



CHIQUITA CANYON
A Waste Connections Company

March 2, 2026

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 discovered on February 23, 2026, during which approximately 5 gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate associated with Group A traveled off the landfill’s liner to Stage 1 of the South Sedimentation Basin. 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 just west of grid 210 and south of grid 208, as indicated in **Attachment A**.

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

The flow rate of the seep varied between moderate and light.

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

On February 23, 2026, at approximately 2:55 a.m., a seep was observed outside of Chiquita’s routine seep inspections. At the time of discovery, the liquid from the seep had reached the stormwater channel and a small amount of leachate had reached Stage 1 of the South

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Sedimentation Basin. Chiquita estimates that approximately 5 gallons of leachate traveled through the stormwater channel and entered Stage 1 of the basin.

The liquid was dark brown in color with low viscosity.

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

Chiquita collected samples from the southwestern and northwestern portions of Stage 1 of the basin. The results of these samples will be provided to the Water Board pursuant to the Amended Investigative Order.

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

Upon discovery of the seep, Chiquita immediately placed a total of six soil check dams within the stormwater channel to prevent additional liquids from the seep from entering the basin. Chiquita promptly deployed a vacuum truck to the basin and removed the approximately 5 gallons of leachate along with additional stormwater present within the vicinity of the inlet. In total, approximately 1,500 gallons of liquid were removed from the basin, consisting primarily of stormwater in addition to the estimated 5 gallons of leachate. As part of its cleanup efforts, Chiquita also pressure-washed the stormwater channel and culvert leading to the South Sedimentation Basin and removed the wash water by vacuum truck.

To contain the seep, Chiquita constructed a berm at the source of the seep. Chiquita also constructed a containment area that is currently covered by a steel plate and geomembrane cover to prevent potential emissions in the event liquids reappear. Chiquita is monitoring the containment area and is continuing to remove liquids using a vacuum truck as they reappear. In total, the cleanup of this seep, including the installation of the cover over the containment area, took approximately 80 hours.

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

Sincerely,
Chiquita Canyon, LLC

Matt Breuer
Environmental Manager
Chiquita Canyon

Attachments: Attachment A – Grid Map of Seep Location

