



Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Directors
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SUBJECT: California Integrated Waste Management Act

RECOMMENDATION

CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Staff to provide an update on the status of activities relevant to the Act.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Work of the Local Task Force - The Napa County Solid Waste Local Task Force (LTF) has completed the 2007 Five Year Review of the Napa County Integrated Waste Management Plan and its associated elements. State law requires each county to review its programs and facilities to reveal how waste management programs and facilities are meeting regional and local needs. The LTF has submitted the review document to the CA Integrated Waste Management Board. Members of the Task Force, including representatives of Napa County, UVA, and Cities of Napa and American Canyon plan to meet at least once more this year to consider the group's future role, membership, or functions.

Recycling and Landfill Reports - UVA staff met with UVDS/CFL managers on October 3 to consider revisions to the format of reports the companies provide to UVA each month. Tracking the flow of different material types has become more challenging, mainly due to increased recycling collection and processing at the landfill and recycling center. We're interested in monitoring the amount of material collected from each community over time so that we can observe how events like variations in the economy or special promotional efforts we undertake might impact the wastestream of separate UVA member communities. Our efforts are focused on report formats that indicate the effectiveness of commercial and residential recycling in each community and indicate the impact of the large scale recycling sorting operation at the landfill.

Farmworker Centers - Napa County is establishing motor oil change stations at some up-valley farmworker housing centers. County staff is working with a contractor to install motor oil and filter recycling equipment and procedures as well as informational and educational activities. The sites are carefully managed by Napa County Housing Authority.

The contractor has completed the oil collection facility at Calistoga Farmworker Center. The site is equipped with concrete pad and carport with storage lockers for oil collection containers and storage drums for motor oil filters. Informational signs and brochures are kept adjacent to the storage site. The manager calls UVDS when a substantial number of oil containers have accumulated in the lockers.

The County is nearing completion of the second oil change site at River Ranch Farmworker Center near St. Helena. The site, designed virtually the same as at the Calistoga Center, will be fully operational by the time most workers arrive next spring.

The County is working with Napa County Housing Authority to institute an in-house recycling program at each of the centers.

State Legislation on Waste Management - Two bills signed by the Governor relate directly to UVA waste management. The most relevant of the two may be SB 1016. The law changes the way that cities and counties report to the state on the impact of local waste reduction and recycling efforts. Communities that have demonstrated high levels of "waste diversion" through recycling and waste reduction will be allowed to report less frequently to the state. Given the high levels of calculated waste diversion, UVA staff should be able to spend less time in the summer preparing reports for the state.

AB 2071 gives enforcement power to local governments to ensure accurate labelling of the compostability of plastic products. Claims of compostability have caused confusion among members of the public and problems in municipal composting operations. The new law requires manufacturers who claim that their products are compostable to demonstrate their degradability according to industry standards. The new law gives local governments the authority to sue companies that don't comply with the standards.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Steven Lederer