



# CHIQUITA CANYON

*A Waste Connections Company*

December 31, 2024

*Via E-Mail*

Bob Lewis  
Chair  
Community Advisory Committee  
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**Re: Closure of Active Waste Disposal Operations**

Dear Mr. Lewis:

This letter hereby provides notice pursuant to Chiquita Canyon, LLC's ("Chiquita") Conditional Use Permit ("CUP"), Solid Waste Facility Permit, and other relevant regulatory requirements that Chiquita is closing active waste disposal operations effective January 1, 2025. This means that December 31, 2024 will be the last day that Chiquita accepts incoming solid waste at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill ("Landfill"). Although the Landfill will no longer accept incoming waste, Chiquita will continue to manage the Landfill, including addressing the Elevated Temperature Landfill ("ETLF") event that is affecting the northwest corner of the Landfill, as well as closure and post-closure activities. Chiquita will continue collaborating with its regulators on the many ongoing reaction mitigation measures.

In addition to working with its regulators to address the ETLF event at the Landfill, Chiquita had been working diligently with its regulators over the past several months to address the regulatory constraints related to the active waste disposal operations that were preventing Chiquita from continuing to receive and manage solid waste from its many customers. The primary constraints were the tonnage limits that take effect January 1, 2025, and the final approval needed for Chiquita to access otherwise permitted and constructed airspace.

As required by the October 2022 Settlement Agreement with Los Angeles County (the "County"), Chiquita submitted a permit modification application over two years ago to modify its current CUP in line with the mutually agreed to terms of the Settlement Agreement. Since that time, Chiquita had remained in close contact with the County, submitting multiple iterations of the necessary environmental analyses in response to County comments and feedback. In recent months, Chiquita had proposed several options for addressing the tonnage limitations that would prevent Chiquita from maintaining an economically viable operation. Nevertheless, the County was unable to fully implement the Settlement Agreement or provide a viable alternative solution to address the severe tonnage restrictions that take effect on January 1, 2025.

Chiquita has also worked diligently with its other regulators, including the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Water Board"), to correct many misconceptions about

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slope stability and whether the ETLF event occurring in an older portion of the Landfill should prohibit Chiquita from placing waste in areas that have already been permitted.

Chiquita had wished to maintain its crucial role in the community's solid waste management system, but has made the difficult decision to close its active waste disposal operations. Although Chiquita has available airspace, due to the current regulatory environment, maintaining ongoing operations at Chiquita is no longer economically viable. Chiquita remains committed to working with federal, state, regional, and local authorities to protect public health and to continue addressing the ETLF event, and will also continue working to maintain compliance with its permits, governing orders, and agreements.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Regards,



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