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Via E-Mail

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Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC – Response to Public Health Directive to Develop a Community Exposure Mitigation Plan for a Slope Failure at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill

Ms. Ferrer:

Chiquita Canyon, LLC (“Chiquita”) acknowledges receipt of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health’s May 8, 2026 correspondence regarding the requested Community Exposure Mitigation Plan, following the County’s April 14, 2026 correspondence and Chiquita’s subsequent April 21, 2026 response regarding the West Toe Buttress Project and related work at the western slope of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (the “Landfill”).

As discussed in Chiquita’s prior correspondence and in ongoing coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), Chiquita has already developed and implemented multiple operational, monitoring, contingency, and community mitigation measures associated with the planned west slope work and the ETLF more generally. Those measures are incorporated into EPA-directed work plans and response documents currently governing implementation of these activities.

In particular, the Revised West Toe Buttress Work Plan submitted to EPA on May 27, 2026 includes extensive measures intended to mitigate potential impacts associated with west slope activities. These measures include continuous air monitoring during excavation activities involving waste mass, stop-work triggers tied to monitoring thresholds and weather conditions, operational controls intended to minimize emissions, and requirements for immediate cover placement if monitoring thresholds are exceeded. The Work Plan also provides for community notifications in advance of planned excavation activities, updates through the Chiquita website, coordination regarding ambient air monitoring exceedances, and operation of a community “cool zone” during periods involving the highest potential for excavation into waste mass. The Work Plan further provides for notification and coordination with local and emergency responders regarding excavation activities and any emergency response needs.

In addition, Chiquita previously developed and submitted both the West Slope Preemptive Secondary Containment Plan and the West Slope Contingency Secondary Containment Plan in response to EPA's March 17, 2026 Additional Work Letter. Those plans establish contingency measures intended to address changing conditions at the western slope in the unlikely event additional response actions become necessary. Among other things, the plans provide for containment structures, drainage controls, emergency staging of materials and equipment, deployment procedures for temporary containment measures, and coordination with EPA and emergency response agencies. The contingency plans also identify emergency communication and notification protocols involving agencies including CalOES, the Los Angeles County Fire Department, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, DTSC, South Coast AQMD, and other response entities.

Nevertheless, Chiquita has prepared a stand-alone Community Exposure Mitigation Plan responsive to the County's April 14, 2026 and May 8, 2026 correspondence. This plan consolidates and supplements community-facing measures that have already been developed under the EPA-directed framework related to the unlikely risk of catastrophic slope failure.

Chiquita will continue coordinating with EPA and other appropriate federal, state, and local agencies regarding any community-facing mitigation or emergency response measures that may become necessary based on site conditions and ongoing monitoring.

Sincerely,



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Attachment

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