



**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2015  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yountville Town Council Chambers. Chair Luce called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: All members were present. Chair Mark Luce, Vice Chair Marjorie Mohler, Member Diane Dillon, Member Sharon Crull, and Member Chris Canning (*Member Chris Canning departed from meeting after item 7B*)

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Luce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Staff requested approval of the March 16, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

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

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A. California Integrated Waste Management Act**

Hazardous Waste Collections Events – Modest turn out with a total of 148 cars, some even going through twice. Seems like many people are not yet used to the St. Helena event. Calistoga event residents really look forward to the event taking place. There was lots of advertising this time due to savings from October when it rained. Expect increased turn out every year. Will be easily below the \$30,000 budgeted for these events.

Home Composting Workshops – First composting workshop coming on the 25th first thing in the morning in Calistoga at the Community Center. Earth Day tables will be out at Farmers Market afterwards. Christy Abreu also offered a summary of Earth Day activities in item 7.B below.

**7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Franchises' Status**

Evan Edgar (UVDS consultant), Christy Abreu (UVDS), and Bryce Howard (UVDS) made a presentation detailing proposed master plan alternatives for UVDS and CFL. A copy of the presentation has been included in the official record for this meeting.

For UVDS (i.e. the hauling Franchisee), the presentation included proposed upgrades to:

- UVDS Compost Facility (Whitehall Lane Facility)
  - Add Food Waste/Green Waste as feedstocks
    - Helps comply with mandatory commercial organics recycling and residential co-collected organics without having to truck these to CFL for processing
  - Add organics blending barn, lined pond, certified work floor to comply with organics and stormwater requirements (\$900K)
  - Improve recycling MRF facility to handle additional non-organic recyclables expected as part of mandatory commercial recycling

- MRF roof (\$300K)
- Add 0.5MW solar to roof top (\$800K, privately funded)
- Add CNG fueling station (\$1M) and commence truck replacement (7 this year; \$4.7M if Diesel, \$5.6M if CNG) with CNG (rather than diesel) vehicles (truck replacement of one kind or the other is required to keep pace with Carb air quality rules)
  - CNG fuel costs are lower, helping to pay for this over time; also 23% fewer GHGs
- At CFL (i.e. the landfill)
  - Phase 2 gate improvement to facilitate gate operations and expand recycling (\$1.4M)
    - Move and expand C&D line, making way for better organics processing on the existing C&D pad
  - Add 1.0MW wood waste conversion facility (\$5.5M, privately funded)
  - Discussed need to increase deposits to landfill closure trust fund based on new closure requirements and extended life of the landfill (Approximately \$6M yet to be collected, \$1.9M net increase)

UVDS and CFL (although separate business entities, they are both managed by the Pestoni family), are very interested in making the above investments in the facilities, some from rate payer dollars, and some from company or third party contributions. However, because the franchise agreements with both companies end in 2025, these investments become very expensive on a year by year basis. The company noted that if the contracts could be extended by 10 or 20 years from the current 2025 expiration (20 years approximately coincides with the current permitted life of the landfill), these expenses could be amortized over a longer period of time, and therefore become much more practical for both the rate payers and the company.

The Board voiced an interest in seeing both a “no extension” rate package, and a rate package showing these longer term options priced into a 20 year contract extension. They were overall supportive in concept of some of the proposed projects, though any decision will need to be made later (most likely next fiscal year) when more information is available. This item will be discussed further at the May 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

Staff indicated that the request would be brought back at the May 18, 2015 meeting for additional discussion.

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

Earth day- Three events this week. Friday (4/17/15) event in Yountville at West America Bank; Saturday (4/25/15), 9-12 in Calistoga at Logvy Park with e-waste and paper shredding; Same in St. Helena. In the area between Lyman Park and the fire station you'll see the fundraiser for e-waste for Football kids. They usually get a good turn out here. Kids also doing some cleanup down Railroad Avenue and around the park and urban areas around town. Have been doing this for about 12 years now.

Worked the Hazardous Waste day, start to finish and noted the 145 cars during this Easter period. This event previously occurred before the Easter break and ran into conflicts. Drip hose event first Friday in May at facility for grape and wine industry. Information was available in newsletter. All on-line customers received pdf notification this time around. Next quarter will be working on re-doing website, working with same company that is currently doing the billing.

Christy Abreu thanked the -Board for their past efforts and attentiveness to the presentation (7.A) . With the Board's guidance and partnership the family has evolved into the most sustainable business in California today. They have the landfill, composting operation, materials recovery facility and hauling company and renewable power plant that is on-line and running at 98%. Christy stated they have achieved this successful model through her father's vision, passion and the family's commitment and support of the community they cherish. *(Member Chris Canning departed at 2:52pm)*

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

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

Budget is on track, except for \$6,000 attorney's fees. It was asked if Yountville will be paying for the fees. Member Crull suggested that this be separately agendized for development of a future policy should a similar situation occur in the future.

**B. Reports from Jurisdictions**

- i. Napa County: County looking at a plastic bag ordinance. Did not implement one before, but now able to. Found that a retail vendor found a way to tweak and reuse their plastic bags.
- ii. Calistoga: No report
- iii. St. Helena: Town wide Cleanup Day still being worked on, if not this year definitely next year. Not official earth day celebration but officially opening newest park, Stephen McCullagh Park. Saturday from 11-3 with presentation at 1. Private-Public partnership between the City and Stephen McCullagh fund, recognizing the Assistant Scout Master who was killed by lightning in the Serra 10 years ago. His friends got together to start this fund. Will be food trucks and possibly music.
- iv. Yountville: Had Earth Day event last Friday. Diane Dillon was present at this event. Same amount of people showed up as last year with rain. Probably 75 cars. Also new this year was E-waste collection and received a large amount of waste. Shows the need for Hazardous waste collection. It was a very successful event. Great partnership with West American Bank. Town Clean-up Day is May 16<sup>th</sup>. Garage Sale is May 9<sup>th</sup>. Christy Abreu has been really helpful in putting together the letter to be sent this week to those who have service.

Also want to mention bill AB45 (Mullin)-Hazardous Household Waste that was discussed on the committee she sits on, California League of Cities Environmental Quality Committee. Amended in legislature last month. Bill contains good and bad stuff. Suggests all pay attention to it and take a stand or send a letter. Will authorize CalRecycle to put together a model ordinance for each municipality which will require a door to door collection or some similar program. Some details still being worked out. Could have a fiscal impact on what is happening here. Might face challenges due to different densities of Cities and Counties.

If bill goes through Vice-Chair Mohler recommends we comment and address those issues.

Steve Lederer mentioned he believes the biggest objection is it is an unfunded mandate. Many oppose bill, including UVDS and Napa County.

**C. Board of Directors Comments**

Mark Luce mentioned that reclaimed water is being extended out to the Carneros area in Napa County.

**D. Future Agenda Items**

Member Crull recommends future discussion into legal counsel reimbursement and possibly set a policy.

**E. Closed Session**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:04 p.m. The next Board meeting will occur at 1:30 p.m. on May 18, 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