

Chiquita Canyon, LLC
Reaction Committee & South Coast Air Quality Management District
(SCAQMD) Staff Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, April 15, 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, surface emissions monitoring)**
Presentation Leaders –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, Pat Sullivan, Rick Pleus, Vidhya Viswanathan, Ray Huff, Leigh Barton*

SCAQMD—Chris Chen, Rodney Davis, Nate Dickel, Stephen Dutz, Lizabeth Gomez, Ryan Mansell, Mary Reichert, Amanda Sanders, Angela Shibata, Bill Welch, Victor Yip, Angela Haar, Paola Pantoja

California Air Resources Board—Dmitri Smith

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

- I. **Leachate & Landfill Gas Updates**
 - a. Ms. Viswanathan reported that additional landfill gas (LFG) extraction well drilling activities are being planned and designed. She 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, which had been impacted by the reduction in off-site leachate disposal capacity, was rebounding slowly.
 - **Outstanding Question:** Mr. Dutz inquired as to the quantity of leachate being extracted as of 4/10/26.
 - i. **Written Response:** Chiquita has reported 31,729,939 gallons of extraction from 1/1 - 4/10. For a comparison of extraction before and after the reduction in off-site leachate disposal capacity, from

1/19 - 1/25, total extraction was 2,778,717 gallons, whereas from 4/6 - 4/12, total extraction was 1,248,579 gallons. Chiquita is currently in the process of repairing the on-site flow meters, which have been over-reporting the volume of leachate that has been extracted from the Landfill. Chiquita anticipates that these repairs will be ongoing through the end of May.

- **Outstanding Question:** Mr. Dutz asked how additional dewatering pumps are being activated without increasing the facility's off-site disposal capacity.

- i. **Written Response:** Leachate flows are variable from individual wells. As Chiquita activates pumps, there is an accumulation of liquid within the well that the pumps subsequently work through. As that process unfolds, extraction slows in that particular well. Chiquita is then able to turn more pumps on based on field conditions.

- **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Gomez requested the number of wells that must be redrilled to achieve the depth requirement outlined in Condition 15b of the Stipulated Order. She also requested a map depicting the location of these wells.

- i. **Written Response:** There are currently 204 wells within the Condition 9a reaction area boundary that are not drilled to within 30 feet above the liner. A drawing depicting the locations of these wells is attached.

- b. 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. He explained that there continues to be greater numbers of incidents reported on a monthly basis compared to months prior to January 2026, but that most of the reported incidents were very small in volume. He stated that, similar to last month, the Landfill is experiencing leachate seeps in a distinct, localized area along the western toe-of-slope. He reported that Chiquita is beginning to work on the soil buttress required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to accomplish remedial work along the western slope, and that this work is still in the design phase. Mr. Bolton also provided an update on the status of the extended exposed geomembrane cap deployment, comprising around 36.3 acres as of 4/3/26 and yielding a total area of about 84.6 acres.

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

- a. Dr. Sanchez-Soria was unable to attend, so Mr. Dick provided an update on his behalf related to the status of the text messaging notification features as well as email notification language modifications.
- b. Dr. Pleus stated that he had no prepared remarks related to updates.
- c. Mr. Sullivan presented and led a discussion on the landfill gas flowrate matrix and the circumstances surrounding episodes of LFG system shutdown, both planned and unplanned. He also presented and led discussion on the LFG combustion unit (flare and thermal oxidizer (TOX)) capacity matrix and the planned scenarios being considered for potential modification as well as the consequences of these changes as they pertain to facility-wide LFG control capacity.

- i. **Outstanding Request:** Ms. Gomez requested more detail on the power safety shutdown that occurred on 4/15/26, including causation and the impact on landfill gas collection, as well as the actions used to minimize downtime during the shutdown.
 - i. **Written Response:** The April 15 event was not a power safety shutoff or overall power outage. Instead, it was some sort of power surge, but Chiquita was not able to substantiate that other than the fact that the site experienced a power fluctuation which tripped a few pieces of equipment. It was not something the Facility has experienced before or since. Systems were brought back online within about 30 minutes, except for a variable frequency drive (VFD) at the Parnel blower, which was negatively impacted by the surge. That took longer to bring back online because field personnel had to switch to another VFD.
- d. Mr. Sullivan led a discussion on recent air monitoring results, including elevated hydrogen sulfide readings, the highest benzene reading since the last meeting, and an acrolein exceedance that appears to be a false positive. He also led a discussion of recent Sniffer data, the locations of recently noted exceedances, and the results of the most recent report which detected 0 exceedances, demonstrating the effectiveness of the prior corrective action.
 - **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Dutz inquired as to whether Sniffer can accommodate SCAQMD's request on when they conduct the full survey.
 - i. **Written Response:** Chiquita typically conducts the monthly flyovers of the entire Landfill during the first week of each month. Because the flyovers must be scheduled in light of current site operations and weather conditions, Chiquita cannot commit to conducting them on the first Tuesday of every month. Chiquita needs to maintain flexibility to adjust the timing of the flyovers, including on short notice, based on weather conditions and other work being conducted onsite.
- e. Mr. Sullivan also led a discussion on a variety of outstanding action items from the previous monthly meeting, including drone and traditional surface emissions monitoring data in the soil covered areas, acrolein exceedances, website issues, elevated methane readings at MS-02, recent updates to the air monitoring standard operating procedures, and the flux chamber study testing protocol.
 - i. **Outstanding Question:** Mr. Dutz asked what can be done to mitigate the unplanned downtime better than Chiquita is currently doing.
 - i. **Written Response:** Mr. Sullivan is pulling together this information and will present it at the next monthly meeting.

