



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 were originally scheduled for April 3 and 4 but have now been rescheduled to May 29 (business) and 30 (residential). The events will be held at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard. The Calistoga HW collection event dates have been set for November 13 (business) and 14 (residential) at the Napa County Fairgrounds.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA applies as a regional agency for payments that CalRecycle issues for beverage container recycling programs. Staff have completed the application for the next fiscal year, the application is current marked as recommended for payment.

CalRecycle – CalRecycle's yearly conference call and site visit with UVWMA took place in February (call) and March (site visit). CalRecycle reviewed government programs, HW programs, AB 1826 (mandatory organics recycling) and AB 341 (mandatory recycling). CalRecycle has requested further info on purchasing practices from member jurisdictions. UVWMA staff are working with jurisdiction staff to obtain this information.

Recycling Outreach and Activities – UVWMA and UVDS staff were planning a drip hose recycling event for May 1 but the event has been postponed to the fall. The up valley compost workshop was to be held on March 28 in Calistoga but was cancelled due to the shelter in place order.

SB 1383 – CalRecycle provided advance notice that the updated SB 1383 regulatory language and final list of documents for rulemaking will be released on April 20, 2020. This will start a 30-day comment period that will

conclude at 5:00 PM on May 20, 2020. UVWMA staff scheduled presentations on SB 1383 with each member jurisdictions city/town council. Presentation dates were scheduled for April, Yountville and Calistoga were both cancelled, to be rescheduled at a later date. St Helena is still scheduled to take place on 4/28.

Recycling and COVID-19 webinars – UVWMA staff attended two webinars regarding recycling and COVID-19, notes are included below.

COVID-19 Resource Roundtable, California Resource Recovery Association

- | CalRecycle is working on a FAQ for local governments, 939/341/1826 will be addressed.
- | Patrick Mathews, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority. This portion focused on contingency plans. They started with worst case scenario and worked their way down. The landfill is the most essential service; they operate several transfer stations, MRF, HW facilities and landfill. They removed 1/3 of workforce (from sorting line, heavy equipment operators, etc). Every 2 weeks, a set of staff that was home is swapped out and staff that were working stay home for 2 weeks. They have reduced hours for transfer station.
- | Colleen Foster, City of Oceanside. This portion focused on issues they have and are encountering with Waste Management. They don't have a contingency plan in their contract with Waste Management (WM). WM shut down all recycling facilities and has no plan for alternatives, all recycling collected is going to landfill. WM thinks anyone else operating a MRF right now is not doing so safely. WM has sent Oceanside force majeure notice.

COVID-19 and its Impacts on Recycling, The Recycling Partnership

- | Recycling program suspensions are happening around the US – they didn't clarify or answer my question on if this meant blue bins weren't being picked up at all from residents homes or if this means that blue bins are being picked up and taken to landfill/transfer station for disposal. Some cities are downsizing programs – stopping bulky items collections for example. A few MRF's around the US have closed entirely, some have reduced capacity. No locations have been told recycling is not an essential service. Smaller/rural recycling programs seem to be the ones shutting down. Commercial recycling is quiet all around the country. Industrial manufacturing in China is picking back up again. International shipping – freight costs are increasing, effecting recycling. Oil prices are going down, which will effect scrap plastic recycling.
- | Presenters felt there was not a definitive answer on whether virus could be spread at MRFs from recyclables. Waste Management has officially said they are not concerned about the transmission of the virus from recyclables to their workers. OSHA has released updated guidance regarding waste management practices and COVID-19 however presenters felt OSHA doesn't seem to be giving enough guidance on waste management issues surrounding COVID-19.

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

None.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Steven Lederer