop offs to the collection bin. A medication collection bin was recently installed at the St. Helena Police Department. UVWMA staff are researching: the disposal process for the bin, what types of medications are accepted and needs for public education on the 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

Special Recycling Events – The Napa Agricultural Commissioner's Office's spring pesticide container recycling event will take place on May 15. UVDS held a drip hose recycling event on Friday May 5, at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard. 7.5 tons of drip hose was collected for recycling. The Soroptimists of Calistoga held their semi-annual medications and sharps collection event on Saturday April 22. 95 pounds of medications and 22 pounds of sharps was collected for proper disposal. St. Helena's Earth Day even was April 22; 10.5 tons of e-waste was collected.

Recycling Outreach and Activities – UVWMA staff have scheduled a "zero waste shopping" presentation on June 9 at the St. Helena Farmers Market. UVWMA staff will be presenting on recycling to Calistoga Family Apartments residents in June. UVWMA staff will be conducting print, electronic and in person outreach throughout 2017 regarding AB 1826, AB 341 and SB 1383.

Solid Waste Relevant Legislation – AB 1826 was enacted in September 2014 and went into effect in April 2016. AB 1826 requires businesses that generated 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.

CalRecycle - CalRecycle has completed the 2012-2015 review of Upper Valley Waste Management Agency's waste diversion programs and has found the agency to be in compliance with AB 939 requirements. A copy of the approval letter is attached, titled "AB 939 – UVWMA Letter from CalRecycle". CalRecycle has also completed the 2012-2015 review of Unincorporated Napa County's waste diversion programs and has found the county to be in compliance with AB 939 requirements. A copy of the approval letter is attached, titled "AB 939 – Napa County Letter from CalRecycle"

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 939 – UVWMA Letter from CalRecycle
- B . AB 939 – Napa County Letter from CalRecycle

Recommendation: Approve
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