



**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2014  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yountville Town Council Meeting Chambers, Yountville, California. Chair Luce called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Chair Mark Luce, Vice Chair Marjorie Mohler, Member Diane Dillon, Member Sharon Crull and Member Chris Canning.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Luce lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Staff requested approval of the November 18, 2013 special meeting minutes.

Approved Consent Calendar item A: MM-SC-CC-ML-DD(A)

**B. Elections**

Staff requested nominations to elect officers for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Member Canning nominates Mark Luce for reappointment as Chair.

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Member Canning nominates Margie Mohler for reappointment as Vice Chair.

CC-SC-DD-ML-MM

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A. California Integrated Waste Management Act**

David Briggs, Environmental Resource Specialist referred to the report on activities relevant to the Act found in the packet and noted specifically that:

- 1) UVWMA and its hazardous waste contractor hosted the first of two planned household hazardous waste collection events for this fiscal year on 10/26 at the Calistoga Fairgrounds. Event participation was down from the record breaking event that the agency held last year, when attendees dropped off over 340 carloads of HHW. The agency's HHW contractor handled 273 deliveries this year. Event costs were also substantially less than last year, due mainly to smaller amounts of HHW turned-in at the event and the diversion of all paint-type products accepted at the event to the PaintCare program. The hazardous waste contractor charged \$17,895.00 for collection and disposal services associated with this October event compared to \$30,200 for the event held the previous year. The UVWMA spring HHW event is scheduled for April 12 at the UVDS Composting and Recycling Facility by Rutherford Grove Winery in St. Helena.

- 2) Home Composting Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa and Napa County Master Gardeners have completed the schedule for public workshops for 2014-15. The calendar and sign-up information is available online.
- 3) For the past decade, UVWMA has pooled the annual payments received by its four member agencies through the CalRecycle grant program to create a \$25,000 annual fund for beverage container and litter reduction programs and activities. UVWMA has used the funds to provide free interior recycling bins to businesses and public agencies, purchase and install outdoor recycling bins in community parks, streets, schoolyards and other public gathering areas, and to support and advertise recycling at local public and private events. The funds represent \$25,000 of the \$35,000 (71%) of the funds UVWMA budgets for recycling and litter reduction, composting, and related public education and information activities each year. In January, CalRecycle issued a proposal to restructure this state payment program to reduce overall expenditures and emphasize enforcement of beverage container redemption activities in California. Its proposed changes would discontinue the annual payments to communities and increase funding for an existing CalRecycle competitive grant program. The proposal seems to be moving quickly through the state's approval process. It's unknown whether the increases in the existing competitive grant program would be available to small communities or agencies that may have few resources to compete with big cities and counties for grants.

Member Mohler asked if the attendance at the Home Composting workshops has been good, noting that she would like to have some flyers made available at the Yountville Community Center.

Dave Briggs reported that online sign-ups for Home Composting Workshops are always full, however attendance is not always full do to no-shows.

Motion made to instruct Chair of the Board to send letter to CalRecycle objecting to their proposed changes which would eliminate the beverage and liter reduction grant funding.

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## **7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. Franchise's Status**

UVDS Owner, Bob Pestoni reported that there have been some unexpected delays from PG&E, and now from the Independent System Operator (ISO), and on their own part in learning all the rules required to energize the landfill gas generator. They hope to have the generator operating this month.

Christy Abreu reported that there are several tentative Earth Day events planned, but will report the final dates at the next meeting.

Christy noted that Yountville does not have any specific planned events at this time, but the Yountville Corporate Yard now has an E-Waste container available to the public.

Member Mohler noted that the E-Waste bin, located at the Yountville Corporate Yard is not being advertised yet, and has therefore been slow starting.

### **B. Waste Management Companies' Issues**

None.

No action required

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **A. Manager's Report**

Agency Manager, Steve Lederer reminded the Board that Form 700's are due to the Clerk before April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Agency Manager, Steve Lederer reported that overall landfill tonnage is running at a rate that could leave the Agency about \$10,000 short of projected budget. Numbers will continue to be monitored and a budget

transfer from reserves will be brought to the Board for consideration at a later date if it appears needed.

Agency Manger, Steve Lederer also gave a brief Legislative update on the Plastic Bags Bill: SB 270 (Padilla) will stop the use of single-use plastic bags at California Supermarkets starting in July 2015, and at smaller stores in July 2016; allow stores to charge 10 cents for paper bags; and require increased use of recycled material in reusable plastic bags, at least 20 percent by 2016 and 40 percent by 2020. Second it would provide \$2 million in seed money for plastic-bag manufacturers to retool and retrain workers so they can begin to make reusable plastic bags. Part 2 is the addition that gives this bill a better chance of passing than last year's SB 405, also authored by Padilla.

There are also bills regarding proper disposal of pharmaceuticals, sharps, and batteries that might also have a chance for passage this year.

**B. Reports from Jurisdictions**

- a. Napa County: Chair Luce reported that the new floor at the Devlin Road Transfer Station is coming along, and that NVWMA had their first successful load taken to the Potrero Hills Landfill. He also noted that other improvements are happening, as more cash is now available due to their construction bonds now being paid off. It was also noted that Redwood Credit Union is hoping to host a Paper Shredding day in September inthe City of Napa.
- b. Calistoga: Member Chris Canning reported that the town of Calistoga's Green Committee is searching for a permanent solution for long fluorescent bulbs, noting that the shorter 4' bulbs are accepted at Ace Hardware, but that the longer 8' bulbs are ending up in the garbage due to the lack of take back programs.

(Agency Manager reported that 8' bulbs are generally considered commercial use, and that the commercial entities that use them are responsible for the disposal via a licensed hauler.)

- c. St. Helena: None.
- d. Yountville: Member Margie Mohler reported that Mandatory Garbage Service is still being considered and would like to bring the item back to the board after the Yountville Town Council has completed their discussions.

**D. Board of Directors Comments**

None.

**E. Future Agenda Items**

Mandatory Garbage Service

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:17 p.m. The next Board meeting will occur at 1:30 p.m. on March 17, 2014 at the Yountville Town Council Meeting Chambers.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ABSTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATTEST: Steven Lederer, Manager of the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

KEY  
 Vote: DD = Diane Dillon; MM = Marjory Mohler; ML = Mark Luce; SC = Sharon Crull; CC = Chris Canning  
 The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.  
 Notations next to vote: N = No; X = Excused; A = Abstain; B = Absent