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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 and Recycling Activities Update

Household Hazardous Waste Event – UVWMA staff and the agency's hazardous waste (HW) contractor, PSC Environmental Services (PSC), have arranged to hold the annual fall HW collection event at Calistoga Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Calistoga Soroptimists and Calistoga Police Department have also scheduled their annual drug and sharps collection one week prior to this, on Saturday, October 18. Staff is therefore coordinating a joint publicity and advertising effort with those organizations to include newspaper display ads, flyers, posters, street banners, e-news notices, and listing on the billboard out front of the CalMart Store. PSC charged UVWMA \$17,895.86 for handling, packaging, shipping and disposal of HW from the Calistoga event last year. The agency paid PSC a total of \$34,085.86 for both the fall HW event in Calistoga and the spring event in Rutherford. Though staff anticipates a similar level of public participation and event costs this year, it will present information on actual costs of the October event to the Board by the end of this calendar year so that the Board may consider whether to move ahead with plans for a spring event.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors, UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners have completed another successful year of public workshops, including one in each of the up-valley cities. The organizations plan to develop a draft schedule of workshops for the new calendar year by February. Staff will report on the draft workshop schedule at a future meeting.

Beverage Container Recycling Program – UVWMA pools payments that CalRecycle issues to the four member agencies to create a \$25,000 annual local fund for beverage container and litter reduction activities. It uses the funds to purchase recycling bins for businesses, public buildings, community parks, streets, schoolyards and

public gathering areas and to support and advertise recycling at public and private events. The funds represent about 70% of all funding UVWMA budgets for waste reduction, recycling, litter abatement and related public education. Last year, the Governor issued a proposal to restructure this CalRecycle program and eliminate the funds distributed to local agencies like UVWMA. The proposal failed to pass key state legislative committees and will be taken up again this year. Staff will track actions related to the CalRecycle payment program and report to the Board.

Paint Recycling – The paint industry covers all costs of shipment and disposal of paints and other “coatings” accepted at up-valley HW events and at the “recycle only” HW collection station at the Yountville Water Treatment Plant. Residents and businesses can drop-off paint and coatings at the collection sites at no charge. The industry contracts with the non-profit group, “PaintCare” for packaging and shipping. Clover Flat Landfill recently holds an agreement with PaintCare for handling paints that the public delivers to the landfill. PaintCare lists acceptable paints and coatings on its website: www.paintcare.org.

Electronic Wastes – Clover Flat Landfill accepts TV’s, computers, monitors, microwaves, and other products with electronic components during regular business hours.

Irrigation Hose and Pipe Recycling - UVDRS will host a collection event at its recycling facility at Whitehall Lane on November 7, 2014.

Fluorescent Lamps – from households only – Central Valley Builders Supply in St. Helena has suspended its collection of lamps due to problems it was experiencing with businesses dropping off large quantities of lamps at the store. UVWMA staff has offered to help store managers establish a more manageable collection system but without success at this point. Several other businesses in up-valley communities continue to accept lamps from the public, including Steve’s Hardware in St. Helena, Silverado Ace Hardware and Clover Flat Landfill in Calistoga, College Hardware in Angwin, La Luna Market in Rutherford, and Yountville Corp. Yard – all during regular business hours.

Household Batteries - from households only – Central Valley Builders Supply in St. Helena has suspended its collection of batteries due to problems it was experiencing with businesses dropping off large quantities at the store. Store managers have not accepted a staff invitation to develop a more limited and manageable collection system at the store. A number of other up-valley businesses and agencies continue to accept batteries and bring them to Clover Flat Landfill, including Napa Valley Coffee Roasting Company and Steve’s Hardware in St. Helena and Silverado Ace Hardware in Calistoga. Town Hall and the Corporation Yard in Yountville also accept batteries from the public - during regular business hours.

Sharps and Pharmaceuticals Disposal – Calistoga Soroptimists and Calistoga Police will hold a drug and sharps collection event on Saturday, October 18 in front of the Calistoga Police Station. Up-valley residents can obtain a free sharps collection container at this event. Residents of up-valley communities can also drop-off old or unwanted medications and sharps at the local Clinic Ole offices – 661 Main St. in St. Helena or 911 Washington St. in Calistoga - during regular business hours. PSC accepts pharmaceuticals and sharps at periodic HW collection events held by UVWMA.

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

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