

Dear Supervisors,

I currently live on Jacqueline Drive, less than a mile from the Keller Canyon waste site and must say that I almost feel as sorry for the quandary that Keller Canyon presents for you as I feel for myself as a resident having to suffer from the effects and possible harm that this waste site presents. As you probably know, Contra Costa County government has inherited the regulation of a waste site that really should never have been approved. Despite opposition, negative consequences, and proximity to residential housing, political and commercial forces prevailed. The Keller Canyon waste site was a flawed proposition that was destined to become a reoccurring issue and problem.

As much as we all would like to believe that the Keller Canyon site can exist in an innocuous state, recent events suggest otherwise.

To date, the community still does not know the extent of toxic materials that were received from Hunter's point. There are many issues associated with this unfortunate transfer of waste from the Hunter's Point site that really should have been the focus of a county-supported investigation, but none seems forthcoming. At a minimum, this predicament should have triggered an environmental impact study, remembering of course that the Hunter's Point waste was discovered by the media and not the county agencies charged with safeguarding our health. I believe a very noteworthy wake-up call for all of us.

As recently as three nights ago, there was the on-going nightly chemically-laden odor emanating from the waste site. I believe that it is some type of spray used to treat the waste, which was supposed to have been mitigated by moving the site farther into the wilderness area in the canyon. I suspect that this spray is being used on a special type of waste since for months the smell was not noticeable. I understand that food waste

has been dumped at the site, which might explain the on and off nature of this smell. This odor is not only a major nuisance, but poses major health-related questions.

I am especially concerned about the oversight of the Keller Canyon site. Recent events, a number of which are cited above, indicate that no one other than Republic Corporation employees really know what is being transferred to this waste site. When faced with the dilemma of safeguarding public health and safety or following corporate directives based on the bottom-line, I cannot help but feel that the latter will prevail. And this dilemma will be especially problematic considering what appears to be the limited amount of oversight exercised by county government agencies charged with this responsibility.

I don't think that it is asking too much of county oversight agencies to determine what is being dumped at this site and to have systems in place to monitor the type and effects of this waste. It only makes sense that Keller Canyon mitigation funds be use to off-set any the costs of increased oversight.

Concerned Resident