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**Re: Inspection Report Response, April 10, 2026 Inspection
Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board**

Dear Ms. Averill and Ms. Vitale:

This submittal has been prepared for the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (“Regional Board”), by Chiquita Canyon, LLC (“Chiquita”) to provide responses related to the Regional Board stormwater inspection conducted at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (“Landfill”) on April 10, 2026 (“April Inspection”), and the enclosed Industrial Stormwater Inspection Report (“Report”). Although the Report was signed by Regional Board staff on April 20, 2026, and April 28, 2026, the Regional Board never directly produced the Report to Chiquita and instead only uploaded it to the Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (“SMARTS”) on September 16, 2026—notably after the Report’s June 19, 2026 deadline for corrective action. While Chiquita disputes and retains its right to challenge the alleged findings and requirements in the Report, each are listed below, along with Chiquita’s responses.

Report Not Timely Received

To date, the Report has not been provided directly to Chiquita staff by the Regional Board. The Regional Board uploaded the Report to SMARTS on September 16, 2026 (see attached screenshot). No notice was provided to Chiquita when the Report was uploaded. Chiquita only saw the Report on September 24, 2026, when it uploaded other documentation to SMARTS. During an inspection on September 17, 2026, Chiquita even inquired about the status of the report from the prior inspection and Regional Board staff stated they would follow up soon to provide the Report.

The Report was signed by Regional Board staff on April 20, 2026 and April 28, 2026, and contains corrective actions that were required to be completed by June 19, 2026. Due to the

Report not being shared with Chiquita staff, nor being available until September 16, Chiquita could not comply with the Report's June 19, 2026 deadline.

For similar historical inspections, the Regional Board has emailed inspection reports directly to the Chiquita team in attendance. Chiquita requests that the Regional Board email all future reports to relevant Chiquita staff, to assist with timely responses and ensure compliance with any requested corrective actions and related deadlines.

Regional Board Corrective Actions & Responses by Chiquita

1. *Report (Page 6): The Site must perform the following corrective actions to comply with the Permit and compile a summary of the actions taken along with photo documentation. Upload a document with the summary and photos of completed corrective actions to the SMARTS database by **Friday, June 19, 2026**.*

Chiquita Response: As detailed above, the Report was not obtained September 16, 2026, making compliance with the June 19, 2026 deadline impossible. Corresponding documentation is being provided as part of this response.

2. *Report (Page 6): Submit to SMARTS an updated SWPPP that meets the requirements of IGP Section X.*

Chiquita Response: The SWPPP was updated to reflect on site changes in April 2026 (certified in SMARTS on April 19, 2026), July 2026 (certified in SMARTS on July 27, 2026), and September 2026 (certified in SMARTS on September 11, 2026). Chiquita is in the process of evaluating additional SWPPP revisions based upon the Report.

3. *Report (Page 6): Ensure that Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs are implemented per IGP Section X.H.1.e. and installed following manufacturer guidelines and CASQA BMP Handbook instructions.*

Chiquita Response: Immediately following the April Inspection, Chiquita began coordination internally to address comments and concerns raised by Regional Board staff during the inspection. Following discovery of the Report in September 2026, Chiquita also investigated specific details outlined in the Report regarding erosion and sediment controls. Actions taken in response are summarized as follows:

- The silt fence and sand bag best management practices ("BMPs") in the Canyon B area were repaired the week of June 1, 2026 as shown in the enclosed Photos 1, 2, 3, and 4. The silt fence and sand bag BMPs are maintained as needed based upon inspection and are one of many Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs installed, maintained, and implemented at the Landfill.
- Ongoing preparations for installation of the ethylene vinyl alcohol/high-density polyethylene geomembrane cover ("EVOH cover") changed the condition of the area depicted in the Report's Photo 83 and eliminated the need for the temporary hay-bale erosion control BMP at that location. The former BMP, including the hay bales and

associated accumulated sediment, was removed by Chiquita staff prior to receipt of the Report. The current condition as of September 30, 2026, of the area is shown below. The area will be covered in EVOH soon. See enclosed Photos 5 and 6.

- The area identified in the Report's Photos 100-103 was subsequently incorporated into the West Toe project. As part of that work, the stormwater channel area and the material within it were covered, graded, and compacted, so the previously observed sediment is no longer exposed within the channel. The dirt check dams remain in place as flow-control BMPs for potential spills, leaks, or seeps. The check dams are installed and functioning as intended, which was verified during the September 6, 2026 rain event. The enclosed Photos 7, 8, and 9 show the channel and check-dam conditions as of September 30, 2026.
- The V-ditch area identified in the Report's Photos 111-112 was incorporated into the West Toe project and has been covered. As a result, the previously observed V-ditch, sediment buildup, and silt fence are no longer present in the configuration documented during the inspection. The enclosed Photo 10 shows the current condition of the area as of September 30, 2026.

4. Report (Page 6): Implement Good Housekeeping BMPs per IGP Section X.H.1.e. in the equipment storage area and pipe lay down yard.

Chiquita Response: As mentioned above, immediately following the April Inspection, Chiquita began coordination internally to address comments and concerns raised by Regional Board staff during the inspection. Following discovery of the Report in September 2026, Chiquita also investigated details outlined in the Report. Actions taken in response are summarized as follows:

- The drums and totes observed near the culvert were removed from the equipment storage and pipe laydown area and relocated to the Primary Canyon storage area, where they are maintained with secondary containment. See the enclosed Photo 11 showing the Canyon B equipment storage and laydown area without the drums or totes observed during the inspection.
- Chiquita actively uses this Canyon B area to store equipment necessary to operate and maintain the Landfill. Such equipment which is intended to be stored outdoors may contain varying levels of rust, which is not a significant contributor of pollutants. BMPs to address potential pollutants from equipment storage areas are implemented as outlined in the SWPPP.

While not associated with any alleged findings or corrective actions within the Report, the Report includes statements made by Nicholas Butcher, the owner of Marksman. Chiquita would like to clarify that Marksman is an independent contractor and maintains its own employment and disciplinary policies. Chiquita does not direct Marksman's personnel decisions. When an incident involves a Marksman driver, Chiquita communicates the incident and applicable site requirements to Marksman and requires the contractor to evaluate the event and implement appropriate corrective actions to reduce the potential for recurrence. Accordingly, the statement regarding termination reflected Marksman's policy and action, not a Chiquita policy.

Please feel free to contact me at matt.breuer@wasteconnections.com with any questions or comments.

Regards,



Matt Breuer
Environmental Manager
Chiquita Canyon

Attachment A – April 2026 Industrial Stormwater Inspection Report
Attachment B – SMARTS Screenshot
Attachment C – Photo Log

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Attachment A – April 2026 Industrial Stormwater Inspection Report



Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board
INDUSTRIAL STORMWATER INSPECTION REPORT
(State Water Resources Control Board Order WQ 2018-0028-DWQ, NPDES No. CAS000001)

FACILITY INFORMATION			
4 191022488	Chiquita Canyon LLC	01/21/2010	592 Acres
WDID NUMBER	FACILITY NAME	NOI PROCESSED DATE	TOTAL SIZE
29201 Henry Mayo Dr Castaic, CA 91384			4953-Refuse Systems
FACILITY ADDRESS			SIC CODE
Matthew Breuer	Matthew Breuer	425-414-2903	Matthew.Breuer@WasteConnections.com
OPERATOR NAME	FACILITY CONTACT NAME	CONTACT PHONE NUMBER	CONTACT EMAIL

INSPECTION LOGISTICS		
April 10, 2026 9:12 AM	April 10, 2026 12:28 PM	Overcast
ARRIVAL TIME	DEPARTURE TIME	WEATHER CONDITION
Emma Averill	Water Resources Control Engineer	Pavlova Vitale, Senior Environmental Scientist
INSPECTOR NAME	INSPECTOR TITLE	ADDITIONAL INSP. PRESENT
Matthew Breuer	Region Environmental Manager	Matthew.Breuer@WasteConnections.com
LRP OR SITE REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZING THE INSPECTION	SITE REPRESENTATIVE TITLE	SITE REPRESENTATIVE EMAIL
425-414-2903	Matthew Breuer, Andrea Sellers, Kevin Green (Waste Connections) Blue Velez (Tank Farm Technician), Cruz (Operations Manager) Hector (Site Foreman), Nicholas Butcher (Owner, Marksman)	
SITE REPRESENTATIVE PHONE NUMBER	ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT	
Industrial General Permit compliance evaluation.		
PURPOSE OF INSPECTION		

INSPECTION CONSENT	
Yes	To inspect, To take photos
INSPECTION AUTHORIZED	INSPECTION CONSENT
Email and In-person	Compliance
INSPECTION CONSENT OBTAINED	INSPECTION TYPE

PREVIOUSLY INSPECTED? ☒ YES ☐ NO

Previous inspections on January 2, 2026, January 29, February 20, April 9, April 13, 2024, January 28, September 18, December 22 and December 30, 2025.

