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**COUNTY OF VENTURA VIOLATING LAW BY PROCESSING ILLEGAL  
WASTE MANAGEMENT DUMP EXPANSION APPLICATION**

*Simi Valley Landfill Task Force files a Writ asking the Ventura County Superior Court to halt further taxpayer funded action by County of Ventura staff on Waste Management's Simi Valley Landfill expansion application pending court review of legality.*

**Simi Valley, CA (October 13, 2010)** - The Simi Valley Landfill Task Force today filed a Writ with the Ventura County Superior Court asking for an immediate halt to any further activity by County of Ventura staff processing Waste Management, Inc.'s application for expansion of the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center pending review by the Court of the County's Siting Element and determination of the project compliance with the element.

The County of Ventura County, in accordance with California law, has adopted a Siting Element, including stringent criteria, for purposes of evaluating the placement and expansion of landfills within the County.

"Despite the fact that the Siting Element would otherwise prohibit the expansion of the Simi Valley landfill into the area proposed, the County of Ventura has permitted the application for expansion to move forward," said Simi Valley Landfill Task Force (SVLT) Chair and Simi Valley City Councilwoman Barbra Williamson.

SVLT member Louis Pandolfi added, " this egregious and intentional misapplication of the Siting Element by the County has cost taxpayers thousands of dollars for the sole benefit of Waste Management, has violated the law, and shown complete disregard for the residents of Ventura County."

The SVLT was hopeful that Waste Management, the largest trash hauler and waste disposal company in the world, would modify its current permit application to address the issues surrounding the Siting Element as well as the numerous negative environmental impacts on the residents of Simi Valley and Moorpark. Unfortunately, thus far, despite countless meetings and discussions, the County of Ventura and Waste Management have not addressed the critically important requirement of compliance with the Siting Element and the landfill expansion is scheduled for approval consideration by the County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors in a few months making legal action the only remaining option for the Task Force.

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The Simi Valley Landfill Task Force (SVLT) is an independent community group formed in 2007 by Simi Valley City Councilwoman Barbra Williamson and members of the community. The Task Force is not affiliated with the City of Simi Valley or any other government body. Its mission is to keep the public informed and engaged on issues involving the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center's proposed expansion currently under consideration by the County of Ventura.

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