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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 – For the past three years, Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVWMA) has sponsored two hazardous waste collection events: a fall event at Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga and a spring event at the Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service facility in St. Helena. At a recent meeting, staff informed the Board of its preparations for the fall hazardous waste collections, scheduled for October 9 and 10. Since then, however, Napa County Fairgrounds management has become emergency shelter and assistance site for victims of the “valley fire” in Lake and north Napa Counties. As of September 15, there were over 800 people camping on the fairgrounds at the site where UVWMA’s hazardous waste collection contractor typically conducts the events. Napa County Fairgrounds Manager, Carlene Moore, has asked that UVWMA cancel its plan for a hazardous waste event at the fairgrounds this fall. Staff has halted all outreach and advertising for the event.

Paint Recycling – The paint industry, working through its affiliated non-profit group, “PaintCare,” handles and covers all costs of shipment and disposal of paints and other coatings dropped-off by the public at up-valley hazardous waste events, at the “recycle only” hazardous waste collection station in Yountville, and at Clover Flat Landfill. Up-valley residents and businesses can drop-off paints and coatings at these collection sites at no charge. PaintCare lists all acceptable paints and coatings on its website: www.paintcare.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 purchases of recycling bins for public buildings, parks, main streets, businesses, schoolyards, gathering areas, and public and private events. It also uses a portion of the funds for recycling-related

publicity and education. These funds represent most of the funding UVWMA budgets for waste reduction, recycling, and litter prevention. UVWMA staff applied for this funding earlier this year on behalf of each UVWMA member agency. In August, CalRecycle informed local agencies that it will delay by about two months its issuance of payments to applicants. If so, UVWMA member jurisdictions should receive payments by early November.

Home Composting Workshops – Workshop co-sponsors UVWMA, Napa County, City of Napa, and Napa County Master Gardeners scheduled 10 workshops for 2015, including three workshops in up-valley cities. Sponsors have completed two of the up-valley workshops thus far, one at the Calistoga Community Center on Saturday, April 25 and another at White Barn in St. Helena on Saturday, May 9. Over 35 local residents attended the two workshops. Program sponsors will host the last up-valley workshop of the season at Napa Valley Museum on Saturday, September 26. Interested residents may pre-register at www.cityofnapa.org/compost.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – Up-valley residents may drop-off sharps and old or unwanted medications that are not controlled substances at local Clinic Ole 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.

Napa County Green Business Program – Napa County will certify as a “Green Business” commercial or institutional entities that meet specific environmental standards for reduced energy use, water conservation, recycling and waste reduction, and pollution prevention. Napa Valley Vintners intends to help all of its member wineries become certified. Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVWMA) is assisting by providing recycling containers and signage for offices, wine production, food service, and picnic areas. Upper Valley Disposal and Recycling Service is providing waste service level audits and recycling and composting collection services.

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: Alice Ramirez