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Subject: RE: Comments on Upper Valley Waste Manage Agency
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Received, thank you.

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Dear Board,

Please include my comments below in the agenda.

To Upper Valley Waste Management Agency,

Please distribute this to the full Board and Staff and include comments with the online agenda.

This is a request to:

- Immediately provide remote access to UVWMA board meetings. The community you serve has a right to accessible information regarding their health, safety and public dollars. Your budget allows this and the [Yountville](#) Town Council Chambers where you meet has all necessary technology.
- Also make recent and current agendas available on UVWMA website.
- Waste Connections has not submitted the paperwork for closure even though they stated before the UVWMA Board that they would submit closure documents by the end of 2025 (see article below). This commitment to the UVWMA Board and community has not occurred. Given their history of declaring closure in other communities without following through, the Board should ask for updates and ensure they hold the corporation to this commitment.
- <https://www.pressdemocrat.com/2025/04/24/closure-of-troubled-napa-valley-landfill-likely-to-begin-in-2027/>
- It is long past time to close Clover Flat Landfill in Napa County, owned by Upper Valley Disposal Service/Waste Connections.
- Continuing operations with volatile fuel loads in a high wildfire risk zone continues unnecessary wildfire and public safety risk to Napa Valley and surrounding counties.
- Continuing to increase toxic contamination loads in Napa County water resource areas (headwaters of the Napa River watershed) poses an unnecessary risk of large scale contamination of Napa Valley water resources.
- It is also long past time to move operations away from the UVDS/Waste Connections Whitehall Lane recycling/garbage processing and compost yard.

- - This site has a history of fires in close proximity to communities and high wildfire risk zones of west Napa Valley hills - creating unnecessary ongoing wildfire risk and public safety risk. This site also continues to process large scale toxic contamination loads at the center of the Napa Valley Agricultural Preserve/wine growing region and in the flood zone of the nearby Napa River, allowing continuing unnecessary large scale contamination risk. This is site that was originally a pig farm not built or intended to process high volumes of recycling, garbage or compost with inherent contamination loads.
 - Provide accountability to workers for long term exposure to fires and contamination.
 - Provide the competitive bidding for garbage services through your government contracts that the community has a legal right to, and which has been denied them the past sixty years (6 decades), to ensure transparency and secure the best value for public funds.

To see the devastating impacts to a community from long-term landfill mismanagement please watch this 13 minute documentary *Buried Consequences on the Chiquita Canyon Landfill/Santa Clarita in Southern California* another Waste Connections landfill.

Buried Consequences Documentary on Chiquita Canyon Landfill/Santa Clarita Ca.

<https://youtu.be/WvoUOmcTFBA?si=emIMrDjDKthQ5jCf>

Respectfully,

Kellie & Steve Kuhler

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