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## Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Directors

**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Manager  
Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

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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**

Hazardous Waste Collections – The fall hazardous waste (HW) collection event is scheduled for November 5 (business) and 6 (residential). The event will be held at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency's (UVWMA) HW collections contractor, Clean Harbors, will collect and dispose of HW materials collected. Business will schedule appointments and pay disposal costs for their materials, residents are not charged a fee. The hours for the residential event were changed for the spring event in St Helena and will remain 8am-1pm, rather than 9am-3pm. This change was due to a request from our HW contractor, our event hours are longer than other jurisdictions and were presenting challenges with their drivers meeting the various laws they must abide by. New this year, electronic waste will be collected by Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling (UVD&R), during the hazardous waste event. There will be two stops at the event – one for hazardous waste and another for electronic waste. Logistics for traffic into the event will be arranged closer to the event.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – SB 212 requires pharmaceutical companies to pay for a statewide medication and sharps take back program. SB 212 was approved by the Office of Administrative Law on January 7, 2021. The regulations are effective immediately. Manufacturers are now required to form one or more product stewardship organizations, submit plans to CalRecycle and obtain CalRecycle's approval of the proposed stewardship plan, initial program budget, etc. Stewardship plans are due to CalRecycle July 7, 2021. CalRecycle anticipates full implementation of the stewardship plans July 2, 2022.

Until the mail back stewardship plans are in place, up-valley residents may drop-off sharps at Ole Health offices at 1222 Pine St. Suite A, in St. Helena or 911 Washington St. in Calistoga during regular business hours. Clean Earth

accepts medications and sharps at up-valley hazardous waste collection events. Clover Flat Landfill accepts sharps at no charge during regular business hours. A medication collection bin is located at the St. Helena, Calistoga and Yountville Police Department; non-controlled and controlled medications are accepted. Up valley residents can pick up a free sharps container at; Silverado Pharmacy in Calistoga, Ole Health in St. Helena and Calistoga, Smiths Pharmacy in St. Helena and the PHHWCF in south Napa County.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA applies as a regional agency for payments that CalRecycle issues for beverage container recycling programs. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container recycling and litter reduction activities. Examples include the purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, main streets, businesses, schools and public gathering areas, recycling at public and private events, and related publicity and education. UVWMA received the \$25,000 payment from CalRecycle in June 2021.

CalRecycle – UVWMA staff have completed the annual CalRecycle site visit to evaluate compliance with various waste diversion requirements. This year's site visit covered AB 1826, AB 827 and preparedness for SB 1383. Due to COVID-19, the in person site visit was replaced by a conference call and photo report. A copy of the report is included as Attachment A - CalRecycle MCR MORE Report.

UVWMA received notice from CalRecycle that UVWMA's 2016-2019 review has been finalized. CalRecycle has found that the UVWMA is meeting the requirements of AB 939 and is implementing its Source Reduction and Recycling Element (SRRE), Household Hazardous Waste Element (HWWE), Mandatory Commercial Recycling (MCR) and/or Mandatory Commercial Organics Recycling (MORE) programs. A copy of the notice from CalRecycle is included as Attachment B - 2016-19 UVWMA Review.

SB 1383 – UVWMA staff continue to prepare for SB 1383, the regulations take effect January 1, 2022.

Effective July 1, 2021 all residents and businesses with a green yard waste cart or bin will be able to add all food, food soiled paper and yard waste to that cart or bin. Moving forward yard waste or organics will be referred to as compost (yard waste & food scraps). Restaurants or other businesses who produce large volumes of food will remain on the commercial compost program, which is a brown cart with a green lid meant for food scraps and food soiled paper only, moving forward this will be referred to as commercial compost (food scraps only). UVWMA and UVD&R staff met several times to finalize a list of items that will be accepted in the compost cart. A letter with a detailed list of accepted and not accepted items is included as Attachment C - UVWMA Food Soiled Paper Letter - FINAL - 6\_16\_21.

All residents will receive a SureClose compost pail with a label, both an English and Spanish brochure and a sample set of compostable bags to line the pails. Residents in city centers will be delivered a pail to their home. Pick up opportunities will be available throughout the county for those along the Silverado Trail or in the more remote areas up valley. A photo of the pail is included as Attachment D – SureClose pail. A copy of the brochure, still in draft form but nearly complete, is included as Attachment E – Residential compost brochure. The included brochure is formatted for readability online, but the print version will be tri-fold and printed in 30% PCW recycled content paper.

Recycling Outreach and Activities – AB 1826 site visits as well as Green Business required site visits have begun to pick up again. UVWMA and UVD&R staff have been working together to achieve compliance with state mandated recycling and compost laws, as well as providing sorting education to ensure a clean compost and recycling stream.

UVD&R – In June 2021 UVWMA staff approved UVD&R to use the same board approved rate structure for driving in to service trash carts/bins, to drive in to service recycling carts/bins, compost (yard waste & food scraps) and commercial compost (food scraps only). This service will be available to those that request it and is not mandatory and residents/business may still bring their carts to the curb.

In April 2021, UVWMA staff requested UVD&R draft and send a public education and outreach plan, required in section 5.13 or page 20 of the new contract that is effective July 1, 2021. The plan is in draft form and will be presented at the August 2021 meeting.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have completed 2021 workshops. There were four workshops, all took place via Zoom. Napa County secured a contract with a live interpreter for the workshops, all workshops were offered in English and Spanish (via a live interpreter).

### **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**

- A . Attachment A - CalRecycle MCR MORE Report
- B . Attachment B - 2016-19 UVWMA Review
- C . Attachment C - UVWMA Food Soiled Paper Letter - FINAL - 6\_16\_21
- D . Attachment D - SureClose Pail
- E . Attachment E – Residential compost brochure

Recommendation: Approve  
Reviewed By: Steven Lederer