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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. The spring hazardous waste collection events are scheduled for April 8 (business) and April 9 (residential), the events will be held at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard. UVWMA staff will advertise the event via: flyers in the community, ad's in local papers, bill insert with St Helena water bill, Yountville newsletter, UVDS newsletter, Napa Valley TV, a banner on UVDS property along Hwy 29 and an e-blast of the flyer to parents in the St Helena School District.

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 have planned a paint recycling event for May 21 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. 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, school yards 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 recently met with the St Helena School District Superintendent and will be working to improve recycling on all campuses using Beverage Container Recycling Program funds, beginning with St Helena Primary School.

CalRecycle is changing its Beverage Container Recycling Program substantially starting with the next funding cycle in an effort to increase its oversight of and accountability for this statewide program. One change will simplify the application process by allowing one agency to act as sole lead agency for a regional program. Other program changes will increase the application, expenditure approval, and reporting requirements that must be met by local agencies that accept program funding.

By officially allowing for regional programs, CalRecycle has created an opportunity for the four UVWMA member agencies to cooperate formally in a regional arrangement. It may be most advantageous for Napa County to act as lead agency for the program, given its historical role. The County has served as informal lead in this cooperative effort for more than a decade, mainly due to its role in providing staff for UVWMA, its larger allocation of annual program funds from the state (\$10,000 compared to \$5,000 the state provides to small up-valley cities), and its broader jurisdiction (the entire unincorporated county would be covered under the program). With Napa County as lead, other participating jurisdictions would be relieved of the requirements to pass resolutions, submit annual applications, make/track eligible expenditures, and submit reports. Instead, the cities would need only submit a letter to the County authorizing it to submit a regional application and act as the lead agency. Napa County would then submit the single regional application with resolution and authorizing letters, manage the program, and meet all reporting requirements. Please find attached a sample of the letter of authorization that each city would need to provide to the County in order to participate in this regional program. The County would need to receive the letters by May 1 in order to meet the application deadline. Cities that decide to not participate in the regional program would still be able to apply separately to this state program.

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 holding their semi-annual "No Drugs Down the Drain" event April 23 in Calistoga, they are able to accept sharps and medication's including controlled substances.

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. The Napa Agricultural Commissioner's Office's spring pesticide container recycling event will take place on April 25. A paper shredding and electronic waste recycling event will take place on April 22 at Westamerica Bank in Yountville and April 23 at the St. Helena Fire House and the Calistoga Community Pool.

Recycling Activities - UVWMA staff began working with St. Helena Hospital to recycle in their cafeteria and food prep areas last year. UVWMA staff have provided the hospital with recycling signage for their food prep areas; as well as a banner and table tents for the public area to let visitors know of their efforts. UVWMA and UVDS staff gave a presentation to cafeteria staff in February. The hospital received six 96-gallon recycling totes and had their first recycling pick up in March.

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 . Sample Letter of Authorization

Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Steven Lederer