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**Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Monthly Summary Report – April 2026
DTSC Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order
In the Matter of Chiquita Canyon Landfill, Docket No. HSA-FY24/25-082**

Dear Mr. Shaffer, Ms. DiPietro, and Mr. Gentile:

Per the Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Determination and Order issued by the Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) to Chiquita Canyon, LLC (Chiquita) on April 2, 2025 (the Order), Chiquita submits this Monthly Summary Report for April 2026. Chiquita provides the following information in accordance with section 6.3 of the Order.

(a) Specific actions taken by or on behalf of Respondents during the previous calendar month:

In April, Chiquita continued to store and treat liquid in Tank Farm 13 of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Landfill).

In addition, D&E, on behalf of Chiquita, continued to deploy the DTSC-approved ethylene vinyl alcohol (EVOH) 60-mil geomembrane cover on the top deck of the Landfill. As of May 1, 2026, D&E had installed approximately 1,856,428 square feet of the EVOH geomembrane cover. D&E additionally conducted repairs and detailing of existing panels, including boot fabrication, patching, extrusion welding, and re-seaming, as needed. Chiquita experienced delays in deploying additional EVOH cover due to adverse weather conditions, as foreshadowed in Chiquita's prior correspondence with DTSC.

Chiquita also performed the following activities during the month of April, in furtherance of the removal actions under section 5.1.2 of the Order:

- Chiquita and DTSC continued to hold weekly technical status meetings, which were held on April 7, and 21, 2026.

- On April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its weekly EVOH 60-mil geomembrane cover installation updates provided to the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA).
- On April 14, 2026, Chiquita copied DTSC on its bi-weekly Estimated Upcoming Project Timelines provided to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

(b) Actions expected to be undertaken during the current calendar month:

Chiquita will continue to deploy additional panels of the EVOH geomembrane cover, and, in preparation for the deployment of additional EVOH geomembrane cover, Chiquita will continue to prepare the subgrade for the cover's placement. Chiquita will also continue to store and treat liquid in Tank Farm 13. In addition, Chiquita expects to continue to participate in weekly technical status meetings with DTSC.

On May 1, 2026, Chiquita received DTSC's Conditional Approval of the Revised Comprehensive Global Stability Study Work Plan, which Chiquita acknowledged on May 6, 2026. Chiquita then submitted its response to DTSC's March 9, 2026 demand for cost estimates and financial assurance on May 8, 2026. Additionally, on May 15, 2026, Chiquita scheduled a meeting in response to DTSC's request in Comment #1 of its May 1, 2026 Conditional Approval.

(c) All planned activities for the next month:

During the month of June, Chiquita expects to continue to deploy additional panels of the EVOH geomembrane cover and to prepare other areas on the top deck for the placement of the additional geomembrane cover, weather permitting. Chiquita also expects to continue to store and treat liquid in Tank Farm 13. Pursuant to section 6.3 of the Order, Chiquita also expects to submit a monthly summary report for May 2026. Chiquita also expects to hold a meeting with DTSC and other regulators pursuant to the Conditional Approval of the Revised Comprehensive Global Stability Study Work Plan.

(d) Any requirements under this Order that were not completed:

Chiquita completed all requirements under this Order for April.

(e) Any problems or anticipated problems in complying with this Order:

As noted in Chiquita's prior monthly summary report, on June 26, 2025, Chiquita received three Notice of Violations (NOVs) from Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) alleging that Chiquita had engaged in grading without obtaining a grading permit in accordance with the Los Angeles County Code. The three NOVs included a stop work order instructing Chiquita to halt the grading. Chiquita had been engaging in the grading at issue as part of its efforts to complete the work described in the draft RAW for the Interim Relocation and Stabilization of Containerized Waste. In addition, on July 14, 2025, Chiquita received an NOV from Los Angeles County Regional Planning alleging that Chiquita violated its Conditional Use Permit by grading without a grading permit. Chiquita appealed these NOVs on August 28, 2025 and September 12, 2025, respectively.

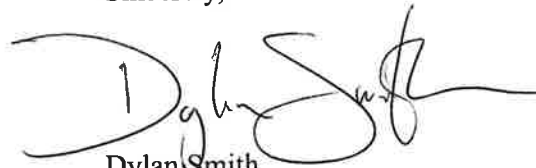
A hearing on the Regional Planning NOV was scheduled for January 20, 2026. On January 2, 2026, County Counsel and Chiquita jointly requested a continuance of that hearing to May 5, 2026, as the hearing on Chiquita's appeal of the Public Works NOVs had not yet been scheduled. Regional Planning staff submitted on January 5, 2026, a supplemental report to the Hearing Officer requesting the continuance. On January 20, 2026, the Hearing Officer granted the continuance to May 5, 2026. The hearing was again continued to November 17, 2026.

(f) All results of sample analyses, test, and other data generated under this Order during the previous calendar month, and any significant findings from these data:

Chiquita did not provide sample analyses, test, or other data generated under the Order during the previous calendar month beyond what Chiquita usually provides and as reflected above in (a).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at dylan.smith@wasteconnections.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dylan Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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