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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – October 2025
DTSC Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order
In the Matter of Chiquita Canyon Landfill, Docket No. HSA-FY24/25-082**

Dear Ms. Barclay:

Per the Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order issued by the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) to Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) on April 2, 2025 (the Order), Chiquita submits this Monthly Summary Report for October 2025. Chiquita provides the following information in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.

(a) Specific actions taken by or on behalf of Respondents during the previous calendar month:

In October, Chiquita finished the piping work for Tank Farm 13 of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Landfill) for the relocation of Tank Farm 9. Chiquita continued to store and treat liquid in Tank Farm 13. Chiquita also continued to work on compliance documentation for the treatment of hazardous waste in Tank Farm 13 under the California Tiered Permitting Structure.

In addition, D&E, on behalf of Chiquita, continued to deploy the DTSC-approved ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH) 60-mil geomembrane cover on the top deck of the Landfill. As of October 31, 2025, D&E had installed approximately 707,948 square feet of the geomembrane to the top deck of the Landfill as well as installed access roads on top of the EVOH geomembrane cover to ensure continued access to major areas of the Landfill, prepped the subgrade for continued deployment of geomembrane cover, and performed repairs of existing 30-mil geomembrane covered areas using the EVOH geomembrane.

Chiquita received comments from DTSC and the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) on October 15, 2025 regarding the draft Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) submitted by Chiquita on July 1, 2025 for the Protection of Cell 8A from Intrusion of

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Elevated Temperature Event. Chiquita and DTSC met on October 21, 2025 to discuss DTSC's and CalRecycle's comments and Chiquita's provision of additional data. Following this meeting, Chiquita worked with SCS to provide DTSC access to SCS's eTools and RMC.

Chiquita also performed the following activities during the month of October, in furtherance of the removal actions under section 5.1.2 of the Order:

- Chiquita and DTSC continued to hold weekly technical status meetings, which were held on October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 2025.
- On October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 2025, Chiquita copied DTSC on its weekly EVOH 60-mil geomembrane cover installation updates provided to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).
- Chiquita submitted to DTSC on October 3, 2025, the revised draft RAW for the Extension of Covered Area together with Chiquita's responses to comments received from DTSC, CalRecycle, the LEA, and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).
- Chiquita hosted Peter Ruttan, Dan Ziarkowski, and Tim Crick, with DTSC, onsite for a tour of the Landfill on October 8, 2025.
- Chiquita hosted Kent Huth and Greg Buensuceso, with DTSC, onsite for a tour of the Landfill on October 28, 2025.
- On October 28, 2025, Chiquita submitted a request for an extension until November 21, 2025 to submit responses to DTSC's and CalRecycle's comments on the draft RAW for the Protection of Cell 8A from Intrusion of Elevated Temperature Event, including a draft Master Schedule.
- Chiquita submitted a request on October 28, 2025 to delay deployment of the final portion of Segment 3 of the geomembrane cover (approximately 1.7 acres).

Additionally, on October 15, 2025, Chiquita submitted a monthly summary report for September 2025 in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.

(b) Actions expected to be undertaken during the current calendar month:

Chiquita will continue to work on permitting compliance for the treatment of hazardous waste in Tank Farm 13. Chiquita will also continue to deploy additional panels of the EVOH geomembrane cover and to install access roads on top of the EVOH geomembrane cover to ensure continued access to major areas of the Landfill, and, in preparation for the deployment of additional EVOH geomembrane cover, Chiquita will continue preparing the subgrade for the cover's placement. In addition, Chiquita expects to continue to participate in weekly technical status meetings with DTSC.

DTSC was provided access to Chiquita's raw data via SCS eTools on October 30, 2025 and RMC on November 3, 2025.

Chiquita submitted to DTSC on November 7, 2025 a response to DTSC's request dated October 31, 2025 for an updated comprehensive cover installation schedule.

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Chiquita also submitted to DTSC on November 10, 2025 surface elevation data for eleven wells in response to DTSC's request dated November 6, 2025.

Chiquita provided to DTSC a copy on November 10, 2025 of its bi-weekly estimated upcoming project timeline submitted to US EPA.

Chiquita expects to submit responses to DTSC's and CalRecycle's comments on the draft RAW for the Protection of Cell 8A from Intrusion of Elevated Temperature Event, including a draft Master Schedule, on November 21, 2025.

(c) All planned activities for the next month:

During the month of December, Chiquita expects to continue to deploy additional panels of the EVOH geomembrane cover, including the final portion of Segment 3, and to prepare other areas on the top deck for the placement of the additional geomembrane cover. Pursuant to section 6.3 of the Order, Chiquita also expects to submit a monthly summary report for November 2025.

(d) Any requirements under this Order that were not completed:

Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for October.

(e) Any problems or anticipated problems in complying with this Order:

As noted in Chiquita's prior monthly summary report, on June 26, 2025, Chiquita received three Notice of Violations (NOVs) from Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) alleging that Chiquita had engaged in grading without obtaining a grading permit in accordance with the Los Angeles County Code. The three NOVs included a stop work order instructing Chiquita to halt the grading. Chiquita had been engaging in the grading at issue as part of its efforts to complete the work described in the draft RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste. In addition, on July 14, 2025, Chiquita received an NOV from Los Angeles County Regional Planning (Regional Planning) alleging that Chiquita violated its Conditional Use Permit by grading without a grading permit. Chiquita appealed the Public Works and Regional Planning NOVs on August 28, 2025 and September 12, 2025, respectively. A hearing on the Regional Planning NOV is scheduled for January 20, 2026.

(f) All results of sample analyses, test, and other data generated under this Order during the previous calendar month, and any significant findings from these data:

In response to DTSC's October 12, 2025 request, Chiquita submitted on October 14, 2025, a spreadsheet with latitudes and longitudes for a list of wells requested by DTSC.

DTSC also requested a copy of Chiquita's most recent Data Management Plan and access to Chiquita's raw data, including SCS eTools and RMC, on October 21, 2025. Chiquita provided the requested Data Management Plan on October 22, 2025 and began working with SCS to assess the viability of getting DTSC its own access to SCS eTools and RMC. As stated above, DTSC was granted access to Chiquita's raw data via SCS eTools on October 30, 2025 and RMC on November 3, 2025.

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (346) 807-5547 or Kate.Logan@WasteConnections.com.

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