



# CHIQUITA CANYON

*A Waste Connections Company*

June 30, 2023

***Via E-Mail and Certified Mail***

Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste  
Management Task Force  
c/o County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works  
Environmental Programs Division  
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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC's Twenty-Seventh 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 May 2023. This letter serves as Chiquita's twenty-seventh 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. This letter provides additional details concerning the status of Chiquita's implementation of Conditions 77 and 79.

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. Chiquita received four NOVs from the South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD") for alleged violations of SCAQMD Rule 402 and Health & Safety Code section 41700, one on June 27, 2023, two on June 28, 2023, and one on June 29, 2023. The NOVs are dated June 25, 27, 28, and 29, 2023, respectively. Copies of these four NOVs are attached to this letter.

Since receiving these NOV's, Chiquita has taken efforts to control potential odors. Chiquita has hired a full-time contractor to compact fresh soil over the Landfill in areas where it is suspected that landfill gas may escape. Chiquita is also working with a vendor to place a portable thermal oxidizer at the Landfill to process greater quantities of landfill gas generated by the Landfill. Chiquita and Ameresco Chiquita Energy LLC are both operating under variances from the SCAQMD in order to process the landfill gas and are working together to address this issue.

#### **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 77 and 79. This settlement agreement was approved by the County Board of Supervisors on October 11, 2022. The settlement agreement 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. Chiquita submitted the required CUP modification application on November 10, 2022. 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. For more information, Chiquita provides updates on the June 11, 2020 NOV and Conditions 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 77 and 79 can be found on the Department of Regional Planning's website, here <https://planning.lacounty.gov/public-hearings-and-meetings/chiquita-canyon-landfill/community-advisory-committee/>.

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

Regards,



Steve Cassulo  
District Manager  
Chiquita Canyon, LLC

Enclosures: June 25, 2023 Notice of Violation from the SCAQMD  
June 27, 2023 Notice of Violation from the SCAQMD  
June 28, 2023 Notice of Violation from the SCAQMD  
June 29, 2023 Notice of Violation from the SCAQMD

cc: David Nguyen, Department of Public Works (*via email*)

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c/o Los Angeles County Department of Public Works  
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Omid Mazdiasni, Department of Public Works (*via email*)



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# NOTICE OF VIOLATION

DATE OF VIOLATION		
Month:	Day:	Year:
6	25	23

Facility Name: CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL		Facility ID#: 119219	Sector: VB
Location Address: 29201 Henry Mayo Drive		City: Castaic	Zip: 91384
Mailing Address: 29201 Henry Mayo Drive		City: Castaic	Zip: 91384

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\*Key to Authority Abbreviations:

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