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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 – The spring hazardous waste collection events were originally scheduled for April 3 (business) and April 4 (residential) but have now been rescheduled to June 26 (business) and June 27 (residential). The events will be held at the Upper Valley Compost and Recycling Yard. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency's (UVWMA) hazardous waste (HW) collections contractor, Stericycle Environmental Solutions (Stericycle), will collect and dispose of HW materials collected. Businesses will schedule appointments and pay disposal costs for their materials, residents are not charged a fee.

New this year, at the request of Stericycle due to COVID-19, appointments are required for residential drop offs. This will help to steady the flow of traffic throughout out the day, as Stericycle staff have new social distancing measures in place which would be overwhelmed by a busy event. The event will be as no contact as possible. Residents will be asked to leave windows up at the event, wear a mask while in their vehicle and place all waste in the trunk or bed of the vehicle. Data on city of residence and how they heard of the event will be collected on the online appointment system, rather than verbally at the event itself. The event was promoted via ads in St Helena Star, Yountville Sun, Weekly Calistoga, UVWMA member jurisdiction social media and websites as well as a robo call from UVDS.

The Calistoga HW collection event dates for the fall have been set for November 13 (business) and November 14 (residential). The event will take place at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga.

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 staff have completed the application for the next fiscal year, the check was received in June.

CalRecycle – CalRecycle’s yearly conference call and site visit with UVWMA took place in February (call) and March (site visit). CalRecycle staff reviewed government programs, hazardous waste programs, AB 1826 (mandatory organics recycling) and AB 341 (mandatory recycling). CalRecycle staff have requested further information on purchasing programs and practices from UVWMA member jurisdictions. UVWMA staff are working with jurisdiction staff to obtain this information.

Recycling Outreach and Activities – UVWMA staff are accepting requests for waste assessments and bin deliveries if they are received. UVWMA staff will begin direct outreach regarding AB 1826 compliance in August. Staff are currently working on updating the list of commercial accounts that are required to comply with AB 1826 and are designing a new digital training option to encourage success with composting while practicing social distancing.

UVWMA staff have created a new quick reference guide for up valley residents. The guide will be stocked at various public points and distributed at public events. It is available in English and Spanish. See Attachment A – Recycling Guide to view a digital version. It is a bi-fold brochure.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have scheduled 2020 workshop dates. The up valley compost workshop was to be held on March 28 in Calistoga, at the Boys and Girls Club, but was cancelled due to the shelter in place order. Workshop co-sponsors collaborated on Zoom workshops, one on backyard composting was held on June 17 and worm composting on June 24.

SB 1383 – UVWMA staff presented on SB 1383 to Calistoga City Council, St Helena City Council and Yountville Town Council in May. CalRecycle released the updated SB 1383 regulatory language and final list of documents for rulemaking on April 20, 2020. There was a 30-day comment period that concluded at on May 20, 2020. UVWMA staff are not aware of any other updates from CalRecycle regarding SB 1383.

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 - Recycle Guide

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Steven Lederer