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August 6, 2024

Upper Valley Waste Management Agency  
Secretary, Alice Ramirez  
Director, Steven Lederer

County Administration Building  
1195 Third Street  
Napa, CA 94559

## RE: Urgent Need To Decommission Clover Landfill

Dear Upper Valley Waste Management Agency,  
We want to add Non-Toxic Neighborhoods to the growing coalition in strong support of decommissioning Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling (owned by Waste Connections, purchased in 2022 from Upper Valley Disposal Services) and move its waste operations to a safer, less environmentally sensitive location than the current CalFire High Fire Severity Zone at the top of the Napa River watershed/water source area.

Please consider:

- UVDS/Clover Flat Landfill has operated on no-bid contracts for over 60 years. There has been a litany of environmental violations, water pollution, and fires, and the company was found to be in breach of contract.
- Active investigations by the FBI/US Justice Department, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Fish & Wildlife, EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the Local Enforcement Agency CalRecycle.
- Napa County Supervisors and Staff have largely ignored the citizens' concerns regarding pollution, water contamination, fires, noxious odors, and noise pollution from UVDS/CFL.
- Racial and social justice issues with dozens of current and former UVDS/CFL Latino employees filing State and Federal complaints against Upper Valley Disposal Service and Clover Flat Landfill for unsafe working conditions, discrimination, poor business practices, and environmental violations.
- Violations lodged by every oversight agency with jurisdiction over UVDS/CFL: CalFire, Fish & Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Napa County Planning & Building, Air Quality Control Board, CalRecycle, and OSHA.

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency has a responsibility to protect Napa's natural resources.

Kind Regards,  
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## Ramirez, Alice

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**From:** Kim Konte <kim@nontoxicneighborhoods.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 6, 2024 10:43 AM  
**To:** Ramirez, Alice; Lederer, Steven  
**Cc:** Napa County Public Works; Griffis, Amanda; Ex, Peter; F. Franz; Susie Rupp  
**Subject:** In strong support of decommissioning Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling  
**Attachments:** Decommission Clover Flat Landfill .pdf

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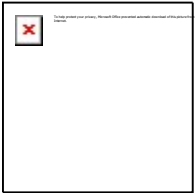
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**\* Please find the attached letter in strong support of decommissioning Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling that we would like to have included in the public record. Thank you for your attention to this matter.**



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