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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

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 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 assisting by providing recycling containers and signage for offices, wine production, food service, and picnic areas. Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service is providing waste service level audits and a set of recycling and composting collection services. Staff expects the program to increase UVWMA expenditures on printing, recycling containers for indoors and outdoors, and food waste collection bins.

Hazardous Waste Collections – UVWMA contracts for hazardous waste (HW) collection service in cooperation with Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority. The Authority has selected Green Harbors as its new contractor for 2015-16 and is asking UVWMA to approve of the change. Last year, Stericycle collected HW generated up-valley by 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 and \$14,708.00 for the spring event; a total fiscal year cost of \$27,053.00. The overall cost was slightly below the \$30,000 estimated annual revenue that UVWMA receives from the \$1 per ton fee added to Clover Flat Landfill charges.

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. UVWMA staff is applying for funds on behalf of all of its member agencies. CalRecycle has increased the program reporting requirements this year, which will increase UVWMA staff labor time for the program.

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.

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