



**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2015
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in this special session on Monday, September 21, 2015 at 1:30p.m. at the Yountville Town Council Chambers. Chair Luce called the meeting to order at 1:36p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Chair Luce, Vice Chair Mohler, Member Crull, Member Canning, Member Dillon. (*Member Dillon arrived during item 6C*)

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 August 17, 2015 regular meeting minutes.

Approved Consent Calendar item 5A: MM-SC-ML-CC-DD(X)

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. California Integrated Waste Management Act

Staff provided waste diversion program updates, including mention of interruption of the annual hazardous waste collection events scheduled for October 9th and 10th at Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga. Staff had scheduled the business collection on Friday and the residential collection on Saturday. The manager of the Fairgrounds requested that the collections be cancelled due to the current use of the fairgrounds as a fire evacuation site. Staff has halted all advertising, promotion, and hazardous waste contractor preparations. Director Lederer informed that, after recent discussions with the Fairgrounds manager, UVWMA could reschedule to hold collections at the Fairgrounds on alternative dates this fall or next spring or simply skip fall collections and plan to hold the usual spring collections at UVDS/Rutherford Grove Winery site in St. Helena. Board members accept the director's recommendation to try to reschedule collections at the Fairgrounds this fall.

The Calistoga fairgrounds shelter will cease operation at noon on Thursday, September 24th. A fully supported cleanup crew will come in and the fairgrounds will be fully operational by Monday, September 28, 2015. Staff will work with Fairgrounds staff and the hazardous waste contractor to reschedule these collections.

CalRecycle has notified all local recipients that the Beverage Container Recycling Program payments would be delayed a few months. We are expecting CalRecycle to release the funds by either the end of October or early November. CalRecycle is having problems making ends meet with this program. Last year, it proposed to eliminate the payments to local agencies but did not get support in the legislature. The payments remain unchanged for this year.

No action taken.

B. Public Hearing: Upper Valley Disposal Service Rates

At the June meeting the board approved a franchise amendment to delay the setting of UVDS rates in order to

have time to evaluate the proposal that was on the table from the Company for a potential contract extension, in return for various projects. Subsequent to the June meeting, that proposal has been withdrawn. As such, it is appropriate to consider rates at this time. In June we carefully reviewed the company's submitted rate proposal. With help from the Auditor Controller's Office (ACO), Paul Reyes and Karen Querin, it was determined that an annual 1.21% rate increase was due. Since this rate is being adopted 3 months into the fiscal year, the actual increase for the remaining nine months is 1.61%.

The requested action is approval and authorization for Chair to sign Agency Resolution #15-02 setting rates for solid waste hauling services by Upper Valley Disposal Service with an increase for the next nine months of 1.61%.

Approved Administrative item 6B, as requested: SC-MM-ML-CC-DD(X)

C. Discussion of Potential Strategic Planning Session (*Member Dillon arrived during item 6C*)

At the June meeting we met Bob Hilton with HF&H Consultants. At that point we were considering hiring HF&H to help evaluate the Company's extension proposal, which has since been withdrawn. That proposal was impetus for the Board to discuss whether the board was interested in some form of strategic planning, even in the absence of the Company's proposal for an extension. The board did acknowledge value to some sort of Strategic planning session.

The mission of the agency as set in the JPA agreement is essentially to establish uniform and competitive rates amongst the four member agencies, and to establish recycling programs as required by AB 939 and subsequent laws, which the Board already does. With those two missions in mind, the Board does have some discretion. An example of this is we could probably achieve a 99% recycle rate if we massively increased the rates. Both those things (rate control versus recycling rate), require balancing various factors.

After the discussion, the Board consensus was to conduct a workshop at our next scheduled Board meeting, and to invite a local expert such as Kevin Miller, who currently runs the City of Napa waste operations to help develop a plan.

Board consensus was to conduct a two hour workshop, with no other business, at our next meeting (either October 19th or November 16th).

7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Franchises' Status

Newsletter recognizes that the Household Hazardous Waste Event is postponed due to the Valley Fire and the Calistoga Fairgrounds use as a shelter. Will consider sending out another flyer or other communication to our customers to inform them of the rescheduled date. Calistoga drug/pill collection event was added to the Newsletter. Will be held on October 3rd at the Farmers market. Still having the Ag container event at the County's Corp yard in Yountville. In November there will be a drip hose event at UVDS.

B. Waste Management Companies' Issues

Nothing to report.

8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Manager's Report

None beyond the written staff report.

B. Reports from Jurisdictions

- i. Napa County: Plastic bag ban ordinance being worked on. Looking at October or November to bring to the Board. Will be looking at American Canyon's recent ordinance to try and be as consistent with other entities, as possible.

Chair Luce offered a Thank you to Upper Valley Disposal as a local business who really was there for the community during the Valley Fire response.

- ii. Calistoga: Housed just over 1000 unexpected visitors at the Fairgrounds in response to the Valley Fire. Thanks to the Pestoni family. You are awesome! The City and County built a city within a city at

fairgrounds. Volunteers came up and have made that facility operable to help those who have experienced something so traumatic. Thank you to all those Calistogans for how they managed this event. Thank you Napa County moving EOC/OES services to Calistoga. This was an enormous help. Thanks especially to Diane Dillon for making this move happen. Thank you to all other Napa County helpers.

iii. St. Helena: Nothing to report. Thank you Calistoga and Pestoni family.

iv. Yountville: Thank you Calistoga and Pestoni family, especially considering this was also a busy time of year for winery pick-up. Showed the value of locals stepping up during an emergency.

Yountville green team tour of the landfill is at 2:30 on 9/22/15.

C. Board of Directors Comments

Member Dillon took this time to further address the response to the Valley Fire. Last week in Calistoga was perhaps unprecedented in California, to have 1000 evacuees just show up, who do not live in the jurisdiction. There was no play book available on how to deal with the issue. To the extent that one might receive criticisms, this was a whole new thing that no one had contemplated dealing with. ABAG (with all 9 Bay Area County's) have discussed the "big one" hitting San Francisco or Oakland and people coming from these areas here. There is a process set up for this type of larger event. Recent discussions suggest the debriefing will last longer than the actual event. So many things came to our attention and this event was a learning experience. Not having a local Red Cross created gaps. Donations could have been handled better. Lessons will be learned and documented.

D. Future Agenda Items

None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 2:32p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agency Board of Directors will be held on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 1:30p.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: CC = Chris Canning; DD = Diane Dillon; ML = Mark Luce; MM = Margie Mohler; SC = Sharon Crull
BW = Brad Wagenknecht; GK = Gary Kraus; JD; Jeffrey Durham; PD = Paul Dohring
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