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Director

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Chiquita Canyon Landfill, LLC
29201 Henry Mayo Drive
Castaic, CA 91384

REGARDING: PROJECT NO. R2004-00559-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200400042
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 201500007
29201 HENRY MAYO DRIVE
(APN 3271-002-011, -013, -019, -0036, -039 & 3271-005-034)

The Regional Planning Commission, by its action of **April 19, 2017**, has **APPROVED** the above-referenced project. Enclosed are the Commission's Findings and Conditions of Approval. Please carefully review each condition. This approval is not effective until the appeal period has ended and the required documents and applicable fees are submitted to the Regional Planning Department (see enclosed Affidavit of Acceptance Instructions).

The applicant or any other interested persons may appeal the Regional Planning Commission's decision. The appeal period for this project will end at 5:00 p.m. on **May 3, 2017**. **Appeals must be delivered in person.**

Appeals:

To file an appeal, please contact:
Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors
Room 383, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012
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Upon completion of the appeal period, the notarized Affidavit of Acceptance and any applicable fees must be submitted to the planner assigned to your case. In addition, any applicable CEQA fees for the Department of Fish and Wildlife shall be paid, and a Notice of Determination, if applicable, must be filed with the County Clerk according to the instructions with the enclosed Affidavit of Acceptance. Please make an appointment to ensure that processing will be completed in a timely manner. Failure to submit these documents and applicable fees within 60 days will result in a referral to Zoning Enforcement for further action.

For questions or for additional information, please contact Richard Claghorn of the Zoning Permits North Section at (213) 974-6443, or by email at rclaghorn@planning.lacounty.gov. Our office hours are Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. We are closed on Fridays.

Sincerely,
DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING
Richard J. Bruckner

Samuel Dea, Supervising Regional Planner
Zoning Permits North Section

Enclosures: Findings, Conditions of Approval, IMP, MMRP, Affidavit of Acceptance (Permittee's Completion)

c: DPW (Building and Safety); Zoning Enforcement

**FINDINGS AND ORDER
OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROJECT NO. R2004-00559-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200400042 AND
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 201500007**

1. The Los Angeles County ("County") Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on March 1, 2017, in the matter of Project No. R2004-00559-(5), Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 200400042 and Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. 201500007. The hearing was continued by the Commission on April 19, 2017.
2. The permittee, Chiquita Canyon Landfill LLC ("Permittee"), is requesting the approval of CUP No. 200400042 for continued operation and expansion of a Class III Landfill ("Project") located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive ("Project Site"), in the unincorporated community of Castaic, in the A-2-2 (Heavy Agricultural, Two-Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) and A-2-5 (Heavy Agricultural, Five-Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zones. A CUP is required in the A-2 Zone for land reclamation projects, pursuant to Section 22.24.150 of the Los Angeles County ("County") Code.
3. The permittee is requesting the approval of OTP No. 201500007 for the removal of four oak trees related to the landfill operation and expansion within the A-2-2 and A-2-5 Zones pursuant to County Code Section 22.56.2060.
4. The Project request includes the following elements: lateral expansion of the existing waste footprint from 257 acres to 400 acres; increased maximum elevation from 1,430 feet to 1,573 feet; increased daily disposal limits from 6,000 tons per day of waste to 12,000 tons per day; new entrance and support facilities; development of a household hazardous waste facility; mixed organics processing/composting operation; set-aside of land for a potential future conversion technology facility; acceptance of all nonhazardous wastes permitted at a Class III solid waste disposal landfill, exclusive of sludge; continued operation of the landfill and landfill gas-to-energy facility; new design features; and environmental monitoring. In addition, the Project includes the relocation of a portion of Southern California Edison's existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line in order to accommodate landfill improvements.
5. OTP 201500007 is needed for the removal of four oak trees in the vicinity of the entrance facilities, which are being modified to improve traffic flow and increase efficiency. They include three Coast Live Oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) and one Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*). The removals are related to the new entrance facilities, landfill expansion, and related grading.
6. The Project Site is an approximately 639-acre site, and includes Assessor's Parcel Number ("APN") 3271-002-011, 3271-002-013, 3271-002-019, 3271-002-036, 3271-

002-039, and 3271-005-034. The Project Site contains the existing landfill operations and landfill gas-to-energy facility. The Project Site is irregular in shape. Most of the site is mountainous, with elevations ranging from approximately 950 feet above sea level near the south property line to a high of approximately 1,640 feet near the north property line. The Project Site fronts on Henry Mayo Drive, State Highway 126, on the south side. The intersection of Wolcott Way and Henry Mayo Drive forms the southeast corner of the Project Site.

