

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 21, 2025
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, April 21, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at the Yountville Town Council Chambers. Chair Cottrell called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Alternate Member Lopez-Ortega, Member Barak, Chair Cottrell, Member Manfree, and Member Bolt Trippe.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Cottrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

During this period, anyone who wishes to speak to the Authority Board of Directors regarding any subject over which the Board has jurisdiction that is not on the agenda or to request consideration to place an item on a future Board agenda, may do so at this time. Individuals will be limited to a three-minute presentation. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL TAKE NO ACTION AS A RESULT OF ANY ITEM PRESENTED AT THIS TIME.

Jose Hernandez, long time resident of Napa County and an equal rights advocate throughout California stated his concerns on the long-term mistreatment of the Latino workforce at Upper Valley Disposal Service and Clover Flat Landfill and related environmental and public safety issues.

Geoff Ellsworth, former Mayor of St. Helena and now a Member of California League of United Latin American Citizen's, commented on various concerns pertaining to Clover Flat Landfill. He also provided his notes as a handout that has been uploaded to the meeting agenda website. He made similar Public Comment on items 4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 7A, 7B, 8A, 8B, 8C.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of the February 10, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Approved Consent Item 5A: AB, AM, AC, HBT and IL-O.

B. APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT 3 WITH AGENCY COUNSEL CHW

DISCUSSION AND REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of and authorize the Chair to sign Amendment No. 3 with Agency Counsel Colantuono, Highsmith & Whately (CHW), extending the agreement for one year with additional option years at the Agency's option.

Pulled for discussion - Approved Consent Calendar item 5B with discussed modifications for annual Board review of the contract: HBT, AB, AC, IL-O and AM.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. PUBLIC HEARING: APPROVAL OF THE 2025/2026 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff requests approval and adoption of Agency Resolution No. 25-02 adopting the proposed final budget for fiscal year 2025/2026.

Agency Manager, Steve Lederer summarized staff report.

Approved Administrative Item 6A: AB, AM, AC, HBT and IL-O.

B. CALIFORNIA INTERGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Staff to provide an update on the status of activities relevant to the Act.

Agency's staff, Amanda Griffis, summarized staff report and highlighted some sections of the agenda report.

7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Franchises' Status

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Manager and Company provided an update concerning the implementation of franchises' activities.

Agency Manager, Steve Lederer introduced this staff report. Company's Mark Gingrich and Michael Windsor, Regional Engineer – Waste Connection's Golden State Division California presented the Proposed Closure – Post Closure Plan Timeline PowerPoint Presentation.

B. Waste Management Companies' Issues

DISCUSSION ITEM: This is an opportunity for the franchisee(s) to discuss/raise any items of concern they may wish the UVA to consider.

Nothing to report.

8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS

A. Manager's Report

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Manager to provide a written update on the status of current activities.

Agency Manager, Steve Lederer summarized staff report.

Also worth noting, effective July 1, 2025 UVDS rates will increase by the Bay Area CPI, 2.69%. per the existing contract. No additional board action is needed.

B. Reports from Jurisdictions

DISCUSSION ITEM: Reports by the member jurisdictions of current information relevant to the Agency:

- i. Napa County: Member Manfree reported she will be moderating a discussion today at the Napa Main Library from 5-7pm, with the Napa Valley Democrats, talking about restoring Napa's watersheds. Chair Cottrell attended the City of Napa event held for business recycling awards with a breakfast ceremony For both non-profits and local businesses.
- ii. Calistoga: Busy with major focus on opening the Fairgrounds.
- iii. St. Helena: Nothing to report.
- iii. Yountville: Nothing to report.

C. Future Agenda Items

DISCUSSION ITEM: Discussion of any items Board members wish to have addressed at a future meeting date.

Chair Cottrell requests we add the contract with CHW, as Agency Counsel, to future annual meetings in April for contract renewal approval, rather than autorenewal, as suggested by Member Bolt Trippe and approved by this board today.

Member Bolt Trippe would like more info and history on the community grant program, including minimum and maximum amounts.

Chair Cottrell requested this agency make the agenda more electronically navigable and easier to go through and suggested we use the same program the County uses.

Agency Manager suggests we hold this meeting and a tour of White Hall Lane facility at either our June or August meeting.

Chair Cottrell suggests looking into the possibility of a field trip to see waste transfer operations in other facilities. Discussion on possible locations at a future meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:19 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agency Board of Directors will be held on Monday, June 23, 2025 at 1:30p.m. in the Yountville Town Chambers or as noted.

AYES: SC, HBT, AB, AM, AC
NOES: _____
ABSTAIN (A): _____
ABSENT(B): _____
EXCUSED(X): _____

By: 

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

KEY

Vote: AC = Anne Cottrell; AB = Aaron Barak; AM = Amber Manfree; HBT = Hillery Bolt Trippe; KS = Kate Spadarotto;
IL-O = Irais Lopez-Ortega; JG = Joelle Gallagher; PR = Pam Reeves; SC = Scott Cooper;
The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.
Notations next to vote: Y = Ayes; N = No; A = Abstain; B = Absent; X = Excused