INSPECTION FINDINGS

Site Description/ Background

Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL or Site) was built in 1972 to serve as a Class III municipal solid waste landfill that is operated by Chiquita Canyon, LLC. Stormwater at the Facility flows into two basins, the South Basin and the East Basin. The South Basin is a 2-stage basin that discharges to Reach 5 of the Santa Clara River, approximately 0.5 miles from the Facility. The Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) dated September 15, 2025 states that CCL uses an anionic polyacrylamide flocculant to enhance the settling of solids that are suspended in stormwater flowing into the South Basin prior to pumping the stormwater out of the South Basin, when pumping occurs. The riser in the East basin is wrapped and capped to prevent stormwater discharges from the Facility. If the East Basin were to overflow, it would flow into a concrete culvert and discharge into Castaic Creek, approximately 0.5 miles from the Facility. Castaic Creek flows into Reach 5 of the Santa Clara River. As of January 1, 2025, the Facility stopped accepting waste and has ceased active waste disposal operations.

On November 21, 2025, CCL submitted a Leachate Spill Report to the Los Angeles Water Board. In this report, CCL stated that on November 14, approximately seven thousand nine hundred seventy three (7,973) gallons of characteristically hazardous leachate spilled from a pump connected to a forcemain that was under construction. Liquid from the spill reached the northern perimeter stormwater channel and then the East Basin. In this report, they also stated that they plan to allow the liquid in the basin to evaporate because it was not possible to get tanker trucks, vacuum trucks and cleanup equipment in near enough proximity to the East Basin to pump out the liquid or perform cleanup efforts.

On December 22, 2025, Los Angeles Water Board staff Scott Landon, Water Resource Control Engineer, and Tayler Hill, Environmental Scientist, inspected the Site prior to a forecasted storm event. During the inspection, Los Angeles Water Board staff observed the East Basin and asked Amanda Froman, CCL Compliance Manager and Chris Fear, CCL, Landfill Gas and Liquid Manager how they prepared for the upcoming storm event to ensure that the liquid in the East Basin does not discharge. In response, Amanda Froman stated that they installed an additional sedimentation basin upgradient from the East Basin, they installed a dirt berm around the riser pipe and basin outlet, and they covered the basin outlet with steel plates sealed with foam spray, covered with plastic, supported by wooden braces and sandbags.

On December 29, 2025, Los Angeles Water Board received notification from CCL stating Chiquita believes that some stormwater from the East Basin escaped past the steel plates likely beginning on December 25 or 26, 2025.

On December 30, 2025, during an interagency meeting, CCL staff stated that during the storm event on December 23-26, the leachate comingled stormwater in the east sedimentation basin overtopped the north side of the dirt berm and filled up the area behind outlet. Also at that meeting, CCL staff stated that on December 29, 2025, one of their staff members heard water in the East Basin leaking through the steel plates used to block the East Basin outlet.

On December 30, 2025, Scott Landon inspected the Site with Joann Chen, Scientific Aid, and staff from Department of Toxic Substances (DTSC). During the inspection, Los Angeles Water Board staff collected samples of the leachate coming from stormwater in the East Basin and observed the conditions of the East Basin after storm event that occurred on December 23-26, 2025.

On January 2, 2026, Scott Landon inspected the Site. During the inspection, Mr. Landon was informed that in preparation for the upcoming storm, CCL has fortified the berm installed around the East Basin outlet, increased the capacity of the sedimentation basin installed upgradient from the East Basin, and is routing stormwater from the top deck of the landfill and Cell 7 to the South Basin.

Inspection Observations

On April 10, 2026, at 9:12 AM, I, Emma Averill, Water Resource Control Engineer, and Pavlova Vitale, Senior Environmental Scientist, with the Los Angeles Water Board inspected CCL. Upon arriving we met Matthew Breuer, Region Environmental Manager with Waste Connections, and Andrea Sellers, an Environmental Specialist with Waste Connections. Mr. Breuer granted us consent to inspect and photograph CCL both in-person and over email while scheduling the inspection (Attachment 1).

Upon arriving at CCL, we met Mr. Breuer and Andrea Sellers, an Environmental Specialist at Waste Connections. We first met in the main office, where we discussed recent changes to the SWPPP. Mr. Breuer said an updated SWPPP has been drafted and will be submitted to SMARTS shortly. He stated that the new SWPPP includes the increase in berm height to hold back water, and the installation of new basins. We asked about the new basins, and Mr. Breuer drew a sketch of their approximate location on our printed site map, taken from the 2025 CCL SWPPP (Attachment 2). These three subbasins, subbasin 2, 3, and 4, are adjacent to and to the west of the east detention basin. Mr. Breuer also noted the berm around subbasin 4 on his sketch.

We also asked about the location of the recent reaction area. Mr. Breuer noted the grid and approximate area of the reaction area on our printed map of the grids (Attachment 3). Mr. Breuer noted that the issues were occurring on the west side of CCL, near grid 210.

We also asked about wet weather preparation for the upcoming rain forecasted for April 11-12. Mr. Breuer stated that they are doing their wet weather preparation, including trackwalking the slopes. Mr. Breuer stated that the south sedimentation basin would be cleaned out in the dry weather season. We also asked about pesticide/herbicide use at CCL, since preliminary sampling results from the south basin had high detection of pesticides/herbicides. Mr. Breuer stated that he was unaware of any pesticide/herbicide use but he would find out.

We began our inspection driving north (Photos 2-3). Mr. Breuer pointed out tank farm 13, the three flares for gases burned from landfill emissions, and the air treatment vessels for H₂S treatment (Photos 4-6). Next, we drove past the pipe lay down yard at the existing Canyon B landfill (Photo 7). Mr. Breuer explained that extra pipes for landfill gas and leachate are stored here.

We then drove toward the East Basin (Photo 8). Mr. Breuer identified Sediment Basin 3 and the surrounding berm (Photos 9-13). Next, we moved toward the East Basin (Photos 14-26). I observed a red piping line in the East Basin, and Mr. Breuer told me that the red piping line is used to pump the water from the East Basin into disposal trucks (Photos 14-15, 24-25). I saw the bermed area of the East Basin (Photo 16). Mr. Breuer explained that the upgradient sub basins (sub basins 2, 3, and 4)

are meant to prevent water from entering the East Basin on the other side of the berm (Photo 17). Mr. Breuer pointed out the corner of metal plate under dirt (circled in yellow) that acts as a barrier in front of the East Basin outlet (Photos 17-19). Mr. Breuer explained that the barrier was put over the East Basin outlet in response to a leak.