7. The Project Site is located in the Newhall Zoned District and is zoned A-2-2 and A-2-5. APNs 3271-002-036 and 3271-002-039, which include approximately 308 acres of the Project Site, are in the A-2-5 Zone. The remainder of the Project Site is in the A-2-2 Zone, which includes APNs 3271-002-011, 3271-002-013, 3271-002-019 and 3271-005-034. These zones are divided by a diagonal line running from northeast to southwest, with the A-2-5 Zone located to the south and east of this line and A-2-2 Zone located to the north and west.
8. The Project Site is located within the Castaic Area Community Standards District ("CSD"). The CSD contains restrictions on development within 50 feet of primary significant ridgelines and within 25 feet of secondary significant ridgelines. No grading or development is proposed within the protected areas of any significant ridgelines. The project is consistent with the development standards of the CSD.
9. The Project Site is located within the Community Serving (P-CS) land use category of the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan ("Area Plan") Land Use Policy Map.
10. Surrounding Zoning within a 500-foot radius includes:
 - North: A-2-2, M-1.5-DP (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing-Development Program), MPD-DP (Manufacturing-Industrial Planned Zone-Development Program)
 - South: SP (Newhall Ranch Specific Plan-Commercial Retail/Office, Medium Residential land use categories)
 - East: M-1.5-DP, M-1.5 (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing),
 - West: SP (Newhall Ranch Specific Plan-Business Park and Open Area land use categories), R-1 (Single-Family Residence)
11. Surrounding land uses within a 500-foot radius include:
 - North: Vacant land, water tanks, light industrial uses
 - South: Vacant land, agriculture uses
 - East: Vacant land, Post Office distribution center, water tank
 - West: Vacant land, single-family residence
12. The Project Site is currently accessible via Henry Mayo Drive to the south. Proposed new access will be from Wolcott Way at the southeast part of the lot where Wolcott Way intersects with Franklin Parkway. The new entrance facilities would be approximately 500 feet north of Henry Mayo Drive.

13. The Project Site was zoned A-2-2 and A-2-5 by Ordinance No. 7486, effective April 3, 1959. A portion of the south part of the Project Site corresponding to the current boundaries of APN 3271-002-036 and a small part of APN 3271-002-039 was changed to the M-1.5 Zone by Ordinance 91022, effective October 17, 1991. The M-1.5 Zone area was subsequently changed to M-1.5-DP Zone. The M-1.5-DP Zone area was changed back to the A-2-5 Zone through Zone Change 2012-0055Z, effective December 27, 2012.
14. Certificate of Compliance for Lot Line Adjustment RLLA 201300007, recorded February 18, 2014, adjusted the land area owned by Chiquita Canyon Landfill from approximately 622 acres to 639 acres. The current Project Site is Parcel One of RLLA 201300007.
15. Chiquita Canyon Landfill was first approved for a land reclamation project by the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") on December 21, 1965 through Zone Exception Case ("ZEC") 7879. ZEC 8040 was approved by the Commission for an access road related to the land reclamation project on March 8, 1966. On September 13, 1966 the Commission approved ZEC 8191 for refuse disposal and land reclamation project at the site. On March 2, 1977 the Commission approved CUP 1010 for continued operation and maintenance of a waste disposal facility and land reclamation project with appurtenant facilities. On November 24, 1982 the Commission approved CUP 1809 for expansion of the existing landfill with Class II and Class III disposal sites. CUP 89-081 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 20, 1997 for continued operation of a Class III landfill after the approval of the CUP by the Commission was appealed.
16. CUP 89-081 was to expire on November 24, 2019 or when the landfill reached a waste disposal limit of 23,000,000 tons, whichever occurred first. As the cumulative waste disposal tonnage was approaching the limit and it became clear that the Project would not have its environmental review process completed before a public hearing for renewal of the CUP could be held, the applicant requested a "Clean Hands Waiver" from the Director of the Department of Regional Planning ("Director") in November 2015. The Director granted the Clean Hands Waiver on March 17, 2016, pursuant to Section 22.04.110 of the County Code, subject to continued compliance with the CUP 89-081 conditions, with the exception of the 23,000,000 ton waste disposal limit. The waiver does not allow the landfill to exceed the 29.4 million ton threshold analyzed in the EIR for CUP 89-081. The waiver allows the landfill operations to continue on a temporary basis until the earlier of the following: a.) a final action is taken on the project (withdrawal, approval, or denial); b.) July 31, 2017; or c.) revocation of the waiver by the Director. In July 2016 the landfill reached and exceeded the 23 million ton limit, but it has been allowed to continue to operate in accordance with the Clean Hands Waiver.
17. The site plan for the Project, which is dated May 2015, depicts the Project Site, which has an overall area of approximately 639 acres, located on the north side of Henry Mayo Drive, and fronting Wolcott Way and Franklin Parkway at the southeast part of

