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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 Spill 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 January 27, 2026 at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, during which approximately two (2) gallons of characteristically non-hazardous leachate spilled near the scale house from a disconnected pump associated with Tank Farm 7. Liquid from the spill left the landfill’s footprint but did not reach the stormwater channel or either stormwater basin. The volume of the spill 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 spill occurred near the scale house adjacent to Grid 142 – as depicted in **Attachment A**.

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

The spill had a very low flow rate.

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

At approximately 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2026, Chiquita discovered a spill near the scale house of the landfill. Based on Chiquita’s current knowledge, it appears that after a leachate pump in Tank Farm 7 was disconnected, drained, and moved to the staging area to be transported offsite by a third-party contractor for maintenance, the third-party contractor instead began to perform maintenance in the staging area, resulting in a spill. Chiquita attributes this spill to third-party

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operator error. The liquid was dark brown in color, with a thicker viscosity, and had a very low flow rate.

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

No sampling of this spill was conducted.

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

Upon discovering the spill, Chiquita personnel promptly applied absorbent to the area impacted by the spill. The soiled absorbent was then removed from the area and placed into a container for proper disposal. Cleanup commenced immediately and was completed within approximately 10 minutes.

Additionally, Chiquita is taking steps to prevent a similar spill from occurring in the future. Chiquita personnel discussed the appropriate areas for maintenance work with the third-party contractor and reminded personnel to continue to check equipment for any liquid before moving it.

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
Chiquita Canyon Landfill

Attachments:

Attachment A – Map depicting the location of the spill

