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County of Napa  
Joint Powers Authority  
Upper Valley Agency Waste Management  
Margie Mohler, Chair

Authority Members,

I write today as a concerned resident of the Whitehall Lane neighborhood. Our neighborhood has repeatedly had concerns about the Upper Valley Disposal Services' (UVDS) site located on Whitehall Lane, for many reasons, stemming from water quality, noise, pests, odor/smell and fire hazards.

Given the agenda today, I want to again amplify our concerns with composting there and the risk of fire we all face. Many of our neighbors have had to search for different homeowners' insurance due the fire risk we face on the western side of Napa Valley. We have worked with CalFire and Napa County to create of list of fire mitigation measures we, as a Whitehall neighborhood, should take to lessen the risk. These measures too will cost us money and anxiety as we head into another fire season.

Yet in our midst is Upper Valley Disposal Services and their operation that elevates our fire risk.

It is time for you to do your public obligation and put those services out for competitive bid. We have heard lip service from Diane Dillion and Steve Lederer on "why" this is not possible. Not buying it, ladies and gentlemen. What the current providers delivers is not that unique. Let's do what the law requires and see what options our residents have, both for service levels, safety and cost.

It is our hard-earned tax dollars that pay for this service. We deserve to know the alternatives, at a bare minimum.

Thank you for your time. I wish to make a public comment during the Public Comment agenda item, as well.

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