



## Upper Valley Waste Management Agency Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Steven Lederer - Manager  
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**REPORT BY:** Steven Lederer, Director of Environmental Management - 253-4471  
**SUBJECT:** Public Hearing: Upper Valley Disposal Service and Clover Flat Landfill Rates

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

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

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

- | Agency resolution #08-0X setting rates for solid waste handling services at the Clover Flat Landfill; and
- | Agency resolution #08-0X setting rates for solid waste handling services by Upper Valley Disposal Service.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

After an extensive review the attached rates are being recommended for CFL and UVDS.

### **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**

Please see attached memorandum from the Auditor-Controller's office which provides the proposed rates and a

summary of some of the more significant issues that were addressed as part of this rate revue. The rate methodology indicates the need for a 2% increase in UVDS rates and a 1% increase in CFL rates, which staff considers quite reasonable given the current economic climate, the implementation of the CDP program, and the continued investigation of a food waste composting program.

Of further note:

1. There is no Intentionally Overcollected Revenue (IOCR) proposed in this budget.
2. Increased fuel prices, which are calculated as of February 1, are reflected in the rate. To be more fair to both the company and the agency, the manager intends to propose a methodology change for next year which incorporates a 12 month rolling average of fuel costs rather than the February to February method that is used now.
3. The company proposes continued implementation of a program to collect and compost food waste. The cost of this program is estimated at \$54K. The Agency Manager is in support of this program.
4. The Company has proposed a minimum charge of \$30 for all drive up loads in order to be consistent with Devlin Road and to better reflect the actual weight of most such loads. The Agency Manager concurs with this proposal.

The Agency Manager considers this proposal to be fair and balanced for both the company and the rate payer, continues to implement ongoing and new diversion programs, and recommends adoption as shown in the attachments.

While predicting the future is always perilous, the Board should be aware that several factors, including reduced "drop box" revenue from decreased construction activity, and reduced recycling revenue and possible reduced state funding of recycling programs may have a significant (10%?) impact on next year's rates.

#### **SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

- A . Auditor Summary Memo
- B . Attachment A, CFL Rates
- C . Attachment B, Agency Changes to UVDS Proposal
- D . Attachment C, UVDS Rates
- E . Attachment D, Capital Budget
- F . UVDS Rates Resolution
- G . CFL Rates Resolution

Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Steven Lederer