

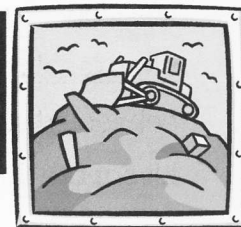
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*Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement*



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# Press Release

## **The Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement Community Monitor Committee Announces the Appointment of a Community Monitor for the Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility Located in Livermore, California**

**Livermore, California, March 16, 2005:** The Altamont Landfill Settlement Agreement Community Monitor Committee has selected TechLaw, Inc. to serve as the *Community Monitor* for the Altamont Landfill and Resource Recovery Facility (ALRRF) located in Livermore, California. The *Community Monitor* will serve as the Committee's technical advisor regarding the ALRRF's compliance with its permits and environmental regulations.

The Community Monitor Committee was established by a November 30, 1999 Settlement Agreement, between the County of Alameda, the City of Livermore, the City of Pleasanton, the Sierra Club, the Northern California Recycling Association, Altamont Landowners Against Rural Mismanagement, and Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. The Settlement Agreement resulted from lawsuits filed against Waste Management to limit the expansion of the landfill. Included in the Settlement Agreement was the creation of the Community Monitor Committee whose purpose is to select and supervise an independent contractor to assess the ALRRF's compliance with its permits, environmental laws, and regulations; as well as to advise the public about environmental and technical issues relating to the operation of the ALRRF.

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Waste Management of Alameda County, Inc. is providing the funding for the *Community Monitor*. The Community Monitor Committee members are appointed by the Livermore and Pleasanton City Councils and the Boards of two environmental organizations, the Sierra Club and the Northern California Recycling Association.

TechLaw, Inc., with offices in San Francisco and Sacramento and throughout the United States, is an environmental consulting firm that practices primarily in the public sector. TechLaw, Inc. was selected as the Community Monitor because of its expertise in environmental engineering, waste management, and public sector work. TechLaw has performed oversight of other landfills owned by Waste Management in Texas, Louisiana and Illinois.

David Darlington, Chair of the Community Monitor Committee, commented, "We are pleased with the selection process and are looking forward to working with TechLaw on this project. The Community Monitor will be conducting inspections of the landfill every three to four weeks to verify that Waste Management is living up to the agreement we have in place with them regarding protecting the environment as well as assuring that Waste Management will live up their other environmental commitments. TechLaw will be monitoring a number of issues including waste disposal practices, truck traffic, litter control, bird and rodent control, and compliance with the landfill's air and water permits. In addition, TechLaw will report to the Committee regarding the suitability of any "variance" waste proposed for disposal at Altamont." The ALRRF, constructed on 2200 acres of land in the Altamont Hills of which 482 acres are currently permitted or being permitted for waste disposal, is the largest landfill in Northern California. It accepts waste from all of Alameda and San Francisco Counties as well as portions of several other Bay Area counties. The landfill accepts approximately 2 million tons of waste per year for disposal and other resource recovery activities including reuse, recycling and composting.

The *Community Monitor* will report to the Committee at bi-monthly meetings. The Committee encourages anyone with an interest in the ALRRF to attend any meetings to learn about the landfill. Meeting announcements will be posted on the Committee's web site at [www.techlawinc.com/altamontCMC](http://www.techlawinc.com/altamontCMC). The next meeting of the Community Monitor Committee is scheduled for April 7 at 6 PM. Community Monitor Committee meetings are held at the City of Livermore Maintenance Services Division Lunch Room located at 3500 Robertson Park Road in Livermore.