



Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Directors
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Upper Valley Waste Management Agency
REPORT BY: Steven Lederer, Director of Environmental Management - 253-4471
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 **has been moved to a new location**. The workshop, previously scheduled for Wed., Sept. 23 at Whiting Nursery in St. Helena at 6 p.m., will now be held at Rutherford Gardens, 1796 St. Helena Hwy (Hwy 29) on the same date and time. Pre-registration is required – see www.cityofnapa.org/compost

Household Batteries Collections – Our report for the last meeting described UVWMA efforts to accommodate safe disposal of household batteries that are banned by the state from landfills. We described public collection sites at local hardware stores and some problems with collection at city halls. Staff of city hall sites are unable to monitor collections there and patrons have left trash and potentially hazardous materials in the battery collection bins. After conferring with Calistoga and St. Helena city personnel, UVWMA staff discontinued battery collection at those city hall sites on September 15, 2009. Agency staff continues to support the up-valley hardware store battery collections. Yountville Department of Public Works employees continue to handle batteries collected at the Town Hall.

Other Special Materials Collections

- | Agricultural Drip Hose - UVDS - Nov. 20
- | Household Hazardous Waste - Calistoga Fairgrounds - previously scheduled for Oct. 24 -
Cancelled due to lack of funding
- | 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 recently reported that local agencies may face cuts to small grant funds 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, Division of Recycling. Staff has used these funds 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 still not been released, the state may divert a large portion of these funds away from local programs this year. We are unable to make additional expenditures on these activities and programs until we hear more on the availability of these funds in 2009-10.

County and UVWMA staff have initiated motor oil and filter program activities for 2009-10. We pay for these efforts with \$30,000 in grant funds from the CA Integrated Waste Management Board's annual "used motor oil block grant." In particular, we use the funds for motor oil, oil filter, and motor boat bilge pad hauling and recycling.

Staff continues to oversee operation of public motor oil and filter drop-off sites at Pacific Union College, Clover Flat Landfill, St. Helena Railroad Avenue, Yountville Corporation Yard, and temporarily at Steele Park Resort at Lake Berryessa. A few other county-sponsored motor oil and bilge pad collection sites ended operation this year, upon closure of most "resorts" at Lake Berryessa. Steele Park Resort is the last remaining concessionaire site at Berryessa hosting motor oil and filters collection from the public. This site will close when the park's concessionaire contract extension expires on October 31, 2009. Staff is seeking one or two replacement sites in the up-valley or east-county area for establishment of motor oil and filter recycling.

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