Upper Valley Agency
WASTE MANAGEMENT

MINUTES OF THE JUNE 22, 2026
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1. CALL TO ORDER
The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, June 22, 2026, at 1:30p.m. at Yountville Town Council Chambers. Vice-Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:31p.m.

2. ROLL CALL
The following members were present: Vice Chair Cooper, Member Bolt Trippe, Member Manfree, Member Barak; Chair Cottrell was excused.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Vice Chair Cooper led us in 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.
The Agency is experimenting with broadcasting the meeting, which could allow the acceptance of public comment remotely. This meeting will be accessible both in person and online via Microsoft Teams. If the technology does not work, the meeting will still proceed as planned. You are invited to attend via this Teams meeting. Please click the link below to join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/221742840995724?p=BHfYiTnBMIXe9eBj1X: Meeting ID: 221 742 840 995 724 Passcode: ZZ3bs62j or Telephone: Dial: 1 323-591-9484 Phone conference ID: 342 939 425#

Chris Malan at 2945 Atlas Peak Rd also the Executive Director of the Institute for Conservation Advocacy Research and Education, thanked the board for live microphones and the helpful name tags. She also brought up several concerns at the landfill including correspondence previously shared with this Board and requested a future presentation by Patrick Ryan regarding his erosion control inspection report.

Agency Manager, Steve Lederer reminded the Board of this communication he received from Ms. Malan with Alyx Karpowicz (Engineering Geologist with Regional Water Quality Control Board) that was then forwarded to this Board a few months ago and is included in this agenda.

* Public Comment: Geoff Ellsworth, Member of California League of United Latin American Citizen's and former Mayor of St. Helena and is thankful for this remote access for transparency. Still waiting to hear more about (landfill) closure and would like to see it agenized. Concerned of the high fire risk areas still needing items moved for safety. CA LULAC has submitted a report to CA Labor Agency with impacts to waste workers with focus on Clover Flat Landfill, Chiquita Canyon Landfill in southern California and another Bay area landfill company. Will share more info at next meeting. Also interested in profit and financial information for the company this agency regulates.

5. CONSENT ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of the April 20, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

B. APPROVE AGREEMENT WITH CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP FOR AUDIT SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEARS ENDING JUNE 30, 2026, 2027 AND 2028.
REQUESTED ACTION: Approve and authorize Agreement No. 260385B with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP ("CLA") for audit services for fiscal years ending June 30, 2026, 2027 and 2028, in an amount not to exceed $3,300 per contract year, with two optional one-year renewals. **(Fiscal Impact:** $3,300 Expense; UVWMA 8200000; budgeted; Mandatory) 26-1032

C. APPROVAL OF DISCOUNT PROGRAM FOR ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED CUSTOMERS.
DISCUSSION AND REQUESTED ACTION: Board to approve a Discount Program for Economically Disadvantaged Customers as described below and authorize the Agency Manager to develop the administrative procedures for the program.

D. APPROVAL OF AB 1812 SUPPORT LETTER AND AUTHORIZATION FOR CHAIR TO SIGN DISCUSSION AND REQUESTED ACTION: Agency Manager requests approval of a letter in support of AB 1812 (Aguiar-Curry) Solid waste: compostable products and authorization for the Chair to sign the letter.

Approved Consent Items 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D: AM, AB, HT and SC.

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 staff, Amanda Griffis, summarized staff report and highlighted some sections of the agenda item.

Member Bolt Trippe asked for an update on the film plastic grant.
Agency staff, Amanda Griffis responded it was supposed to go out July 1st but will be a bit delayed. More info to come from Waste Connections.

*Please see above in Public Comment section from Geoff Ellsworth, Member of California League of United Latin American Citizen's and former Mayor of St. Helena intended for initial public comment.

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, summarized this item. Waste Connections would like to address the status of the (landfill) closure. Also wanted to mention rates will increase on 7/1/26 by CPI rate of 2.48%. New cycle in the works for the next 3 years. This agency does not regulate the rates at Clover Flat and those will be going up as well.

Carlos Ramirez with Waste Connections gave a brief update on the landfill closure. He mentioned the upcoming rate increase at CFL is 4.6% for the members of the public.

Agency Manager Steve Lederer introduced the new LEA staff member, the new Peter Ex. Ashley Feigel is willing to come to the next meeting to discuss regulatory oversight update on the landfill. We will add this to the next meeting agenda. Also introduced Mackenzie Anderson with CHW, who is here in place of Gary Bell for this meeting.

Vice Chair Cooper asked for clarification on the agency's role when it comes to the landfill closure. The Agency Manager summarized the Agency's role, and Counsel has previously prepared a memo for the board members discussing role of upper valley and other regulatory bodies.

Public Comment: Chris Malan has additional concerns about the closure processes and other current activity concerns and still waiting to see the closure plan.

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. Would like to also see the plan to keep leachate out of the waters of the state with the continued leachate removal.

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.
Discussion about the budgeted amount for Counsel. Also explained the current live streaming through the OWL equipment for today's meeting, which will also allow for online public comments. Agency Manager will follow up on the recording and saving video recording options.

Public Comment: Geoff Ellsworth insists the connection problem was not on his end but on ours and requests additional testing before the next meeting. Asks who regulates the rates of Clover Flat now, since Agency Manager stated this agency does not. He would also like the documents that state the roles of this agency and provide that to the public. He also believes the DA report needs to be posted for the public to see.

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: Agendized for tomorrow meeting the mandatory commercial waste collection. Also on the agenda is future grant application.

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.

Public Comment: Chris Malan would like more reporting on the PFAS and the pollution coming down the landfill. She believes this is a problem that needs to be addressed and it's affects to the public. Found and reached out to the City of St. Helena about why their well is failing.

Member Barak offered to receive any questions or comments from member of the public, Chris Malan.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agency Board of Directors will be held on Monday, August 17, 2026, at 1:30p.m. in the Yountville Town Council Meeting Chambers 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; HT = Hillery Trippe;
IL-O = Irais Lopez-Ortega; JG = Joelle Gallagher; MM = Margie Mohler; 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