We then drove to the culvert near the equipment storage/pipe lay down yard at the existing Canyon B landfill. We saw a culvert that directs stormwater to the East Basin (Photos 27-31). I observed that the sandbags in front of the culvert were in need of repair (Photos 39-41). I also observed sediment accumulation in front of the sandbags and in the culvert (Photos 27-31, 39-41). We informed Mr. Breuer that the sandbags need to be repaired and placed properly. I also observed that the silt fence surrounding this area was installed improperly (Photos 30-38, 42). We informed Mr. Breuer that the silt fence needs to be repaired in several places and correctly installed per BMP guidelines. Near the culvert, I saw the equipment storage area and pipe lay down yard. I saw drum and tote storage outdoors without secondary containment (Photos 44-49). I saw equipment stored directly on the ground, upgradient of the culvert, without BMPs in place (Photos 50-52). I observed rusted metal material in this area (Photos 50-52). We informed Mr. Breuer that BMPs should be implemented in this area.

Next, we saw the equipment maintenance area (Photos 53-60). Mr. Breuer explained that equipment maintenance takes place under the covered area, and waste oil is stored in a covered area with secondary containment. Mr. Breuer pointed out the concrete area in the equipment maintenance area and stated that it does not flow to either basin. Above the equipment maintenance area, Mr. Breuer pointed out the freshwater storage tank used for dust control (Photo 61). Near the maintenance area, we saw the diesel storage and fueling area with a spill kit in front (Photos 63-65). We also saw a black pipe for stormwater conveyance (Photos 63, 66-69). The black pipe conveys stormwater to the east inlet that flows to the South Basin.

We then saw granulated activated carbon (GAC) bales outdoors (Photo 70-71). Mr. Breuer explained that GAC is used for leachate treatment. Next we drove to an erosion control BMP used to guide stormwater down the hillside (Photos 72-83). I observed erosion rills and gullies next to and under the erosion control BMP. I also observed sediment buildup behind and in front of the hay bales (Photo 83). We informed Mr. Breuer that this erosion control BMP would not be effective during a large storm event.

Next, Mr. Breuer showed us an aerial view of sub basin 4, one of the new basins installed to prevent water from reaching the East Basin outlet. Mr. Breuer stated that the standpipe in sub basin 4 would have to overflow before stormwater could reach the other basins.

Then we drove to the northeast end of CCL which is currently under CGP coverage. Mr. Breuer pointed out the slope being track walked with fresh media for vegetation (Photos 86-90). Mr. Breuer stated that this area would have become the next landfill cell if the landfill were still accepting waste. Mr. Breuer stated that he would consider the track walking and hydroseeding on the slopes as part of normal industrial operations and not a separate construction project, so he would be interested in seeing if CGP coverage could be removed.

Next, we drove up to the active landfill area where we saw the EVOH cover on the landfill slopes (Photo 91). I also saw the well head meant to collect leachate and gas (Photo 92). I also saw the top basin, and Mr. Breuer explained that if the top basin gets full stormwater can be pumped to the channel where it can flow to either the South or East Basin. Next, I saw the clarifier and influent tanks for collected

leachate (Photo 94). Mr. Breuer stated that 250,000 gallons of leachate is collected each day. I saw the treated leachate stored in tanks (Photo 95). I also saw the loading pad for vacuuming the treated leachate into trucks (Photos 96-98). Mr. Breuer pointed out the drums with secondary containment used to collect drips from leachate loading into trucks. We observed leachate in the drum and saw that it had a similar consistency and appearance to black coffee. We asked Mr. Breuer which basin a leachate spill could theoretically reach if a large enough leak occurred. Mr. Breuer answered the South Basin.

I observed sediment buildup in the stormwater channel (Photos 100-103). I also observed that the dirt check dams put in place were not heavily compacted.

We asked Mr. Breuer to show us the reaction area at the west toe slope that he identified on the map (Attachment 2, Photos 104-110). I observed stormwater in the stormwater channel (Photo 108). Mr. Breuer pointed out the vacuum truck and stated that it is there 24/7 to make sure that no seeps from the west toe slope enter the channel. I observed that the liner was stretching and bulging due to dirt settling underneath the liner (Photos 106-109). Mr. Breuer explained that the slope will be buttressed up to prevent failure as part of a large project. He stated that the finished slope will look like 3:1 slopes of dirt to contain the slope failure. He pointed to where the curve ends in the distance and explained that the project will extend to that point (Photo 110).

We drove past a stormwater V-ditch channel and I observed sediment buildup (Photos 111-112). I also noticed that the silt fence placed at the top of the V-ditch was in need of repair (Photos 111-112).

We then arrived back at the main office. At approximately 12pm, CCL staff got reports of a 50-gallon leachate spill. Kevin Green with Waste Connections then drove us to the leachate truck loading area, and by the time we arrived the spill was already cleaned up (Photos 115-116, 119). We spoke to Blue Velez, a tank farm technician who reported the spill. He stated that he saw a big black pool and quickly grabbed absorbent. He said that an excavator then came to drop dirt to contain the spill, then cleaned up the contaminated soil. Then, water trucks came to wet the fresh compacted soil placed over the area where contaminated soil was removed. Mr. Velez said that he didn't see the moment the spill happened, he was only involved in cleanup. We also spoke to Hector, the site foreman, and Nicholas Butcher, the owner of Marksman. They explained that the spill was due to a miscommunication between drivers on whether the tank was hooked up before vacuuming began. They stated that there are weekly meetings at CCL to go over recent spills/accidents and corrective actions. They also stated that employees are fired if they cause a spill and stated that they fired the employee who caused this spill immediately. After the spill, we observed the procedure for loading leachate into trucks (Photos 117-119).

We asked Mr. Green about pesticide/herbicide use at the Site. We noted that during our sample collection in the South Basin on April 2, 2026, we did not see any mosquitos despite the heat and standing water. We also did not see much vegetation in and around the South Basin. We explained that preliminary sampling results from the South Basin showed high hits for non-legacy pesticides. Mr. Green stated that he suspects that some pesticides/herbicides are used on Site, because employees in the main office used to complain about mosquitos near the South Basin but haven't recently. He said he would look into pesticide/herbicide use on Site and let us know.

Areas of Concern

During the inspection I observed inadequate BMPs including ripped/missing sandbags, silt fences in improperly placed and in need of repair, sediment buildup, and evidence of erosion. I also observed a lack of BMPs in the equipment storage area. These observations were communicated to Mr. Breuer during the inspection.

On April 13, 2026, I sent an email to Matt Breuer and Kevin Green summarizing what we discussed during the inspection (Attachment 4). I also requested more information regarding pesticide/herbicide use at CCL as discussed during the inspection. Mr. Breuer responded to my email on April 18, 2026 (Attachments 5-6).

SWPPP Violations

- The SWPPP and Site Map must be updated to reflect recent changes on Site and submitted to SMARTS

BMP Violations

- Good Housekeeping BMPs were not observed in the equipment storage area and pipe lay down yard. This is a violation of IGP Section X.H.1.a.
- Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs were observed to be ineffective throughout the Site. This is a violation of IGP Section X.H.1.e.

1. Did you discuss areas of concern with the LRP or Representative at the site?	Yes
2. Are there documents the Site needs to submit to you by email?	Yes

Corrective Actions Required

The Site must perform the following corrective actions to comply with the Permit and compile a summary of the actions taken along with photo documentation. Upload a document with the summary and photos of completed corrective actions to the SMARTS database by **Friday, June 19, 2026**.

1. Ensure that Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs are implemented per IGP Section X.H.1.e. and installed following manufacturer guidelines and CASQA BMP Handbook instructions.
2. Implement Good Housekeeping BMPs per IGP Section X.H.1.e. in the equipment storage area and pipe lay down yard.
3. Submit to SMARTS an updated SWPPP that meets the requirements of IGP Section X.