the site. New entrance facilities are proposed at Wolcott Way, including driveways, parking lots with a total of 32 parking spaces, scales and gatehouses, queuing area, administration building and a household hazardous waste facility. The main driveway leads to and from the main canyon landfill area. The main canyon includes 188 acres of previously approved landfill area covering much of the western portion of the Project Site. The main canyon also is to include a lateral extension of 26.9 acres to the south and 115.8 acres to the north and east, for a total expansion area of approximately 143 acres. Two closed landfill areas are also depicted, including the existing Primary Canyon Landfill, which covers 55 acres in the southerly part of the site, and the existing Canyon "B" Landfill, which covers 14 acres near the eastern edge of the Project Site. The existing and proposed landfill areas will have a combined area of 400 acres. A large storm water basin is located near the southwest corner of the site. There is another storm water basin northeast of the Canyon "B" Landfill area, and six smaller storm water basins near the entrance facilities. The existing entrance facilities and office are located immediately east of the large storm water basin near the southwest corner of the site, although these facilities will be removed and there will no longer be access directly from Henry Mayo Drive. The existing landfill gas-to-energy facility is located to the east of the Main Canyon Landfill near the center of the site. The future potential conversion technology facility is located north of Wolcott Way in the southeast part of the site and includes a separate driveway leading to Wolcott Way. Proposed borrow areas are shown to the east of the Primary Canyon Landfill and south of the Canyon "B" Landfill. Alternative facilities locations to the east and west of the main landfill are shown, which are support facilities for equipment storage and for maintenance purposes.

18. The total landfill area of 400 acres represents 62.6% of the total 639 acre Project Area. Most of the remaining area will also undergo some form of disturbance, including access roads, borrow areas, entrance facilities, future conversion technology set-aside area, storm water basins, graded areas, and other areas of disturbance. The total potential impacted area covers 625.08 acres (97.8% of the Project Area), leaving just 14.30 acres (2.2%) of the Project Area outside the limit of disturbance.
19. The oak tree report dated June 6, 2014 depicts the oak tree locations. They include Oak Tree No. 1, which is a Valley Oak located close to the south property line, Oak Tree No. 2, a Coast Live Oak located close to the existing entrance area, Oak Tree No. 3, a Coast Live Oak in the south expansion area of the Main Canyon Landfill, and Oak Tree No. 89, a Coast Live Oak adjacent to the new queuing area west of Wolcott Way. Tree No. 89 is in poor condition while the others are rated as good in the oak tree report. All four oak trees have multiple trunks. The largest of the trunks belongs to Oak Tree No. 89, with a diameter of 18.5 inches for its largest trunk.
20. An Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.) ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines for the County. A Draft EIR ("DEIR") and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR ("PRDEIR") have been completed for the Project. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP") has been prepared to mitigate Project impacts to geology and hydrology, surface water drainage, biological resources, cultural and

paleontological resources, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. Project impacts will be reduced to less than significant levels except for impacts to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. CEQA Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations ("SOC") have been prepared for the Project.

