



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

Clean-ups at County Farmworker Centers - UVWMA staff has continued to assist businesses and agencies with waste reduction and recycling strategies. Last winter, the County Housing and Community Development asked for assistance in cleaning up the farmworker centers after they closed for the season. UMWMA staff helped develop plans for segregating recyclables, greenwaste, trash and electronics at the Mondavi and Calistoga centers. The county credits for Upper Valley Disposal services were used to cover charges for the trash and recycling containers. Center workers held successful clean-ups at the two centers on November 3 and 4. Staff will provide a summary of results of these efforts.

Home Composting Workshops – The 2009 county-wide composting workshop program has concluded. A summary of the results will be available in January of 2010.

Household Batteries Collections – Our report for the last meeting described UVWMA efforts to accommodate safe disposal of household batteries that are banned by the state from landfills. After conferring with Calistoga and St. Helena city personnel, UVWMA staff discontinued battery collection at these city hall sites on September 15, 2009. Agency staff continues to support battery collections at up-valley hardware stores. Yountville Department of Public Works employees handle

batteries collected at the Town Hall.

Other Special Materials Collections

- | Agricultural Drip Hose - UVDS - Nov. 20 - **Cancelled**
- | Household Hazardous Waste - Calistoga Fairgrounds - previously scheduled for Oct. 24 - **Cancelled due to lack of funding**
- | Electronic Waste – Clover Flat Landfill - daily during business hours
- | Fluorescent Lamps – ****lamps from households only**** - Clover Flat Landfill or Central Valley and Steve's Hardware in St. Helena – during business hours

Update on Small Grant Funding for 2009-10

For over ten years, UVWMA has received \$25,000 annually in beverage container recycling funds from the State Dept. of Conservation, Division of Recycling. Staff has used these funds to provide free recycling bins to businesses, schools and government buildings and to assist students and teachers with transportation to the recycling center or landfill, as well as class recycling and waste reduction activities. We've also helped sponsor and advertise Earth Day, Coastal Clean-up Day, Recycle America Day and other events. These funds are unavailable for the current fiscal year as a result of state budget cuts.

County and UVWMA staff have initiated motor oil and filter program activities for 2009-10. We pay for these efforts with \$30,000 in grant funds from the CA Integrated Waste Management Board's annual "used motor oil block grant." In particular, we use the funds for motor oil, oil filter, and motor boat bilge pad hauling and recycling. State staff has informed the County that these funds will be provided to the County again this year.

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