



## Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Directors

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**SUBJECT:** California Integrated Waste Management Act

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### **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**

Napa County Green Business Program – The County is expanding its efforts to certify local businesses through its Green Business Program. County staff offers certification to businesses that meet relatively high environmental standards for reduced energy use, water conservation, recycling and waste reduction, and pollution prevention. Currently, just over thirty businesses in up-valley communities have received Green Business certification. Napa Valley Vintners Association has initiated an effort to have 100% of its member wineries certified by 2020. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVWMA) is prepared to assist with the recycling and waste reduction elements of the program by providing informational materials and supplying recycling containers and signage for offices, production areas and food service sites. Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service is providing waste service level audits and a full set of recycling and composting collection services. Staff expects the program to increase UVWMA expenditures on printing, recycling containers for indoors and outdoors, and indoor food waste collection bins.

Hazardous Waste Collections – UVWMA's hazardous waste (HW) collections contractor, Stericycle, has completed both the fall and spring collection events for 2014-15. It accepted HW from small businesses and local households that subscribe to UVDRS collection services or use Clover Flat Landfill. Stericycle billed \$12,345.00 for the October collection event. Staff anticipates similar charges for the spring event. A total fiscal year HW event cost of \$24-28,000 would be within the \$30,000 the UVWMA 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](http://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 scheduled 10 workshops for 2015, including three workshops in up-valley cities. They have held two of the up-valley workshops thus far, one at the Calistoga Community Center on Saturday, April 25 and another at White Barn in St. Helena on Saturday, May 9. Over 35 local residents attended the two workshops. Virtually all of the attendees purchased heavily discounted composting bins for their backyards. Interested residents may pre-register for up-coming workshops at [www.cityofnapa.org/compost](http://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