21. The DEIR was released on July 10, 2014. It had a public comment period of 105 days, including 45 days for the initial comment period and two extensions of 30 days each. The public comment period for the DEIR closed on October 23, 2014. A Hearing Examiner public hearing was held at the Castaic Sports Complex on July 31, 2014 for the DEIR for the Project.
22. Subsequently it was determined that the following chapters of the DEIR needed to be revised and recirculated: Introduction, Project Description, Biological Resources, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change and Project Alternatives. The PRDEIR was released on November 9, 2016 and its public comment period of 61 days ended on January 9, 2017. The updated chapters, related appendices, a visual resources supplement, a traffic supplement, and an executive summary were included in the PRDEIR. A Hearing Examiner public hearing was held at the theater of West Ranch High School in Stevenson Ranch on December 15, 2016 for the PRDEIR for the Project.
23. The Final EIR ("FEIR") for the Project has been prepared. The FEIR consists of introductory explanatory material, an executive summary, the complete DEIR and PRDEIR, comments received concerning the DEIR and PRDEIR with responses to the comments, appendixes, supplements and the MMRP.
24. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the Zoning Code, the community was appropriately notified of the Project's public hearing by mail, newspaper, and property posting.
25. Department of Regional Planning ("DRP") staff ("Staff") has received a large number of letters and emails containing comments on the Project's DEIR and PRDEIR as well as oral testimony on each. For the DEIR a total of 38 written comments were received in support of the Project and 44 against the Project. At the Hearing Examiner hearing on July 31, 2014 three speakers spoke in support of the Project while 24 spoke in opposition. In addition, there were 17 letters from government of tribal agencies plus one from Southern California Edison regarding the DEIR received by Regional Planning and incorporated into the FEIR.
26. For the PRDEIR Staff received 294 written comment letters and emails in opposition to the project and only one in favor of the Project. The count of opposition comments included some that only asked for a time extension on the PRDEIR without necessarily stating opposition to the Project. At the December 15, 2016 Hearing Examiner hearing, there were 36 speakers at the hearing who testified against the project and seven who testified in favor. Additionally, 13 speaker cards were filled out by Project opponents who did not speak and one which didn't state any position on the landfill from someone who didn't speak. Many of the commenters submitted multiple comments or spoke at both hearings. There were nearly as many written comment

letters in support of the Project as were opposed which were received during the DEIR comment period. However, nearly all of the written public comments for the PRDEIR received during the public comment period were in opposition to the landfill. Copies of the comment letters received on the DEIR and PRDEIR and responses to the comments are included in the FEIR, along with topical responses.

27. The most frequent concerns expressed by the public and by other agencies have been potential impacts to public health, air quality, odors, and traffic. Some other frequent topics included environmental justice issues, biological resources, greenhouse gases, the CUP 89-081 conditions and 1997 community agreement, property values, project alternatives, and water quality. The FEIR contains detailed topical responses to 34 of the most common topics that were commented on by the public, and specific responses to each of the public comments. The project conditions, IMP, and MMRP include requirements that address many of the community concerns.
28. The most serious concerns are those regarding potential impacts to public health. The public health concerns include possible increases in cancer risk, asthma, respiratory diseases and other health risks resulting from proximity to the landfill and air emissions from the landfill. A health risk assessment was prepared in accordance with guidelines published by the State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD"), and is included as part of Air Quality chapter of the FEIR. The health risk assessment substantially overstates the actual risks associated with facility emissions in order to provide more assurance that the Project does not produce significant impacts to public health. The public health impacts fall below the significance thresholds established by SCAQMD, even though the risks associated with the facility are substantially overstated in the analysis. The actual impacts would be lower than what is shown in the analysis if the Project is approved with no increase in current waste tonnage rates, since it is based on an increase from 6,000 tons per day to 12,000 tons per day of waste disposed.
29. Seven additional letters of opposition and one email of opposition were received after the notice for the Commission public hearing was sent on January 24, 2017 up to the time the hearing package was prepared on February 16, 2017. DRP has also received phone calls from landfill opponents expressing their concerns.
30. Supporters of the Project submitted the following to DRP after the notice for the Commission public hearing was sent on January 24, 2017 up to the time the hearing package was prepared on February 16, 2017: a petition in support of the Project signed by 53 residents of Val Verde; 27 letters in Spanish signed by supporters of the Project; 23 letters of support for the Project from 2014; and 388 letters of support for the Project from 2017. The support letters are included in a package submitted by the Permittee, which includes a cover letter; a report discussing the correlation between beneficial use materials and performance at Chiquita Canyon Landfill; charts showing the origin of disposal materials and diversion materials by Supervisorial District; a list of odor management BMPs; information about the LFGTE plant; a list of regulatory agencies and permits associated with Chiquita Canyon Landfill; and a list of organizations which have supported Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The list of supporters

