



Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jill Pahl - Manager
Upper Valley Waste Management Agency
REPORT BY: Jill Pahl, Acting Director , 253-4410
SUBJECT: Manager's Report

RECOMMENDATION

MANAGER'S REPORT

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Manager to provide an update on the status of current activities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Earth Day

As April 22 approaches excitement is growing about the celebrations at the new venue, Skyline Park. Attached are the two billboards that are announcing the event.

Compost Workshops

These are occurring, with three upvalley workshops this summer. See the attached flyer.

Large Venue Recycling

Most of the time since the last progress report (February 15) has been spent on the following:

- | researching equipment for specific needs identified in site visits (types and pricing)
- | working on language to incorporate into facility policy manuals and employee handbooks
- | trying to discern how we can actually use the baseline information despite it's shortcomings
- | communicating with venues contacts

Recent Local Special Event recycling trials:

- | Napa Recycling and Waste Services provided recycling service, including food and paper waste, at a recent Napa High crab feed at the Napa Valley Expo and cut the waste almost in half. 42.33% diversion (0.45 tons compost, 0.45 tons recycling, 1.09 tons waste)
- | At the 2-day Mustard Festival event at Copia on March 18 & 19 (attended by 5,000-10,000) recycling efforts

kept 1.81 tons of waste out of the landfill leaving 3.8 tons of trash. This is about a 32% diversion rate which is about the best you can expect without food waste collection.

Battery Recycling at Government and Business Ventures

All three town halls have started to provide this service for the public. Additional containers were provided. A press release was sent out announcing the new sites. Staff will be making contact with the grocery and lumber stores in the up valley area. Beginning July 1, any business that sells rechargeable batteries will be required to accept them for recycling.

Annual Member Report

Manager will be developing a format for an annual fiscal year report for distribution to the member jurisdictions in the fall. This was intended to primarily be a fiscal report, but it could also be an opportunity to highlight some of the Agency's activities. Input from the Board Members on what they would like in this report would be appreciated.

Outreach

Staff will be playing some recent radio ads that promote the recycling information in the phone books and Earth Day.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events are scheduled for May 27 in Rutherford and October 21 in Calistoga.

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 . Billboard-Rex
- B . Billboard-Oil
- C . Compost Workshops

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Jill Pahl