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Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Directors
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Upper Valley Waste Management Agency
REPORT BY: Steven Lederer, Director of Environmental Management - 253-4471
SUBJECT: Board Study Session on Franchise Issues

RECOMMENDATION

STUDY SESSION ON FRANCHISE ISSUES

DISCUSSION ITEM: The Agency Manager requests the Board continue its Study Session on the following items:

A. Methods of funding additional services through increasing fees:

1. Franchise Fees
2. Build into rates costs of various city/town sponsored events (such as the Yountville clean up event)
3. One time (annual) residential surcharge to fund a particular event (such as an HHW event)

B. Methods of reducing rate payer costs:

1. Doing a "ground up" review of service costs (note that this will not reduce total costs but may move various fees around)
2. Whether certain services could be cut to reduce costs
3. Whether an efficiency study of UVDS operations should be conducted

This item to remain on the agenda to accommodate ongoing Board comments as the Board sees fit.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the June, 2011 Board meeting several policy questions were discussed in the context of setting 2011-2012 rates. In subsequent meetings the Board has identified their top issues, which are addressed in this agenda item.

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

At previous Board meetings, Board direction has narrowed the focus to the following items. A brief discussion of each of the issues is provided below.

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At our last meeting, the Board requested that staff:

1. Complete a post card mailer to poll residential customers regarding their desire to fund an HHW or clean up event via an annual surcharge. The news letter and postcard are attached for information and will be mailed with the April bills.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

A . Spring 2012 Newsletter & HHW Postcard Mailer

Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Steven Lederer