



Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Directors
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Upper Valley Waste Management Agency
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SUBJECT: Public Hearing: Upper Valley Disposal Service and Clover Flat Landfill Rates

RECOMMENDATION

PUBLIC HEARING: UPPER VALLEY DISPOSAL SERVICE AND CLOVER FLAT LANDFILL RATES

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval and authorization for the Chair to sign:

- | Agency Resolution #11-03 setting rates for solid waste handling services at the Clover Flat Landfill; and
- | Agency Resolution #11-04 setting rates for solid waste handling services by Upper Valley Disposal Service.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

After an extensive review a 1.51% increase for Clover Flat Landfill and a 5.89% increase for Upper Valley Disposal Service are being recommended. The attached rate tables are a result of the recommended increases.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

This item is specifically exempt from the voting requirements of Article XIIC of the California Constitution (Proposition 26) because the fees being charged directly benefit the rate payers and exempt from Proposition 218 because service is not mandatory.

Please see Attachment A "Estimated Impact of Rate Components" from the Auditor-Controller's office which provides the proposed rates, a summary of some of the more significant adjustments that were addressed as part of this rate review and key components of the recommended increase. The rate methodology indicates the need for a 5.89% increase in Upper Valley Disposal Service (UVDS) rates and a 1.51% increase in Clover Flat Landfill (CFL) rates. The increase in UVDS rates is primarily a result of the increased cost of workers compensation, group health and fuel. The increase is also required to make up for decreased revenue, which is a result of decreased waste generation and decreased reimbursement for recycled materials both due to the depressed economy.

The Agency Manager considers this proposal to be fair and balanced for both the company and the rate payer and recommends adoption of the rates as shown in Attachments B to G.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Attachment A - UVA Adjustments and Estimated Impact of Rate Components
- B . Attachment B - Clover Flat Landfill Rates FY 11-12
- C . Attachment C - Calistoga Rates FY 11-12
- D . Attachment D - Napa County Rates FY 11-12
- E . Attachment E - Pope Valley Rates FY 11-12
- F . Attachment F - St Helena Rates FY 11-12
- G . Attachment G - Yountville Rates FY 11-12
- H . CFL Rates Resolution
- I . UVDS Rates Resolution

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Steven Lederer