



## Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Manager  
Upper Valley Waste Management Agency  
**REPORT BY:** Sandra Linehan, Secretary - 707-253-4471  
**SUBJECT:** Manager's Report

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION:** Manager to provide an update on the status of current activities.

### **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**

#### **Schools Report**

Information on the program is attached. Amy Garden will provide a brief update on the program.

#### **Large Venue Grant Closeout**

Work related to the subject Grant has been completed at the four designated sites (Calistoga Fairgrounds,

Expo Fairgrounds, Copia, and the CIA) and the State has been invoiced for the remaining funds. By all accounts the program was a huge success. Amy Garden will provide a brief update on the grant work. A copy of the closeout report can be provided to Board members upon request, but is not included here in the interest of saving paper.

#### Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and other Legislative Activities

The Manager will provide the Board updates on statewide activities related to EPR and other pertinent legislation. The Napa County Board of Supervisors included EPR in their recently adopted Legislative Agenda. Note the item below is a perfect example of where EPR is needed, as the more successful our collection programs become the larger financial burden we assume.

#### Disposal of Fluorescent Tubes and Bulbs at CFL

At the request of the agency, CFL commenced free collection of fluorescent bulbs and tubes. The cost of this program was \$1,600 for the first quarter of operation. Since these costs were not built into the CFL rates, the company has requested assistance in paying this and future bills, which are likely to be higher. The UVA manager is pursuing two course of action: 1) Amy Garden is investigating whether less expensive disposal options may be available, and we are suggesting discontinuing "free" collection from businesses (this is consistent with practices at other collection points); 2) UVA can cover the disposal costs for the remainder of the fiscal year out of currently budgeted funds.

#### Initiatives

The Company has been working with Bill Dutton on a possible pilot project to go to every other week (EOW) pickup of recycling and green waste at a mobile home park in Yountville. We will brief the Board.

Previous discussions have occurred regarding the possibility of offering free commercial recycling services. The Agency Manager has started reviewing some of the pros and cons of this issue an will brief the Board.

#### Auction Napa Valley

The Company is working with the Napa Valley Vintners (and the LEA) to pilot a small scale food composting operation to support waste reduction at this year's event. Last year's event recycled 44% of their waste, and the Vintners are striving for a much higher diversion rate for this year.

#### Composting Classes

Eight composting classes were held last year. Since 1997 we have trained over 9,000 people (500 since 2005). The 2008 Compost Class Schedule is as follows:

1. Saturday, March 1st at 9am at UC Extension
2. Saturday, March 1st at 11am at UC Extension
3. Thursday, March 6h at 6pm at UC Extension
4. Saturday, April 12th at 10am at UC Extension
5. Wednesday, April 23rd at 6pm at Central Valley Builders Supply, St Helena (first time here)
6. Saturday, May 3rd at 10am at American Canyon
7. Wednesday, May 7th 6pm at UC Extension
8. Wednesday, June 25th 6pm – Worms only – at Yountville Hall
9. Wednesday, September 10th 6pm at Whiting Nursery, St Helena
10. Saturday, October 4th at 9am at UC Extension
11. Saturday, October 4th at 11am at UC Extension

#### New UVDS Sales Rep

The Company has hired a new sales representative, starting March 1, named Myles Karpman. Mr. Pestoni reports that one of the roles of this individual will be to assist customers in understanding what services are available, particularly with regards to recycling. We are looking forward to working cooperatively with this individual.

Financial Reports

The current financial reports are attached. The Agency Manager may request a budget adjustment later in the year to accommodate an additional HHW collection event.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Schools Recycling Program Status
- B . Financial Reports

Recommendation: Approve  
Reviewed By: Steven Lederer