



AGENCY RESOLUTION #22-07

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UPPER VALLEY WASTE MANAGEMENT AGENCY CONSENTING TO THE ASSIGNMENT OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH CLOVER FLAT LAND FILL INC.

WHEREAS, the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (hereinafter referred to as "Agency") is a joint exercise of powers authority organized and operating under California Government Code section 6500 et seq. (the "Joint Exercise of Powers Act") and a separate and distinct public entity from its member agencies which include the County of Napa, the City of Calistoga, the City of St. Helena, and the Town of Yountville (the member agencies are collectively referred to herein as "Members" and individually as "Member"); and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of California, by enactment of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (the "Act") (California Public Resources Code section 40000 et seq.), has declared that it is in the public interest to authorize and require local agencies to make adequate provisions for Solid Waste Collection within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Public Resources Code section 40059 and Section 6.1(a) of the JPA Formation Agreement between the Members, the Agency may determine whether services are provided by a partially exclusive or wholly exclusive franchise, either with or without competitive bidding, and has the authority to prescribe the terms and conditions under which services are provided thereunder; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2020 the Agency and Clover Flat Land Fill Inc. ("CFLF") entered into that certain "Amended and Restated Franchise Agreement Between Upper Valley Waste Management Agency and Clover Flat Land Fill Inc. for Construction and Demolition Debris, Organic Materials, and Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Services," which is fully incorporated herein by this reference (the "CFLF Franchise Agreement");

WHEREAS, Section 12.6 of CFLF Franchise Agreement prohibits the assignment of the agreement without the consent of the Agency and authorizes the Agency to place reasonable conditions thereon;

WHEREAS, Section 12.6 of the CFLF Franchise Agreement defines "assignment" to include, among other things: (i) a sale, exchange or other transfer of ten (10) percent or more of the corporate assets, stock, or ownership of CFLF, (ii) an arrangement which results in a change of ownership or control of ten (10) percent or more of the value or voting rights in local, regional, and/or corporate stock of CFLF, and (iii) any combination of the foregoing which has the effect of any such transfer or change of local, regional, and or corporate ownership and/or

control of CFLF; and

WHEREAS, CFLF is a wholly owned subsidiary of Whitehall Corporation, a California corporation, and all of the stock of Whitehall Corporation is being sold to Upper Valley Disposal Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“UVDH”), which is a wholly owned subsidiary of Waste Connections US, Inc., a Delaware corporation (“WCI”), thus constituting an “assignment” under Section 12.6 of the CFLF Franchise Agreement (the “Assignment”); and

WHEREAS, WCI and CFLF are corporations in good standing and authorized to transact business in the State of California, in the business of Construction and Demolition Debris, Organic Materials, and Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Services; and

WHEREAS, the Agency desires to consent to the Assignment, having determined that UVDH and WCI are qualified to provide for Construction and Demolition Debris, Organic Materials, and Solid Waste Processing and Disposal Services within the Service Area of the Agency and the Transportation of such material to appropriate places of Processing, Recycling, Composting, and/or Disposal.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors consents to the Assignment subject to the following reasonable conditions:

1. The consent provided by this Resolution shall expire one hundred twenty (120) days from the effective date of this Resolution such that the Assignment must occur within that timeframe or CFLF must seek further consent from the Agency for this or any other assignment of the CFLF Franchise Agreement;
2. CFLF, WCI, and/or UVDH shall notify the Agency in writing of the effective date of the Assignment no later than the date thereof;
3. CFLF, UVDH and WCI, jointly and severally, shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Agency and the Members, individually and/or collectively, their appointed and elected officials, employees, and/or independent contractors from and against any and all claims, suits, losses, costs, or expenses arising out of or related to the Agency’s consent to the Assignment; provided, however, that the foregoing obligation to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Agency and the Members: (i) shall not apply to claims, suits, losses, costs, or expenses to the extent such are contained and specifically pled in litigation involving the Agency or the Members that was filed in a court of competent jurisdiction before the effective date of this Resolution, but (ii) shall apply to all other claims, suits, losses, costs, or expenses arising out of or related to the Agency’s consent to the Assignment.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors finds that this consent to assignment is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15061(b)(3) (CEQA only applies to projects which have potential for causing a significant effect on the environment). This consent to assignment merely approves the legal assignment of the CFLF Franchise Agreement from one party to another and makes no changes whatsoever to the CFLF Franchise Agreement itself. To the extent this assignment is a project under CEQA, it is exempt under CEQA Guidelines 15301, 15306, 15307, 15308, 15273, and 15183.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Agency's Director and General Counsel may take all other steps necessary or convenient to effectuate this consent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was duly adopted at a special meeting of said Board of Directors of the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency in the County of Napa, State of California, held on the 17th day of October 2022 by the following vote:

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

By _____
Margie Mohler, Chair
Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM

By: _____
Steve Lederer, Director
Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

By: _____
Gary Bell, Agency Counsel
_____, 2022