RECOMMENDATION

☒ Additional Info Required ☐ Follow up Inspection Needed ☐ No Further Action

SIGNATURES

Emma Averill

INSPECTOR'S NAME



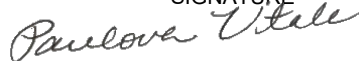
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April 20, 2026

REPORT DATE

Pavlova Vitale

REVIEWER'S NAME



SIGNATURE

4/28/26

REVIEW DATE

Facility Map

Inspection Location



CalEnviroScreen Score: 47

Attachments



Re: Request for Inspection 4/7/2026

From: Averill, Emma@Waterboards <Emma.Averill@Waterboards.ca.gov>
Date: Thu 3/26/2026 8:00 AM
To: Matt Breuer <Matt.Breuer@WasteConnections.com>
Cc: Sarah Phillips <Sarah.Phillips@WasteConnections.com>; Kevin Green <Kevin.Green@WasteConnections.com>; Vitale, Pavlova@Waterboards <Pavlova.Vitale@waterboards.ca.gov>

Good morning,

April 10 at 9am works for us.

Thank you,



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Hi Emma - Thank you for your patience as we conferred on schedules. I'm not able to make 4/7 work. Are you able to meet instead on 4/10 at 9 am?

If that won't work, Kevin can be available on 4/7.

Thank you,

Matt Breuer, PE
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Waste Connections - Western Region
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From: Averill, Emma@Waterboards <Emma.Averill@Waterboards.ca.gov>
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Subject: Fw: Request for Inspection 4/7/2026

Good afternoon Matt,

I wanted to follow up on my previous email below requesting consent for Pavlova and I to inspect Chiquita on April 7, 2026.

Thanks,



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Good afternoon Matt,

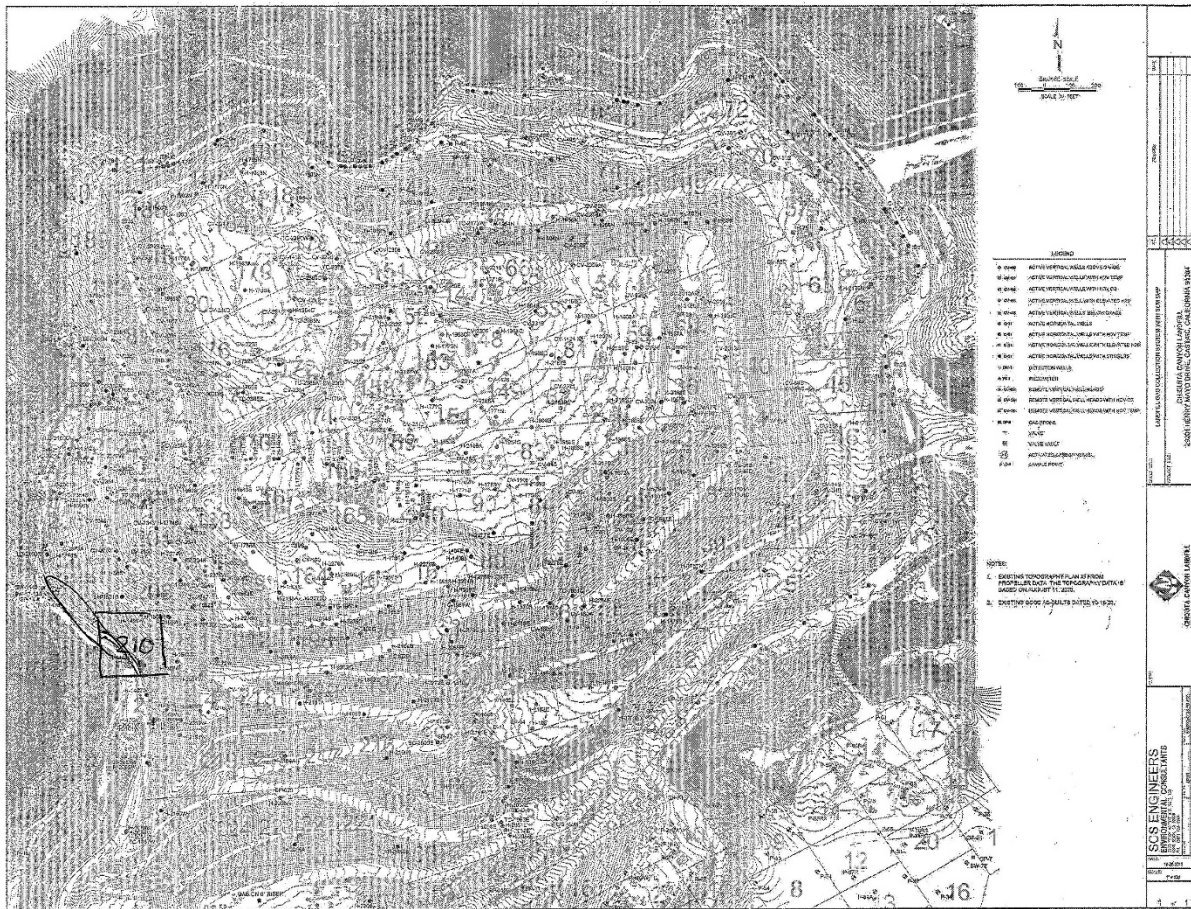
My name is Emma Averill and I'm a Water Resource Control Engineer in the Enforcement II Unit at the Los Angeles Water Board. Pavlova and I would like to conduct an inspection at Chiquita Canyon landfill on Tuesday, April 7th at 9:30 am. We would like consent to inspect and photograph the site. Please let me know if you are available to meet and guide us through the site.

Attachment 1

Email consent to inspect the Site



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Attachment 3

Scan of printed grid map of CCL. Mr. Breuer identified the reaction area where the west toe slope failed as around grid 210



4/10/2026 CCL Inspection Follow-Up

From Averill, Emma@Waterboards <Emma.Averill@Waterboards.ca.gov>

Date Mon 4/13/2026 11:55 AM

To Kevin.Green@WasteConnections.com <kevin.green@wasteconnections.com>;
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Hi Matt and Kevin,

Thank you for granting permission for Pavlova and I to inspect Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) on April 10, 2026. Our inspection observations and findings will be summarized in an inspection report that will be shared with you once completed.

During the inspection, we observed BMPs in disrepair and discussed them with you. We also discussed BMPs that needed to be implemented in the equipment storage area, where we observed rusted metal in areas of exposure. Per our discussion, we would also like to know if pesticide and herbicide use occurs at CCL, since our monitoring results from the south basin show detection of pesticides and herbicides. Please provide the following information regarding pesticide/herbicide use at CCL:

- Names of all pesticides/herbicides applied
- Locations at CCL where pesticides/herbicides are applied
- Frequencies and quantities of pesticides/herbicides applied
- Names of individuals or company applying the pesticides/herbicides at CCL and any associated licensure
- Name, date, location, and quantity of the most recent application of pesticides/herbicides

Thank you,



Emma Averill, PE

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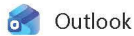
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Attachment 4

Inspection follow-up email sent to Matt Breuer and Kevin Green on April 13, 2026



Re: 4/10/2026 CCL Inspection Follow-Up

From Matt Breuer <Matt.Breuer@WasteConnections.com>

Date Sat 4/18/2026 9:22 AM

To Averill, Emma@Waterboards <Emma.Averill@Waterboards.ca.gov>; Kevin Green <Kevin.Green@WasteConnections.com>

Cc Vitale, Pavlova@Waterboards <Pavlova.Vitale@waterboards.ca.gov>; Hawe, Catherine@Waterboards <Catherine.Hawe@Waterboards.ca.gov>; Sarah Phillips <Sarah.Phillips@WasteConnections.com>

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2026 CCLF SEM Map with Wells_2026-02-06.pdf

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Hi Emma,

Please see our below responses on pesticide/herbicide use:

- Names of all pesticides/herbicides applied
 - Suspend Polyzone (deltamethrin)
- Locations at CCL where pesticides/herbicides are applied
 - Around the main office, excluding areas immediately adjacent to the South Basin
- Frequencies and quantities of pesticides/herbicides applied
 - Once a month
- Names of individuals or company applying the pesticides/herbicides at CCL and any associated licensure
 - Dewey Pest Control
- Name, date, location, and quantity of the most recent application of pesticides/herbicides
 - 3/26/2026 at the main office. Approximately 0.5 gallons.

