

Chiquita Canyon, LLC
Reaction Committee & South Coast Air Quality Management District
(SCAQMD) Staff Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, March 25, 2026 at 10:00 am PT

AGENDA

- I. Leachate & Landfill Gas Updates**
Presentation Leaders – Neal Bolton & Bill Haley
- II. Public Health and Air Monitoring Updates (notifications, enhanced air monitoring, surface emissions 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 MINUTES

Attendees: *Reaction Committee & Chiquita—Neal Bolton, Bob Dick, Kelli Hackney, Bill Haley, Pablo Sanchez-Soria, Pat Sullivan, Rick Pleus, Leigh Barton*

SCAQMD—Chris Chen, Rodney Davis, Nate Dickel, Stephen Dutz, Lizabeth Gomez, Larry Israel, Garrett Kakishita, Ryan Mansell, Mary Reichert, Kathryn Roberts, Angela Shibata, Bill Welch

California Air Resources Board—Nancy Fletcher

- I. Leachate & Landfill Gas Updates**
 - a. Mr. Bolton used a PowerPoint slideshow with an embedded hot link to the overview of leak and spill reporting 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. In response to a question from the previous monthly meeting, he stated that the Landfill has maintained the same number of personnel performing inspections at the leachate tank farms. He explained that the increase in the number of incidents reported during this month compared to months prior to January 2026 was attributed to increased vigilance in reporting even very small quantities of liquid. He stated that, similar to last month, the Landfill is experiencing leachate seeps in a distinct localized area along the western toe-of-slope, suggesting that leachate is moving to this region along preferential pathways within the waste mass. He reported that the Landfill is currently under an order issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) to accomplish remedial work along the western slope. Mr. Bolton also provided an update on the status of the extended exposed geomembrane cap deployment, comprising around 24.5 acres as of 3/11/26 and yielding a total area of about 70.4 acres.

- **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Roberts requested that Mr. Bolton provide updates on the implementation of the EPA order related to the western slope.

- i. **Written Response:** Mr. Bolton will provide these updates at the monthly Reaction Committee meetings moving forward.

- b. Mr. Haley reported that additional landfill gas (LFG) extraction well drilling activities are being planned. He noted that the Landfill continues to operate three portable thermal oxidizer (TOX) units and three enclosed ground flares. The fabrication of Flare No. 4 at the manufacturer's shop has been completed, and the unit is awaiting shipment to the site. Mr. Haley also reported and led a discussion on the status of the LFG wellfield dewatering infrastructure and noted that the number of dedicated downhole dewatering pumps operating over the past month has been relatively consistent due to the reduction in off-site leachate disposal capacity. He stated that installation of larger diameter permanent LFG header piping, as well as liquid forcemain piping, is ongoing.

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

- a. Dr. Sanchez-Soria stated that CTEH received feedback from Mr. Dutz at SCAQMD related to the text messaging notification features as well as on email notification language modifications and is working on implementing the requested changes.

- b. Dr. Pleus stated that he had no prepared remarks related to updates.

- c. Mr. Sullivan led a discussion on recent air monitoring results and correlation to LFG collection and control system shutdowns, sharing that there were no reference exposure level exceedances for hydrogen sulfide recorded since the last meeting. He led an extensive discussion that addressed multiple topics related to the data recorded at the air monitoring stations, including recent acrolein exceedance events that the device manufacturer, SCS, and SCAQMD all believe to be false positives.

- **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Sullivan noted that he owes SCAQMD preliminary reports on the acrolein data.

- i. **Written Response:** SCS has provided SCAQMD with an initial summary from the instrument manufacturer and is working on compiling additional details requested by SCAQMD.

- **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Dutz requested a discussion before the next Community Advisory Committee meeting on whether to continue presenting acrolein exceedance data at the meeting given the false positives.

- i. **Written Response:** Mr. Huff is discussing this issue with Mr. Dutz and SCAQMD.

- **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Dutz asked whether it would be possible to put a running log of the exceedance events on Chiquita's website for the text and email notifications of exceedances.

- i. **Written Response:** Mr. Sullivan is coordinating with Mr. Huff and Dr. Sanchez-Soria on this request.
 - **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Sullivan stated that he owes SCAQMD a report of ongoing issues with the elevated methane readings.
 - i. **Written Response:** Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Huff continue to work on this report.
 - **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Dutz raised community concerns regarding missing data for the Aeroqual units that is later backfilled.
 - i. **Written Response:** Mr. Huff continues to discuss these issues with the website team.
- d. Mr. Sullivan also presented the landfill gas flowrate matrix and discussed the increase in the LFG-only and overall gas quantities being recovered during the period of March 1st through March 22nd. He noted that the commissioning of two additional blower units associated with Flare No. 4 will represent potential for a significant impact on increasing LFG recovery quantities, which resulted in extensive discussion on various scenarios related to existing and planned LFG combustion units.
 - i. **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Roberts and Ms. Shibata requested that the LFG combustion unit capacity chart be updated and for a column to be added suggesting what permit application changes might be necessary in light of Chiquita's near-future LFG combustion unit plans.
 - 1. **Written Response:** Mr. Sullivan is working on this request and will present the updated chart at the next monthly meeting.
- e. Mr. Sullivan stated that the flux chamber testing was completed last week using the previously-approved protocol. He also presented several exhibits depicting the fugitive methane emission measurements obtained from unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) (i.e., Sniffer Drone) and subsequent verification measurements.
 - **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Dutz requested an update at the next meeting on how the exceedance events were remediated and why they continue occurring. He also requested that the UAV measurement data be utilized to provide a summary of temporal variations of landfill emissions, specifically in the uncapped portions of the landfill surface.
 - i. **Written Response:** Mr. Sullivan is compiling data related to this issue and will report back on his findings 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 March 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 conditions.

- **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Dutz requested more information on the specific steps and methodology being employed to delineate the data-driven reaction area boundary and the criteria and protocols that are being considered to produce the opinion on the presence (or absence) of reaction conditions.
 - i. **Written Response:** Mr. Dick is compiling this information and will present it during the next monthly meeting.
- **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Roberts and Mr. Dutz requested two- and/or three-dimensional exhibits or graphics depicting heat within the waste mass at various depths.
 - i. **Written Response:** Mr. Dick is compiling this information and will present it during the next monthly meeting.

IV. Permitting

- a. Mr. Sullivan stated the permit tracking matrix is being updated to summarize the status of the various applications.