

September 2, 2025

California Regional Water Quality Control Board Los Angeles Region 320 W. 4th Street, Suite 200 Los Angeles, California 90013 ATTN: Information Technology Unit

**Subject:** Leachate Leak Report

**Chiquita Canyon Landfill** 

File No. 67-020

Out of an abundance of caution and in an effort to be transparent, Chiquita Canyon, LLC ("Chiquita") voluntarily provides the following information regarding an incident that occurred on August 26, 2025 at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which no more than fifty-two (52) gallons of leachate leaked and traveled outside of the landfill's footprint. Approximately two (2) gallons of liquid from the leak reached the stormwater channel but did not travel to either stormwater basin. The volume of the leak is a conservative estimate based on visual observation by Chiquita staff. Chiquita has appropriate response materials, including fully stocked spill kits, and trained staff on site to respond to spills and leaks, to prevent liquids from entering the stormwater system.

i. Map - A map showing the location(s) of leakage.

The leak occurred from a pump Sump 5 located in grid 207, as indicated in Attachment A.

ii. Flow rate - An estimate of the flow rate.

The leak had a low flow rate.

iii. Description - A description of the nature of the discharge (e.g., all pertinent observations and analyses).

On August 26, 2025, at approximately 2:45 p.m., to the best of Chiquita's knowledge, it appears while a pump in sump #5 was turned off to perform maintenance on the forcemain, liquid pooled and overflowed at the sump before Chiquita could complete the ongoing maintenance. The liquid crossed the perimeter road and approximately two (2) gallons of liquid entered into the stormwater channel. The liquid was dark brown in color with low viscosity, and traveled as a light trickle.

## iv. Location – Location of sample(s) collected for laboratory analysis, as appropriate.

No sampling of this leak was conducted.

## v. Corrective measures – approved (or proposed for consideration) by the Regional Board Executive Officer.

Upon discovering the leak, Chiquita staff immediately placed soil on top of the liquid to stop and contain the flow. Chiquita also promptly built a check dam to stop the liquid in the stormwater channel from traveling to a stormwater basin. A vacuum truck removed all standing liquid from the ground and was used to lower the liquid level in sump #5. All liquids were sent for treatment with the granulated activated carbon unit, and all soil from the impacted area was placed in a roll off bin and will be sampled for proper disposal. Clean up commenced immediately and was completed the same day.

To prevent similar leaks from occurring in the future, while performing maintenance on the forcemain in the future, if the pump is turned off during maintenance, a vacuum truck will be used to collect liquids to ensure the liquids do not pool.

If you should have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (661) 257-3655.

Sincerely, Chiquita Canyon, LLC

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Attachments: Attachment A – Map depicting the location of the leak

