



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

Work of the "Local Task Force for Integrated Waste Management" - The Napa County Local Task Force (LTF) has completed the 2007 Five Year Review of the Napa County Integrated Waste Management Plan and its associated elements (including revision of the NDFE). State law requires each county to review periodically its waste reduction, recycling and household hazardous waste programs and facilities to reveal how they are meeting regional and local needs. The LTF has submitted the documents to the Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). The CIWMB will consider the documents during their January meetings. Members of the Task Force, including representatives of Napa County, UVA, and Cities of Napa and American Canyon met on November 25 to consider the group's future role, membership, and functions. The members agreed to meet at least quarterly for the short-term to share information on programs and projects in various areas of the county.

Reports on Recycling and Landfill Operations - UVA staff plans to meet with UVDS/CFL managers to create a more automated, user-friendly system for tracking and formatting reports for the operations at Whitehall Lane and Clover Flat Landfill. We are interested in monitoring the amount of material from each community over time so that we can observe how events like variations in the economy or special promotional efforts we undertake might impact the waste stream of UVA member communities. We are working toward reports that indicate the effectiveness of commercial and residential recycling programs in each community and the impact of the large scale recycling sorting operation at the landfill.

State Legislation on Waste Management - Home-generated pharmaceutical waste legislation (SB 26 - Simitian) was introduced in the California Legislature on December 1, 2008. This bill would require the State Board of Pharmacy to coordinate with governments agencies, drug manufacturers, and pharmacies to develop sustainable, efficient policies and programs to manage pharmaceutical wastes and the disposal of

devices, like needles and lancets. The bill would authorize a pharmacy to accept the return of home-generated pharmaceutical waste and home-generated sharps. As in most areas of the state, there are currently no collection options for these materials in the up-valley area.

School Efforts - UVA staff continues to work with teachers, parents and local businesses and agencies to promote waste reduction and recycling. We are helping administrators of Howell Mountain Elementary School create a broad program to reduce waste and exposure to toxic chemicals, while promoting efficient use of energy and water. We are helping with waste assessments at several schools and providing recycling bins and composting information to others.

Recycling Bin Distribution - UVA announced its free recycling bin offer to businesses and institutions through the newly revised business brochure. The business community has shown substantial interest. Working with volunteers of Green Sustainable in Calistoga, we have thus far distributed over 500 recycling bins in up-valley communities.

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