# **City of Calistoga**

## Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Erik V. Lundquist, Senior Planner

DATE: February 15, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Community Resources Commission's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Recommendations

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:

Richard Spitler, City Manager

**ISSUE:** Consider the Community Resources Commission's (CRC's) recommendation requesting that the regional waste agency reestablish the temporary dedicated household hazardous waste collection events in upper Napa Valley.

5 6 **RECOMMENDATION**: Adopt Resolution

7 BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION: In the early 1990's, the City joined with up-valley 8 communities St. Helena, Yountville, and Napa County to form a waste management 9 agency to meet regional waste reduction and recycling requirements set forth by the 10 state. The agency is run by a board comprised of one representative from each of the 11 cities and two from the county. City Council Member, Karen Slusser serves as the City 12 of Calistoga representative. The agency, named Upper Valley Waste Management 13 Agency (UVA), hires the Upper Valley Disposal Service to collect recyclable items, 14 greenwaste, and trash from local homes and businesses. It also regulates activities and 15 user fees at Clover Flat Landfill. 16

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18 In previous years, it has hired a hazardous waste hauling company to hold special 19 collection events at Calistoga Fairgrounds. Although in 2009 and again in 2010, the 20 regional waste agency cancelled household hazardous waste events held previously at 21 Calistoga Fairgrounds, due to reductions in funding.

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As a result Calistogans have few options for safe and convenient disposal of most hazardous wastes (see Attachment 2). City residents and businesses can deliver a limited number of recyclable hazardous material types to Clover Flat Landfill, but must Household Hazardous Waste Collection Recommendation City Council Staff Report February 15, 2011 Page 2 of 2

travel much further out of their way to the collection facility near the City of American Canyon to dispose of their most toxic, corrosive and hazardous wastes.

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UVWMA funded the HHW collection events held in previous years through fees charged to users of Clover Flat Landfill. The events were free to all residents in up-valley communities. The economic slump has led to less waste arriving at the landfill and therefore less money collected in fees. To adjust for lower revenues, the agency has decided to cut hazardous waste collections.

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35 In May of 2010 the CRC made a similar recommendation and received favorable support from the City Council but unfortunately the UVWMA Board did not make the 36 necessary budget adjustments to fund the collection program. The CRC is still 37 concerned that the lack of convenient household hazardous waste collections will 38 encourage residents and businesses to stockpile dangerous materials or to dispose of 39 them inappropriately. As such, the CRC is again recommending that the City Council 40 adopt a resolution requesting the UVWMA reestablish the temporary dedicated 41 household hazardous waste collection events in upper Napa Valley so that residents 42 can rely on at least once a year convenient collection. The CRC also recommends that 43 the City Council solicit support from the City of St. Helena, the Town of Yountville, and 44 the County so that the Agency realizes the importance. 45

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#### 47 **ATTACHMENTS:**

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1. Draft Resolution

50 2. Excerpts from the Napa County Recycling Guide - Hazardous Information

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#### RESOLUTION 2011 - \_\_\_

### RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA REQUESTING THAT THE REGIONAL WASTE AGENCY REESTABLISH THE TEMPORARY DEDICATED HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENTS IN UPPER NAPA VALLEY

WHEREAS, unwanted household products labeled as flammable, toxic, corrosive or reactive are household hazardous wastes (HHW). The most common products include paints and thinners, cleaning chemicals, aerosols, batteries, automotive fluids, and pool and garden chemicals; and

WHEREAS, it is illegal to dispose of Household Hazardous (HHW) through your regular garbage collection service; and

WHEREAS, improper and illegal disposal can contaminate our drinking water, impede waste water treatment plants, pollute local waterways and endanger workers; and

WHEREAS, residents of Calistoga have few options for safe and convenient recycling or disposing of potentially hazardous materials; and

WHEREAS, providing convenient household hazardous waste collections will reduce residents and businesses from stockpile dangerous materials or to dispose of them inappropriately.

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17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Calistoga City Council hereby directs
18 Council Member Karen Slusser, its representative on the regional waste agency, to request that the
19 Upper Valley Waste Management Agency reestablish the temporary dedicated household
20 hazardous waste collection events in upper Napa Valley.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Calistoga City Council hereby
encourages that the respective representatives from the Cities of St. Helena, Town of Yountville
and the unincorporated Napa County support the request to reestablish the temporary dedicated
household hazardous waste collection events in upper Napa Valley.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calistoga at a
regular meeting held this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011, by the following vote:

JACK GINGLES, Mayor

29 30 AYES: 31 NOES: 32 **ABSENT/ABSTAIN:** 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 ATTEST: 40 41

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