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Plan Would Send Bay Area Trash To Nevada



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SAN FRANCISCO (CBS 5) — Currently, San Francisco sends its garbage to the Altamont landfill, near Livermore truck it up to Yuba County. But what happens when they run out of space, or that gets too expensive?

Recology, a garbage company headquartered on California Street in San Francisco, said it is now planning years out of state. The company is now in the process of getting permits from Humboldt County, Nevada to transport a year by train from the Bay Area and dumping it 300 miles away in a landfill in the desert.

But some citizens of Winnemucca who live 30 miles away from the landfill now say they are worried about pollution.

"The more I learn the hazards and ill effects of landfills, the more unsettled I become," said Winnemucca resident Tami Vetter.

"I would argue that the high desert is just as pristine and just as valuable, relative to the qualities it affords the public," said resident J

Nevada Senator Harry Reid has entered the fray by writing a letter to Nevada Governor Jim Gibbons urging the state to deny the per sovereignty and dignity."

But Gibbons said he will not get in the middle of a proposal would bring in 4,000 tons of garbage five days a week for 95 years. That two dozen jobs.

"Nevada is not in a position except to oppose it where we can, to make them follow the strict environmental rules and we are doing ju are by court decree, by law required to give them a permit."

So far, no Bay Area cities have signed on, as its still just a proposal. In fact, San Francisco has just signed a tentative contract that de

Recology said the Nevada landfill would not impact ground water or air quality. And its remote location is far away from any neighbor

"Nobody wants to be near them. That's why you try to find places that are remote like the Jungo Road area. There aren't any residen Mike Sangiacomo.

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