includes the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation, Los Angeles County Business Federation, SCV Latino Chamber of Commerce, SCV Senior Center, Valley Industry Association, Castaic Chamber of Commerce, West Ranch Town Council, Child and Family Center, and many other groups and organizations. The letters of support include letters from some of these organizations, small business owners, residents, local waste haulers, and others.

31. A large number of letters were provided both in support of the Project and opposed as part of the supplemental hearing packages before the March 1, 2017 hearing. A large number of additional letters have been received since then as well, both in favor of the Project and in opposition. An exact count of the additional letters has not been done, but the majority have been form letters in support of the Project.
32. The existing landfill use is consistent with the current zoning and land use category of the property. It serves an important function as the second largest landfill in the County and has been operating since 1972. Its location behind mountains largely shields the operations from view from surrounding areas, and the Permittee has managed the operations in a responsible manner. The landfill provides free clean-up days for residents of Val Verde, the nearest existing residential community. However, the landfill has still generated much concern in surrounding communities, especially Val Verde, including complaints of foul odors from many neighborhood residents, as well concerns about traffic, air quality, and health impacts.
33. The permittee has taken steps to respond to the concerns. The landfill rejects at the scales trucks where loads are obviously highly odorous. If a highly odorous load is detected while unloading, the waste is covered immediately to control the odors. The permittee regularly exceeds state minimum standards and the normal recommended practices to cover trash and other areas of the landfill proactively to minimize odors from fresh trash. Large portable fans are used to control air flow and dilute and disperse odors. When a combination of odorous loads and certain weather conditions occurs, a perimeter odor control system is used to disperse odor neutralizing agents to control odors.
34. The existing residential community of Val Verde is located to the northeast of the Project Site. The nearest residence is located on Roosevelt Avenue in the south part of Val Verde and is approximately 500 feet from the Project Site and approximately 1,100 feet from the developed area of the Project Site. Steep hillsides separate the Project Site from Val Verde.
35. A United States Post Office distribution facility is located immediately to the east of the Project Site. The nearest structure is approximately 150 feet from the Project Site, which is part of the Post Office facility. Other industrial uses of the Valencia Commerce Center are located to the east and north of the Project Site. Franklin Parkway connects the Valencia Commerce Center to Wolcott Way, where the new entrance facilities are proposed.

36. The Project's new entrance facilities off of Wolcott Way, the related street improvements required for the Project and the closure of the existing entrance facilities will improve traffic flow in the area and avoid queuing of trucks on the Highway 126. A condition requires the closure of the existing entrance on Highway 126 and relocation of the entrance to Wolcott Way within one year of the effective date of the CUP. This will help to alleviate many of the traffic issues in the area. The relocation of the entrance facility is necessary to accommodate the plan by the California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") to widen SR 126 and accommodate the landfill's operations with the increased development and urbanization of the area.
37. Some of the right-of-way and street improvement requirements include the following: full street improvements on Wolcott Way and Franklin Parkway within the Project frontage; dedication of right-of-way at a minimum of 70 feet from the centerline of Highway 126; exclusive right turn lanes and transition improvements in the event the Project traffic volumes exceed road capacity; slope easements at the interchange of Highway 126 and Wolcott Way; offsite improvements identified in the approved Traffic Study analysis; payment of fees for the Westside Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District; installation of drainage structures; and installation of street lights on concrete poles with underground wiring.
38. Project hours of operation for receiving solid waste and beneficial use materials shall be limited as indicated in the Conditions of Approval. Other facility operations, such as site preparation and maintenance, equipment maintenance, waste processing and the application of cover, shall be restricted to the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. This restriction excludes facility operations requiring continuous operation, such as gas control.
39. The organic waste composting operation of the Project will provide an opportunity to recycle and beneficially use organic waste materials. It will be enclosed to minimize the potential for objectionable odors to adversely affect the community. The household hazardous waste facility will be open to the public and would potentially be open up to seven days per week between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and shall be staffed continuously with a person(s) trained in hazardous material handling and management. The materials that may be accepted by the facility include, but are not limited to used motor oil, used latex paints, used anti-freeze, used batteries and other household wastes defined in the Operating Agreement. The facility may not be used for general use by commercial or industrial entities. It would allow for residents to safely dispose of hazardous household wastes. This will help to prevent such materials from being improperly disposed.
40. The land set aside for a future conversion technology facility would provide an opportunity to convert waste into energy or other useful products. Conversion technologies are non-combustion thermal, mechanical, and biological processes that convert post-recycled materials (which would otherwise be sent to landfills) into green fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel, clean renewable energy, and other marketable products. A conversion technology facility will help to meet County objectives and state legislation to advance conversion technologies.

