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## Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Manager  
Upper Valley Waste Management Agency  
**REPORT BY:** Steven Lederer, Director, Public Works - 259-8228  
**SUBJECT:** Franchises' Status

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

#### **FRANCHISES' STATUS**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

To brief the Board on various company activities, that may include, but is not limited to:

Specific Items:

1. As part of implementation of SB 1383, Staff and the Company intend to purchase under sink (or counter) compost containers for all residential customers. The Board will hear a presentation of the containers, and estimate of costs.
2. The Company is in the process of implementing a state of the art composting method, known as the Covered Aerated Static Pile (CASP) method. The Company will make a presentation on this to the Board.
3. The Company is considering an investment into a Bio-gasification plant for CFL, which would use woody organics as a fuel to create electricity and biochar. If financially feasible, the plant would support Climate Action plan goals, SB 1383 purchasing requirements, and would be an efficient way to dispose of woody debris. Planning on this is in the very early stages, but Staff and the Company desire to educate the Board and the public on the possibilities.

Standing Items that may or may not be discussed further:

1. The waste report is attached for the Board's information.
2. Update on the status of the C&D line (damaged in the Glass Fire)
3. Provide an update on recent customer outreach efforts
4. Status of the latest newsletter.

5. Other happenings of interest to the Board.
6. Update on recycling markets, relevant legislation in Sacramento, and particularly the challenges related to our largest market, China.
7. The Company continues to work to obtain a UP update for CFL (recognize existing roads/Composting/Open on Mondays), and an air permit from BAAQMD to support commercial food composting at CFL. Other permits are still required from the Regional Water Board and Cal Recycle, but those are expected to follow pretty quickly.

No Board action is anticipated.

**FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed:

**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**

Nothing additional.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . UVDS Newsletter Spring 2021
- B . CFL Monthly Totals through March 2021

Recommendation: Approve  
Reviewed By: Steven Lederer