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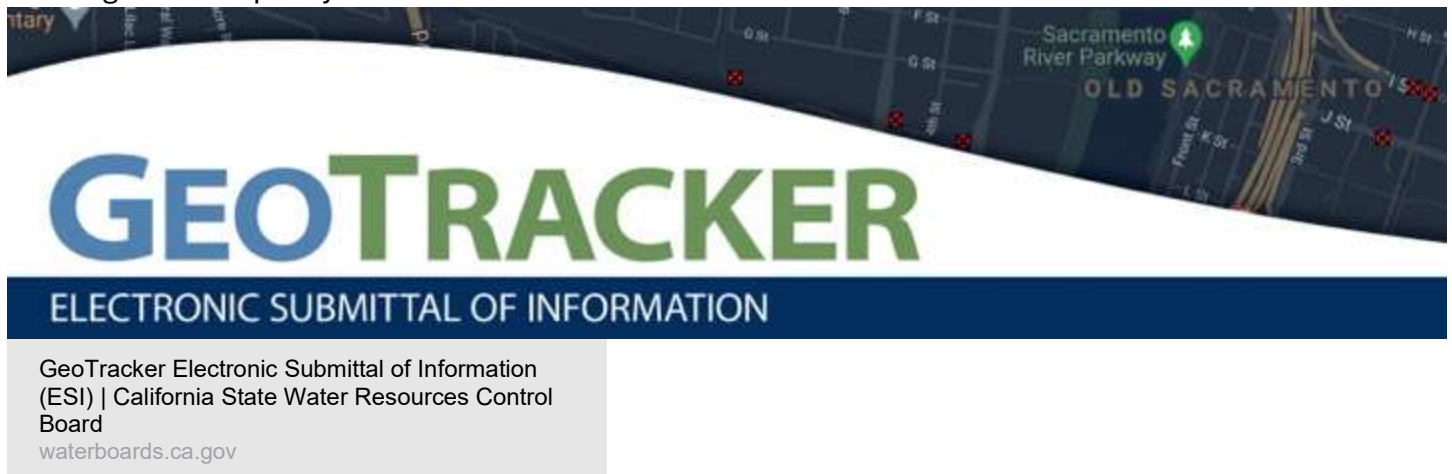
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Good Morning Upper Valley Waste Management Agency and the Local Enforcement Agency/LEA,

Regarding: Public Comments for 2.20.26 meeting for the Board in writing and distribution to

1. Can you add zoom options to the meetings?

2. Can your website provide this link to the State Water Resource Control Board's/SWRCB electronic tracking of water quality known as GeoTracker seen here:



This website provides vital information to the public about water quality pollution to the waters of the state such as: inspection reports, water quality data/Golder clean up and abatement orders, permits.

Currently, Napa's website does not provide any links to any of the pollution, violations, permitting, etc. issues going on with Clover Flat Landfill, yet this site is discharging egregious pollution with high maximum limits of contaminants/MCL exceedences such as: PFAS, volatile organic compounds/VOCs, heavy metals, nitrates, in the leachate flowing off the landfill to the waters of the State per these recent reports found at GeoTraker, i.e.:

3. According to the Department of Fish and Wildlife/DFW, CFL did not sign the Stream Bed Alteration

Permit required for the extensive stream restoration plan, according to an attachment sent by PBES on 1.10.26. Do you have the fully executed SBAP signed from DFW and if so can you post this to the County website.

4. Were any of the erosion control failures, including new land sliding, cited at the January 2026 inspection reported to you by the SWRCB's inspection report? If not, why not? Since the leachate is highly polluted and when it runs off the site it pollutes the surface water and continues to pollute the groundwater, this site should be scheduled to close as discussed two years ago but no progress has been made to close CFL before 2047. Currently, the LEA has no guidance or information about a closure plan.

5. In the most recent Golder report on water quality regarding PFAS at the site Appendix B was not available. Therefore can you provide it to the public at the County website. Can all of the Golder reports be either linked to GeoTracker at the County's website or posted directly to the County's website?

[In Collective Protection of Mother Earth, So All May Live On,](#)

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Clover Flat Landfill Site Inspection

Inspection Report Date: January 14, 2026

Inspection Date: January 13, 2026

Attendees: Alyx Karpowicz, Regional Water Board; Jennifer Simpson-VanDam, Napa County; Rick Mitchell, Geo-Logic; and Mike Winter, Dave Jappert, Chad Hartman, and Carlos Ramirez with Waste Connections.

The purpose of the inspection was to see how the site fared after a wet December, since Calistoga received nearly 30 inches of rain from 12/19/24 to 1/4/26. The site was inspected from bottom to top.

The creek was flowing well and was free of foam and excess sediment. The stormwater outfall pipe had ponding and fine sediment around it leading to the creek. While the BMPs in place helped drop out most of the fine sediment, the area needs to be cleared and ensure that stormwater is flowing through the channelized area only and not spreading across the ground uncontrolled.



Creek, looking SE



Stormwater conveyance outlet



Fine sediment accumulation near creek

The lowest closed portion of the landfill, Module 1A, has tree growth reappearing in the final cover post-Glass Fire (2020) burn of the previous growth. I informed Waste Connections to remove any deep-rooted growth that could potentially impact the final cover, they agreed to get that work done this week.



Small trees starting to regrow on Module 1A, looking NW

The scrim placed on Modules 3, 1, 1B, and 2B held up well in the storms and successfully kept stormwater from infiltrating the waste and leachate seeps from surfacing. The berm placed across the access road from Module 5B was covered in scrim as well, after an inspection in the Fall of 2024 noted the berm material was low-pH soil and orange staining was present after a rainstorm.



Module 3 and 1



Module 1 and 1B



Berm across from Module 5B

Module 5B is being filled incrementally, with the western half still used as stormwater collection until this summer when another portion of 5B is expected to be filled with waste. Low-pH water coming down the bench from the northern soil borrow area is still being treated with lime pellets prior to discharging into the stormdrain and ultimately the creek. Some areas of Posi shell have failed on the slope above Module 5B and should be repaired.



Module 5B- active filling area



Module 5B- end of filled area with cover, and stormwater pond



Low-pH water treatment dispenser



Stormwater holding prior to discharge



Posi shell damage above Module 5B

The small landslide present in the northern area of the site was stabilized, with large boulders removed and grading performed from mid October 2025 through early November 2025. The slide was partially activated by the heavy rainfall on December 30, 2025, with soil material falling downslope, but not making it as far as the newly graded bench below. The area will be repaired in the coming week(s) of dry weather by removing excess soil, cleaning out the drain at the base of the slide, and clearing debris from the stormwater conveyance pipe and drain below the toe of the slide.



Landslide area, looking west



Toe of landslide, looking southwest

The newly graded road below the landslide needs minor repairs after excess stormwater runoff created rills and erosion channels. The stormwater drain at the toe of the landslide should be cleared and a stormwater dissipator added, and a culvert or drainage channel should be added along the northern side of the road leading to the drain at the toe of the slide to prevent erosion of the road during future storm events.



Roadway below landslide, rilling from runoff (looking W)



Stormwater pip below toe of landslide, filled with sediment