



**MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2015**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, May 18, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yountville Town Council Chambers. Chair Luce called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Chair Luce, Vice Chair Mohler, Member Crull, Alternate Member Wagenknecht, Member Canning (*Member Canning arrived during item 6A*); Member Dillon is Excused.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Luce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Approved the April 20, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

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

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A. California Integrated Waste Management Act**

Staff offered updates on hazardous waste and waste reduction and recycling programs. The Napa Valley Vintners Association (NVV) has launched aggressive push urging all of its members to become certified through a local version of the California Green Business Program: the "Green Winery Program." by 2020. The County is supporting this effort. Wineries become certified by meeting standards for energy and water conservation, pollution prevention, and waste diversion. The focus gives Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UWVMA) a big opportunity to work with NVV to promote recycling and waste reduction. The effort will require more labor time of Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling (UVDRS) personnel and UWVMA and Napa County staff. UWVMA and UVDRS are conducting a trial effort at Pine Ridge Winery with UVDRS reviewing its waste collection services and explaining details on acceptable materials to winery workers and UWVMA staff assessing the collection bins within winery facilities and outdoor picnic and tasting areas. Staff is also providing some new recycle bins for inside and outside. The winery is "right-sizing" its recycling and trash container services to potentially reduce monthly charges and improve recycling. A substantial increase in the number of wineries participating in the program would likely increase UWVMA's annual waste diversion calculations. Currently have about 30 wineries certified. The effort will keep staff busy this year and may require additional funds in the budget for bin purchases; will discuss again during budget.

The spring hazardous waste event was not overly well attended but not bad since this event is still relatively new. The hazardous waste contractor has not provided a detailed report but costs will be about \$15,000 for the event. Together with the October event held in Calistoga, annual event costs will be roughly \$27,000, which is below anticipated cost of \$30,000 in projected revenue from the landfill tip fee for hazardous waste management.

## 7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS

### A. Franchises' Status

At the April 20th Board Meeting, Evan Edgar (UVDS consultant), Christy Abreu (UVDS), and Bryce Howard (UVDS) made a presentation detailing proposed master plan alternatives for UVDS and CFL. The Board discussed this plan and requested that the Company present two rate proposals, one the base case assuming no changes to the current agreement, and an alternative proposal for a 20 year extension. The Company did so, resulting in a base case proposal of a 4.54% increase for UVDS and a \$14.99/ton increase at CFL for 2015-2016, and a 20 year extension proposal of -0.43% for UVDS and \$4.45/ton increase at CFL for 2015-2016. The Agency Manager noted that these numbers had not yet been reviewed for accuracy by our Auditing group.

The Company further proposed at today's meeting that a Franchise Amendment (it would be amendment 7 to the UVDS agreement) be created for Board consideration for the June meeting which would establish a 6 month negotiating period whereby rates would be held at their current levels until January 1, 2016 while additional information was to be provided by the company and analyzed by the Agency to determine if a 20 year extension was desirable. Further, the amendment would provide for a "true up" of rates January 1st that would account for money gained or lost during the six month period in which the rates were held steady.

The Board directed staff to return in June, with both a completed base case rate package and the proposed amendment discussed above. The Board could then adopt either based on the information provided. The Board further suggested that if the amendment is adopted, it would be useful to hire a third party consultant to help evaluate the proposals, and that the process should include outreach to the member's Councils/Board of Supervisors. The Board also requested that at the June meeting we discuss the scope of services that the consultant would be asked to perform.

Besides the general direction as discussed above, the Board took no formal action pending receipt of further information at the June meeting.

### B. Waste Management Companies' Issues

Evan Edgar (UVDS Consultant) reported: As part of the State's May revised budget, state is launching a Healthy Soils Campaign, using \$20 million of cap and trade funds. The California compost coalition has campaigned for this for the last couple of years, with the goal of taking compost, bio char and other digested organics back to soils. Will look at potential CFL bio mass project to see if it might be eligible for cap and trade grant money. Bio mass facility as planned will turn 40 tons of wood chips into about 4 tons/day of bio char. Bio char when mixed with compost and added to soil will sequester carbon for over 1000 years.

Member Mohler asked whether UC Davis or vineyards have researched whether using bio char is appropriate for vineyard use. Mr. Edgar replied that it is acceptable. Upper Valley Recycling has sponsored three workshops within the last 15 years and in early May met with Napa Wine Growers Association to discuss all the work and the benefits of compost recycling. They continue to do composting workshops every third year. Mark Luce noted that from his experience, soils with high carbon content reduce transport of pollutants moving through the soils and are therefore more likely to bio degrade in the soil. Mr. Edgar stated he and UVDS will continue to track the possible grant funding and will report to the Board when more information is available. Member Mohler suggested partnering with a disadvantaged community might improve our chances of getting the grant.

Regarding the Green Business Program, Christy noted that she does a lot of the waste audits for that program. She noted the company is using a carbon calculator and spreadsheet developed by the Edgar Institute to track recycling volumes and the benefits of recycling. Can easily aim for 70% to 80% diversion.

## 8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

### A. Manager's Report

Budget will be tight but looking at about \$10,000 over on the revenue side. A budget adjustment will be brought if needed to cover expenses.

AB45 is still alive and going through various committees. Handling Household Hazardous Waste Collection is a good thing but not happy with approach taken by this bill. The bill has not improved much but it is still early.

Earlier in the year there was the concern over Yountville's mandatory collection ordinance and want to thank Steve Rogers and Yountville for making some modifications at the suggestion of UVWMA Counsel and working with their counsel and resolved those concerns.

Member Crull asked at the last meeting for an agenda item to discuss appropriate Board policy for responding to any future situation in which a member agency takes action that this agency needs to respond to at some expense. This would apply to the recent situation where Yountville enacted a mandatory trash collection ordinance and UVWMA responded by having legal analysis conducted about possible application of Prop 218 requirements. Manager Lederer explained that, due to tight schedule, the matter would need to be addressed after the start of the new fiscal year.

Steve Rogers said his handout today was to address the JPA's (referring to UVWMA Board members') concerns about prop 218. He said the ordinance always had exemption (Handout provided).

**B. Reports from Jurisdictions**

i. Napa County: Devlin Road transfer station has initiated a number of capital improvement projects. The bonds that built the station were retired about a year and a half ago freeing up funds for projects such as replacement of the tipping floor, an improved the road system around the transfer station, and various storm water improvements. County will be helping with Public Works construction management support.

Also, County is using its franchise money to sponsor a cleanup day along Ink Grade Rd. in the Angwin area. A few property owners complained that there was a lot of garbage on each other's properties. County to provide dumpster for cleanup on June 13<sup>th</sup> from 8-3.

ii. Calistoga: Everything is great in Calistoga. Several great Earth Day events were held.

iii. St. Helena: Thanked the company for coming to their City Council meeting and making a presentation on Company plans to the public. The public is often unaware of what goes on in the waste management world.

iv. Yountville: Yountville conducted their annual cleanup day. Comparisons: last year 20 tons of waste, this year 16.3 tons of waste; 7 tons last year of e-waste, 5.69 tons of e-waste. As always, a very popular event.

**C. Board of Directors Comments**

None

**D. Future Agenda Items**

None

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:22 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agency Board of Directors will be held on Monday, June 22, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. in 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; BW = Brad Wagenknecht; GK = Gary Kraus  
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