



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, Stericycle Environmental Solutions, conducted a set of business/household events on October 25 and 26 at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga. Staff will report on costs for the event at a future meeting.

Three businesses made appointments and paid for disposal of hazardous materials on Friday, October 25. On Saturday October 26, residents from each of the UVWMA member communities participated in the household HW collection. Stericycle Environmental Solutions accepted 135 deliveries of hazardous materials from up-valley households. This was down from the 2018 Calistoga event, which had 242 attendees. Due to the unknown nature of the nearby Kincade Fire and the mandatory evacuations just north of Calistoga the day of the event, UVWMA and Napa County PBES staff decided it was necessary to stop accepting waste at 1pm rather than 3pm. This would allow for the necessary time for Stericycle Environmental Solutions to pack and load collected HW before the evacuation order went into effect.

69% of attendees had used an up-valley HW event before, 70% of attendees were Calistoga residents and the top referral source was the UVDS newsletter. Staff advertised the event via; UVDS newsletter, Calistoga Tribune ad and insert, St. Helena water bill insert, St Helena Star Ad, Weekly Calistogan Ad and flyers around the community.

The spring hazardous waste collection event is scheduled for April 3 (business) and April 4 (residential). The event

will be held at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard. UVWMA staff plan to work with the Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office staff to promote the business HW event to local growers.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – The DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day was October 26. 65 pounds of sharps and 62 pounds of medications were collected at the Yountville Police Department. 47 pounds of sharps and 0 pounds of medications were collected at the St. Helena Police Department. 28 pounds of sharps and 56 pounds of medications were collected at the Calistoga Police Department. DEA funds disposal costs of collected medications, Napa Vallejo Waste Management Authority is covering disposal costs for sharps.

SB 212 requires pharmaceutical companies to pay for a statewide medication and sharps take back program. Pet medications and over the counter medications along with prescription medications would be covered. A minimum of five collection bins per county or one for every 50,000 people, whichever is more, would be required. Sharps collection will be provided as a mail back program. SB 212 was signed into law by Governor Brown in September 2018. CalRecycle is currently conducting informal rulemaking workshops regarding SB 212.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA applies as a regional agency for payments that CalRecycle issues for beverage container recycling programs. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container recycling and litter reduction activities. Examples include the purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, main streets, businesses, schools and public gathering areas, recycling at public and private events, and related publicity and education. UVWMA staff are preparing now for the next fiscal year application, it is due in March.

CalRecycle – CalRecycle has requested 2019 AB 1826 and AB 341 data from UVWMA staff due to low 2018 participation in AB 1826. In 2018, there were nine covered businesses and four were not participating in UVDS's food compost program. CalRecycle is currently determining compliance thus far. UVWMA and UVDS staff are working to assemble data for CalRecycle. CalRecycle has requested the data split up by city. After receiving 2019 data, CalRecycle will assess whether an informal letter and CalRecycle created/monitored plan is required.

Recycling Outreach and Activities – UVWMA staff assisted Up Valley Family Centers with the resources and training necessary to reduce waste at their annual Dia de los Muertos event. The event had a 98% diversion rate. UVWMA and UVDS staff are planning a drip hose recycling event for May 1. A drip hose event has not been held since November 2017. Due to the changing recycling market, a fee will be charged to businesses dropping off drip hose for recycling.

Napa County Green Business Program – County staff offers a Green Business certification to businesses that meet high environmental standards for reduced energy use, water conservation, pollution prevention, recycling and waste reduction. UVWMA is assisting by providing interior recycling containers and signage for offices, wine production, food service, and picnic areas. UVDS is providing waste service level audits and a set of recycling and composting collection services. Ten wineries and one business have been certified so far in FY 19/20.

SB 1383 – The current comment period for SB 1383 ended on October 18, 2019. CalRecycle is not going through another 15 day comment period, therefore they will be submitting their final draft of the regulations sometime in January and the Office of Administrative Law will have 30 working days to review/approve. The earliest the final regulations would be release is be late February. CalRecycle expects to release model ordinances as soon as the regulations are approved.

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?

No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

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: Alice Ramirez