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# Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

TO:	Board of Directors
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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

Monthly Financial Reports The most recent financial report is attached. Revenues (tied to improved waste disposal volumes) are on track to exceed budget estimates by about \$10K

Expenses remain on track.

# Legislative Update

Plastic Bags: SB 270 (Padilla)--passed the legislature and was signed into law by the Governor. However, a voter initiative is sending this to the 2016 ballot and the law will be on hold until then.

# Board Policy for Dealing with Small Rate Changes

In the past, the Board has dealt with small proposed rate changes from the rate methodology in various ways (implementing the change, not implementing the change, or moving small amounts of excess revenue into IOCR). The Board has asked for a discussion on this matter, with the idea of establishing a consistent policy in dealing with future issues. This is an opportunity to have that discussion. It is important to note that any policy this Board may adopt is advisory only, and future Boards are free to act as they see fit.

The Agency Manager recommends the following basic policy:

## Increases:

Any proposed increase, no matter how small, should be implemented, unless the company voluntarily agrees to waive the increase.

## Decreases:

Any proposed decrease, of any size, should either be implemented, or the rate should reman the same and the money transferred to the IOCR account for future use at the discretion of the Board (i.e. future capital projects).

The above proposals are in accordance with our current methodology and does not leave any revenue, either for the company or the rate payer, "on the table".

# SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A. Financials

Recommendation: Approve Reviewed By: Steven Lederer