

Chiquita Canyon, LLC
Reaction Committee & South Coast Air Quality Management District
(SCAQMD) Staff Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, February 18, 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, Kelli Hackney & Pat Sullivan
- III. **Reaction Area (e.g., temperatures, settlement)**
Presentation Leader – Bob Dick
- IV. **Permitting**
Presentation Leader – Pat Sullivan

MEETING MINUTES

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

SCAQMD Staff—Chris Chen, Rodney Davis, Nate Dickel, Stephen Dutz, Lizabeth Gomez, Garrett Kakishita, Ryan Mansell, Christina Ojeda, Mary Reichert, Kathryn Roberts, Amanda Sanders, Angela Shibata, Gerardo Vergara, Bill Welch, Victor Yip

California Air Resources Board—Nancy Fletcher

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency—Tyler Holybee, Mark Anthony Relon

- I. **Leachate & Landfill Gas Updates**
 - a. Mr. Bolton used a PowerPoint slideshow to summarize and lead a discussion on the occurrence, location, causation, and subsequent corrective actions associated with leachate seeps, leaks, and spills that have occurred since the last update. He explained that the increase in the number of incidents was attributed to increased vigilance in reporting even very small quantities of liquid. He stated that the quantity of liquids reported during the past month is well below the average monthly value. Mr. Bolton also provided an update on the status of the extended exposed geomembrane cap (EGC) deployment comprising 23.6 acres as of 2/11/26.
 - **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Shibata requested an inventory of previous site personnel resources dedicated to inspecting for seeps, leaks and spills

versus the current level of personnel resources being utilized for these activities.

- i. **Written Response:** Mr. Bolton is looking into this request and will report back on his findings at the next monthly Reaction Committee meeting.
- **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Roberts requested additional information be provided on the three leachate seeps reported.
 - i. **Written Response:** This information is being compiled and will be presented during the next monthly meeting.
- **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Roberts requested clarification regarding how the repairs to the geomembrane are a corrective action for the two seeps in grid 185.
 - i. **Written Response:** Mr. Bolton is investigating these seeps and the reported corrective action and will report back on his findings at the next monthly Reaction Committee meeting.
- b. Ms. Viswanathan referred to the Wellfield Pump Deployment Drawing and summarized the inventory of pumps installed and operational, the number of non-operational pumps, the number of pumps pending installation, and counts within and outside of the Condition 9a Boundary. She also led a discussion on the number of pumps that have temporarily been deactivated since 2/15/26. She noted that there have been no additional landfill gas (LFG) wells drilled since the previous monthly meeting.
 - **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Roberts requested clarification on whether the temporarily deactivated pumps have been physically removed from the vertical wells or whether they are still positioned within the well casings.
 - i. **Written Response:** SCS has identified that the pneumatic pumps were removed from wells and will be re-installed once they can be reactivated. The electric pumps were deactivated and remain in the well casing.
 - **Outstanding Question:** Ms. Shibata inquired about whether there are additional leachate disposal facilities beyond the two mentioned during the meeting and what efforts are being expended to identify contingency plans.
 - i. **Written Response:** Chiquita informed SCS that they have contacted over 650 potential leachate disposal facilities over the past 2.5 years and continue to do so. Chiquita is constantly searching for reliable disposal facilities for the volume of leachate being extracted. Since the meeting, several loads of leachate have been transported to a leachate disposal facility in Mexico.

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

- a. Dr. Sanchez-Soria stated that CTEH is ready to implement the text messaging notification features as previously submitted 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 led a discussion on recent air monitoring results, sharing that there were no reference exposure level (REL) exceedances recorded at the air monitoring stations during the flare station shutdown that occurred from January 23rd to January 26th. He noted that MS-8 was equipped with direct electrical power supply in late January. Mr. Sullivan also presented the landfill gas flowrate matrix and discussed the decrease to the LFG-only and overall gas quantities being recovered during mid-January attributed to the flare station shutdown, as well as the rebound in LFG quantities experienced since February 1st. He noted the recent flux chamber testing report was submitted on Friday 1/23/26 and announced that the next flux chamber testing, scheduled to occur on March 9th, will categorize only two distinct cover conditions (geomembrane cap versus remaining areas).
- **Outstanding Question:** Ms. Sanders asked that the requested additional information related to Chiquita's request for an extension of the deadline to submit source test protocols for the portable thermal oxidizer units be submitted.
 - i. **Written Response:** Chiquita submitted the requested additional information on February 20 and submitted the requested source test protocols on March 3.
 - **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Dutz requested that the Sniffer drone LFG emissions monitoring data be addressed and discussed during these monthly meetings.
 - i. **Written Response:** SCS most recently reviewed drone data with SCAQMD at the bi-weekly meeting on February 27 and will include a review of this data at the monthly Reaction Committee meetings as well moving forward.
 - **Outstanding Request:** SCAQMD personnel inquired whether the drone flight data offered insights into the elevated methane concentrations recorded at certain air monitoring stations.
 - i. **Written Response:** SCS will include a review of this data and analysis at the next monthly Reaction Committee meeting.

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 February 10, 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 LFG wellheads, downwell temperatures recorded, and concentrations of various constituents in the LFG being collected from certain LFG wells. He also reported on several subareas within the data-driven reaction area boundary that are demonstrating diminished elevated temperature landfill (ETLF) conditions.
- **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Dutz requested more information and analysis on additional specific monitoring data related to the subareas within the data-driven reaction area boundary that led the Committee to conclude that methanogenesis is increasing.

- i. **Written Response:** This information is being compiled and will be presented during the next monthly meeting.

IV. Permitting

- a. Mr. Sullivan provided updates on the various permitting efforts and referenced the permit tracking matrix to summarize the status.