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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 (UWVMA) hazardous waste (HW) collections contractor, Stericycle, conducted a set of spring business/household events for 2014-15 on April 10 and 11 at Upper Valley Composting and Recycling Facility, located just west of Rutherford Grove Winery in St. Helena. Several businesses made appointments and paid for disposal of hazardous materials on Friday, April 10. On Saturday, April 11, some residents from each of the UWVMA member communities participated in the household HW collection. Stericycle handled 148 deliveries of hazardous materials from up-valley households. The turn-out was substantial but modest in comparison to events that the agency has held each fall at Calistoga Fairgrounds. Completion of the April HW collections marks the close of the second year of UWVMA's expanded HW collection effort in which the agency offered not only a fall event, but also a spring event in Rutherford. UWVMA staff continues to advertise the events through member agency and Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service websites, newspaper display ads and bulletins, flyers, posters, street banners, local TV, e-news notices of Chambers of Commerce and trade associations, and the billboard at CalMart Grocery Store in Calistoga. Staff expects UWVMA to incur substantially lower costs for this year's collection events, mainly due to lower turnout, particularly for the October event: the first HW event UWVMA ever held in the rain. Stericycle billed \$12,345.00 for the October collections. Staff estimates costs of less than \$12,000 for the spring event. A total fiscal year HW event cost of \$25,000 would be well within the \$30,000 the UWVMA Board budgeted for HW collection events in fiscal year 2014-15.

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" accepted at up-valley hazardous waste

events, at the “recycle only” hazardous waste collection station at Yountville Water Treatment Plant, 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.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA creates a funding pool with payments that CalRecycle issues to the four UVWMA member agencies each year. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container and litter reduction activities, including purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, streets, businesses, schoolyards 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 abatement. Last year, the Governor issued a proposal to restructure this CalRecycle program and eliminate the funds distributed to local agencies like UVWMA. The proposal failed to pass key state legislative committees and has not been revived this year. CalRecycle has notified local agencies that it will increase the program reporting requirements in 2015-16. Staff will continue to track actions related to this CalRecycle program and inform the Board of any proposed changes.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have scheduled 10 workshops for 2015, including three workshops in up-valley cities. The first up-valley workshop, a worm composting class, will be held at the Calistoga Community Center on Saturday, April 25. Interested residents must pre-register for the workshops at www.cityofnapa.org/compost.

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. Stericycle accepts medications and sharps at up-valley hazardous waste collection events. Clover Flat Landfill accepts sharps at no charge during regular business hours.

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

None

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Alice Ramirez