



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

Home Composting Workshops – The 2009 composting workshop schedule appeared in the UVDS Summer Newsletter. The next up-valley workshop on landscape greenwaste composting will be held on Wed., Sept. 23 at Whiting Nursery in St. Helena at 6 p.m. Pre-registration is required – see www.cityofnapa.org/compost

Household Batteries Collections – Several years ago, the state banned disposal of rechargeable batteries at landfills due to their heavy metal content. In response, the UVWMA initiated a small drop-off collection program for the public at up-valley city halls. Agency staff continues to provide household battery collection at Calistoga and St. Helena City Hall, picking up the used batteries periodically when bins are full. Yountville Department of Public Works employees handle batteries collected at the Town Hall.

State law now requires some stores to take back old batteries from the public. Some of the stores in turn take advantage of an unusual, “free,” industry-sponsored mail-back program for rechargeable batteries. The local Central Valley and Steve's Hardware stores in St. Helena and the Silverado Hardware in Calistoga accept batteries as required. Compared to the store battery collections, the city hall efforts are problematic; they are un-monitored and some users leave trash and other materials in the

collection bins by the front counters. Further, some users have left unacceptable items that contain potentially hazardous materials, such as fluorescent lamps, ink cartridges and electrical switches. Since the private sector collection options seem to be working well, UVWMA staff is gathering input on the future need and appropriateness of the city hall battery collections.

Other Special Materials Collections

- | Agricultural Drip Hose - UVDS - Aug. 21, Nov. 20
- | Household Hazardous Waste - Calistoga Fairgrounds - previously scheduled for Oct. 24 - Cancelled!
- | Electronic Waste – Clover Flat Landfill - daily during business hours
- | Fluorescent Lamps – ****lamps from households only**** - Clover Flat Landfill or Central Valley and Steve's Hardware in St. Helena – during business hours

Update on Small Grant Funding for 2009-10

Staff reported at the last meeting that the UVWMA share of small grant funds from the state seemed stable for this fiscal year. Due to on-going budget adjustments in Sacramento, it now appears that there may, in fact, be cuts to the small grant funding that UVWMA uses for public recycling, outreach, and advertising. UVWMA receives \$25,000 annually in beverage container recycling funds from the State Dept. of Conservation. Staff used these funds last year to provide free recycling bins to businesses, schools and government buildings and to assist students and teachers with transportation to the recycling center or landfill, class activities, or waste reduction measures. It also helped sponsor and advertise earth day, Coastal Clean-up Day, Recycle America Day and other events. Though details have not been released, the state may divert a large portion of these funds away from local programs in this fiscal year.

County staff has received confirmation that the CA Integrated Waste Management Board will provide the same level of motor oil recycling grant funding (\$30,000) for the current fiscal year. The County uses these funds to pay for recycling drop-off sites for motor oil, oil filters, and used bilge pads from motor boats. This year County staff will continue to oversee operation of public motor oil drop-off sites at Pacific Union College, Clover Flat Landfill, St. Helena - Railroad Avenue, Yountville Corporation Yard, and Steele Park Resort at Lake Berryessa.

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