



**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 2026  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, April 20, 2026, at 1:30p.m. at Yountville Town Council Chambers. Vice-Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 1:37p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Vice Chair Cooper, Member Bolt Trippe, Member Manfree; Chair Cottrell and Member Barak were 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.*

Chris Malan, Executive Director of the Institute for Conservation Advocacy Research and Education, commented she submitted written comments on Friday that included pictures and was hoping the board would review it in advance of this comment today but was informed it was not received due to incorrect email address entered. Recommends PFAS reporting be a regular item on this board meeting agenda and include a session to report. Would like St. Helena to know that PFAS is coming from the (landfill) site. Requests monitoring the public well. Would like the Napa County Clover Flat Landfill project link accessible again. Zoom option (for these meetings) would be very much appreciated.

Agency Legal Counsel, Gary Bell stated to the commentor that this agency is separate legal entity from the County of Napa, so any requests to the County have to be made to them.

**5. CONSENT ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval of the February 9, 2026, regular meeting minutes.

**B. APPROVE AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION.**

DISCUSSION AND REQUESTED ACTION: Staff recommends Chair sign Amendment No. 1 to Agreement No. 250242D with Clean Earth Environmental Solutions, Inc., amending the rates of compensation, increasing the maximum amount allowed under the agreement per fiscal year to \$74,000 and updating insurance requirements.

Approved Consent Items 5A & 5B: AM, 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.

**B. PUBLIC HEARING: ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET**

REQUESTED ACTION: Staff requests Approval and Adoption of Agency Resolution No. 26-01, adopting the proposed final budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.

Agency staff, Amanda Griffis, summarized staff report and highlighted some sections of the budget attached and noted UVWMA does not have any employees and therefore does not have any vacancies or recruitments. Staffing is provided by contract by the County of Napa, and all requested staffing has been provided. Napa County will provide its own reporting per AB 2561.

Vice Chair Copper noticed deficit within the last two years of the budget and agency staff suggested possible changes and noted additional discussions with Agency Manager.

**C. CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDS FOR THE TOWN OF YOUNTVILLE.**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval to award grant funding in the amount of \$25,000 for the Town of Yountville for the purchase of enclosures and signs for recycling, compost and trash carts and water refill stations.

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

Agency Legal Counsel, Gary Bell stated for the record, members who are members of the agency who you are contracting with, (in this case, the Town of Yountville) there is an exception for the interest of conflict for contracts for someone receiving only a salary, per diem or reimbursement, as long as that interest is noted for the official record.

**7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Franchises' Status**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Manager and Company provided an update concerning the implementation of franchises' activities.

Agency staff, Amanda Griffis, summarized this item.

Carlos Ramirez, District Manager with Upper Valley Disposal, made a presentation on safety and culture at the Company.

Discussion on other safety processes.

Chris Malan, Executive Director of the Institute for Conservation Advocacy Research and Education said she has been following the safety issue at Clover Flat Landfill since 2018 and while Waste Connections is the new owner, with the previous owner there were several tragedies. Wants to know if there is a grievance process for reporting unresolved safety issues or concerns from employees? She asked about safety guidelines and specific expertise trainings that employees should know to do their job. Can Waste Connection apply for grants or get more education to deal with PFAS to avoid further contamination in the wells at Clover Flat to better manage the issue?

**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.

Christy Pestoni, Director of Government Affairs, with Waste Connections, provided several handouts and explained current legislation updates, changes due to Climate Change, waste collection process changes due to these changes and the various reporting requirements.

Discussion on other important Advanced Clean heavy duty Fleet rules and requirements.

Lexi Mangola, with Waste Connections, shared that the Company was awarded the requested RFP for film plastic collections pilot program, in conjunction with SB 54. The Town of Yountville will be part of the pilot program to be rolled out in June 2026. Future plans would be to roll it out to the rest of the service areas, and include outreach and education, if there is an end market for this material. There will be no impact to rate payors.

Chris Malan (Executive Director of the Institute for Conservation Advocacy Research and Education) would like microphones to be turned on so all in the chambers can hear all discussions. Would also like to see this Board support SB 54 via a resolution.

**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 staff, Amanda Griffis summarized this item and mentioned all public comments received before the agenda is published are included in the agenda and anything after will be forwarded to the board and added to the agenda website for public record.

**B. Reports from Jurisdictions**

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

- i. Napa County: Attended Recycling Award Ceremony that took place in the City of Napa. Very positive event for recycling services. Would be supportive of signing a letter of support for Cecilia Aguilar-Curry

AB 1812 bill.

Agency Legal Counsel, Gary Bell will discuss this with Agency Manager to see best mechanism to do this .

- ii. Calistoga: Nothing to report.
- iii. St. Helena: None.
- 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. Bring back support for AB 1812 and discounted rate information.

Vice Chair Cooper would like to hear from Company after he witnessed styrofoam cups falling out of a garbage truck and wants to know how often that happens and ways to prevent it from happening and how other witnesses can report it.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:47p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agency Board of Directors will be held on Monday, June 22, 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