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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 – Upper Valley Waste Management Agency's (UVWMA) hazardous waste (HW) collections contractor, Clean Harbors, has completed both the fall and spring collection events for 2016-17. It accepted HW from small businesses and local households that subscribe to UVDRS collection services or use Clover Flat Landfill. Staff has set dates for the next HW collection event at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga; October 20 (business) and October 21 (residential).

Paint Recycling – The paint industry, working through its affiliated non-profit group PaintCare, covers all costs for shipment and disposal of paints and other coatings dropped off by the public at: up-valley hazardous waste events, Yountville ABOP, Clover Flat Landfill and The Paint Works in St. Helena. Residents and businesses can drop off at these collection sites at no charge. PaintCare lists all acceptable paints and coatings on its website: www.paintcare.org.

Mattress Recycling – The Mattress Recycling Council was formed by the mattress industry to operate recycling programs (Bye Bye Mattress) in states which have enacted mattress recycling laws, which includes California. The program uses a recycling fee collected on each mattress and box spring sold; fees pay for the transportation and recycling of the mattresses. Clover Flat Landfill is now accepting mattresses for free through the Bye Bye Mattress program. More information can be found at www.byebyemattress.com.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA creates a funding pool each year with payments that CalRecycle issues to the four UVWMA member agencies. Staff uses the \$25,000 of funds for beverage container and litter

reduction activities, including purchase of recycling bins for public buildings, community parks, main 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 prevention.

Napa County Green Business Program – The County has expanded its efforts to certify local businesses and wineries 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. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency is assisting by providing recycling containers and signage for offices, wine production, food service, and picnic areas. Upper Valley Disposal Service is providing waste service level audits and a set of recycling and composting collection services.

CalRecycle – Staff have submitted the 2016 Electronic Annual Report to CalRecycle.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – Up-valley residents may drop-off sharps and old or unwanted medications that are not controlled substances at Ole Health offices at 1222 Pine St. Suite A, in St. Helena or 911 Washington St. in Calistoga during regular business hours. Clean Harbors accepts medications and sharps at up-valley hazardous waste collection events. Clover Flat Landfill accepts sharps at no charge during regular business hours. Vasconi's Pharmacy in St Helena, independently installed a medication collection bin; non-controlled and controlled medications are accepted, no liquids. A medication collection bin is located at the St. Helena Police Department; non-controlled and controlled medications are accepted, no liquids.

UVWMA staff have recently added an additional location for free sharps containers, Silverado Pharmacy in Calistoga. Other locations where residents can pick up a free sharps container include: Ole Health in St. Helena and Calistoga, Vasconi's Pharmacy in St. Helena, Smiths Pharmacy in St. Helena and the PHHWCF in south Napa County. UVWMA staff are currently researching an additional location for a sharps drop off kiosk, focusing on areas that do not currently have a sharps drop off option.

Sharps Programs in Other Jurisdictions - LA Sanitation, a division of the City of Los Angeles, maintains sharps drop off kiosks at their Senior Citizen Centers. The kiosks are emptied by their contracted household hazardous waste hauler. They offer free containers as well.

San Joaquin County has a sharps collection program that it manages for the County and all the cities in the County. Sharps are collected at various pharmacies, medical centers and police departments throughout the County. Their PHHWCF accepts sharps as well. The County uses Sharps Solutions for hauling the sharps. The County coordinates the semiannual DEA Drug Take Back Events, where some collection locations collect sharps along with the medication. Promotion for sharps disposal is done on the County and the City's websites. There is signage and brochures listing all sites at the locations themselves. The County places ads in the local publication San Joaquin Magazine.

The City of Thousand Oaks' sharps collection program provides free sharps containers at various locations. Disposal locations include their PHHWCF and a few medical centers. Promotion is done via print media advertising (utility bill inserts, local newspaper ads), as well as a trifold brochure that is distributed by local law enforcement and pharmacies.

Santa Barbara County distributes free containers at their five County-run clinics. Once full, residents can return the containers to the clinics, free of charge. Public Works pays for the containers, and the Public Health Department covers disposal fees. The program has been operational for many years and continues to be very popular. They also recently began to offer mail-back containers. The containers are free to residents and come with a postage-paid box in which to return the full containers. The mail-back program was incorporated into their franchise agreements and is administered by their haulers. In terms of promotion, flyers are distributed to local pharmacies

and clinics, diabetes education organizations, at public events, and the PHHWCF and temporary collection events.

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: Steven Lederer