



**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 15, 2014
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in special session on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. at the Clover Flat Landfill, 4380 Silverado Trail, Calistoga, California. Mark Luce called the meeting to order at 12:43 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Mark Luce lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A. Approval of Minutes

Staff requested approval of June 23, 2014 meeting minutes be approved at the next meeting.

No action taken

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. California Integrated Waste Management Act

David Briggs, Environmental Resource Specialist, referred to report on activities relevant to the Act found in the packet and noted specifically on handout titled Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities Update.

Household Hazardous Waste Event – Next annual fall HW collection event will be at Calistoga Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Scheduled one week prior to this HW collection event, on Saturday, October 18 is the annual drug and sharps collection. Staff is therefore coordinating a joint publicity and advertising effort with those organizations involved. PSC charged UVWMA \$17,895.86 for handling, packaging, shipping and disposal of HW from the Calistoga event last year. The agency paid PSC a total of \$34,085.86 for both the fall HW event in Calistoga and the spring event in Rutherford. Though staff anticipates a similar level of public participation and event costs this year, it will present information on actual costs of the October event to the Board by the end of this calendar year so that the Board may consider whether to move ahead with plans for a spring event. The Board requested staff investigate the possibility of adding a business only, “pay as you throw” event on the Friday before the HW event. Staff agreed to investigate.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have completed another successful year of public workshops, including one in each of the up-valley cities. Staff will report on the draft workshop schedule at a future meeting.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA pools payments that CalRecycle issues to the four member agencies to create a \$25,000 annual local fund for beverage container and litter reduction activities. It uses the funds to purchase recycling bins for businesses, public buildings, community parks, streets, schoolyards and public gathering areas and to support and advertise recycling at public and private events. The funds represent about 70% of all funding UVWMA budgets for waste reduction, recycling, litter abatement and related public education. Last year, the Governor issued a proposal to restructure this CalRecycle program and eliminate the funds distributed to local agencies like UVWMA. The proposal failed to pass key state legislative committees and will be taken up again this year. Staff will track actions related to the CalRecycle payment program and report to the Board.

Paint Recycling – The paint industry covers all costs of shipment and disposal of paints and other “coatings”

accepted at up-valley HW events and at the “recycle only” HW collection station at the Yountville Water Treatment Plant. Residents and businesses can drop-off paint and coatings at the collection sites at no charge. The industry contracts with the non-profit group, “PaintCare” for packaging and shipping. Clover Flat Landfill recently holds an agreement with PaintCare for handling paints that the public delivers to the landfill. PaintCare lists acceptable paints and coatings on its website: www.paintcare.org.

Electronic Wastes – Clover Flat Landfill accepts TV’s, computers, monitors, microwaves, and other products with electronic components during regular business hours.

Irrigation Hose and Pipe Recycling - UVDRS will host a collection event at its recycling facility at Whitehall Lane on November 7, 2014. These events are only conducted when there is a resale market for the collected material.

Fluorescent Lamps – from households only – Central Valley Builders Supply in St. Helena has suspended its collection of lamps due to problems it was experiencing with businesses dropping off large quantities of lamps at the store. UVWMA staff has offered to help store managers establish a more manageable collection system but without success at this point. Several other businesses in up-valley communities continue to accept lamps from the public, including Steve’s Hardware in St. Helena, Silverado Ace Hardware and Clover Flat Landfill in Calistoga, College Hardware in Angwin, La Luna Market in Rutherford, and Yountville Corp. Yard – all during regular business hours.

Sharon offered to talk to the owner of Central Valley to see if they would reconsider.

Household Batteries - from households only – Central Valley Builders Supply in St. Helena has suspended its collection of batteries due to problems it was experiencing with businesses dropping off large quantities at the store. Store managers have not accepted a staff invitation to develop a more limited and manageable collection system at the store. A number of other up-valley businesses and agencies continue to accept batteries and bring them to Clover Flat Landfill, including Napa Valley Coffee Roasting Company and Steve’s Hardware in St. Helena and Silverado Ace Hardware in Calistoga. Town Hall and the Corporation Yard in Yountville also accept batteries from the public - during regular business hours.

