The Upper Valley Waste Management Agency (UVA) was established by Yountville, St. Helena, Calistoga, and Napa County.

Mission Statement (From Formation Agreement): The Agency is formed for the purpose of providing coordination of economical, regional waste management services, and meeting the requirements of AB 939 (1989), The California Integrated Waste Management Act- namely to reduce the amount of “waste” currently being landfilled and instead keep valuable materials and resources within the economic cycle.

In the context of fulfilling our mission, and while at all times considering these policies in the context of their impact on rates, the Board adopts these policy statements in support of its mission and to guide (but not limit) future decision making:

1. It is a goal of the State of California to achieve a 75% diversion rate on a state-wide level, and for each jurisdiction to achieve at least a 50% diversion rate (add legislation references).
   1. Policy: UVA shall strive to achieve a local diversion rate of 75%, while providing cost effective services that are requested by our customers. Diversion that does not result in significant volume reductions or is not cost effective should not be pursued. (Options: 50%, Zero Waste, some other percentage)
2. The State of California has identified Organics diversion (keeping organics out of the landfill) to be its number one Waste Management and Climate priority (and legislation references).
   1. Policy: UVA shall fully support the organics diversion requirements of the State (i.e. provide a comprehensive program for mandatory commercial organics recycling), while also providing voluntary residential organics diversion programs where practical. Option: Do not do a residential program.
3. Local facility control (CFL and Rutherford): Local facilities provide local control of pricing and services, as well as reducing traffic transiting through the south county, greenhouse gas emissions from fuel use, and other unsustainable practices. It would be nearly impossible to locally replace such facilities, forcing the agency and its customers to rely on outsider providers for waste disposal and recycling services.
   1. Policy: UVA shall preserve and protect our local integrated waste management resources, specifically the Clover Flat Landfill and the Rutherford recycling facility, making use of these resources wherever practical as a preference before committing to outside service providers and facilities. Option: Evaluate each decision independently, recognizing that once we give up a facility locally it likely is never coming back.

1. Landfill Upgrades: In 2008 the Board caused to have created a Construction and Demolition Debris recycling line (Phase 1), and supported a future improvement of the landfill gate area in order to maximize efficiency of operations and collection of recycled materials.
   1. Policy: Whenever practical, the Board shall cause to have collected “Intentionally Over Collected Revenue” (IOCR), which will be used to support the Phase 2 improvements of the landfill gate area as discussed in the Franchise Agreement, Section XX.

1. Climate Change: Reducing the impacts of Climate Change are goals of the State of California, as well as of each of the four member agencies. While not a specific mission of the agency, the agency has the ability to influence and support climate action planning through its actions.
   1. Policy: UVA shall consider Climate impacts when making programmatic decisions, such as by encouraging the development and/or use of renewable energy resources, fuel efficient vehicles, and other actions that support local and state climate action planning. Option: Only do what is legally mandated