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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 September 10, 2025 at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which no more than twenty-five (25) gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate from the leachate collection manifold tanks leaked outside of the Landfill’s footprint. The leak did not reach the stormwater channel but reached the “stage 1” stormwater basin which was dry at the time of the leak. The volume of the leak is a conservative estimate based on visual observation by Chiquita staff. Chiquita maintains appropriate response materials, including fully stocked spill kits, and has 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 sump near leachate collection manifold 1 located near the front office at the entrance of the Landfill – as depicted 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 September 10, 2025, at approximately 1:00 a.m., to the best of Chiquita’s knowledge, it appears that the leachate collection manifold sump filled with solids which restricted the flow of liquids to the pump. As a result, the sump filled with liquids and subsequently, portions of those liquids flowed out of the compression fittings on the top of the sump. Chiquita attributes this leak to

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equipment malfunction. 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.

Chiquita staff promptly applied absorbent to the impacted area in order to contain the liquid on the paved road. Chiquita's third-party contractor collected the soil and any standing liquid from the stormwater basin, which was dry at the time of the leak. All of the material collected during cleanup was placed in a roll off bin and will be sampled for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within 8.5 hours.

To prevent similar leaks from occurring in the future, Chiquita will continue to conduct routine maintenance on the sumps within the Landfill. Chiquita has also installed a temporary secondary containment system around this sump and is actively developing a more permanent solution.

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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Chiquita Canyon Landfill

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

