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## 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 and Recycling Activities Update:

Home Composting Workshops – Each year, UVWMA, Napa County, and the City of Napa, together with Napa County Master Gardeners, co-sponsor a home composting workshop program for local residents. Thirty locals attended the April 21 workshop at Calistoga Community Center. The sponsors will hold three more workshops at up-valley sites: August 18 at White Barn in St. Helena, September 8 at the Napa Museum, and September 29 at Yountville Community Center.

Beverage Container Recycling Program - The State recycling and waste agency, CalRecycle, each year disperses funds from its Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Program to cities and counties. Up-valley cities qualify for \$5,000. The County receives \$10,000. For over ten years, each Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVWMA) member jurisdiction has forwarded its share of these funds to UVWMA to support cooperative recycling efforts. The agency uses the \$25,000 for eligible beverage container recycling and litter reduction activities. CalRecycle has announced its plan to release FY 2011-12 funds this spring, but, to date, the state has not done so. UVA won't actually count on those funds until the check is received (and clears the bank).

CA Veterans Home Waste Management Status - In 1989, the California Legislature passed the Integrated Waste Management Act (AB 939), requiring cities and counties (or regional agencies) to develop and implement plans for “diverting” at least half of all waste generated within their borders from landfills each year. Local agencies were required to report annually to the state on the status of waste reduction, recycling, composting and related public information/education activities within their jurisdiction. State

facilities were exempt from AB 939. The exemption made it difficult for some local agencies with large state facilities within their communities to meet the state's waste diversion requirements. Responding to this concern, the Legislature passed AB 75 in 1999, which required state facilities to develop and implement diversion plans similar to local agencies.

In its first diversion report to the State, for calendar year 2000, The California Veteran's Home (Vet's Home) at Yountville was able to claim 37% waste diversion in its normal operations, before implementing any new programs. The bulk of the calculated diversion (17%) was attributed to "grasscycling," a term for the act of leaving cut grass on a lawn to decompose, instead of catching and disposing of it in a landfill. The Vets Home also claimed 10% diversion by return of reusable furniture through the State's own reuse procedures, and 6% through scrap metal recycling. It reported diverting 3% through cardboard, mixed paper, and beverage container recycling. Attached is a summary of the Vet's Home's diversion report for the year 2000. Since then, the Vet's Home has increased its calculated level of waste diversion through the same diversion programs. It currently receives service for 30 trash containers and 4 cardboard containers. It sent 2,383 tons of waste to the landfill in 2000 and about the same amount, 2,394 tons, in 2010. CalRecycle has found the Vet's Home in compliance with current 50% state facility diversion requirements.

Comparing Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVA) vs. Vets Home waste diversion, UVA meets and exceeds the diversion requirement mainly through pomace and yardwaste composting, wood and concrete recycling, cardboard and glass recycling, and mixed recycling cart and container services while the Vets Home meets the requirement mainly by reducing grass and landscape waste, reusing furniture and equipment, and recycling metals.

#### **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 . CA Veterans Home Annual Report - 2000

Recommendation: Approve  
Reviewed By: Steven Lederer