

# City of Calistoga

  

## Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** Erik V. Lundquist, Senior Planner  
**DATE:** February 15, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** Community Resources Commission's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Recommendations

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**APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:**

  
Richard Spitler, City Manager

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**ISSUE:** Consider the Community Resources Commission's (CRC's) recommendation requesting that the regional waste agency reestablish the temporary dedicated household hazardous waste collection events in upper Napa Valley.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution

**BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION:** In the early 1990's, the City joined with up-valley communities St. Helena, Yountville, and Napa County to form a waste management agency to meet regional waste reduction and recycling requirements set forth by the state. The agency is run by a board comprised of one representative from each of the cities and two from the county. City Council Member, Karen Slusser serves as the City of Calistoga representative. The agency, named Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVA), hires the Upper Valley Disposal Service to collect recyclable items, greenwaste, and trash from local homes and businesses. It also regulates activities and user fees at Clover Flat Landfill.

In previous years, it has hired a hazardous waste hauling company to hold special collection events at Calistoga Fairgrounds. Although in 2009 and again in 2010, the regional waste agency cancelled household hazardous waste events held previously at Calistoga Fairgrounds, due to reductions in funding.

As a result Calistogans have few options for safe and convenient disposal of most hazardous wastes (see Attachment 2). City residents and businesses can deliver a limited number of recyclable hazardous material types to Clover Flat Landfill, but must

26 travel much further out of their way to the collection facility near the City of American  
27 Canyon to dispose of their most toxic, corrosive and hazardous wastes.

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29 UJVWMA funded the HHW collection events held in previous years through fees charged  
30 to users of Clover Flat Landfill. The events were free to all residents in up-valley  
31 communities. The economic slump has led to less waste arriving at the landfill and  
32 therefore less money collected in fees. To adjust for lower revenues, the agency has  
33 decided to cut hazardous waste collections.

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35 In May of 2010 the CRC made a similar recommendation and received favorable  
36 support from the City Council but unfortunately the UJVWMA Board did not make the  
37 necessary budget adjustments to fund the collection program. The CRC is still  
38 concerned that the lack of convenient household hazardous waste collections will  
39 encourage residents and businesses to stockpile dangerous materials or to dispose of  
40 them inappropriately. As such, the CRC is again recommending that the City Council  
41 adopt a resolution requesting the UJVWMA reestablish the temporary dedicated  
42 household hazardous waste collection events in upper Napa Valley so that residents  
43 can rely on at least once a year convenient collection. The CRC also recommends that  
44 the City Council solicit support from the City of St. Helena, the Town of Yountville, and  
45 the County so that the Agency realizes the importance.

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47 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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49 1. Draft Resolution  
50 2. Excerpts from the Napa County Recycling Guide - Hazardous Information  
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