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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 Seep Report
Chiquita Canyon Landfill
WDRs Order No. R4-2018-0172
File No. 67-020**

Pursuant to MRP No. CI-6231 Section B.3.a, Chiquita Canyon, LLC (“Chiquita”) provides the following information regarding a seep that occurred on January 19 and January 20, 2026, during which up to 7 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with the north perimeter travelled off of the landfill’s liner to the perimeter road. Liquid from the seep did not reach either the stormwater channel or the stormwater basin.¹ This is a conservative estimate based on visual observations by Chiquita staff. Chiquita maintains appropriate response materials, including fully stocked spill kits, and has trained staff on site to respond to spills, leaks, and seeps to prevent liquids from entering the stormwater system.

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

The incident occurred in grid 185, as indicated in Attachment A.

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

The seep had a low flow rate.

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

On January 19, 2026, Chiquita observed what it believed to be a leak that occurred in grid 185 as a result of a weld that did not hold. Chiquita made repairs to the area and documented the incident as a leak, submitting the required report pursuant to Condition 27(e) and noting the repair in the Measure 2B logs submitted to the LEA on a weekly basis. On January 20, 2026, the weld in the

¹ On January 21, 2026, Chiquita initially reported this incident as a leak; however, after continued investigation, Chiquita determined that the source of this liquid was a seep.

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same area of grid 185 failed again and liquid reached the perimeter road. Chiquita made further repairs to the area, submitted a second Condition 27(e) report, and prepared another Measure 2B log to document the repairs. After further investigation, Chiquita determined that the source of this liquid was a seep. Based on Chiquita's current knowledge, it appears that the seep was caused due to an increase of positive pressure as a result of all three flares being offline for an extended period.

The liquid was dark brown in color with low viscosity and traveled as a light trickle. The liquid did not reach either stormwater basin.

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

No sampling was conducted for this seep.

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

On January 19, 2026, Chiquita personnel pressure washed the geomembrane cover while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and any standing liquid. Saturated soil was removed and placed in appropriate containers for disposal. After repairing the weld for a second time on January 20, 2026, Chiquita again pressure washed the geomembrane cover while applying vacuum to ensure the collection of all wash water and any standing liquid. Chiquita also removed the soil impacted by the seep and placed it in appropriate containers for disposal. The seep lasted for an approximate total of four hours between both days, with the collective repairs taking approximately two hours.

The second patch repair has held since January 20, 2026. Notwithstanding, Chiquita continues to inspect the area multiple times per day.

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

Sincerely,
Chiquita Canyon, LLC

Sarah Phillips
Corporate Compliance Manager
Waste Connections

Attachments: Attachment A – Grid Map of Seep Location

