



Non-Toxic Neighborhoods' Advisors

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Napa County Board of Supervisors
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RE: Urgent Need To Decommission Clover Landfill

Dear Napa County Board of Supervisors,
We want to add Non-Toxic Neighborhoods to the growing coalition in strong support of decommissioning Clover Flat Landfill and Upper Valley Disposal & Recycling (owned by Waste Connections, purchased in 2022 from Upper Valley Disposal Services) and 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. There has been a litany of environmental violations, water pollution, and fires, and the company was 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 the citizens' concerns regarding pollution, water contamination, fires, noxious odors, and noise pollution from UVDS/CFL.
- Racial and 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.

As the Napa County Board of Supervisors, you are responsible for protecting public health and Napa's natural resources for generations to come.

Kind Regards,
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