



## City of St. Helena

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Dear Mr. Hade,

The City of St. Helena is in support of Upper Valley Disposal Service's minor permit changes to allow for the establishment of a Clean Compressed Gas (CNG) fueling system and to expand organics collection and processing.

CNG refuse and recycling collection trucks emit fewer emissions and are much quieter on the job than diesel trucks. The Company's request to expand organics collection and processing into compost by allowing for more material types like food and wood waste is important. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the landfill, have greater recycling and more importantly less garbage in my container. By upgrading the facility our community will be able to meet and comply with changing State regulations requiring organics be removed from all California landfills starting in 2020.

I strongly support and look forward to the ability to expand our organics collection program at home and work with these facility permit upgrades.

Sincerely,

Alan Galbraith,  
Mayor  
City of St. Helena

February 28, 2018

The Planning Commissioners  
County of Napa Planning Commission  
Planning Division  
1195 Third Street, Suite 210  
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Re: Bob Pestoni/Upper Valley Disposal Service – Use Permit Minor Modification Number  
P16-00180

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Gary Otto, I own the property situated at 1484 South Whitehall Lane, St Helena, CA. I am writing you in connection with the above referenced application hearing to be held March 7, 2108. Despite the fact that this application has been many years in the making, last week was the first time I was made aware of the planned change to the UVDS facility. The facility and my property are buffered by just one parcel, and are within 200 feet of each other.

I am extremely concerned, firstly about the process whereby something like this can come to the commission without any of the neighbors being personally notified. Apparently, a small notice in the local paper is considered sufficient, but many of the owners in the area do not make their permanent residence in that area, and such a notice is meaningless.

This application is considered to be a minor modification. It may be considered that to the County, but to us as property owners, it will have a gigantic effect on our health, safety, quality of life and property values. Changing from recyclables to organic food waste has the potential of creating odors, diseases, attracting scavengers. The addition of natural gas tanks to the area creates all kinds of concerns from health to safety. For me personally, this was to be my retirement home, it has taken me ten years of ownership to get the home to where I am ready to move in permanently. I understand the benefit and the need for recycling, however it makes no sense to me that UVDS, which has multiple facilities in the area, the majority of which are located in completely rural areas with no residential neighbors, has chosen to endanger the health, safety and property values of its neighbors in this particular facility.

As planning commissioners, you are chosen to represent the County, and thereby its citizens, in all decisions relating to use of land. I believe this change in use creates extreme hardship, risk and concern to the surrounding property owners. Since we have had so little notice as to this significant change in use that has been applied for, I am requesting that you either outright reject this outrageous request, or

at the very least postpone this hearing for at least a 3 to 6-month period so that we can retain experts in these fields to analyze the effects this would have on our health, safety and property values.

I appreciate your commitment to this beautiful area and hope that you can understand my commitment to keeping the area as clean and healthy and beautiful as is possible.

Sincerely,

Gary C. Otto



*Town of Yountville*

*"The Heart of the Napa Valley"*

February 26, 2018

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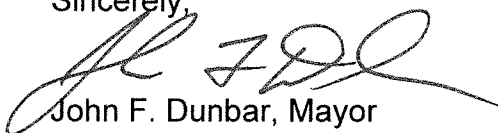
Dear Jason,

I am writing on behalf of the Town of Yountville Town Council which at our February 20, 2018 council meeting unanimously voted in support of Upper Valley Disposal Service's request for minor permit changes to allow for the establishment of a Clean Compressed Gas (CNG) fueling system and to expand organics collection and processing.

CNG refuse and recycling collection trucks emit fewer emissions and are much quieter on the job than diesel trucks. The Company's request to expand organics collection and processing into compost by allowing for more material types like food and wood waste is important. This will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the landfill, have greater recycling and more importantly less garbage in my container. By upgrading the facility our community will be able to meet and comply with changing State regulations requiring organics be removed from all California landfills starting in 2020.

These objectives closely align with the Town's Climate Action Plan initiatives and sustainability objectives. The Town supports and looks forward to the ability to expand our organics collection program at home and with our restaurant community upon completion with these facility permit upgrades.

Sincerely,



John F. Dunbar, Mayor  
Town of Yountville

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                 Town Manager

## Hade, Jason

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**From:** Tom Faherty <tom@valleyarchitects.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 01, 2018 1:26 PM  
**To:** Hade, Jason  
**Subject:** Upper Valley Disposal Use Permit Minor Mod. March 7th

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We are neighbors of the Pestoni family on Whitehall Lane and live across the street from their corporate offices and recycling center.  
We have lived on Whitehall Lane across from the UVDS recycling center for roughly 40 years.  
The Pestonis, and their company have always been good neighbors.  
My wife and I often comment on how extraordinarily lucky we are to live in the beautiful Napa Valley.  
The present operation of the UVDS business is not something we think about or notice.  
In our experience it is not an audible or olfactory problem.  
Think about it, you are living in one of the most beautiful places on earth.....who cares if you hear the occasional back up beep of a truck?  
We strongly approve of and support UVDS application, noting that it is good for the neighborhood and a decidedly good thing for the environment.

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