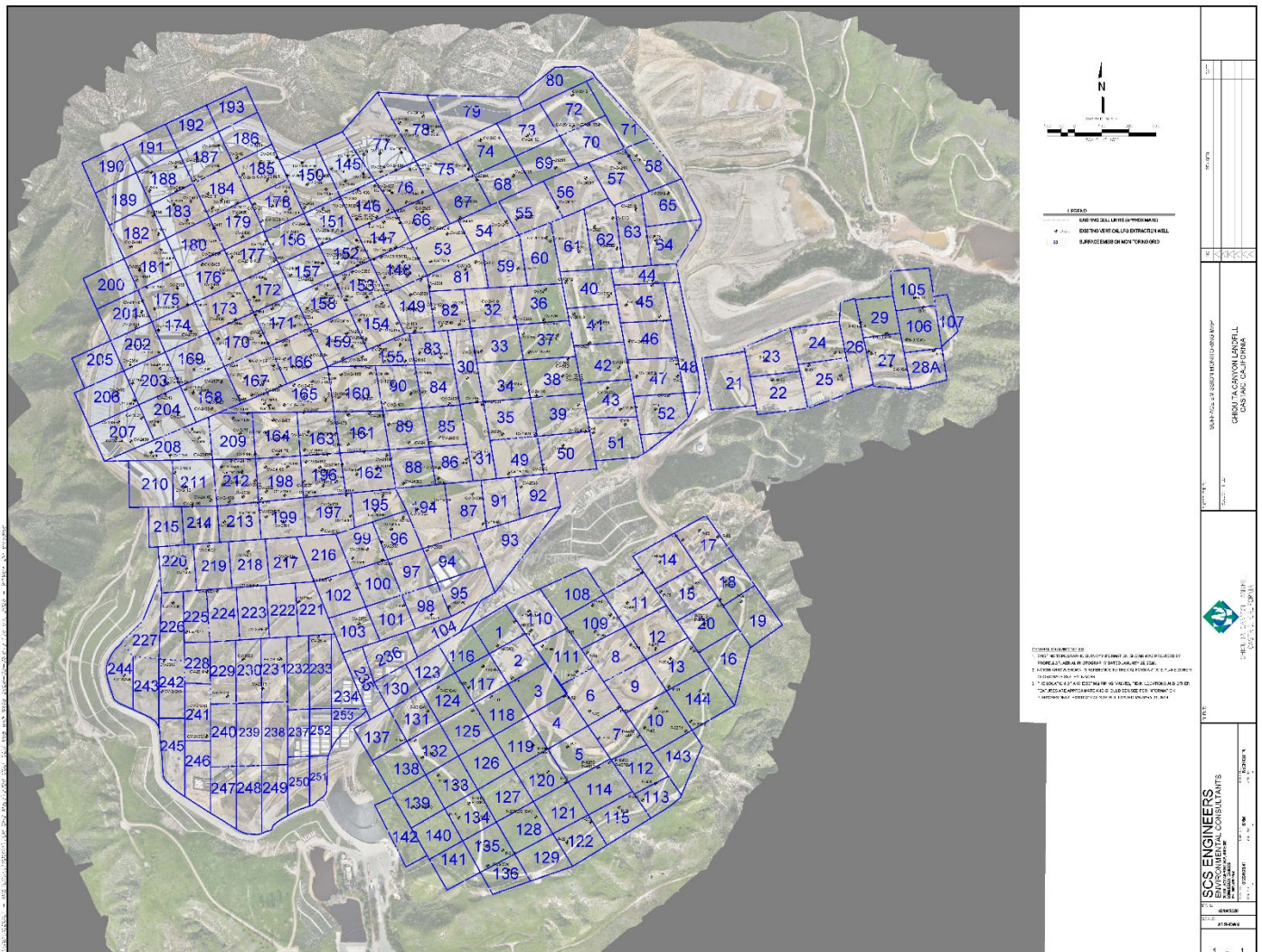
In addition, the CCL team has been actively working to address BMPs discussed during the visit.

Also, an electronic version of the grid map is attached, similar to the hard copy provided during the inspection.

Thank you,

Attachment 5

April 18, 2026 email response from Mr. Breuer



Attachment 6

Electronic version of grid map of CCL sent by Mr. Breuer on April 18, 2026

Photo Log



Photo 1
Andrea Sellers business card



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Photo 2
Erosion cover at the south end of CCL



Photo 3
View above the South Basin, facing Henry Mayo Dr



Photo 4
Tank farm 13



Photo 5
3 flares for gases burned from landfill emissions



Photo 6
Air treatment vessels for H₂S treatment



Photo 7

Pipe lay down yard at existing Canyon B landfill. Mr. Breuer explained that extra pipes for landfill gas and leachate are stored here



Photo 8
Road approaching sub basin 3, installed upgradient of the East Basin



Photo 9
Sub basin 3 installed upgradient of the East Basin



Photo 10
Sub basin 3 installed upgradient of the East Basin



Photo 11
Sub basin 3 installed upgradient of the East Basin



Photo 12
Sub basin 3 installed upgradient of the East Basin



Photo 13
Sub basin 3 installed upgradient of the East Basin



Photo 14
A view of the water in sub basin 2 of the East Basin



Photo 15
A view of the water in sub basin 2 of the East Basin



Photo 16

Bermed area of the East Basin. Mr. Breuer explained that the upgradient sub basins (sub basins 2, 3, and 4) are meant to prevent water from entering the East Basin here



Photo 17

Close-up view of the box plate inside the East Basin. Mr. Breuer pointed out the corner of metal plate under the dirt berm (circled in yellow) that acts as a barrier in front of the East Basin outlet. Mr. Breuer explained that the barrier was put over the East Basin outlet in response to a prior leak.



Photo 18

A view of the East Basin. The red arrow points to the covered riser



Photo 19
View of the box culvert at the East Basin



Photo 20
A view of the East Basin. The red arrow points to the covered riser



Photo 21
A view of the water in sub basin 2 from the dirt berm



Photo 22
A view of the water in sub basin 2 from the dirt berm



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Photo 23
A view of the water in the sub basin 2 from the dirt berm



Photo 24
A view of the water in sub basin 2 from the dirt berm



Photo 25

Pumping equipment and red piping used to pump water out of the East Basin sub basin 2, circled in yellow



Photo 26

A view of the East Basin box culvert, facing east. The red arrow points to the post office that borders CCL.



