Upper Valley Agency
WASTE MANAGEMENT

MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2011
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1.   CALL TO ORDER
The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at the Yountville Town Council Meeting Chambers. Chair Luce called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

2.   ROLL CALL
The following members were present: Mark Luce, Diane Dillon, Marjorie Mohler, and Sharon Crull. Member Karen Slusser was excused.

3.   PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Chair Luce led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4.   PUBLIC COMMENT
None

5.   CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

A.   Approval of Minutes
Staff requested approval of the January 10, 2011 regular meeting minutes.

Approved Consent Calendar: DD-MM-ML-SC-KS(X)

6.   ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A.   Elections
REQUESTED ACTION: Accept nominations and elect officers for Chair and Vice-Chair.

Vice Chair Dillon nominates Mark Luce for reappointment as Chair and Karen Slusser as Vice Chair:
DD-SC-MM-ML-KS(X)

B.   California Integrated Waste Management Act
David Briggs, ERS with the County of Napa, referred to his report on activities relevant to the Act found in the packet. In addition to the information in the packet, the following was discussed:

- Announcement: Sponsors of the Home Composting Workshops have scheduled four workshops for up-valley: Saturday, April 16 at Calistoga Community Center; Saturday, June 4 at Napa Valley Museum in Yountville; Wednesday, August 17 at The White Barn in St. Helena, and Thursday, October 6 at the Community Center in Yountville. Up-valley residents may register at no charge online.

- Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office has scheduled the Agricultural Chemical Container recycling event for Monday, April 25 at the County Corp. Yard in Yountville.

- Drip hose recycling events, which had been cancelled for the past year due to market conditions, are recommencing. UVDRS has scheduled two events, the first one will take place on Friday, May 6 and the second one is scheduled for Friday, November 4;

No action taken

C.   **Discussion and Possible Action**: Agency Manager requests Board direction in finalizing the discussion regarding development of a policy on waiver of fees and requests permission to create and send a letter from UVA to UVDS which documents the Board's determination.

The Agency Manager noted that passage of Proposition 26 prevents the board from adopting any policy that would allow one rate payer's funds to be used to decrease or waive fees for another customer.

Bob Pestoni commented that he was hoping for some consideration to continue waiving fees for the Napa Valley Wine Auction Event, due to their community involvement and benefits of the event to the county.

Member Dillon mentioned that the Board supported Proposition 26 to support Napa Valley wineries, and That Prop 26 prohibited this type of fee waiver.

Member Mohler commented that UVDS can make a one-time Donation, but it was noted that this would have to come out of company (not ratepayer) funds. .

Christy Abreu asked what the deadline date for implementation of the "no fee waiver" policy. Rob Paul and the Board confirmed that the policy change would take effect the next time the Board adopted new rates for UVDS (most likely July 1).

Member Dillon requested that the costs to conduct a Prop 26 election be investigated.

Agency Manager Steve Lederer stated that the question will be proposed to John Tuteur and will report at the next meeting.

Approved permission to create and send letter from UVA to UVDS documenting the Board's action: DD-SC-ML-MM-KS(X)

7.   FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS

A.   Franchise's Status
The information in the packet was discussed.

B.   Waste Management Companies' Issues
Christie Abreu states that draft newsletters are complete. Single Stream recycling statistics were not included in the newsletter due to large amount of events this month, but passed out the Single Stream pie chart handout to Board Members. Newsletter is currently being mailed to approximately 8,000 customers, not including hand deliveries to Mobile Parks. Newsletters are also online, placed around town, and are soon to be included in the Yountville Sun.

Member Mohler asked if Newsletter is online, and can it be added to town's website. Christie Abreu stated that she will e-mail the electronic version of the Newsletter to Yountville so it could be placed on their website.

UVDS is using some of its public education funds to sponsor transportation for school groups to facilitate landfill tours. UVDS currently has 5 schools scheduled for tours, with plans to subsidize 3 buses at this time.

Bob Pestoni mentioned that efforts towards installing the Methane Combustible engine system for using methane at CFL have been delayed and now have an expected installation date of September 2011, expected trial dates through October 2011 and expected operations to begin November or December 2011.

Agency Manager, Steve Lederer stated that Member Margie Mohler has requested that future Agenda packets be sent to Board members electronically to save paper. All present members agreed to receive

their packets electronically in the future, with a couple of extra hard copy packets available at the meeting as backups.

8.   **OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

A.   **Manager's Report**
Agency Manager, Steven Lederer, referred to his report on activities related to the Agency.   These included the following:

- Introduction of new Clerk, Julia Shackford.

- Monthly financial reports and annual CFL tonnage analysis were discussed. . The manager noted landfill surcharge revenue is on track to exceed budgeted revenues by about $10,000, but HHW expenses are also exceeding the current budget by about $5,000.

- Issues from the June rate setting process (gate opening charges, distance tables, language about curbside recycling, and milk cartons) will be returned to the Board for consideration shortly.

- Dave Briggs reported that a resolution from the City of Calistoga was received, requesting that UVA once again consider funding an HHW event in Calistoga. It was noted that a 2 year Grant is possibly available through CalRecycle – which could likely be utilized for temporary events. Application for grant is due April 15 and the Agency Manager intends to submit an application for 4 events over 2 years (2 in Calistoga and two in other rural areas of the county, such as Angwin).

No action taken.

B.   **Reports from Jurisdictions**

i.   Napa County: Still hoping to move forward with the AmCan landfill solar project, but the private financing is uncertain at this time. Approvals have been issued by planning department. Volumes at the Devlin Road Transfer Station remain flat.

ii.   Calistoga: Board Member not present

iii.   St. Helena: Nothing to report.

iv.   Yountville: Noted that the food waste program has been very well received in Yountville.
Christie Abreu stated that she is working on expanding the program to the CIA and St. Helena Hospital and that she expects the program to continue to grow.
Member Mohler mentioned Yountville Town garage-sale is approaching in May, and asked if funds were available for garbage service.
Agency Manager Steve Lederer stated that the Yountville town-garage-sale garbage service cost approximately $7,000 in the past. The Town of Yountville currently has a "free service" balance of approximately $3,700 to cover part of that total cost. Town of Yountville would be responsible to pick up the difference.

No action taken.
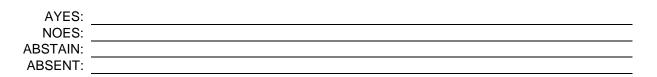

C.   **Board of Directors Comments**

None.

D.   **Future Agenda Items**
The Agency Manager noted that April 18th meeting may or may not be cancelled due to lack of items.
Member Mohler stated that she will be out of Country but would alert her alternate.

9.   ADJOURNMENT

   Meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

AYES: _____
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN: _____
ABSENT: _____

By: _____
   ATTEST: Steven Lederer, Manager of the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

KEY
Vote: DD = Diane Dillon; MM = Marjory Mohler; ML = Mark Luce; SC = Sharon Crull; KS = Karen Slusser
The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.
Notations next to vote: N = No; X = Excused; A = Abstain; B = Absent