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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

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**SUBJECT:** Franchises' Status

#### RECOMMENDATION

### **FRANCHISES STATUS**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ITEM: Manager to provide an update concerning the implementation of franchises' activities.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Attached are the monthly reports for March. We have met with the franchisee to refine the reports, but still encourage comments from the Board to improve the forms.

We have worked on the following items over the last month:

- Rate methodology revisions that are to be completed by July 1
- Rate structure
- Universal Waste Recycling
- Franchisee Outreach Expansion
- Recycling and Green Waste collection in Pope Valley and Berryessa Estates

# **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**

Rate methodology revisions that are to be completed by July 1

This was discussed previously on the agenda.

#### Review of the Rate Structure

The rate structure is extensive and confusing for both the public and the franchisee. A simplification of the structure is being developed that would be incorporated in future rate setting processes. This will be coordinated with the rate methodology review.

## Universal Waste Recycling

The attached press release was developed and distributed to the up valley media specifying the battery recycling locations at the Cities and Town Halls.. The Department's web page has been updated to include the SBC Yellow Page Recycling Information. Staff continues to work to improving access to recycling information on the web page so that it is easy and convenient to locate what you want.

CFL is very positive about adding other electric wastes besides monitors and televisions for free. The only hesitancy is the uncertainty of what volume of non-CRT materials will be received. Staff is proposing an annual coupon that would allow up to four non-CRT items be accepted at CFL once per year for free. In addition the current rate of \$35.00 will be reduced for volumes that are not covered by the coupon. By starting this program we'll begin to see how much electronic waste is in the community for disposal.

The upcoming household hazardous waste collection events will also accept all universal wastes except for electronic waste.

We are working with the franchisee to apply for a grant that would pilot a curbside battery recycling program along with the recyclables. The grant preparation is in the early stages but it will be presented to the Board at the May meeting for approval.

#### Franchisee Outreach Expansion

Staff continues to work with the Franchisee to implement and expand on their plan.

# Recycling and Green Waste collection in Pope Valley and Berryessa Estates

A long awaited split container truck has been received by UVDS. This will be used to collect both recycling and green waste in one route trip. It was expected to begin in April. No report yet from the franchisee on the use of the new vehicle.

# **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Summary
- B . CFL Report
- C . Origin Report
- D . Recycling Report
- E . Curbside Oil Report
- F . Press Release

Recommendation: Approve

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