



**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 16, 2015
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yountville Town Council Chambers. 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. Member Chris Canning was excused. (*Member Diane Dillon arrived during item 6B*)

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 December 15, 2014 regular meeting minutes.

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

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. Elections

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

Member Crull nominates Mark Luce to continue term as Chair.

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Member Crull nominates Margie Mohler to continue term as Vice Chair.

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B. 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: (*Member Diane Dillon arrived*)

Hazardous Waste Collections Events – PSC held the UVWMA hazardous waste collection events for up-valley businesses and residents at Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga on Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25, 2014. UVWMA staff advertised the events through member agency and Upper Valley Disposal Service websites, newspaper display ads and bulletins, flyers, posters, street banners, local TV, e-news notices of Chambers of Commerce and trade associations, and the billboard at CalMart grocery store in Calistoga. Participation was unusually low on both days due to rainy weather. PSC reported lower amounts of materials accepted and lower hauling and disposal charges for the fall collections. Costs of the October collections came to \$12,345.00, a full 31% less than the previous year. UVWMA has received about \$30,000 per year in additional revenue since it raised the per ton tip fee at Clover Flat Landfill in 2013-14. The additional funds have been used to ensure two hazardous waste collection events per year, a fall event in Calistoga, and a spring event held in Rutherford, closer to St. Helena and Yountville. In April of 2013-14, PSC held a hazardous waste collection at the

Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service's Composting and Materials Recovery Facility on Whitehall Lane, just behind Rutherford Grove Winery. PSC charged \$16,190.00 for collection, hauling, and disposal of hazardous waste collected at the event. UVWMA Staff, working with Stericycle and UVDRS, has scheduled spring hazardous waste collection events on April 10 (business event) and April 11 (residential event) at UVDRS's Composting and Recycling Facility by Rutherford Grove Winery (see attached flyer). Staff anticipates a level of participation and cost similar to the events held last spring. With similar results, UVWMA will spend between \$25-30,000 on hazardous waste collection events in this fiscal year.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have announced the schedule for workshops for 2015 which include workshops in up-valley Cities. The attached brochure has details. Also available for distribution at meeting. Will also add on upcoming newsletters.

Paint recycling program is continuing.

Beverage Container Recycling Program –Continuing so far. The proposal to eliminate this funding failed to pass key state legislative committees but may be taken up again this year. CalRecycle has notified local agencies that it will increase the program reporting requirements for 2015-16. Staff will continue to track actions related to this CalRecycle program and report to the Board.

7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Franchises' Status

None

B. Waste Management Companies' Issues

Draft Spring Newsletter was handed out and reviewed. Will also add information about Yountville Earthday-Free e-waste and shredding taking place on Friday, April 17 from 2-4 at West America Bank on Yount Street. Everyone welcome.

St. Helena is also having an event, and West America is hosting an event in Calistoga for e-waste and shredding. This is new to Calistoga with shredding.

Drip hose event for Ag community coming Friday, May 2nd.

Clover flat operating landfill gas engines at 93% and a little under 700kw. All going well there.

Planning in May for International Compost week; working with other organizations for informational seminar at Rutherford Grill Winery out in the garden. First week in May but date has not been set. Open to the public.

Christy will be appointed to new St. Helena Climate Action Committee tomorrow night.

Evan Edgar, UVDS consultant from Sacramento will be coming to the April 20th Board meeting to make PowerPoint presentation reporting on Phase 2 improvements approved in the Clover Flat Use Permit. Also will present on proposed UVDS modifications.

8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Manager's Report

Budget is on track.

Too early in the season in Sacramento for legislation tracking on bills on waste, but worth mentioning is that the statewide plastic bag ordinance passed, but plastic bag industry got a referendum and received enough signatures to place the measure on hold until the 2016 election. Local jurisdictions that had ordinances in place, like City of Napa, Calistoga and St. Helena, are not impacted

Discussed creating aboard policy for dealing with small rate changes. In the past the Board had sometimes chosen not to implement rate changes if the proposed change was small (generally <1%). The Board discussed establishing a policy to guide future decisions. The Agency Manager suggested that small decreases either be

implemented, or the money placed in IOCR, while small increases would be implemented, unless voluntarily waived by the company.

Member Crull made motion to support Manager's recommendation, Member Dillon second motion.

SC-DD-MM-ML-CC(X) *(Let the record reflect Vice Chair Molher voted to support the motion, but noted that she would like to discuss this again when the franchise agreement is reopened for other issues in the future.)*

B. Reports from Jurisdictions

i. Napa County: Supervisor Luce's spot on the Napa Vallejo Waste Management Authority Board is now taken over by Alfredo Pedroza, and his spot on the Napa Sanitation District Board is now taken over by Keith Caldwell. Mark is now the Napa County representative to MTC and NCTPA.

ii. Calistoga: Nothing to report

iii. St. Helena: Requested amount of money in their Franchise Service account. (\$90,000) Planning a large town cleanup event. Considered having a bulky item pick-up on a Saturday, possibly in June. Diane Dillon offered to help, if desired.

iv. Yountville: Garage sale and clean-up coming up. Earth Day activity April 17. E-waste and shredding to take place.

Asking for \$300.00 for advertising in the Yountville Sun. Will coordinate with Dave Briggs.

C. Board of Directors Comments

None

D. Future Agenda Items

None

E. Closed Session

Went into closed session at 2:25 p.m. No reportable action.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 3:23 p.m. The next Board meeting will occur at 1:30 p.m. on April 20, 2015 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 = Margie 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