Upper Valley Agency
WASTE MANAGEMENT

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 18, 2025
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, August 18, 2025, at 1:30p.m. at the Yountville Town Council Chambers. Vice Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:31p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The following members were present: Member Barak, Vice Chair Cooper, Alternate Member Gallagher, Member Bolt Trippe, and Member Manfree (arrived during Public Comment, item #4).

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Cooper 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 Napa County community member and working with LULAC, League of United Latin American Citizens, stated continued concerns and looking for accountability to decades of impacts to the Latino workforce at Upper Valley Disposal Service and Clover Flat Landfill. The landfill closing is bringing some accountability to this matter but still sees the current activities continue to put the community at risk. He would like to see the Company reconcile the decades of impacts to the Latino workforce.

Agency Manager, Steve Lederer, noted we received a Public Comment, just prior to the board meeting, from Geoff Ellsworth and it was distributed to the Board and will be attached to the following meeting's agenda as public comment.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of the June 23, 2025, regular meeting minutes.

Approved Consent Item 5A: AB, HBT, AM, SC and JG.

6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

A. CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED 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.

Alternate Member Gallagher asked about the Food Recovery program eligibility and if any eligible hospitals and hotels currently participate.

Agency Staff Amanda Griffis responded there are hospitals and one specifically working with another agency to distribute. There are a few hotels participating as well.

Member Trippe asked for additional information regarding compost and why the need to buy compost in addition to what we already generate.
Agency Staff Amanda Griffis and Company's Carlos Ramirez, District Manager responded.

Member Trippe appreciates all the signages with what goes in what bins and the lid lifting process being helpful. Also asked if paper cups, including coffee cups (even with a lining), if they are recyclable now?

Agency Staff Amanda Griffis confirmed paper cups are recyclable here due to the Company's grant and processed offsite.

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, recommends everyone take a look at the attached Quarterly report that includes lots of good information.

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 this item and added the California building code/Cal green requires a high level of diversion for all construction projects. The company processes C&D loads at Clover Flat but recently asked the Agency to allow them to transfer some of the high level loads to the Potrero Hills facility. Company's letter and Agency Manager's response attached to this agenda item.

Member Trippe asked if the Agency Manager will report back on the landfill closure processes.

Agency Manager confirmed he will keep the board informed and also bring back future discussion of the process in the future.

B. Reports from Jurisdictions

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

- i. Napa County: Nothing to report.
- ii. Calistoga: Public Works Director Derek Rayner gave a report to his Council on capital improvements for the year and expressed his gratitude for the contribution towards the street sweeper (purchased through this agency's grant program).
- 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.

None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:54p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agency Board of Directors will be held on Monday, October 20, 2025 at 12:30p.m. on site at UVDS/Whitehall Lane Recycling or as noted.

AYES: ______________________________

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