DEA has issued new regulations that apply to the collection of excess drugs from home use. The regulations make it clear that Pharmacies and medical facilities can collect these drugs, included controlled substances, but it is voluntary.

7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Franchise’s Status

Christy Abreu provided an update on franchises status. A draft newsletter was provided.

Christy also discussed AB1826 (Chesbro), recently signed by the Governor to regulate the disposal of organic materials. Christy explained her trade association had taken a negative position on the bill because it was not very aggressive in its requirements and did not align well with previous legislation. Significant requirements to reduce waste will not take effect until 2020.

B. Waste Management Companies’ Issues

Evan Edgar, consultant to the company, provided a report on the history, current status, and future of the Clover Flat landfill. Evan provided a PowerPoint handout, which is filed with the meeting minutes. In summary the presentation covered:

- CUP and CEQA process completed by County Planning in December 2011;
- Solid Waste Facility Permit Revision on July 21, 2014.
- Provides >15-year landfill capacity (closure date moved from 2021 to 2047)
- Poised to address AB 32 all the way to 2050 and supports the draft Napa County Climate Action Framework.
- The landfill is fully entitled to 2047 to meet the long term goals of the County.
- Phase 2 of the landfill improvement plan, to improve the gate area, increase organic recycling, and make further operational improvements, is designed, though funding remains to be discussed.

Christy asked if CFL would be able to upgrade existing sign without a permit needed. Steve and Diane said yes, changes to “copy” on an existing sign do not require a permit. Evan gave Kudos to John McDowell, Napa County employee in the PBES department for his help throughout the process.

Bob Pestoni expressed his joy in finally seeing the landfill gas “waste to energy” engine up and running.

8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Manager's Report

Legislature passed the plastic bag ban. Those jurisdictions that have already passed a local ban, including St. Helena, Calistoga, and City of Napa, can keep their ordinances, while others will fall under the new state law. Will take time but eventually plastic bags will go away.

The end of year financial report included. On the revenue side, the agency collected about \$12,000 under the projected budget, due to reduced landfill volume. \$160,000 was budgeted, \$150,000 was collected. This year's budget is set at \$150,000. Expenses came in under budget, leaving the agency with about \$90,000.00 in reserves. If our HHW events require more money, there will be some money in reserves to accommodate that.

Steve discussed an article in the St. Helena newspaper, indicating that the City of St. Helena is suing UVR (the unregulated recycling arm of UVDS/Clover over a job UVR performed removing and disposing of sludge for St. Helena's wastewater ponds. UVWMA does not appear to be involved in any way and it does not appear the suit will have any impact on our rate payers.

B. Reports from Jurisdictions

- a. Napa County: Diane Dillon: Napa Vallejo received 100,000 tons of waste due to quake, twice as much as usual for the same time period. Up Valley waste volumes were not as affected. The county had to move 350-400 employees due to quake damage to county facilities. Member Dillon commented that Steve did a fantastic job, successfully moving so many employees in such a short time. Many employees are still working 12 or more hours a day. Diane is really proud of staff. No small feat. Mark Luce – City of Napa recovery response began immediately. Important story only shared here. Napa Sanitation minimal damage. New concrete on transfer station. 2 1/2 million in reserves. Ratio calculations. Paid off loans early. American Canyon dealing with some leaks. Putting in concrete floors. Double containment. Gas collection OK.
- b. Calistoga: Nothing to report.
- c. St. Helena: Their plastic bag ordinance was passed before the state took action. Will look into how to spend the large amount of member services money still available to them.
- d. Yountville: Only one red tagged building left, at a hotel. Two places were red tagged at veterans home but are no longer tagged. Emergency waste containers were received from UVDS. 6 filled with debris and 4 with e-waste. Lots of residential damage. Will money that was allocated for future clean up to pay for the containers, \$2,300. Will pay invoice and then attempt for reimbursement from FEMA.

C. Board of Directors Comments

Member Mohler suggested investigating the possibility of establishing a rate stabilization fund A Future agenda item will be scheduled to discuss such a policy.

D. Future Agenda Items

Steve Lederer suggests we skip October and resume in November. Member Dillon mentioned that the CSAC annual meeting may coincide with our November scheduled date.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:03 p.m. The next Board meeting will at 1:30 p.m. on November 17th, 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