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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 (UVWMA) staff has set dates for the next hazardous waste (HW) collection event at the Napa County Fairgrounds in Calistoga; October 20 (business) and October 21 (residential). UVWMA's HW collections contractor, Clean Harbors, will accept HW from local households and small businesses that subscribe to Upper Valley Disposal Service (UVDS) collection services or use Clover Flat Landfill. UVWMA staff is advertising the event via; banner in downtown Calistoga, UVDS newsletter, Calistoga Tribune ad, St. Helena water bill insert, flyers to parents of students in Calistoga School District and flyers around the community.

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.

Napa County Green Business Program – County staff offers a Green Business certification to businesses that meet high environmental standards for reduced energy use, water conservation, recycling and waste reduction, and pollution prevention. UVWMA is assisting by providing interior recycling containers and signage for offices, wine production, food service, and picnic areas. UVDS is providing waste service level audits and a set of recycling and composting collection services. 11 up valley wineries and two up valley businesses were certified in FY 2016-17, seven up valley wineries and one up valley business has been certified so far in FY 2017-18.

Sharps and Medications Disposal – 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 is currently researching an additional location for a sharps drop off kiosk, focusing on areas that do not currently have a sharps drop off option.

Up valley residents can pick up a free sharps container at; Silverado Pharmacy in Calistoga, 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.

The DEA Prescription Drug Take Back Day is October 28, hours are 10am-2pm. UVWMA staff is coordinating sharps collection at the events. Locations up valley include; Calistoga Police Department, St. Helena Police Department and Yountville Sheriff Department. DEA funds disposal costs of collected medications, UVWMA will pay disposal costs for sharps.

UVWMA staff is working with Napa Sanitation staff on a mail back service for medications collected at up valley Ole Health locations, due to new Board of Pharmacy laws the programs there were out of compliance. UVWMA staff is also working with Napa Sanitation staff on a direct pickup service for publically collected sharps at up valley Ole Health locations. Napa Sanitation will contract with the medications and sharps collection companies, UVWMA will reimburse Napa Sanitation for the up valley portions of the costs.

Food Recovery/Food Waste Reduction – UVWMA staff have begun attending meetings of Waste Not Napa Valley, a grassroots community collaboration committed to improving food access and reducing food waste in Napa County. Members include community organization leaders, Leadership Napa Valley graduates and staff from various County departments. UVWMA staff is looking into how a partnership can be created to glean excess food from up valley and get the food to those in need. Waste Not Napa Valley is hosting a consensus workshop on November 3, 2017, 8:45am-noon at the Living Vine Church in Napa, UVWMA staff will attend the workshop. UVWMA staff will also attend a Safe Surplus Food Donation Training in October hosted by the California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health, the training is aimed at Public and Environmental Health regulators but it will be helpful for UVWMA staff to see how to collaborate with local environmental health staff.

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