Photo 27
Culvert with sandbags at the equipment storage area/pipe lay down yard

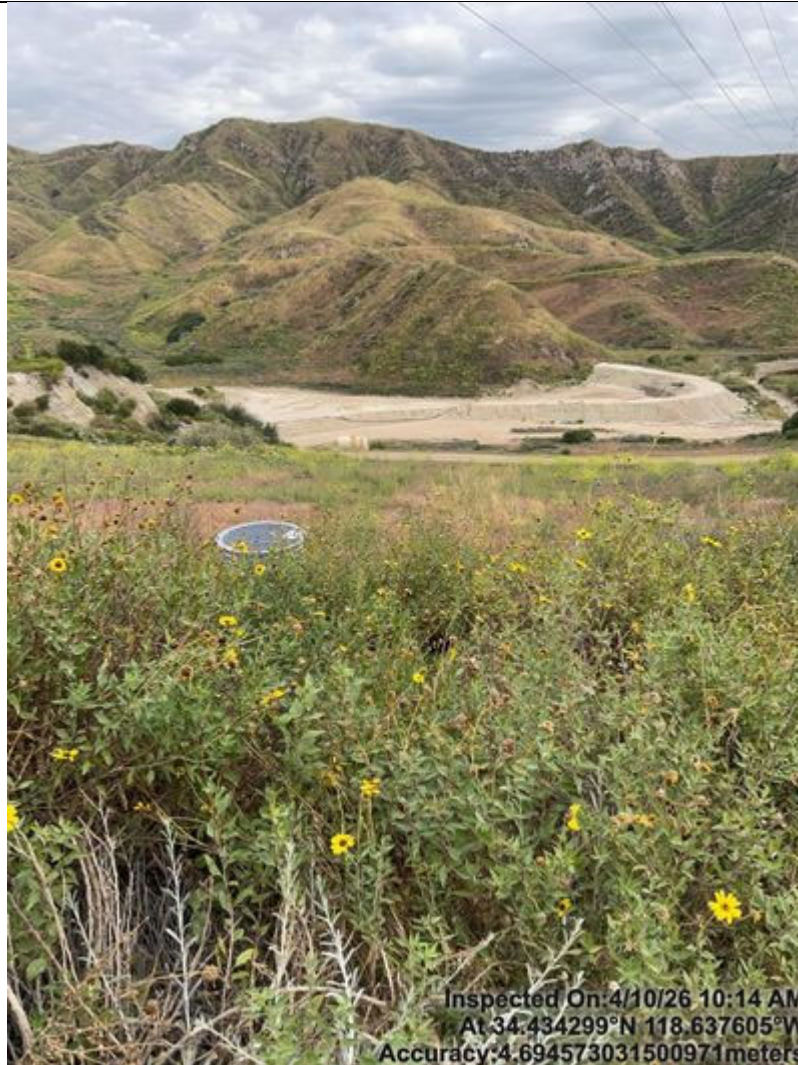


Photo 28
View from culvert outlet to East Basin



Photo 29
Close-up of the culvert. I observed sediment accumulation around the sandbags



Photo 30
Another view of the culvert and pipe lay down yard



Photo 31

Culvert on map. Sediment accumulation in front of culvert. Sand bags in need of repair

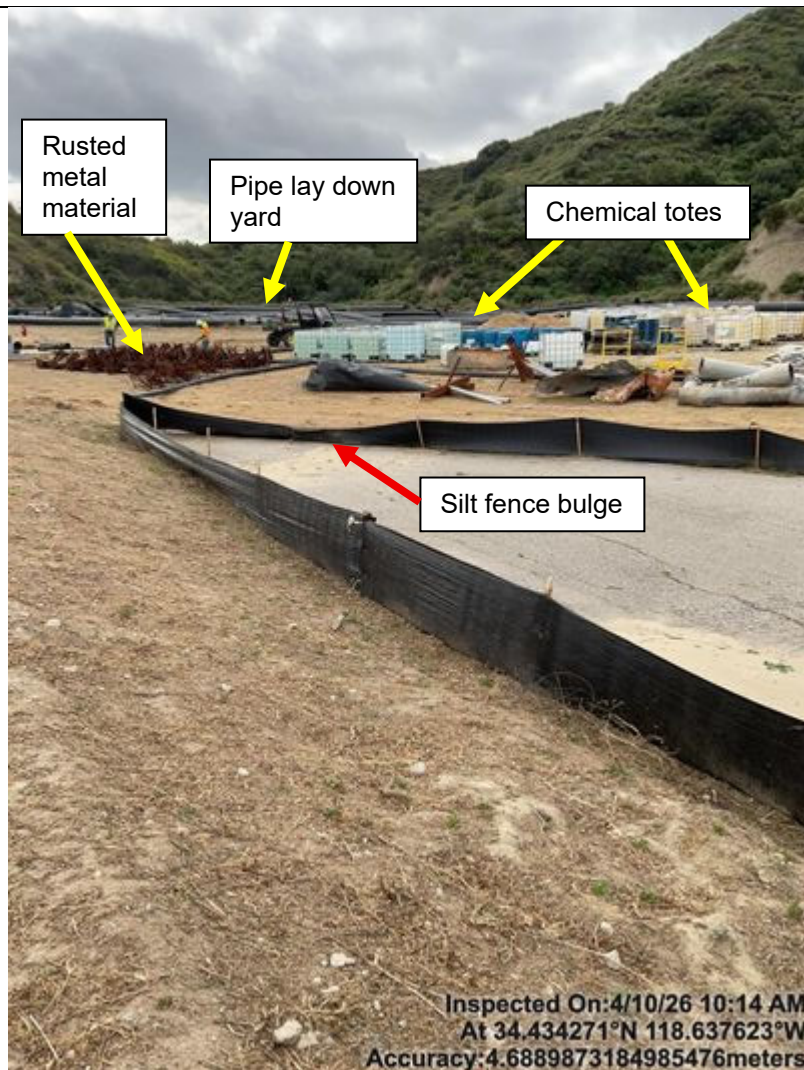


Photo 32
Silt fence and equipment storage



Photo 33
Silt fence with improper installation in need of repair.



Photo 34
Silt fence with improper installation in need of repair.

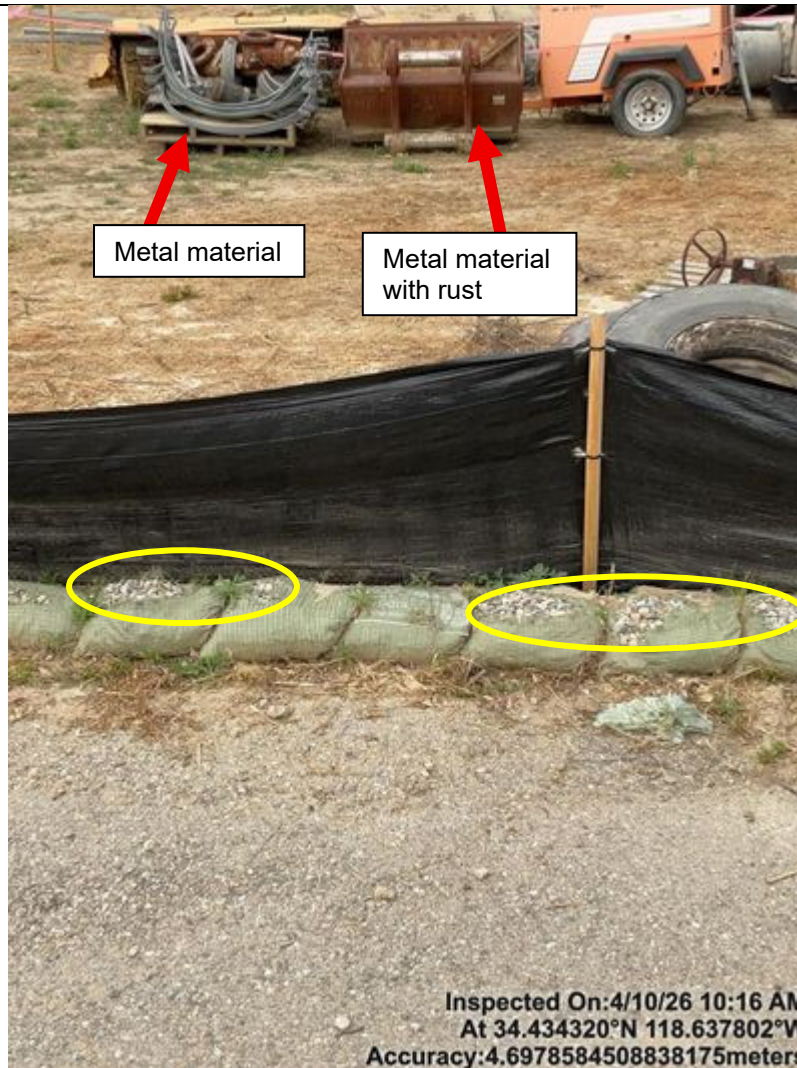


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Close-up of ripped gravel bags in need of repair, circled in yellow

