



# Napa County

## Board Agenda Letter

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Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVWMA)  
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**Agenda Date:** 2/10/2025

**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Manager, UVWMA  
**REPORT BY:** Alice Ramirez - Secretary/Clerk, UVWMA  
**SUBJECT:** Approval of Minutes

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of the December 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes.

### **BACKGROUND**

Staff recommends approval of the December 16, 2024 regular meeting minutes. \*Minutes attached.

### **FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN 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.

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 16, 2024**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. at the Yountville Town Council Chambers. Chair Mohler called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Member Cooper, Vice Chair Cottrell, new member Aaron Barak and Chair Mohler. Member Pedroza was absent.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Mohler 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.*

Two email Public Comment submissions received just prior to the board meeting.  
Email from Geoff Ellsworth on 12/16/24 at 9:06am – Uploaded to Agenda website.  
Email from Beth Leeds on 12/16/24 at 12:37pm – Uploaded to Agenda website.

**5. CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of the June 24, 2024, regular meeting minutes.

**B. ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval and Acceptance of the Authority's annual June 30, 2024 financial audit.

Approved Consent Calendar items 5A and 5B: AnneC, SC, MM, and AB.

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A. 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.

Companies' Christy Pestoni added an update on SB-54.

**B. LEVINE ACT TRAINING**

PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: Agency Counsel Gary Bell will provide the Board training on Senate Bills 1181 & 1243, Reporting and Recusal Requirements for Campaign Contributions.

Agency Counsel Gary Bell presented this item.

**7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Franchises' Status**

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

Nothing to report.

**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, and noted the attached report of regulatory compliance published by the Water Board and Napa County Fire.

Public Comment: Company's Carlos Ramirez District Manager at Upper Valley, would like to take this opportunity to thank all the agencies, including LEA, Water Board, and Fire Department for their diligent review and investigation of various recent allegations and for providing their written final report.

**B. Reports from Jurisdictions**

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

- i. Napa County: County approved Reusable Food Ware ordinance. Education and outreach throughout this year.
- ii. Calistoga: Mandatory Commercial Ordinance will hopefully be brought to the City Council soon.
- iii. St. Helena: Nothing to report.
- iii. Yountville: 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of incorporation. Adding a history note on garage, where in 1965 passed an ordinance regulating storage collection and disposal of garbage and refuse and fixed rates for collection and disposal and prescribed penalties. 8 years ago added mandatory service.

**C. Future Agenda Items**

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

Companies' Christy Pestoni suggested providing and presenting a PowerPoint on SB-54 at a future meeting.

Staff to bring back a draft policy in support of the Levine Act.

Board requested an educational discussion for the public as to where recyclables go after they are picked up.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 2:26 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agency Board of Directors will be held on Monday, February 10, 2025 at 1:30p.m. in the Yountville Town Chambers or as noted.

AYES: SC, AB, AC

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAIN (A): HBT, AM

ABSENT(B): \_\_\_\_\_

EXCUSED(X): \_\_\_\_\_

By: AL

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

**KEY**

Vote: AP = Alfredo Pedroza; AnneC = Anne Cottrell; AB = Aaron Barak; HBT = Hillery Bolt Trippe; IL-O = Irais Lopez-Ortega;  
~~MM = Margie Mohler~~; ~~MD = Michelle Deasy~~; RG = Ryan Gregory; 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