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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

Waste Reduction and Recycling Activities Update

Paint Recycling – The paint industry now covers all costs of shipment and disposal of paints accepted at up-valley household hazardous waste (HHW) events, Yountville Corporation Yard, and Clover Flat Landfill. Residents and businesses can drop-off paint and other "architectural coatings" at these sites during regular business hours at no charge. The industry contracts with the non-profit group, "PaintCare" for packaging and shipping of the collected paints. The group's website www.paintcare.org/docs/ca_official_products_list.pdf lists acceptable paints and paint-type products.

Household Hazardous Waste Events – UVWMA and its hazardous waste contractor hosted the first of two planned household hazardous waste collection events for this fiscal year on October 26 at Calistoga Fairgrounds. Event participation was down from the record-breaking event the agency held last year, when attendees dropped off over 340 carloads of HHW. The agency's HHW collection agent handled 273 deliveries this year. Event costs were also substantially less than last year, due mainly to smaller amounts of HHW turned-in at the event and the diversion of all paint-type products accepted at the event to the PaintCare program. The hazardous waste

contractor will deliver its final report and billing at the end of November, but collection and processing costs are estimated at about \$18,000, compared to the \$30,000 cost of last year's event. UVWMA's spring HHW event is scheduled for April 12 at the UVDS Composting and Recycling Facility by Rutherford Grove Winery in St. Helena.

Special Events Emphasizing Waste Reduction, Recycling, and Composting – UVWMA staff recently coordinated a zero waste effort with sponsors of the annual Dia De Los Muertos Event at Napa Valley College campus in St. Helena. The St. Helena Family Center and Nimbus Arts host this event each year. UVWMA staff trained volunteers of the St. Helena High School "Interact Club" to educate event-goers about recyclable items, compostable items, and the small amount of remaining trash that must be landfilled. The students achieved an impressive 98% waste diversion. The key enabling feature of the waste diversion effort was the availability of south-county composting bins. The County allowed UVWMA staff to bring compostable food, plates, utensils, napkins, cups and even table covers from the event to its food composting collection bins in Napa, whereas most of these materials are not yet accepted in the up-valley food composting program.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners are scheduling public workshops for the next fiscal year. Staff will present the annual calendar of workshops at a future meeting.

Beverage Container Recycling Program - UVWMA staff is working with school representatives in St. Helena and Parks and Recreation program staff in Yountville to improve recycling collection containers and to advertise can and bottle recycling and litter reduction activities. Staff plans to use the bulk of these state funds for recycling bin purchases in the current fiscal year.

Recycling and Waste Collections Opportunities in Up-valley Communities

- Computers and Electronics – Clover Flat Landfill – accepted daily during regular business hours.
- Irrigation Hose Recycling - UVDRS will host collection events at its recycling facility at Whitehall Lane on May 2 and November 7, 2014.
- Fluorescent Lamps – from households only – accepted at Central Valley Builders Supply and Steve's Hardware in St. Helena; Silverado Ace Hardware and Clover Flat Landfill in Calistoga; College Hardware in Angwin; La Luna Market in Rutherford; and Yountville Corp. Yard - during regular business hours.
- Household Batteries - from households only – accepted at Napa Valley Coffee Roasting Company, Central Valley Builders Supply, and Steve's Hardware in St. Helena; Silverado Ace Hardware and Clover Flat Landfill in Calistoga; Town Hall and the Corporation Yard in

Yountville - during regular business hours.

- Sharps and Pharmaceuticals Disposal – Up-valley residents can obtain a free sharps collection container or drop-off old or unwanted pharmaceuticals or sharps at either of the local Clinic Ole offices – 661 Main St. in St. Helena or 911 Washington St. in Calistoga - during regular business hours. The agency's HHW contractor also accepts pharmaceuticals and sharps at HHW events. The Calistoga Police Department, together with the local Soroptimists organization, will host a pharmaceuticals collection event in April, 2013.

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