

August 14th, 2024

To the Attention of the Ca. Regional Water Board Region 2, Napa County Supervisors, Local Enforcement Agency of Recycle, and Upper Valley Waste Management Agency,

We are a growing list of nonprofits that are asking for Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Disposal Service to be decommissioned. We stand with the Sierra Club Redwood Chapter Water Committee, Non-Toxic Neighborhoods, Napa Vision 2050, Protect Rural Sonoma County, Institute for Conservation Advocacy Research and Education/ICARE, Save Napa Valley Foundation, Suscol Inter-tribal Council, and the individual efforts of former Mayor Geoff Ellsworth and environmental advocate Anne Wheaton. Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling (owned by Waste Connections, purchased in 2022 from Upper Valley Disposal Services) is long overdue to move its waste operations to a safer, less environmentally sensitive location than the current CalFire High Fire Severity Zone at the top of the Napa River watershed/water source area.

Please consider:

- UVDS/Clover Flat Landfill has operated on No-bid contracts for over 60 years with a litany of environmental violations, water pollution, fires and a company found to be in breach of contract.
- Active investigations by the FBI/US Justice Department, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Fish & Wildlife, EPA's Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the Local Enforcement Agency CalRecycle.
- Napa County Supervisors and Staff have largely ignored concerns of the citizens regarding pollution, water contamination, fires, noxious odors and noise pollution from UVDS/CFL.
- Racial, social justice issues with dozens of current and former UVDS/CFL Latino employees filing State and Federal complaints against Upper Valley Disposal Service and Clover Flat Landfill for unsafe working conditions, discrimination, poor business practices, and environmental violations.
- Violations lodged by every oversight agency with jurisdiction over UVDS/CFL: CalFire, Fish & Wildlife, Regional Water Quality Control Board, Napa County Planning & Building, Air Quality Control Board, CalRecycle, and OSHA.

We ask that our letter be shared with your full board and be put into the record at your next scheduled meeting.

Signed,

Redwood Chapter Sierra Club, Non-Toxic Neighborhoods, Napa Vision 2050, Institute for Conservation Advocacy Research & Education, Preserve Rural Sonoma County, Save Napa Valley Foundation, Suscol Intertribal Council, Former Mayor Geoff Ellsworth of St. Helena, and Anne Wheaton

Cc: City of St. Helena, City of Calistoga, City of Yountville, City of Napa, Napa County, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, Napa Valley Register, Press Democrat, EWG, Media, Additional Regulatory Agencies

