

Proclamation



Upper Valley Agency
WASTE MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, Bob Pestoni is hereby recognized and commended by the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency for his longtime partnership in the communities of Town of Yountville, City of Saint Helena, City of Calistoga, and the un-incorporated areas of Upper Napa County for community programs and services in waste collection, disposal, recycling, composting and renewable energy creation.

WHEREAS, Bob was born at Saint Helena Hospital on September 4th 1937 into two wine making families whose arrival in St. Helena dates back to the 1880s. He spent his entire life on the Pestoni Ranch on Whitehall Lane. Acquired by his parents in 1923 to produce wine grapes, they expanded into chickens and dairy. In the late 1950s, Bob converted the ranch into a hog farm and so began food a scrap collection system. The ranch transitioned over the next 4 decades into the state-of-the-art recycling processing and compost facility now known as UVDS.

WHEREAS, Bob is regarded by the waste industry as a pioneer and visionary having tested and built a fully integrated company specializing in recycling, composting, waste collection, disposal, and renewable energy production. He was the first in California to implement the Covered Aerated Static Pile compost system in the early 1990s and today the CASP system is considered the best available technology in the compost industry. Bob's achievements have been recognized by National Geographic Magazine, Biocycle, CalRecycle, Integrated Waste Management Board, Waste Age, Wine News, Organic Materials Research Institute, California Department of Food & Agriculture, California Compost Coalition, and Resource Recovery Coalition of California.

WHEREAS, Bob was affectionately known as BP to his employees, community partners, and business colleagues. He will be remembered for his warmth, generosity and infectious smile. He enjoyed the annual fishing derby on the Smith River, travel with industry colleagues to see new technologies, and trips with his wife, Sylvia, to visit their family in Italy and Switzerland. He loved his children and six grandchildren.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, I, Margie Mohler, on behalf of the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency celebrate the life of Bob Pestoni and hereby recognizes and commends him for his years of dedicated service in the waste industry providing programs and services in Upper Napa County for nearly 60 years.

Margie Mohler, Chair
Upper Valley Waste Management Agency