

**Chiquita Canyon, LLC  
Reaction Committee & South Coast Air Quality Management District  
(SCAQMD) Staff Monthly Meeting  
Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 10:00 am PT**

**AGENDA**

- I. Leachate & Landfill Gas Updates**  
Presentation Leaders – Neal Bolton & Vidhya Viswanathan
- II. Public Health and Air Monitoring Updates (notifications, enhanced air monitoring)**  
Presentation Leaders – Pablo Sanchez-Soria, Rick Pleus & Pat Sullivan
- III. Reaction Area (e.g., temperatures, settlement)**  
Presentation Leader – Bob Dick
- IV. Permitting**  
Presentation Leader – Pat Sullivan

**MEETING SUMMARY**

Attendees: *Reaction Committee & Chiquita— Neal Bolton, Bob Dick, Kelli Hackney, Bill Haley, Ray Huff, Pablo Sanchez-Soria, Pat Sullivan, Vidhya Viswanathan, Stipe Markotic, Cymone Gosnell*

*SCAQMD—Chris Chen, Nate Dickel, Lizabeth Gomez, Angela Haar, Garrett Kakishita, Mary Reichert, Kathryn Roberts, Amanda Sanders, Angela Shibata, Bill Welch*

*California Air Resources Board—Nancy Fletcher*

*USEPA—Tyler Holybee, Mark Anthony Relon*

- I. Leachate & Landfill Gas Updates**
  - a. Mr. Bolton used a PowerPoint slideshow to summarize the occurrence, location, causation, and subsequent corrective actions associated with leachate seeps, leaks, and spills that have occurred since the last update. Mr. Bolton also provided an update and led a discussion on the status of the exposed geomembrane cap (EGC) deployment comprising 17.9 acres as of 1/9/26 and noted the delays attributed to weather.
  - b. Ms. Viswanathan referred to the Wellfield Pump Deployment Drawing, summarized the inventory of pumps, and reported on the pump count within and outside of the Condition 9a reaction area boundary. She noted that there have been no additional landfill gas (LFG) wells drilled since the previous monthly meeting. Ms. Viswanathan also explained and led a discussion on the circumstances regarding the flare station

shutdown including causation, corrective actions, and repairs pertaining to the hydrogen sulfide removal vessel and LFG header piping.

- **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Shibata requested documentation that serves as the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for monitoring of the scrubber vessel and flares, and appropriate response/remediation activities.
  - i. **Written Response:** Chiquita does not have SOPs for the scrubber vessels and flares specific to the Chiquita Canyon Landfill that it can provide to SCAQMD. Chiquita's contractor, SCS, may have SOPs for some of this equipment, but Chiquita does not have the authority to direct a third-party contractor to provide such a proprietary document, and as such, Chiquita is unable to provide these documents.
- **Outstanding Question:** Ms. Shibata inquired as to whether the blower/flare station shut down automatically, or whether it was manually shutdown.
  - i. **Written Response:** The flares shut down automatically.

## II. Public Health and Air Monitoring Updates (notifications, enhanced air monitoring)

- a. Dr. Sanchez-Soria stated that he had submitted plans for text messaging notification features to SCAQMD personnel for consideration.
- b. Ms. Hackney was substituting for Dr. Pleus, who was unable to attend, and stated that she had no prepared remarks related to updates.
- c. Mr. Sullivan presented the landfill gas flowrate matrix and discussed the recent decrease to the LFG-only and overall gas quantities being recovered during mid-January, which he attributed to the flare station shutdown. He commented on various air monitoring station measurements, including the correlation (or lack thereof) between downtime of the LFG collection and control system with maximum concentrations of certain constituents measured at certain air monitoring stations, and led a discussion on various air monitoring station topics. Mr. Sullivan noted that delivery of the additional micro-GC unit is expected in February 2026 and will be readily deployable from the SCS-Bakersfield Office. He noted the recent flux chamber testing report will be submitted by Friday, 1/23/26, and announced that the next flux chamber testing is scheduled to occur in March 2026.

## III. Reaction Area (e.g., temperatures, settlement)

- a. Mr. Dick addressed and led a discussion on the primary findings and conclusions presented in the Reaction Area Boundary Determination submitted to SCAQMD on January 9, 2026. The discussion focused on specific regions along the delineated boundary and topics included temperature values recorded in the in-situ waste temperature probes, temperatures measured in the landfill gas wellheads, downwell temperatures recorded, and concentrations of various constituents in the LFG being collected from certain LFG wells. He reported on several subareas within the data-driven reaction area boundary that are demonstrating diminished elevated temperature landfill (ETLF) conditions.
  - **Outstanding Questions:** Ms. Gomez and Ms. Shibata both requested additional information related to a perceived disconnect between what was reported in the November vs January boundary determination reports,

particularly with respect to average temperatures and methane concentrations.

- i. **Written Response:** The Reaction Committee is continuing to look into this perceived disconnect and will follow up with SCAQMD at the next monthly meeting.

#### IV. Permitting

- a. Mr. Sullivan provided updates on the various permitting efforts, utilizing the permit tracking matrix as a reference to facilitate the discussion.
  - **Outstanding Questions:** Ms. Shibata inquired as to the circumstances related to visible flames observed at the top of a thermal oxidizer unit's enclosed stack on an intermittent basis during a discrete period of time.
    - i. **Written Response:** Written responses to SCAQMD's questions were submitted to SCAQMD via email on 2/4/26, as requested.