



**MINUTES OF THE APRIL 19, 2021  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency met in regular session on Monday, April 19, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom Teleconferencing Only. Chair Mohler called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Chair Mohler, Vice Chair Pedroza, Alternate Member Wagenknecht, Member Koberstein, and Member Canning.

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Mohler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*During this period, anyone who wishes to speak to the Authority Board of Directors regarding any subject over which the Board has jurisdiction that is not on the agenda or to request consideration to place an item on a future Board agenda, may do so at this time. Individuals will be limited to a three-minute presentation. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL TAKE NO ACTION AS A RESULT OF ANY ITEM PRESENTED AT THIS TIME.*

Leslie Velasco, Matt Smith, and Sandy Thompson spoke about the Franchise Agreements with UVDS and CFL (written statements were attached to the meeting agenda subsequent to the meeting).

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

*(uploaded Public Comment item(s) here ONLINE due to not having the option to upload in Public Comment section)*

**A. Approval of Minutes**

Staff requested approval of the February 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

**B. Audit Agreement**

REQUESTED ACTION: Approval and authorization for the Chair to sign a Professional Services Agreement (PSA) with Brown Armstrong Accountancy Corporation to prepare the Authority's Annual Audits for fiscal years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, and two additional option years.

**Approved Consent items 5A and 5B: (roll call vote): AP-Yes, CC-Yes, MM-Yes, AC-Yes, BW-Yes. Motion passes 5-0.>**

**6. ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

**A. California Integrated Waste Management Act**

No action taken. In addition to the written report, Amanda Griffis had a very successful Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) event that was held on 4/9 and 4/10 at UVDS (171 attendees (up from 146 last year), including 13 businesses). Amanda also reported on the development of an educational handout on Treated Wood Waste. Miguel Garcia with the Napa RCD then gave a presentation on Carbon Farming (PowerPoint attached) as a potential technique to fight climate change.

**B. Adoption of Policy Number 6; Purchasing**

DISCUSSION AND REQUESTED ACTION: The Agency Manager requests adoption of and authorization for the Chair to sign a resolution adopting UVA Policy Number 6, Adopting Purchasing and Other Policies.

**Approved item 6B: (roll call vote): MM-Yes, BW-Yes, AP-Yes, AC-Yes, CC-Yes. Motion passes 5-0.**

**7. FRANCHISES' BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Franchises' Status**

No action taken. Christy Pestoni showed the Board an "indoor compost container" which will be made available to all 8,315 residential customers as part of the rollout of the residential composting program. Bryce Howard and Evan Edgar made a presentation on SB 1383 organics diversion requirements, and the green waste/residential food scrap composting process at UVDS, using the Covered Aerated Static Pile (CASP) system as is used in the City of Napa. Greg Stangle of Phoenix Energy completed the presentation on the possibility of purchasing a Biomass Gasification plant (which would produce electricity and biochar) for CFL. After discussion by the Board and the Public, the Board requested additional information on this topic at a future meeting.

**B. Waste Management Companies' Issues**

No action taken. Christy introduced UVDS's new outreach person, Andy Buck.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. Manager's Report**

No action taken. Mr. Lederer noted that the 5th amendment to the JPA agreement had been approved by all members.

**B. Reports from Jurisdictions**

- i. Napa County:--None
- ii. Calistoga:--None
- iii. St. Helena:--Provided a summary of upcoming Earth Day activities
- iv. Yountville:--None

No action taken

**C. Future Agenda Items**

- Chair Mohler requested an Agenda Item to determine if the Board wanted to appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to review our existing policies.
- The Board requested further information regarding the possibility of purchasing a Biomass Gasification system at CFL.
- The June meeting will include adoption of rates, the Agency Budget, and Agency Insurance.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Agency Board of Directors will be held on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. to be held via teleconferencing only or as noted.

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOES: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ABSTAIN (A): \_\_\_\_\_  
 ABSENT(B): \_\_\_\_\_  
 EXCUSED(X): \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ATTEST: Steven Lederer, Manager of the Upper Valley Waste Management Agency

KEY

Vote: AC = Anna Chouteau; AP = Alfredo Pedroza; CC = Chris Canning; DD = Diane Dillon; MM = Margie Mohler  
 BW = Brad Wagenknecht; GE = Geoff Ellsworth; GK = Gary Kraus; KD = Kerri Dorman  
 The maker of the motion and second are reflected respectively in the order of the recorded vote.  
 Notations next to vote: Y = Ayes; N = No; A = Abstain; B = Absent; X = Excused