



CHIQUITA CANYON

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Via E-Mail

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Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC Responses to Questions Asked During June Community Advisory Committee and Chiquita Canyon Landfill Community Meetings

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Below please find Chiquita Canyon, LLC's ("Chiquita") responses to questions left open during the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026 and Chiquita's community meeting on Thursday, June 18. Note that there were no questions asked during the Castaic Area Town Council ("CATC") meeting on Wednesday, June 17. Chiquita provides these written responses to ensure complete and accurate information is provided to the public with all appropriate context. There were many overlapping questions on the topics presented. To avoid repetition, Chiquita has grouped questions by topic. Chiquita will also post these responses on Chiquita's Odor Mitigation website (<https://chiquitacanyon.com/odor-mitigation/>).

West Toe Buttress Project

- Excavation into Waste. Chiquita has identified the project areas and phases with the greatest potential for encountering waste during excavation activities and has implemented precautionary measures and will implement additional mitigation measures in the event that excavation into waste occurs.
- Cool Zone. A "cool zone" space for the community will be available during the times when the risk of excavation into waste is the highest. Public notice of the availability and location of the "cool zone" will be provided through updates to the website and flyers to residents within a one-mile radius. "Cool zone" amenities are dependent on the host facility. Chiquita will work with the facility to provide a comfortable space for the community. Access to the "cool zone" is contingent on attendees' adherence to the host facility's rules of conduct.

Water Updates

- Groundwater Monitoring. Groundwater levels and groundwater monitoring wells at the landfill are monitored on a quarterly basis.

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- Leachate Collection and Recovery System. Chiquita regularly monitors the integrity of the Landfill's leachate collection and recovery system ("LCRS") through multiple measures, including routine monitoring of groundwater monitoring wells and analysis of leachate temperature data. Chiquita's quarterly groundwater monitoring and liner integrity reports consistently have reported no measurable impacts to groundwater and no evidence that heat or reaction-related conditions at the Landfill have compromised the integrity of the bottom liner system or the LCRS.
- Amended Investigative Order. On February 11, 2026, the Regional Water Board amended Investigative Order No. R4-2024-0010 to expand analyte requirements, revise reporting limits, and restrict analytical dilution ("Amended IO"). Chiquita appealed and petitioned for a stay of the Amended IO on March 13, 2026 because it has not identified a lab capable of meeting all of the amended requirements. This includes labs that have been identified by the Regional Water Board. Although the Regional Water Board has conducted testing of discharges from the West Toe Basin, Chiquita does not know whether that testing was performed in accordance with all requirements of the Amended IO, including the increased-sensitivity standards. Chiquita does not have information regarding the analytical methods used by the Water Board or whether the labs retained by the Water Board complied with those requirements.

Flares and Thermal Oxidizers

- Flare 2 Downtime. On May 16, 2026, Flare 2 experienced a major unplanned downtime for approximately 10 hours and 41 minutes. On June 3, 2026, Flare 2 experienced another major unplanned downtime for approximately 5 hours and 24 minutes. Flare 2 has experienced more downtime than usual due to the installation of the new thermal oxidizer ("TOx") station in Tank Farm 7. Chiquita continues to investigate the causes of these shutdowns and evaluate potential solutions. Despite the increased amount of downtime at Flare 2, the new TOx station in Tank Farm 7 has led to an overall increase in landfill gas collection and destruction.

Operational Updates

- Temperature Monitoring. Temperatures vary across the Landfill and are not uniform at a given depth. Rather, temperatures at the same depth can differ greatly depending on the location. Nevertheless, as of June 22, 2026, based on data from the Landfill's temperature monitoring probes ("TMPs"), the average temperature recorded at depths of 200 feet or greater since the May CAC meeting is 164.07°F. During that period, the highest temperature recorded at a depth of 200 feet or greater was 211.28°F at TMP-24 at the 265-foot monitoring interval.

Department of Toxic Substances Control ("DTSC") Order

- Comprehensive Global Stability Study. Chiquita has received approval on the Comprehensive Global Stability Study Work Plan and anticipates providing an update at the July 14, 2026 CAC meeting.
- Tank Farm 13 Relocation. Chiquita continues to work with DTSC regarding the potential relocation of Tank Farm 13. Chiquita will continue to provide updates on these efforts at upcoming CAC, CATC, and community meetings.

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Benzene

- Landfill Gas Concentration. The benzene concentration in the landfill gas varies across different areas of the Landfill. The most recent data summary indicates that benzene concentrations measured at the TOxs were 112.47 parts per million by volume (“ppmv”), while benzene concentrations measured at the flares were 26.50 ppmv. Chiquita’s landfill gas monitoring program does not include benzene measurements between the scrim (plastic) layer and the landfill at the Western Toe, and therefore no benzene concentration data are available for that location.
- May 2 Elevated Benzene Event. On May 2, benzene was recorded at MS-12 above its Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment Reference Exposure Level (“OEHHA REL”) of 8.0 parts per billion (“ppb”) between 6 am and 7 am with a reading of 9.0 ppb. Chiquita submitted a report to South Coast Air Quality Monitoring District (“SCAQMD”) for this event on May 7, which stated the benzene reading was accurate, but the Landfill was unlikely to be the source of the benzene based on a review of available data and conditions surrounding the monitoring station.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Sincerely,

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