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Via E-Mail

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Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC – Update to Community Mitigation Measures

Assemblymember Schiavo and Supervisor Barger:

Chiquita Canyon, LLC (“Chiquita”) received your letter of yesterday, July 16, 2026, and acknowledges your requests for additional actions in connection with concerns expressed by nearby residents of increased odors reported as resulting from the West Toe work at the landfill. Chiquita continues its commitment to responding to such concerns promptly and constructively. Well before the recent work began, Chiquita developed extensive operational, monitoring, communication, and community-protection measures in coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (“DPH”). Chiquita has continued to expand those measures as work has progressed, including recent acceleration of the opening of the Cool Zone.

Chiquita has acted quickly to evaluate and address the five requests identified in your letter, and is taking the following actions:

1. At-Home Indoor Air Support

Since 2023, Chiquita has distributed nearly 3,000 air purifiers to community members, including units provided to local schools. Most of the units do not require replacement filters. Because newly ordered purifiers or filters would not arrive in time to provide meaningful assistance during the brief period of remaining West Toe work, Chiquita will instead promptly post maintenance and cleaning guidance on ChiquitaCanyon.com to help residents maximize the effectiveness of the

units already distributed. Chiquita is also evaluating whether additional practical guidance regarding reducing outdoor air intrusion can be provided.

2. Cool Zone

Chiquita had previously arranged for a Cool Zone at the Embassy Suites to be made available during potential excavation into waste. Chiquita moved quickly in response to community feedback and accelerated the opening of the Cool Zone, making it available beginning this past Tuesday, July 14, 2026. The Cool Zone provides an air-conditioned indoor space with comfortable seating, Wi-Fi, workspaces, television, and complimentary refreshments.

3. Extended Cool Zone Hours and Overnight Accommodations

In response to the community's request, Chiquita has arranged to extend Cool Zone operating hours until 9:00 p.m. and will post the updated schedule on its website. Chiquita will continue working with the hotel to make the space as useful and accessible as practicable and will comply with all applicable accessibility requirements, including appropriate accommodation for service animals.

Chiquita is also evaluating the logistical feasibility of providing temporary overnight accommodations. Based on current conditions, the daily work sequence, and available monitoring information, overnight relocation does not presently appear warranted. Excavation activities will conclude by approximately 4:00 p.m. each working day, and the work area will be fully re-covered and secured by approximately 6:00 p.m., substantially reducing the potential for work-related odor impacts during evening and overnight hours.

Chiquita will continue reviewing monitoring results and community conditions as work proceeds and will reassess whether temporary overnight accommodations are appropriate based on measured conditions.

4. Transportation Assistance

Chiquita has arranged shuttle transportation for residents who require assistance reaching the Cool Zone. Information regarding availability, scheduling, and access will be posted on Chiquita's website and communicated through Chiquita's established community-notification channels.

5. Timely and Regular Community Communications

Chiquita has been coordinating closely with EPA at each step of the project, with the initial draft West Toe Buttress Work Plan submitted on April 1, 2026. Chiquita has also presented to the community regarding the project, beginning at the April 2026 Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting and at each CAC meeting since. Chiquita has also provided notification of Cool Zone availability using several methods: posting the information to the Chiquita Canyon website and Facebook page, email notification to registered addresses, and distribution of fliers to resident homes.

Chiquita will continue providing timely updates regarding West Toe activities and available community resources through ChiquitaCanyon.com, CAC meetings, Castaic Area Town Council meetings, Chiquita Canyon Landfill community meetings, and direct coordination with regulators and local officials.

Community members may also subscribe to receive notifications and updates from the Chiquita electronic mailing list by registering at: <https://chiquitacanyon.com/subscribe/>.

Chiquita will respond separately in a letter to the DPH regarding its July 14, 2026 letter and certain allegations that have been made about the West Toe project. The forthcoming letter will include a more complete history of the West Toe planning process, DPH's requests, and the extensive operational and community protection measures already developed and implemented, and Chiquita will provide you with a courtesy copy.

The West Toe Buttress Project is nearing completion. In the meantime, Chiquita will continue listening to residents, reviewing monitoring and field information, and implementing additional reasonable measures, as always.

Sincerely,



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