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## Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Alice Ramirez for Steven Lederer - Manager  
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**SUBJECT:** California Integrated Waste Management Act

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### **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, AND HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAMS UPDATE**

Hazardous Waste Collections – Upper Valley Waste Management Agency's (UVWMA) former hazardous waste collection contractor, PSC Environmental Services, sold the company recently to "Stericycle," so UVWMA's hazardous waste hauling needs are now being met by Stericycle. PSC staffmembers that had worked locally are now employed by Stericycle. There has been little noticeable change due to the transfer of ownership. PSC held the UVWMA hazardous waste collection events for up-valley businesses and residents at Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga on Friday, October 24 and Saturday, October 25, 2014. UVWMA staff advertised the events through member agency and Upper Valley Disposal Service websites, newspaper display ads and bulletins, flyers, posters, street banners, local TV, e-news notices of Chambers of Commerce and trade associations, and the billboard at CalMart grocery store in Calistoga. Participation was unusually low on both days due to rainy weather. PSC reported lower amounts of materials accepted and lower hauling and disposal charges for the fall collections. Costs of the October collections came to \$12,345.00, a full 31% less than the previous year. UVWMA has received about \$30,000 per year in additional revenue since it raised the per ton tip fee at Clover Flat Landfill in 2013-14. The additional funds have been used to ensure two hazardous waste collection events per year, a fall event in Calistoga, and a spring event held in Rutherford, closer to St. Helena and Yountville. In April of 2013-14, PSC held a hazardous waste collection at the Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service's Composting and Materials Recovery Facility on Whitehall Lane, just behind Rutherford Grove Winery. PSC charged \$16,190.00 for collection, hauling, and disposal of hazardous waste collected at the event. UVWMA Staff, working with Stericycle and UVDRS, has schedule spring hazardous waste collection events on April 10 and April 11 at UVDRS's Composting and Recycling Facility by Rutherford Grove Winery (see attached flyer). Staff anticipates a level of participation and cost similar to the events held last spring. With similar results, UVWMA will spend between \$25-30,000 on hazardous

waste collection events in this fiscal year.

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” accepted at up-valley hazardous waste events and at the “recycle only” hazardous waste collection station at Yountville Water Treatment Plant. 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](http://www.paintcare.org).

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA creates a funding pool with payments that CalRecycle issues to the four UVWMA member agencies each year. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container and litter reduction activities, including purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, 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 abatement. Last year, the Governor issued a proposal to restructure this CalRecycle program and eliminate the funds distributed to local agencies like UVWMA. The proposal failed to pass key state legislative committees but may be taken up again this year. CalRecycle has notified local agencies that it will increase the program reporting requirements for 2015-16. Staff will continue to track actions related to this CalRecycle program and report to the Board.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have announced the schedule for workshops for 2015 which include workshops in up-valley cities. The attached brochure has details.

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. Stericycle accepts medications and sharps at up-valley hazardous waste collection events.

### **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**

A . Hazardous waste events flyer

B . Compost workshops brochure

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Alice Ramirez