41. The continuing operation of the existing LFGTE plant will provide power to the local electrical grid. These uses will provide benefits to the County as a whole and to the local community.
42. A duly noticed public hearing was held on March 1, 2017 before the Regional Planning Commission at Rancho Pico Junior High School in Stevenson Ranch. A presentation on the Project was given by DRP and Department of Public Works staff. Mike Dean, the Project representative for the Permittee, gave a presentation in support of the project. Members of the public were then given the opportunity to testify. A total of 67 speakers testified before time expired, including 29 in favor of the Project, 37 opposed to the Project, and one who expressed concerns but did not favor or oppose the Project. Due to the limited time available, 41 people who signed up to speak were unable to do so. Some of the concerns cited by landfill opponents were related to the following issues: traffic, air quality impacts, odors, water quality impacts, property values, leakage of methane, public health impacts, alleged violation of a previous agreement with the community, environmental justice concerns, biological resource impacts, and availability of alternatives, notably Mesquite Canyon Landfill. Because of the large number of people who signed up to speak who were unable to do so, and because the Commission had questions about the Project and wanted time to review the supplemental materials that had been submitted for the Project, the Commission approved a motion to continue the hearing on April 19, 2017. The Commission also gave instructions to Staff, including responding to questions on the Project and arranging for a location for remote testimony during the April 19 continued hearing, so that residents of the area will have an opportunity to testify without travelling to Downtown Los Angeles.
43. On April 19, 2017 the Regional Planning Commission hearing was continued at its usual location in Downtown Los Angeles, with a remote testimony location at the Stephenson Ranch Library. A presentation was given by DRP and Public Works Staff which provided answers to questions raised by the Commission on March 1, a summary of the Project and the changes to the Project's draft findings and conditions, and a recommendation to approve the Project subject to the revised findings and conditions. The Commission then allowed speakers from the remote location to testify. Ten speakers at the remote location testified, including one who spoke in favor of the Project and nine who spoke in opposition. One person who filled out a speaker card was not present went called upon. Following the remote location testimony, 15 speakers at the main hearing location spoke, including 10 who spoke in opposition and five who spoke in favor of the Project. The concerns raised by opponents of the Project were largely the same types of issues discussed during the March 1, 2017 hearing, including air quality, water quality, odor and other impacts. Supporters also voiced similar concerns as those expressed by the supporters on March 1, with concerns about the impacts of possible landfill closure on loss of jobs, increased waste disposal costs, and negative economic impacts to businesses and individuals who use the landfill or work there. Following the speakers, the Project representative, Mike Dean, provided a rebuttal, which focused on the applicant's concerns about the Project's draft conditions. Mr. Dean estimated that the fees would increase 587% based on the draft conditions, and requested that any increase in fees should be much