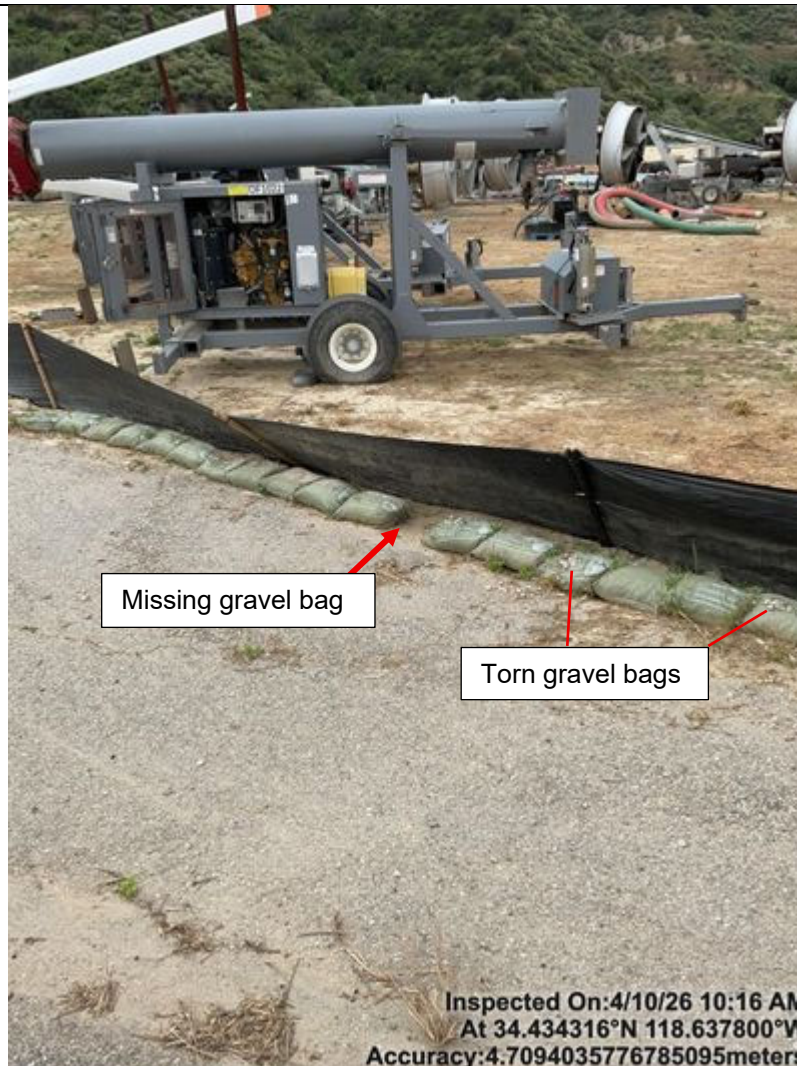


Photo 36
Close-up of incorrect silt fence installation and torn/missing gravel bags



Photo 37
Silt fence detached from stake



Photo 38
Sediment buildup along silt fence



Photo 39
Close-up of culvert with sandbags in need of repair



Photo 40
Sediment buildup around sandbags



Photo 41
Close-up of sediment buildup and missing/torn sandbags



Photo 42
Silt fence bulge from sediment buildup



Photo 43
View from culvert outlet to East Basin



Photo 44
Drum and tote storage outdoors without secondary containment



Photo 45
Drum stored outside labeled "Red Diesel." Drum sounded empty from knock



Photo 46
Another view of the drum and tote storage



Photo 47
Unlabeled containers stored outdoors



Photo 48
Sodium hypochlorite totes stored outdoors without secondary containment



Photo 49
Pipe lay down yard behind totes



Photo 50
Outdoor equipment storage



Photo 51
Metal material stored outdoors. I observed rust on the metal material



Photo 52
Equipment storage upgradient of the culvert



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Photo 53
Racks in front of covered maintenance area



Photo 54

Equipment maintenance area with concrete under dirt. Mr. Breuer stated that the concrete area does not flow to the basins



Photo 55

Equipment maintenance area with concrete under dirt. Mr. Breuer stated that the concrete area does not flow to the basins



Photo 56
Covered oil storage area with secondary containment grate below (red arrow)



Photo 57
Covered oil storage with secondary containment



Photo 58
Inside the covered maintenance area



Photo 59
Inside the covered maintenance area



Photo 60
Covered maintenance area

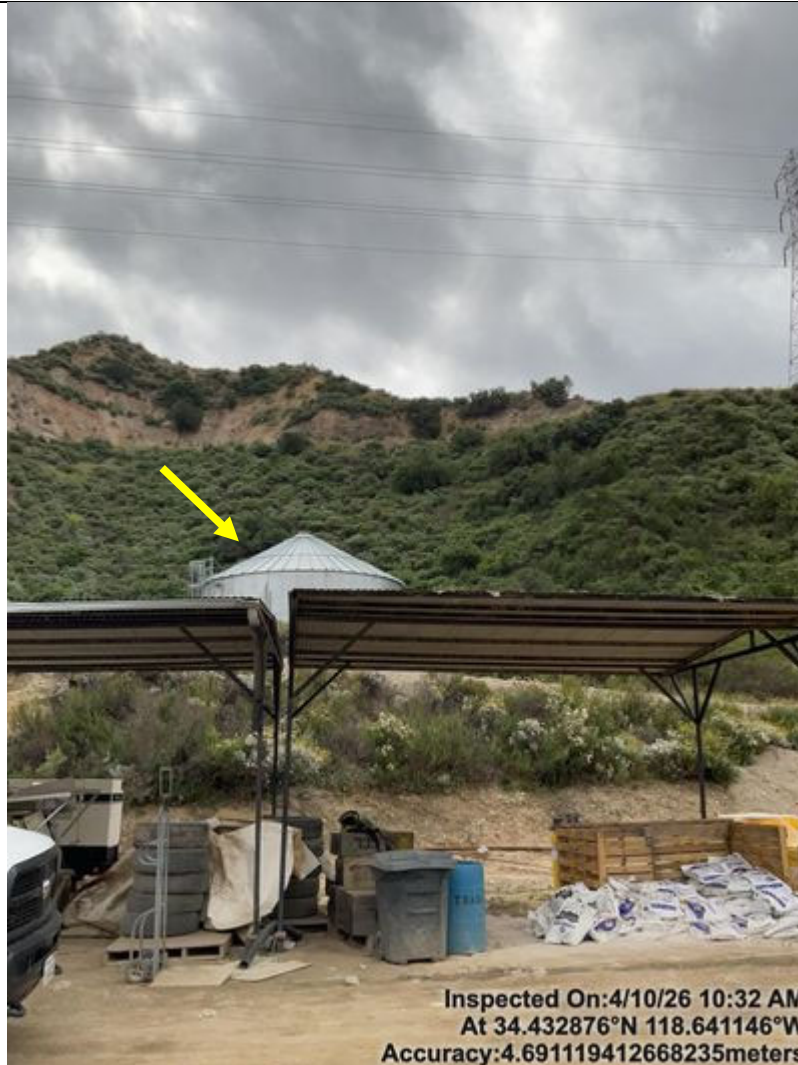


Photo 61

The yellow arrow points to the freshwater storage tank used for dust control



Photo 62
View facing away from the maintenance area



Photo 63

The red arrow points to the diesel storage and fueling area. Mr. Breuer told us that the black pipe is for storm water conveyance



Photo 64
Diesel storage tank and fueling area



Photo 65
Spill kit in front of fueling area



Photo 66

Mr. Breuer told us that the black pipe is for storm water conveyance



Photo 67
Fallen sign blocking the east inlet to the South Basin



Photo 68

Mr. Breuer removed the sign blocking the east inlet to the South Basin



Photo 69

Black stormwater conveyance pipe. The east inlet leading to the South Basin is shown with the yellow arrow



Photo 70

The red arrow points to the electric generator which Mr. Breuer stated was not in use. Mr. Breuer stated that the two white tanks are empty. Mr. Breuer also pointed out the granulated activated carbon (GAC) used for leachate treatment (circled in yellow).



