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TO: Members of the Facility & Plan Review Subcommittee
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

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STAFF REPORT

STATUS UPDATE ON ENVIRONMENTAL MITIGATION MEASURES AT THE CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

As requested by the Facility and Plan Review Subcommittee, below is the staff report with various status updates on the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL).

Thirty-Third Monthly Update per Task Force's April 21, 2021, Letter

The Landfill Operator submitted their [Thirty-Third Monthly Update](#) dated December 29, 2023. The update addressed the [Task Force's April 19, 2021, Letter](#)'s requirements and included updates on implementation of Condition 68 (regarding the status of air quality monitoring for surrounding communities), Condition 77 (regarding the relocation of the site entrance from Henry Mayo Drive to Wolcott Way), and Condition 79 (regarding the schedule of the Street Improvement Project). On August 15, 2022, the Subcommittee also requested monthly updates on any Notices of Violation (NOVs) received by CCL from any regulatory agencies.

On October 16, 2023, the Subcommittee requested monthly updates on the status of CCL's compliance with its Stipulated Order for Abatement with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and any other mitigation measures imposed by other regulatory agencies.

- **Update on Stipulated Order for Abatement with South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD)**

The Landfill Operator provided an [updated tabulated list of Stipulated Order requirements by the AQMD](#), including status updates for each measure, as of December 29, 2023.

A status update and modification hearing on the Stipulated Order for Abatement will be held before AQMD Hearing Board on January 16-17, 2024.

- **Update on Local Enforcement Agency's (LEA's) Mitigation Measures, CalRecycle's Recommendations**

On November 21, 2023, CCL received a subsequent [letter](#) from the LEA, which required CCL to implement four additional CalRecycle-recommended mitigation measures. While several of these measures are being discussed with the LEA, CCL has begun implementing the mitigation measures in accordance with the LEA's letter and subsequent correspondence with the LEA. The Landfill Operator also provided an [updated tabulated list of mitigation measures by the LEA and CalRecycle](#), including status updates for each measure, as of December 29, 2023.

- **Update on the June 2020 Notice of Violation by Regional Planning**

With regards to the Conditional Use Permit (CUP) modification resulting from the settlement agreement between the County and CCL, the CUP modification application was originally submitted to County Regional Planning on November 10, 2022, for consideration. The application is currently with Regional Planning and is currently not subject to public review.

CCL and Public Works continue to work on securing the permits required to begin construction on the new entrance along Wolcott Way under Conditions 77 and 79.

- **Update on AQMD's NOVs issued to CCL**

With regards to AQMD NOVs, and as previously reported, the source of odors coming from the Landfill is from a large and unexpected increase in production of landfill gas and liquids due to a reaction taking place within a portion of the landfill's waste mass. Based on August through October 2023 air monitoring data, no adverse health effects are anticipated across the community.

- **Update on Leachate-Related NOVs**

As an update to leachate-related NOVs, CCL has submitted their [December 22, 2023 formal written response](#) as required by and in response to the [Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Board's November 22, 2023 NOV](#).