



Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Julia Travis for Steven Lederer - Manager
Upper Valley Waste Management Agency
REPORT BY: Steven Lederer, DIR OF PUB WKS/DIST ENGINEER - 259-8228
SUBJECT: Manager's Report

RECOMMENDATION

MANAGER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Manager to provide an update on the status of current activities and obtain Board direction where applicable on the items within.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Manager to provide an update on the status of current activities.

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

A reminder that Form 700s are due to the Clerk before April 1

Monthly Financial Reports

Latest report is attached.

So far this year, \$15,721 has been collected for HHW events, which leaves us on pace to collect approximately \$30,000 for the year. The Calistoga event cost approximately \$18,000 (significantly cheaper than last year), which should leave us adequate funds to conduct the planned April event in Rutherford.

Overall, landfill tonnage (and therefore our surcharge revenue) is running at a rate that could leave us about \$10,000 short of projected budget. We will continue to monitor this and will bring a budget transfer from reserves to the Board for consideration at a later date if it appears needed.

Legislative Update

Plastic Bags: SB 270 (Padilla) would accomplish the following: First, it would stop the use of single-use plastic bags at California supermarkets starting in July 2015 and at smaller stores in July 2016; allow stores to charge 10 cents for paper bags; and require increased use of recycled material in reusable plastic bags, at least 20 percent by 2016 and 40 percent by 2020. Second, it would provide \$2 million in seed money for plastic-bag manufacturers to retool and retrain workers so they can begin to make reusable plastic bags. Part 2 is the addition that gives this bill a better chance of passing than last year's SB 405, also authored by Padilla.

Batteries, Sharps, Pharmaceuticals: There is some activity relating to take back programs for each of these items, though passage of legislation is unclear at this point.

UVDS has reported that there have not been any recent issues with needles on the recycling sign, so it appears that some of our outreach has had a positive affect.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Financials

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Julia Travis