Photo 71
Close-up of GAC bags



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Photo 72

The yellow arrow points to the erosion control BMP to guide storm water



Photo 73

A view of the erosion control BMP with sandbags along the sides and hay bales at the front



Photo 74

I observed erosion rills next to the erosion control BMP



Photo 75
Close up of erosion gully next to the erosion control BMP



Photo 76
Close up of erosion gully next to the erosion control BMP



Photo 77
Close up of erosion next to the erosion control BMP



Photo 78
Close up of erosion control BMP



Photo 79
Close-up of erosion control BMP



Photo 80
Close-up of erosion control BMP



Photo 81
Close-up of erosion next to erosion control BMP



Photo 82
Close-up of erosion control BMP

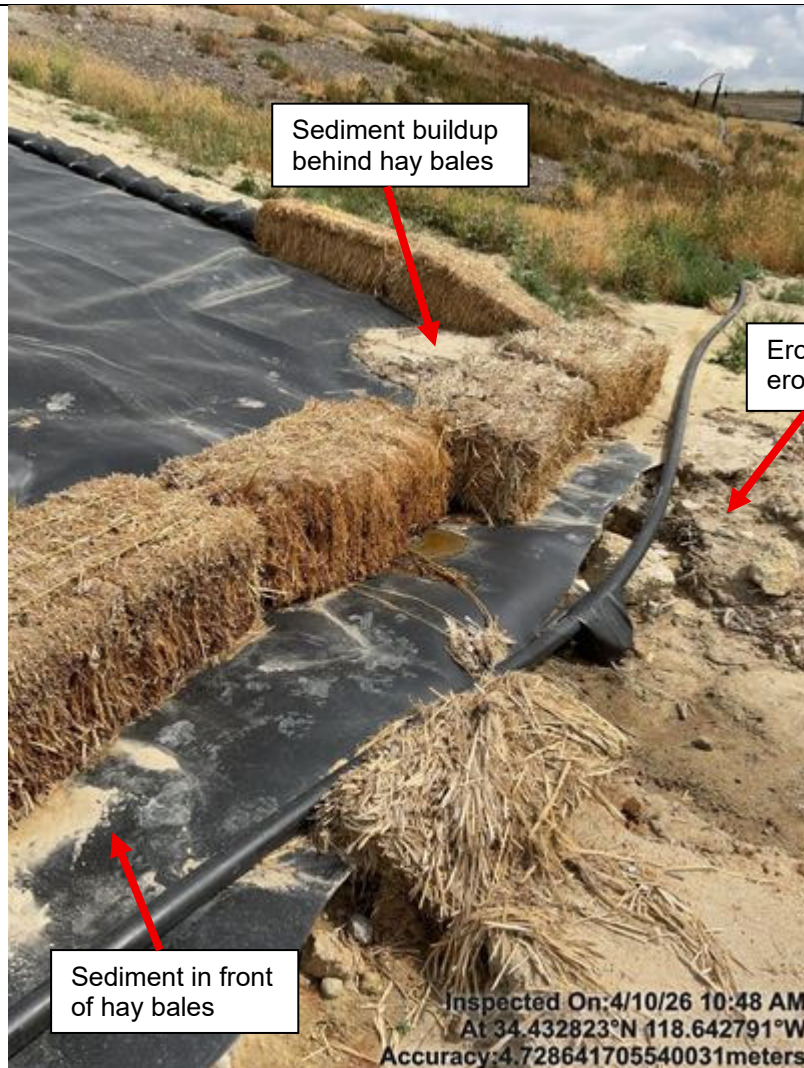


Photo 83

Close-up of erosion control BMP. We told Mr. Breuer that this BMP in its current state would not be adequate for a large storm



Photo 84

Aerial view of sub basin 4. Mr. Breuer stated that the standpipe would have to overflow to reach the other basins



Photo 85
Slope being track walked with fresh media at the northeast end of the Site



Photo 86
Slope being track walked with fresh media at the northeast end of the Site



Photo 87
Slope being track walked with fresh media at the northeast end of the Site



Photo 88
Hydroseeding sloped area. Mr. Breuer stated that this area has CGP coverage



Photo 89
Hydroseeding sloped area. Mr. Breuer stated that this area has CGP coverage



Photo 90

Hydroseeding sloped area. Mr. Breuer stated that this area has CGP coverage and would have become next landfill cell if still accepting waste. Mr. Breuer stated that he would consider this activity as part of industrial operations and not separate construction, so he would like to see if CGP coverage can be removed



Photo 91
EVOH cover on landfill slopes, required by DTSC



Photo 92

Well head meant to collect leachate and gas and pumping leachate goes to pipes



Photo 93

Top basin. If full it gets pumped to channel and can go to either South or East Basin



Photo 94

Clarifier and influent tanks for collected leachate. Mr. Breuer stated that 250,000 gal of leachate is collected each day. Leachate testing process is done at tank farm.



Photo 95
Treated leachate in tanks



Photo 96
Loading pad for loading treated leachate into trucks



Photo 97

Drums with secondary containment used to collect drips from leachate loading into trucks via pipes. We observed leachate in the drum had a similar consistency and appearance to black coffee



Photo 98

Loading pad for loading treated leachate into trucks. We asked which basin a leachate spill could theoretically reach if a large enough leak occurred. Mr. Breuer answered the South Basin.



Photo 99
Aerial view of the South Basin with idle pump



Photo 100
Stormwater channel



Photo 101
Sediment buildup in stormwater channel



Photo 102
Stormwater channel



Photo 103
Stormwater channel



Photo 104
Liner over the west toe slope



Photo 105

Liner on the west toe slope. Mr. Breuer explained that the slope will be buttressed up to prevent failure as part of a large project. Mr. Breuer stated that the finished slope will look like 3:1 slopes of dirt to contain the slope failure



Photo 106

I observed a bulge in the liner (circled in yellow) due to dirt from the slope settling and stretching against the liner.



Photo 107

I observed a bulge in the liner (circled in yellow) due to dirt from the slope settling and stretching against the liner.



Photo 108

Tanker truck there 24/7 to make sure that no seeps get to channel



Photo 109
Another bulging area of west toe



Photo 110

West toe project. Will go until the next curve. 15 crew members working on sediment in channel.
Right now in emergency plan mode with check dams.



Photo 111
Stormwater channel



Photo 112
Stormwater channel



Photo 113
Stormwater channel



Photo 114
Approximate area of reported spill



Photo 115
Approximate area of reported spill



Photo 116
Leachate transfer to vacuum truck



Photo 117
Leachate transfer to vacuum truck



Photo 118

Ground after reported spill cleaned up. The wet spots were from water sprayed on the fresh soil for compaction after the contaminated soil was removed.

Attachment B – SMARTS Screenshot

Attachments

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Attachment C – Photo Log



Photo 1. Repaired Sand Bags Surrounding South Culvert in Canyon B



Photo 2. Repaired Sand Bags Surrounding North Culvert in Canyon B



Photo 3. Repaired Silt Fence Surrounding South Culvert in Canyon B



Photo 4. Repaired Silt Fence Surrounding North Culvert in Canyon B



Photo 5. EVOH Preparation Work Near Former Temporary Hay-Bale Erosion Control BMP on East Slope of Main Canyon



Photo 6. EVOH Preparation Work Near Former Temporary Hay-Bale Erosion Control BMP on East Slope of Main Canyon



Photo 7. Box Culvert Near West Toe of Landfill



Photo 8. Check Dam in Box Culvert Near West Toe of Landfill



Photo 9. Check Dam in Box Culvert Near West Toe of Landfill



Photo 10. West Toe Area At Location of Former V-Ditch



Photo 11. Canyon B Equipment Storage and Laydown Without Drums or Totes