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## Via E-Mail and Certified Mail

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Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC's Nineteenth Monthly Update

Dear Members of the Integrated Waste Management Task Force:

Chiquita Canyon, LLC ("Chiquita") received a letter from the Integrated Waste Management Task Force (the "Task Force") dated April 19, 2021. The Task Force's letter requests that Chiquita provide monthly updates concerning a Notice of Violation ("NOV") that the County of Los Angeles Department of Regional Planning issued to Chiquita on June 11, 2020. The NOV alleges non-compliance with Conditions 68, 77, 79 and 113 of Chiquita's Conditional Use Permit ("CUP"). Chiquita previously provided monthly updates to the Task Force from April 2021 through September 2022. This letter serves as Chiquita's nineteenth monthly update.

On December 2, 2021, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works ("PW") requested that these monthly updates include additional details concerning any NOVs issued by regulatory agencies and the landfill's actions to mitigate those NOVs, including those mitigation measures relating to the Stipulated Order for Abatement with the South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD"). This letter provides additional details concerning the status of Chiquita's implementation of Conditions 68, 77 and 79, and details concerning Chiquita's Stipulated Order for Abatement with the SCAQMD.

On August 15, 2022, PW requested that these monthly updates clearly indicate whether or not Chiquita received an NOV from any regulatory agencies during the reporting month and, if so, that Chiquita include a copy of the NOV as an attachment to the letter. There were no NOVs received from any regulatory agencies during the month of October 2022.

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## June 2020 Department of Regional Planning NOV

Chiquita has reached a settlement agreement with the County of Los Angeles (the "County"), which includes terms affecting Conditions 68, 77, and 79. This settlement agreement was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on October 11, 2022. Under the settlement agreement, the County agreed to extend the deadline for completion of the installation and operation of the air monitoring stations under Condition 68 to one month after receipt of all necessary approvals. The settlement agreement also requires Chiquita to submit an application to modify its CUP consistent with the terms of the settlement agreement. Those terms include proposed modifications to Conditions 77 and 79. The hearing on the June 2020 NOV is stayed pending the outcome of this CUP modification process.

Chiquita continues to work on securing the permits required to begin construction on the new entrance along Wolcott Way under Conditions 77 and 79. Air quality monitoring required under Condition 68 is in process. Air monitoring equipment is installed and operational under Condition 68. For more information, Chiquita provides updates on the June 11, 2020 NOV and Conditions 68, 77 and 79 during the meetings of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee (the "CAC"). A link to these meetings and meeting materials summarizing the status of Chiquita's implementation of activities related to Conditions 68, 77 and 79 can be found on the Department of Regional Planning's website, here: https://planning.lacounty.gov/agenda/cclcac.

## Stipulated Order for Abatement with the SCAOMD

After receiving some NOVs from the SCAQMD in the summer and fall of 2020, the SCAQMD and Chiquita worked together to reach an agreement on how to address potential odors. That agreement is the Stipulated Order for Abatement that Chiquita operates under today. The Stipulated Order for Abatement was modified in March, August, October, and November of 2021 and in May of 2022. Implementation of the conditions of the Stipulated Order for Abatement is in process and ongoing. In the past month, Chiquita appeared before the SCAQMD Hearing Board on October 13, 2022 for a status hearing. Chiquita and the SCAQMD did not seek any modifications to the Stipulated Order for Abatement, and the Hearing Board agreed to allow the Order to expire on November 15, 2022. More information about Chiquita's implementation of the Stipulated Order for Abatement, including a copy of the Stipulated Order for Abatement, can be found on the Odor Mitigation page of Chiquita's website, here: https://chiquitacanyon.com/reports/odor-mitigation/.

Chiquita looks forward to continuing to provide the Task Force with updates on the June 11, 2020 NOV and any NOVs issued by regulatory agencies. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

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Regards,

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