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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 hazardous waste contractor, *Clean Harbors*, handles materials dropped off by the public at the spring and fall hazardous waste collection events. UVWMA staff scheduled a hazardous waste collection event with Clean Harbors in Calistoga for November 6 and 7. It then cancelled the November 6 business collection event after it received no calls for business appointments. The November 7 collection received 94 drop offs from Calistoga, St. Helena and Angwin residents. The spring hazardous waste collection events are scheduled for April 8 and 9, the events will be held at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard.

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 dropped-off by the public at up-valley hazardous waste events, at the “recycle only” hazardous waste collection station in Yountville, and at Clover Flat Landfill. Up-valley residents and businesses can drop-off paints and coatings at these collection sites at no charge. PaintCare lists all acceptable paints and coatings on its website: www.paintcare.org. UVWMA staff are planning a paint recycling event to take place in May at The Paint Works in St. Helena. The event will promote the store as a PaintCare location, and residents will receive a recycling bin in exchange for the paint dropped off.

Mattress Recycling – The nonprofit Mattress Recycling Council launched their mattress recycling program, Bye Bye Mattress, in California in January 2016. The program uses a recycling fee collected on each mattress and box spring sold, fees pay for the transportation and recycling of the mattresses. The fee collected per unit in California, as approved by the state, is \$11. This fee applies to every mattress and box spring sold beginning December 30,

2015. Residents can drop-off their old mattress at no-cost at a participating collection site or recycling facility. The mattresses are disassembled and the steel, foam, wood and fiber are recycled into new products. Clover Flat Landfill is now accepting mattresses for free through the Bye Bye Mattress program. More information can be found at www.byebyemattress.com.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA creates a funding pool each year with payments that CalRecycle issues to the four UVWMA member agencies. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container and litter reduction activities, including purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, main 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 prevention. UVWMA staff applied for funds on behalf of all of its member agencies. CalRecycle recently issued payments to local agencies. UVWMA has received the forwarded payment from the City of Calistoga, the City of St Helena and the Town of Yountville.

Napa County Green Business Program – The County has expanded its efforts to certify local businesses and wineries through its Green Business Program. County staff offers certification to businesses that meet high environmental standards for reduced energy use, water conservation, recycling and waste reduction, and pollution prevention. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVWMA) is assisting by providing recycling containers and signage for offices, wine production, food service, and picnic areas. Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service is providing waste service level audits and a set of recycling and composting collection services. Staff expects the program to increase UVWMA expenditures on printing, recycling bins for indoors and outdoors, and food waste collection bins.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – Up-valley residents may drop-off sharps and old or unwanted medications that are not controlled substances at local Clinic Ole offices at 1222 Pine St. Suite A, in St. Helena or 911 Washington St. in Calistoga during regular business hours. Clean Harbors accepts medications and sharps at up-valley hazardous waste collection events. Clover Flat Landfill accepts sharps at no charge during regular business hours. The Soroptimist's of Calistoga are planning their semi-annual "No Drugs Down the Drain event", where they are able to accept sharps and medication's including controlled substances. It is tentatively scheduled to take place on April 23 in Calistoga.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have scheduled dates for 2016 home composting workshops. Up-valley home composting workshops will be: April 23 at the Calistoga Community Center in Calistoga, June 4 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Yountville and June 25 at Crane Park in St. Helena. Residents can sign up for workshops at www.compost.naparecycles.org

Special Recycling Events – Drip hose recycling events in 2016 are scheduled for Friday May 6 and Friday November 4, at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard. Pesticide container recycling events will take place in the Spring and Fall, an update will be provided when dates are set. A paper shredding and electronic waste recycling event will take place on April 23 at the St. Helena Fire House.

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: Alice Ramirez