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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, RECYCLING, HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAMS UPDATE

Hazardous Waste Collections – Upper Valley Waste Management Agency’s (UVWMA) hazardous waste (HW) collections contractor, Clean Harbors, conducted a set of fall business/household events for 2016-17 on November 4 and 5 at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga. Four businesses made appointments and paid for disposal of hazardous materials on Friday, November 4. On Saturday, November 5, some residents from each of the UVWMA member communities participated in the household HW collection. Clean Harbors handled 243 deliveries of hazardous materials from up-valley households. The turn-out was substantially higher than the fall 2015 event, which had 94 deliveries. 63% of attendees had used an up-valley HW event before, 73% of attendees were Calistoga residents and the top referral sources were the UVDS newsletter and the banner on Lincoln Avenue. UVWMA staff advertised the events through; street banner, posters/flyers around the community, Calistoga Tribune ad, St. Helena water bill insert, UVDS newsletter, Calistoga Junior/Senior High School mailer, City of Calistoga e-blast and St. Helena Chamber of Commerce e-newsletter. Staff will report to the Board on the costs of the collection at a future meeting.

Paint Recycling – The paint industry, working through its affiliated non-profit group, “PaintCare,” handles and covers all costs of shipment and disposal of paints and other coatings dropped-off by the public at up-valley hazardous waste events, at the “recycle only” hazardous waste collection station in Yountville, and at Clover Flat Landfill. Up-valley residents and businesses can drop-off paints and coatings at these collection sites at no charge. PaintCare lists all acceptable paints and coatings on its website: www.paintcare.org.

Mattress Recycling – The nonprofit Mattress Recycling Council launched their mattress recycling program, Bye Bye

Mattress, in California in January 2016. The program uses a recycling fee collected on each mattress and box spring sold; fees pay for the transportation and recycling of the mattresses. Clover Flat Landfill is now accepting mattresses for free through the Bye Bye Mattress program. More information can be found at www.byebyemattress.com.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA creates a funding pool each year with payments that CalRecycle issues to the four UVWMA member agencies. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container and litter reduction activities, including purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, main streets, businesses, schoolyards and public gathering areas, recycling at public and private events, and related publicity and education. The funds represent about 70% of all funding UVWMA budgets for waste reduction, recycling, and litter prevention. Staff has completed the application for the BCR program for 2016-17, the request for funding has been approved for payment by CalRecycle staff. Staff have solicited suggestions for beverage container recycling program projects for the new fiscal year from UVWMA member jurisdictions.

Napa County Green Business Program – The County has expanded its efforts to certify local businesses and wineries through its Green Business Program. County staff offers certification to businesses that meet high environmental standards for reduced energy use, water conservation, recycling and waste reduction, and pollution prevention. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVWMA) is assisting by providing recycling containers and signage for offices, wine production, food service, and picnic areas. Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service is providing waste service level audits and a set of recycling and composting collection services.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – Up-valley residents may drop-off sharps and old or unwanted medications that are not controlled substances at local Ole Health offices at 1222 Pine St. Suite A, in St. Helena or 911 Washington St. in Calistoga during regular business hours. Clean Harbors accepts medications and sharps at up-valley hazardous waste collection events. Clover Flat Landfill accepts sharps at no charge during regular business hours. Vasconi's Pharmacy, at 1381 Main St. in St Helena, installed a medication collection bin, staff are working with pharmacy staff on promoting the pharmacy as a location for old or unwanted medications. UVWMA will be assisting Vasconi's in the purchase of the mail back containers as staff's advertising efforts will likely increase then number of drop offs to the collection bin.

The Soroptimists of Calistoga held their semi-annual medications and sharps collection event on October 22, 106.6 pounds of medications and sharps were collected. St. Helena Hospital facilitated and paid for the disposal of collected materials. The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day was October 22, there were collection points in Yountville and St. Helena. UVWMA staff worked with law enforcement to ensure sharps along with expired/unwanted medications were collected at the events. 60 pounds of medications and four 35-gallon containers of sharps were collected at the Yountville Sheriff Department. 44 pounds of medications and one 35-gallon container of sharps were collected at the St. Helena Police Station. The DEA covers the cost of the incineration of collected medications, costs for the disposal of collected sharps were paid for by UVWMA.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have begun planning 2017 workshops. Staff will report to the Board on dates and locations of workshops at a future meeting.

Special Recycling Events – UVDS held a drip hose recycling event on Friday November 4, at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard, 18 bales totaling 13.5 tons of drip hose was collected for recycling. The Napa Agricultural Commissioner Office held a pesticide container recycling event on Monday November 7.

Recycling Outreach and Activities– UVWMA staff coordinated a zero waste effort with sponsors of the annual Dia de los Muertos event at the Napa Valley College up valley campus in St. Helena. The Up Valley Family Center and Nimbus Arts hosts the event each year. UVWMA staff trained volunteers from 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 helped to achieve a 96% waste diversion rate. The key enabling feature of the waste diversion effort was the availability of south county composting bins. UVWMA staff transported compostable food, plates, utensils, napkins and cups from the event to the Napa Materials Diversion Facility in Napa. Most of these materials are not yet accepted in the up valley food composting program. UVWMA staff attended the Oktoberfest Car Show in Yountville to provide information on motor oil recycling, a thank you letter from the Napa Valley Museum is attached, titled "Napa Valley Museum letter".

CalRecycle - CalRecycle has reviewed and approved UVWMA's 2015 Electronic Annual Report. A copy of the approval letter is attached, titled "2015 Electronic Annual Report - Letter from CalRecycle". UVWMA staff submitted Form 303 to CalRecycle, form 303 documents hazardous waste that was collected in the fiscal year at the temporary events in St. Helena and Calistoga, as well as at the ABOP in Yountville.

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

- A . Napa Valley Museum letter
- B . 2015 Electronic Annual Report - Letter from CalRecycle

Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Steven Lederer