



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, AND HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAMS UPDATE

Hazardous Waste Collections – UVWMA's hazardous waste (HW) collection contractor, PSC Environmental Services (PSC), held hazardous waste collection events for businesses and residents at Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga on Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25. UVWMA staff advertised the events through member agency and Upper Valley Disposal Service websites, newspaper display ads and bulletins, flyers, posters, street banners, local TV, e-news notices of Chambers of Commerce and trade associations, and the billboard at CalMart grocery store in Calistoga. Participation in both collections was unusually low, likely due to the rainy weather. PSC will provide a report on the amount of materials accepted and hauling and disposal charges before the next meeting. Staff expects the report to show amounts of materials received and hauling and disposal costs well below average.

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" accepted at up-valley HW events and at the "recycle only" HW collection station at the Yountville Water Treatment Plant. Up-valley residents and businesses can drop-off paint and coatings at these collection sites at no charge. PaintCare lists all acceptable paints and coatings on its website: www.paintcare.org.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA creates a funding pool with payments that CalRecycle issues to the four UVWMA member agencies each year. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container and litter reduction activities, including purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, 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 abatement. Last year, the Governor issued a proposal to restructure this CalRecycle program and eliminate the funds distributed to local agencies like UVWMA. The proposal failed to pass key state legislative committees and will be taken up again this year. Staff will track actions related to the CalRecycle payment program and report to the Board.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners are working on a schedule for workshops for 2015 which will include at least one in each of the up-valley cities. The organizations plan to finalize the new calendar of workshops by February. Staff will report on the new schedule at a future meeting.

Electronic Wastes – Clover Flat Landfill accepts TV's, computers, monitors, microwaves, and other products with electronic components during regular business hours.

Irrigation Hose and Pipe Recycling - UVDRS will host a collection event at its recycling facility at Whitehall Lane on November 7, 2014.

Fluorescent Lamps – from households only –Several entities in up-valley communities accept fluorescent lamps from the public, including Steve's Hardware in St. Helena, Silverado Ace Hardware and Clover Flat Landfill in Calistoga, College Hardware in Angwin, and Yountville Corp. Yard – all during regular business hours.

Household Batteries - from households only – Several up-valley businesses accept batteries and transport them to Clover Flat Landfill, including Napa Valley Coffee Roasting Company and Steve's Hardware in St. Helena and Silverado Ace Hardware in Calistoga. Members of Town staff accept batteries at Town Hall and the Corporation Yard in Yountville - during regular business hours.

Sharps and Pharmaceuticals Disposal – The Calistoga Soroptimists and Calistoga Police held a drug and sharps collection on Saturday, October 18 in front of the Calistoga Police Station. Group volunteers accepted over 250 lbs. of medications at the event. UVWMA staff supplied event sponsors with free sharps collection containers for distribution to event participants. Up-valley residents may drop-off old or unwanted medications that are not controlled substances along with sharps at local Clinic Ole offices at 661 Main St. in St. Helena or 911 Washington St. in Calistoga - during regular business hours. PSC Environmental also accepts pharmaceuticals and sharps at the HW collection events hosted by UVWMA.

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: Julia Travis