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

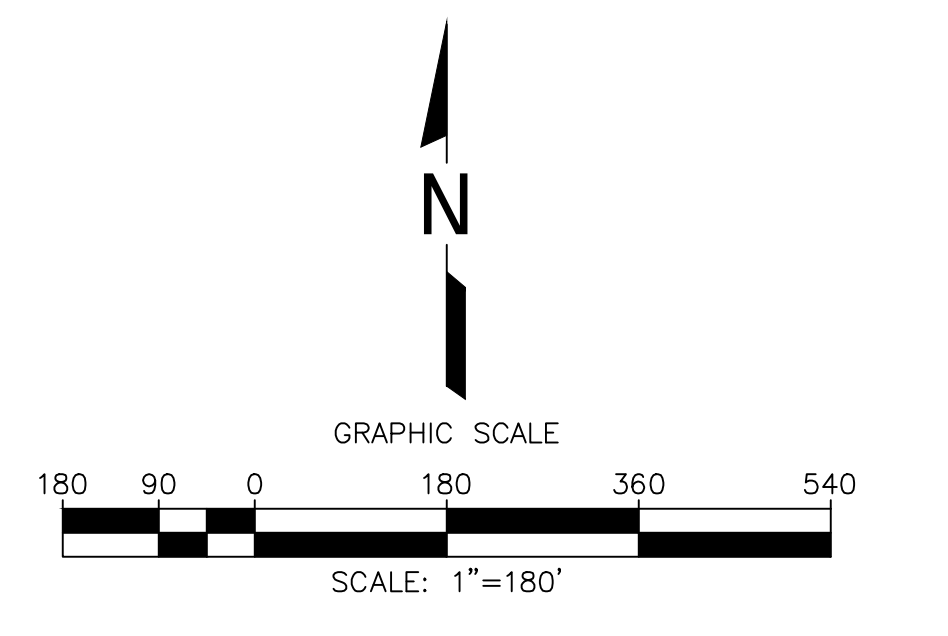
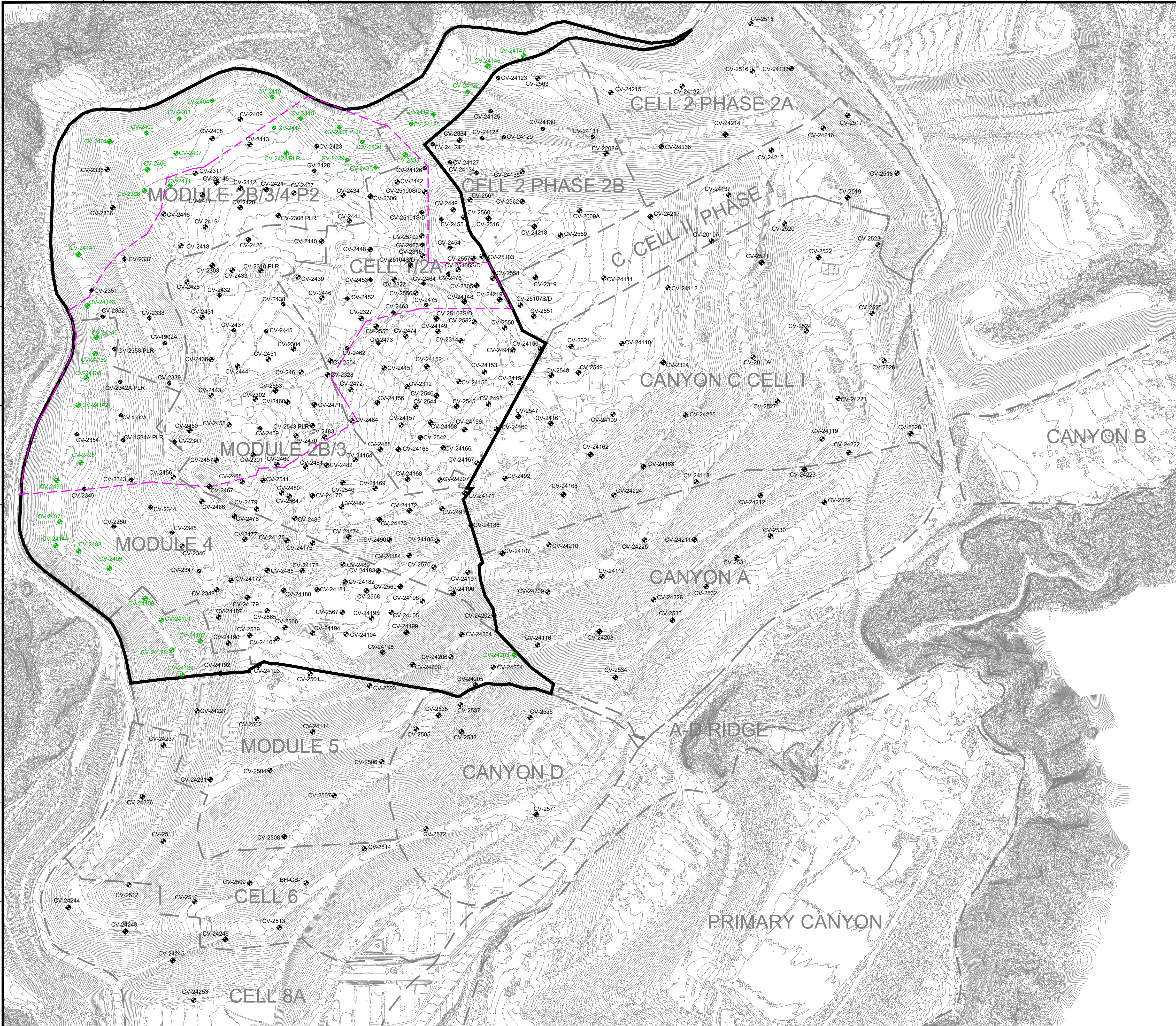
- a. Mr. Dick addressed and led a discussion on the primary findings and conclusions presented in the Reaction Area Boundary Determination submitted to SCAQMD on April 10, 2026. He reviewed the criteria outlined in the Determination Report that are considered in the data analytics exercise and explained conditions that are commonly scrutinized and evaluated which require interpretation and professional judgment to render an opinion on the position of reaction characteristics within the buried waste mass. The discussion related to the most recent monthly data 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.