lower, with an anticipated range of a 50% to 100% increase above current levels. Mr. Dean also requested removal of the weekly and monthly tonnage limits while keeping the daily limit at 12,000 tons per day but increasing the annual limit from 2.1 million to 2.89 million tons. Mr. Dean asked for a change in the hours of operation in the draft CUP conditions to allow trucks to be accepted 24 hours per day, six days per week as in the CUP 89-081 conditions. Following the rebuttal, the Commission asked questions to Mr. Dean, Staff from DRP, Public Works, County Counsel, the Department of Public Health, members of the Community Advisory Committee ("CAC"), and David Waite, who is serving as legal counsel for the Permittee. The Commission discussed several of the draft CUP conditions and IMP requirements, including the Periodic Review procedure, air quality monitoring, fees, tonnage limits, maximum landfill capacity, hours of operation, closure plan and termination of the use, the CAC, the emergency provisions in draft Condition No. 22, and other issues related to the Project. The Commission directed Staff to make changes and clarifications to the draft conditions based on the testimony it received from constituents who expressed concerns about the various impacts to their communities from the landfill use adjacent to them, including Conditions No. 22, 35, 36, 38, 41g, 59f, 66 through 69, 70b, 70e, 104, 107, 109 and 118. These changes to conditions involved clarifying tonnage limits for emergencies and disasters, adding more periodic reviews at five-year intervals and at the discretion of the Director, expanding the hours of operation for receiving solid waste and beneficial use materials, adding references to the CAC to several conditions, clarifying the requirements regarding the park or recreational use upon closure of the landfill and funding for the park master plan and park or recreational use development. Changes to the IMP requested by the Commission included: clarifying the role of the CAC and eliminating the requirement for the Permittee to pay an annual fee to fund the CAC in Part XI; to add references to the CAC in Parts XII and XIV; and to add additional periodic reviews in Part XV. The Commission certified that it adopted the EIR, the CEQA Findings and SOC, and the MMRP at the conclusion of the public hearing and approved CUP No. 200400042 and OTP No. 201500007, subject to the attached conditions.

44. The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan ("General Plan"). The Project is located within the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan ("Area Plan"), a component of the General Plan. Both the General Plan and the Area Plan contain policies to ensure compatibility of development with the surrounding area and the Project is consistent with both plans.
45. The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the uses allowed in the Community Serving (P-CS) land use category of the Area Plan. This designation includes landfills among the allowable uses that are listed, subject to the underlying zoning designation requirements.
46. The Commission finds that the Project adequately addresses the issues in the statement in Chapter 2 of the Area Plan, the Land Use Element, on page 26 discussing the Val Verde Community, which says, *"Major planning issues for Val Verde include potential nuisance impacts from expansion of the landfill in Chiquita Canyon, the compatibility of proposed developments with the village's rural character, and*

providing residents with increased access to employment opportunities, social services, and adequate infrastructure.”

47. The Commission finds that the Project Conditions of Approval, Implementation and Monitoring Program (“IMP”) and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (“MMRP”) are designed to avoid or mitigate potential nuisance impacts to surrounding communities, including Val Verde, and to ensure that the landfill operates safely and efficiently. The Conditions of Approval require that the fees collected from the landfill will be used to fund programs and activities that enhance Countywide disposal capacity, mitigate landfill impacts in the unincorporated County areas, promote development of Conversion Technology facilities that benefit the Santa Clarita Valley and the County, and fund environmental, educational, and quality of life programs in unincorporated areas surrounding the landfill. The Conditions of Approval require that quarterly clean-up days be provided for residents of Val Verde. One mitigation measure from the MMRP requires the development of an Odor Impact Minimization Plan, and there is also a condition requiring a response by the Permittee to address air quality and odor complaints. Such response would include working with the regulatory agencies to systematically address each complaint and specific steps to resolve such complaints. MMRP mitigation measures also require using innovative approaches to reducing potential air emissions from building construction, use of Best Management Practices (“BMPs”) to reduce emissions from construction and operations and use of BMPs to improve landfill gas collection efficiency.

The IMP requires annual monitoring reports to enhance the continuing oversight of landfill operations and supplement routine enforcement activities, and to provide accountability to show compliance with all requirements. The annual report also is required to summarize measures taken by the Permittee to divert and recycle materials, to promote and implement appropriate alternative technologies, to mitigate nuisance odors and other complaints, to minimize truck traffic, and to ensure the effectiveness and adequacy of landfill gas collection, to report on revegetation, as well as a detailed report on the quantities and types of materials received by the landfill and other pertinent information. These are just a few examples Conditions of Approval, IMP requirements, and MMRP mitigation measures that help to avoid or mitigate potential nuisance impacts and to ensure that the landfill is operating safely and efficiently.

