



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 – The spring hazardous waste collection events are scheduled for April 27 (business) and April 28 (residential). The events will be held at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency's (UVWMA) hazardous waste (HW) collections contractor, Clean Harbors, will collect and dispose of HW materials collected. Business will schedule appointments and pay disposal costs for their materials, residents are not charged a fee.

New this year, Conservation Corps North Bay will be collecting waste tires from residents at no charge during the hazardous waste collection event. Conservation Corps North Bay will take care of all permitting, hauling and staffing for the tire collection.

The letter size flyer for the event is included as Attachment A: St. Helena Event Flyer. UVWMA staff promoted the event via an insert in St Helena Star and Weekly Calistogan newspapers, St Helena water bill insert, Yountville social media, Yountville Sun ad, Sustainable Napa County social media, PeachJar post for St Helena and Howell Mountain school district students, chamber of commerce newsletters, UVDS newsletter and flyers posted at community gathering points.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – Up-valley residents may drop-off sharps at Ole Health 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. Vasconi's Pharmacy in St Helena, independently installed a medication collection bin; non-controlled and controlled medications are accepted, no liquids. A medication collection bin is located at the St. Helena Police Department; non-controlled and controlled medications are accepted, no liquids. UVWMA staff are working to establish a medication collection bin at the Calistoga Police Department.

Up valley residents can pick up a free sharps container at; Silverado Pharmacy in Calistoga, Ole Health in St. Helena and Calistoga, Vasconi's Pharmacy in St. Helena, Smiths Pharmacy in St. Helena and the PHHWCF in south Napa County.

The Soroptimists of Calistoga will host their semi-annual No Drugs Down the Drain event on April 21, in front of the Calistoga Police Department. Medications and sharps will be accepted at this event.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA applies as a regional agency for payments that CalRecycle issues for beverage container recycling programs. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container recycling and litter reduction activities. Examples include the purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, main streets, businesses, schools and public gathering areas, recycling at public and private events, and related publicity and education. UVWMA staff have applied for the next regional application for beverage container recycling funds, the application has been recommended for payment by CalRecycle staff.

CalRecycle - CalRecycle's annual site visit was March 28, 2018. This year's visit covered commercial programs; mandatory recycling (AB 341) and mandatory composting (AB 1826). UVWMA staff toured various commercial sites who are currently recycling and composting with Upper Valley Disposal Service. Sites visited included Solage, Culinary Academy, Stonebridge Apartments, St. Helena Primary School, Mondavi Winery and Calistoga Family Apartments. CalRecycle staff were able to see a variety of commercial accounts as well as what assistance is available for commercial properties (bins, signs, presentations to staff).

Solid Waste Relevant Legislation - UVWMA staff submitted a letter in support of AB 3178 to Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio in March. AB 3178 would: add the loss of markets for recyclable materials to the list of criteria that CalRecycle must consider when determining whether to issue a compliance order, add that the loss of markets must be considered in determining whether a jurisdiction has made a good faith effort under AB 393 to meet the required 50% waste diversion level and provide that recyclables for which there is no market may be landfilled, where necessary to avert a public health threat, without subjecting the jurisdiction of origin to administrative penalty under Public Resources Code Section 41850. The letter and an AB 3178 fact sheet is included as Attachment B: AB 3178.

Recycling Outreach and Activities – UVWMA staff are collaborating with Napa Valley Museum staff to host an Earth Day themed activity day at the museum's second Saturday family day. UVWMA staff submitted a letter to the editor of the Calistoga Tribune on plastics reduction in March, which received positive feedback from a Calistoga community member. The letter and feedback are included as Attachment C: Plastics Letter. UVWMA staff were invited by Rianda House to give presentations on recycling and waste reduction. Both presentations will be on April 18, one in Calistoga at the arts center at the fairgrounds and one in St. Helena at Rianda House.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have scheduled 2018 workshop dates. A backyard compost workshop will be held on April 21 in St Helena, at the Up Valley campus of Napa Valley College. The college will help promote the workshop to students in their gardening classes. A worm compost workshop will be held on May 5 at the Napa Valley Museum in Yountville. Residents can sign up for workshops at www.compost.naparecycles.org

Napa County Green Business Program – County staff offers a Green Business certification to businesses that meet high environmental standards for reduced energy use, water conservation, pollution prevention, recycling and waste reduction. UVWMA is assisting by providing interior recycling containers and signage for offices, wine production, food service, and picnic areas. UVDS is providing waste service level audits and a set of recycling and composting collection services. 11 up valley wineries and two up valley businesses were certified in FY 2016-17, 11 up valley wineries and one up valley business has been certified so far in FY 2017-18.

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 . Attachment A St. Helena Event Flyer
- B . Attachment B AB 3178
- C . Attachment C Plastics Letter

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Alice Ramirez