



September 29, 2026

Via E-Mail

Bob Lewis

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Re: Chiquita Canyon, LLC's Responses to Questions Asked During the September Community Advisory Committee, Castaic Area Town Council, and Chiquita Canyon Landfill Community Meetings

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Chiquita Canyon, LLC ("Chiquita") provides the following responses to questions asked during, the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") meeting on Tuesday, September 8, the Castaic Area Town Council ("CATC") meeting on Wednesday, September 16, and Chiquita's community meeting on Thursday, September 17. As flagged below, Chiquita also intends to provide responses to some questions verbally during next month's CAC meeting.

Chiquita provides these written responses to ensure complete and accurate information is provided to the public, together with the appropriate context. Because many of the questions addressed overlapping topics, Chiquita has grouped them by subject to avoid repetition. Chiquita will also post these responses on its Odor Mitigation website (<https://chiquitacanyon.com/odor-mitigation/>).

Operational Updates

- Temperature Monitoring Probes ("TMP").
 - We will provide an update on the depth of TMPs during the next CAC meeting. The TMPs were drilled to the maximum depth possible utilizing three different drilling techniques. Due to safety concerns and the risk of pressurized leachate releases in certain areas, we are unable to drill some of the TMPs to deeper depths at this time.
 - The highest temperature recorded in September was 258 degrees Fahrenheit at TP-23 at the 75-foot depth. The lowest temperature recorded in September was 86 degrees at TP-28 at the 15-foot depth.
- Geomembrane Cover & Closure.

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- We will add the number of acres of geomembrane covered each month to our CAC meeting presentations.
 - With respect to permanent closure, we are in active discussions with multiple regulatory agencies about the permanent closure process and closure cover configuration. Typical permanent closure is achieved with soil or clay cover. The geomembrane that we are installing now is a more robust and impervious barrier than the typical cover.
- Benzene. We are aware and understand that benzene has been a source of concern for the community. In 2026, there has been only four exceedances of the Reference Exposure Level (“REL”) for benzene. Three occurred on August 13 and were false readings that were the result of a sensor failure. The sensor was taken offline and replaced immediately upon discovery of the failure. Pursuant to the SOFA, we submitted a report on these detection to the South Coast AQMD on August 18, which is available on Chiquita’s Odor Mitigation website. The fourth occurred on May 2. We submitted a report to South Coast AQMD on May 7. The report concluded that the landfill was unlikely to be the source of the benzene. Both reports are available on the “Stipulated Order for Abatement” tab of Chiquita’s Odor Mitigation webpage, under “Air Quality” and the sub header “Air Monitoring Investigation Reports Submitted Pursuant to Condition 34(d) of the Stipulated Order with South Coast AQMD” (also available [here](#)).

Leachate Updates

- Tank Capacity. We report leachate tank capacity to multiple regulatory agencies on a daily basis. Currently, we have a total of 252 leachate tanks on-site. Those tanks have a total capacity of 3,956,000 gallons.
- Leachate Disposal. We no longer ship hazardous leachate off-site. All prior hazardous disposal facilities are listed in Section Q of the monthly Condition 8 Reports. These reports are available on Chiquita’s Odor Mitigation website under the dropdown for the reports submitted pursuant to Condition 8 of the South Coast AQMD Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4 (also available [here](#)).
- Spills & Leaks. Information regarding leachate leaks and spills is available on Chiquita’s Odor Mitigation website under the dropdown for the reports submitted pursuant to Condition 27(e) of the South Coast AQMD Stipulated Order for Abatement in Case No. 6177-4 (also available [here](#)).

Other Questions

- Consultation with local Native American tribes, specifically the Tataviam. Chiquita’s Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program requires certain consultation with the Tataviam. We will provide an update on this consultation during next month’s CAC meeting.

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

Sincerely,



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