- **Outstanding Request:** Mr. Dutz requested more information on the specific rationale being employed to decide whether certain temperature probes and wells are, or are not, included in the reaction area boundary. He noted it would be helpful if the wellfield drawing was presented on the screen while a discussion occurred on the relevant points.
 - i. **Written Response:** Mr. Dick is compiling this information and will present it during the next monthly meeting utilizing the methodology suggested by SCAQMD.

IV. Permitting

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



- LEGEND**
- 1150 — EXISTING TOPOGRAPHIC CONTOUR
 - - - EXISTING CELL LIMITS (APPROXIMATE)
 - - - REACTION AREA BOUNDARY (APPROXIMATE) - BASED ON DATA REVIEW
 - REACTION AREA BOUNDARY - CONDITION 9A
 - ◆ CV-XX EXISTING LFG VERTICAL EXTRACTION WELL
 - ◆ CV-XX PLR EXISTING LFG VERTICAL EXTRACTION WELL - PRESSURIZED LEACHATE RELEASE
 - ◆ BH-GB EXISTING GABION LFG COLLECTOR WELL
 - ◆ CV-XX EXISTING LFG VERTICAL EXTRACTION WELL - 30-FOOT CLEARANCE FROM BASE

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REVISION	
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SHEET TITLE:	EXISTING VERTICAL EXTRACTION WELL MAP
PROJECT TITLE:	CHIUQITA CANYON LANDFILL CASTAIC, CALIFORNIA
CLIENT:	CHIUQITA CANYON LANDFILL CASTAIC, CALIFORNIA
DATE:	05/05/2026
SCALE:	AS SHOWN
SHEET:	1

GENERAL DRAWING NOTES:

- EXISTING TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY INFORMATION SHOWN WAS PROVIDED BY PROPELLER. AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY DATED APRIL 22, 2026.
- NORTH ARROW SHOWN HERE IS REFERENCE TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE PLANE ZONE V COORDINATE SYSTEM, NAD 83.