



Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Jill Pahl - Manager
Upper Valley Waste Management Agency
REPORT BY: Belinda Yamate, Secretary, 253-4471
SUBJECT: Franchises' Status

RECOMMENDATION

FRANCHISES' STATUS

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Manager to provide an update concerning the implementation of franchises' activities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Attached are the monthly reports for July. We have met with the franchisee to refine the reports, but still encourage comments from the Board to improve the forms. In addition the status of the funds for the member services pursuant to the franchise is attached.

We have worked with the franchisee on the following items over the last month:

- | Rate methodology revisions
- | Rate structure
- | Universal Waste, including electronics recycling
- | Franchisee outreach expansion
- | Drip hose recycling

The franchise has also provided the attached letter concerning ownership of landfill, which has changed. This is not an assignment of the Franchise, so the Agency's legal counsel doesn't believe there is a need to do anything pursuant to the franchise agreement concerning assignment. The Local Enforcement Agency has approved the transfer per state requirements.

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**Rate methodology revisions**

Brown, Vence and Associates has met several times with both the Agency staff and the franchisees. It is anticipated that a final report will be available for Board discussion at the September meeting.

Review of the Rate Structure

The rate structure is extensive and confusing for both the public and the franchisee. A simplification of the structure is being developed that would be incorporated in future rate setting processes. This will be coordinated with the rate methodology review.

Universal Waste Recycling

Effective July 1, CFL started accepting all electronic waste for no charge. To date approximately two 20-yard debris boxes have been collected.

A grant application were prepared and submitted to the California Integrated Waste Management Board. It's emphasis was to assess and pilot programs for universal waste recycling, especially batteries. Staff has been notified that a grant for \$7,000 will be recommended for approval by the State, but this has not been completed yet. Upon concurrence by the CIWMB of the grant award, staff will return to request Agency acceptance and a budgetary appropriation.

Franchisee Outreach Expansion

Staff continues to work with the Franchisee to implement and expand on their plan.

Drip Hose Recycling

The event was another success although with less variety of businesses participating. Five bales of approximately 3.75 tons of drip hose line and 3/4 ton of grow tubes were collected. The next event is October 27.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Change of Ownership Letter
- B . Franchise Services
- C . Clover Flat Landfill report: July 2006
- D . Curbside Recycling report: July 2006
- E . Origin report: July 2006

F . Single Stream Recycling report: July 2006

G . Summary report: July 2006

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Jill Pahl