

CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON

Community Services Department

Gateway to the Napa Valley



April 22, 2008

Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority
1195 Third Street
Room 101
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority Board Members:

Currently, Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority landfill operation facilities are located on City of American Canyon property. The City of American Canyon proposes to grant an easement to the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority or consider a property line adjustment in exchange for a loop trail easement around the landfill.

The easement would contain the following concepts:

City would grant

- an exclusive easement of lands for facilities necessary for landfill and cogeneration operations and agree to the closure of the trail for required maintenance during periods when heavy equipment is required
- a non-exclusive access easement to the landfill operation along the north toe of the landfill

NVWMA would grant the right

- to construct a non motorized public access trail on the road around the landfill, (previously it has been limited to the western section)
- to construct and maintain appurtenance structures such as fencing, signage and benches at the toe of the landfill. Fencing to be removable for landfill operations on its slopes

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- to make connections from adjoining properties with the written approval of the property owners

On May 1, 2008, City of American Canyon staff, the General Manager of the Napa County Regional Park and Recreation District, and others will be attending the meeting of the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority Board to discuss the potential for an exciting collaborative effort to establish a vital component to a regional trail project that benefits South Napa County and Vallejo residents.

The City of American Canyon would like to secure an easement for a loop trail around the landfill to further the goals and objectives of the Bay Trail and regional trail systems. The trail system provides access to the Napa River for the citizens of the southern part of the Napa County and serves as a significant feature of a planned trail that will connect the cities of Vallejo and American Canyon to the City of Napa.

The reasons for requesting a loop trail around the landfill are as follows:

- The loop around the landfill is an important part of a regional trail system.
- A trail loop is much more valuable than a spur and it eliminates backtracking.
- The view from the east side of the landfill is arguably more aesthetic than the west side of the landfill. (View of hills, view of the wetlands, and a unique view of the City of American Canyon.)
- The City is working on connecting the Bay Trail to the City of Vallejo which would enhance access to the trail system and the loop around the landfill for Vallejo and Solano County residents. In addition, the City of American Canyon Open Space Advisory Committee has met with Myrna Hays, Vallejo Flyway Festival Co-Founder and Coordinator, about ways to coordinate Vallejo's and South Napa County's open space and nature education efforts. There is a real opportunity for regional nature and heritage based tourism in Vallejo and South Napa County.
- It is a more equitable exchange – Provide the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority with the right to operate on City land in exchange for public access around the landfill.
- The trail will provide interpretive opportunities. We would like to tell the story of the landfill closure as well as enlighten the public regarding the conversion of the landfill's methane into electricity.

It is our wish that the Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority Board will direct Authority staff to work out the details to an agreement that would enable

public access on a loop trail around the landfill in exchange for an easement or property line adjustment to the Waste Management Authority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Davis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Randy Davis
Community Services Director
City of American Canyon

cc: Napa-Vallejo Waste Management Authority Board
Trent Cave, Manager, N-V Waste Management Authority
Mayor and City Council of the City of American Canyon
Richard Ramirez, City Manager, City of American Canyon
Nancy Watt, Napa County Chief Executive Officer
Napa County Board of Supervisors
Mike Parness, City Manager, City of Napa