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April 19, 2021

Mr. Steve Cassulo, General Manager  
Chiquita Canyon Landfill  
Waste Connections, Inc.  
29201 Henry Mayo Dr,  
Castaic, CA 91384

Dear Mr. Cassulo:

**CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL FINDING OF CONFORMANCE- NOTICE OF VIOLATION ISSUED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Solid Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) was made aware that the County Department of Regional Planning (Regional Planning) issued a Notice of Violation (NOV) to Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Landfill) on June 11, 2020, for not complying with four conditions of its Conditional Use Permit (CUP) No. 2004-00042-(5) (See Link: [https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/Attachments/Minutes\\_Attachments/2021\\_Attachments/CUP\\_No\\_2004-00042-5\\_Approved\\_072517.pdf](https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/Attachments/Minutes_Attachments/2021_Attachments/CUP_No_2004-00042-5_Approved_072517.pdf)), which was granted by the County Board of Supervisors on July 25, 2017. The CUP Conditions that the Landfill was found to be in non-compliance are Conditions Nos. 68, 77, 79, and 113.

The Task Force reviewed the NOV issued by Regional Planning in concert with the conditions of approval of the Finding of Conformance (FOC) granted by the Task Force to the Landfill on August 8, 2018 (See Link: [https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/Attachments/Minutes\\_Attachments/2021\\_Attachments/FOC\\_CCL\\_Dated\\_08142018.pdf](https://pw.lacounty.gov/epd/tf/Attachments/Minutes_Attachments/2021_Attachments/FOC_CCL_Dated_08142018.pdf)). The Task Force determined the following:

- Since the Landfill is currently out of compliance with CUP Conditions Nos. 68, 77, 79, and 113, this would constitute a violation of the FOC Condition No. 9.
- Since odors generated by the Landfill have triggered odor complaints from the surrounding community and resulted in the issuance of several NOV's by the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), this would constitute a violation of the FOC Condition No. 19.

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- The Landfill's failure to notify the Task Force of the NOVs issued by Regional Planning and SCAQMD would constitute a violation of FOC Condition No. 22.

Consequently, at its March 18, 2021, meeting, the Task Force voted, with Los Angeles County Public Works abstaining, to send a letter to you, to:

1. Encourage the Landfill to work with regulatory agencies to get back into compliance with the Landfill's respective permits within 180 days from the date of this letter.
2. Require the Landfill to submit monthly updates on the status of the NOVs. The first monthly update should be submitted by May 1, 2021, and subsequently by the first of each month until the NOV is cleared by the Regional Planning.

Additionally, the Task Force would like to remind the Landfill that failure to comply with the Task Force's request would be a violation of Condition 100 of the CUP.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair  
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and  
Mayor, City of Rosemead

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