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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 (UVWMA) hazardous waste (HW) collections contractor, Clean Harbors, conducted a set of spring business/household events for 2015-16 on April 8 and 9 at the Upper Valley Composting and Recycling Facility. Five businesses made appointments and paid for disposal of hazardous materials on Friday, April 8. On Saturday, April 9, residents from each of the UVWMA member communities participated in the household HW collection. Clean Harbors handled 156 deliveries of hazardous materials from up-valley households. Clean Harbors has completed both the fall and spring collection events for 2015-16. It accepted HW from small businesses and local households that subscribe to UVDS collection services or use Clover Flat Landfill.

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 dropped-off by the public at up-valley hazardous waste events, at the “recycle only” hazardous waste collection station in Yountville, 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. UVWMA staff are planning a paint recycling event for May 21 at The Paint Works in St. Helena. The event will promote the store as a PaintCare location, and residents will receive a recycling bin in exchange for their paint.

Mattress Recycling – The nonprofit Mattress Recycling Council launched their mattress recycling program, Bye Bye Mattress, in California in January 2016. The program uses a recycling fee collected on each mattress and box spring sold; fees pay for the transportation and recycling of the mattresses. Clover Flat Landfill is now accepting

mattresses for free through the Bye Bye Mattress program. More information can be found at www.byebyemattress.com.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA creates a funding pool each year with payments that CalRecycle issues to the four UVWMA member agencies. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container recycling and litter reduction activities. The funds represent about 70% of all funding UVWMA budgets for waste reduction, recycling, and litter prevention. UVWMA staff are expending remaining funds for FY 2015-16 on providing recycling bins/signs at St. Helena Primary School, providing recycling signs to Napa County Fairgrounds and providing recycling bins/signs to up valley green wineries.

CalRecycle is changing its Beverage Container Recycling (BCR) Program starting with the next funding cycle in an effort to increase oversight of and accountability for this statewide program. One change will simplify the application process by allowing one agency to act as sole lead agency for a regional program. Other program changes will increase the application, expenditure approval, and reporting requirements that must be met by local agencies that accept program funding.

By officially allowing for regional programs, CalRecycle has created an opportunity for the four UVWMA member agencies to cooperate formally in a regional arrangement. With Napa County as lead, other participating jurisdictions would be relieved of the requirements to pass resolutions, submit annual applications, make/track eligible expenditures, and submit reports. Instead, the cities would need only submit a letter to the County authorizing it to submit a regional application and act as the lead agency. Napa County would then submit the single regional application with resolution and authorizing letters, manage the program, and meet all reporting requirements. Staff has received letters of authorization from each UVWMA member agency.

CalRecycle has approved the attached form of resolution by which the Napa County Board of Supervisors is authorizing the application for the Beverage Container Recycling program on behalf of the County and members of UVWMA. The resolution also requires written confirmation that the administration of the funds by UVWMA on behalf of the members of UVWMA is approved. Staff has approval for the administration of the funds by UVWMA on behalf of the City of Calistoga and is awaiting approval from the City of St. Helena and the Town of Yountville.

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. Clean Harbors accepts medications and sharps at up-valley hazardous waste collection events. Clover Flat Landfill accepts sharps at no charge during regular business hours. The Soroptimist's of Calistoga held their semi-annual "No Drugs Down the Drain" event on April 23 in Calistoga, they collected an estimated 370 pounds of medications and sharps. The Town of Yountville Police Department hosted a location for the DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, April 30. 33 pounds of medications were collected that day and disposal was paid for by the DEA.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have scheduled dates for 2016 home composting workshops. Remaining up-valley home composting workshops include: June 4 at Veteran's Memorial Park in Yountville and June 25 at Crane Park in St. Helena. Residents can sign up for workshops at www.compost.naparecycles.org A backyard compost workshop was held on April 23 at the Calistoga Community Center in Calistoga, three residents attended the event and all purchased discounted backyard composting bins.

Special Recycling Events – UVDS held a drip hose recycling event on Friday May 6. There were 10 customers, five of those were repeat customers. 16.5 tons of irrigation plastic or 22 bales, were received. The remaining drip hose recycling event in 2016 is scheduled for Friday November 4, at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard. The Napa Agricultural Commissioner's Office's spring pesticide container recycling event was held on April 25. Approximately 20,000 pounds of plastic pesticide containers were collected for recycling that day.

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 . Napa County Resolution for Regional CalRecycle BCR Program

Recommendation: Approve
Reviewed By: Steven Lederer