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To the panel:

In Re.: Clean Closure of Folsom Corporation Yard Landfill Project

Because I still haven't been able to see a complete listing of materials found by Brown and Caldwell during their research I have decided to tell you more about what I know about the area that is the focus of this project.

I have passed on this information to those in charge of the project at both meetings which were held at the Veteran's Hall in Folsom.

I am sharing this letter with other 'old-time Folsomites' who may be able to provide additional information.

These are the things I'm certain will be found to be in the area of the "Clean Closure" project.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">1) Appliances<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Washing Machinesb) Dryersc) Water Heatersd) Televisionse) Radiosf) Misc. Small Kitchen Appliances<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Blendersii. Toastersiii. Waffle Ironsiv. Pots & Pans2) Household garbage / trash<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Vegetable scrapsb) Meat scrapsc) Fruit peels / whole fruitd) Spoiled dairy products | <ul style="list-style-type: none">e) Paper<ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Foilii. Wax paperiii. Plastic Wrap (and bags)iv. Butcher paper3) Dead animals<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Petsb) Road kill4) Automobile waster products<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Used motor oilb) Used tiresc) Misc. auto parts5) Yard waste<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Grass clippingsb) Tree trimmingsc) Garden spoils |
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During the time prior to this area housing the sewage plant for the City of Folsom this area was considered to be the 'city dump'. My father and others who lived in this city and in the nearby area used this area as a free dump area. Often there was a stench coming from this un-regulated land fill.

When the sewage treatment plant was built the 'land fill' was simply covered over with plain dirt and rock from the surrounding area. There was no 'clay cover' put over this older dump that I can remember.

I know these things because, as a young boy, I was with my father when some of this dumping occurred. Also, during my childhood, my father was an active member of the VFW. The VFW clubhouse was just over the rock piles from this area and, we used to use some of the area surrounding this dump as a path toward the river. We used to pick up some of the 'better pieces' of trash to use as play things.

When the sewage treatment plant was in operation, there was a fence around the area and we couldn't (or at least we shouldn't) traverse this area any longer. We did, however, once in a while, find a way to cross the area. We still found some of the 'trash' that was a part of the dump and, again, we used these things we found as playthings.

Later in the middle 1950's (probably sometime around 1956 or so, we no longer had to deal with the sewage treatment plant – but the trash from the dump could still be found in the area.

From 1957 through 1960 my family was living in the Tahoe-Truckee area. I don't have a lot of information from these years. However, I have many friends who will also be contributors to this note who can confirm the continued findings of trash from the dump – as well as many new dumping that was done in this area.

When we came back to Folsom in late 1960 there was still some dumping near the base of the lowest pond of the sewage treatment plant. When the plant was finally closed (circa 1973-1974) the city and some others used the dump area for many different types of refuse.

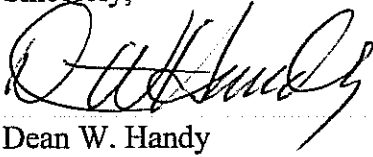
During this time we more often used other areas of the dredge tailings for our outings, however we still came down here when my father would come to the VFW clubhouse for activities that were scheduled as well as for unscheduled activities which allowed us to find something to do outside.

Dumping continued at this site during the 1960's, 1970's and 1980's.

I can remember working for Jack Kipp, former mayor of Folsom, who owned an operated J K Appliance. During my employment (from early 1966 through November or December of 1966) there were times that we, as employees of J K Appliance were instructed to dump old appliances in this area. I know that employees who came before me and who came after me were also responsible for dumping business trash here – along with trash that was dumped here by employees of the City of Folsom and from some other businesses which were owned by 'old-timers' in the city and in city government.

I don't remember the date of the final 'closure' of this area, but I can assure you that dumping of various forms of debris was done in this area into 1987 or 1988. I cannot tell you all of the types of things that were dumped here, but from 1967 through 1980 I was on the Folsom Volunteer Fire Department and I can remember that the Fire Department and other city departments used this area as a 'dump.' You may find old fire hose and trash from destruction of buildings that were destroyed by control burns and training exercises. You will also find trash that came directly from the city corporation yard in this area. Some of this trash will include automobile parts and probably some liquids (such as motor oil and used gasoline) that were dumped in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D. W. Handy". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal dotted line.

Dean W. Handy

PS: I was born and raised in Folsom. My mother was the first City Councilwoman (circa 1950 – 1954). My father and I were both volunteer firefighters. My brothers and I have been active in many organizations within the city of Folsom – and, as we grew up in Folsom, we were frequent users of the area around the City Corporation Yard and the river.

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Subject: Clean Closure - Action Level Notification

Walt,

I have read the letter you sent to Lauri Laurent regarding her requests and I have only one comment regarding your assessment of what was agreed to at our June 10th meeting.

There was quite a bit of discussion during that meeting regarding "action levels" and notification of the neighbors. There was NEVER any agreement that "door hangers" were adequate notification. There was a comment regarding the need to notify the neighborhood whenever it was determined that an action level had been exceeded.

I have also read the "Health & Safety Plan" which Brown and Caldwell provided as a part of the plans for this "Clean Closure" activity. I noted that this part of the plan was pretty much 'boiler plate' and did not include any requirements to notify nearby neighborhoods of any 'health and safety issues' which may occur during the excavation or any other cover-up activities.

I will note that the health and safety of my neighbors is much important to me than any such issues which may affect your contractors or sub-contractors. For that reason I insist that the city of Folsom provide the requested notification plan before continuing to proceed with the Clean Closure plan.

I am now a member of a group that is taking up this issue and may choose to speak at the up-coming RWQCB meeting on July 31. Our group is called: Folsom W.A.T.E.R. (which stands for: "We Are Totally Environmentally Realistic") . and our issues go well beyond WATER ... as you should note from the concerns I have expressed above.

We await your compliance with our demand.

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