48. The Commission finds that the Project will help the County to meet its future waste disposal capacity needs while adequately addressing the concerns raised in the statement in the Land Use Element of the Area Plan on page 46 discussing landfills in the Santa Clarita Valley, including Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The section states that Chiquita Canyon Landfill is one of the three Class III landfills that primarily serve the Santa Clarita Valley, along with Antelope Valley Landfill and Sunshine Canyon Landfill. It further states, *“With approved expansions these landfills will have the capacity to serve the Valley beyond year 2020. However, the proposed expansion of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill has raised concerns by residents of nearby Val Verde, who are often impacted by wind-borne odors and truck traffic. Compatibility of Landfills with adjacent development must continue to be addressed.”*

49. The Commission finds that the Project would help to meet the need for new landfill space and to promote diversion of materials from landfills as discussed on Page 46 of the Area Plan. This section of the Area Plan mentions programs in the City of Santa Clarita and County to reduce waste generation through diversion programs such as recycling and re-use, and says, *“Although these efforts will increase the life expectancy of local landfills, they do not eliminate the need for new landfill space.”* It mentions the need for facilities *“for sorting and resource recovery from solid waste, including materials recovery facilities (MRFs), composting facilities, collection centers for electronic waste (such as discarded computers and televisions), and recycling facilities.”*

Chiquita Canyon Landfill is by far the main landfill used by the City of Santa Clarita and the unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. In 2015, 90% of the waste generated in the City of Santa Clarita was disposed at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, as was 77% of the waste for the unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. It is a vital component of the waste disposal infrastructure of the County and for the Santa Clarita Valley, and its continued operation and expansion will help to meet the need for landfill space as described in the Area Plan.

The Project proposes to add a household hazardous waste facility (“HHWF”) and composting operation. An area for a future conversion technology facility has been set aside on the Project Site. Continued operation of the landfill and implementation of the HHWF and composting will help to achieve the goals of the Area Plan. Truck traffic impacts will be reduced due to the new entrance facilities off of Wolcott Way, which will reduce traffic impacts on Henry Mayo Drive. Project conditions and mitigation measures will help to minimize potentially adverse effects such as odors.

50. The Commission finds that the following policies of the Area Plan are applicable to the proposed project:

Land Use Element Policy LU-9.1.3: “Protect major utility transmission corridors, pumping stations, reservoirs, booster stations, and other similar facilities from encroachment by incompatible uses, while allowing non-intrusive uses such as plant nurseries, greenbelts, and recreational trails.” A portion of SCE’s existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line is proposed for relocation in order to accommodate landfill improvements. Landfill operations will not interfere with the transmission lines.

Land Use Element Policy LU-9.1.6: “Coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure that landfill expansion needs are met while minimizing adverse impacts to Valley residents.” The appropriate County departments and state agencies have coordinated extensively in reviewing the proposed landfill expansion and in developing appropriate mitigation measures and conditions. Other organizations have been included in the environmental and permit consultation process, and their comments, as well as analyses of the potential adverse impacts of the Project to area residents, have been taken into consideration in this process.

51. The Commission finds that the following policies of the General Plan are applicable to the proposed project:

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.1: "Maintain an efficient, safe and responsive waste management system that reduces waste while protecting the health and safety of the public." Chiquita Canyon Landfill is an important part of the County's waste management system. Project conditions and mitigation measures are designed to ensure that the landfill is operated in a safe and efficient manner.

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.2: "Ensure adequate disposal capacity by providing for environmentally sound and technically feasible development of solid waste management facilities, such as landfills and transfer/processing facilities." In 2015, the amount of waste disposed in or from Los Angeles County was 9,721,311 tons. Class III landfills in the County accounted for 4,772,823 tons, or approximately 49.1% of the total. The three largest landfills in the County had the following amounts of waste disposed in 2015: Sunshine Canyon Landfill, 2,402,704 tons; Chiquita Canyon Landfill, 1,075,207 tons, and Antelope Valley Landfill, 488,807 tons. Chiquita Canyon Landfill accounted for 22.5% of the waste disposed in Class III landfills in the County and 11.1% of the total solid waste for the County in 2015. In 2015, 4,127,261 tons, or approximately 42.5% of solid waste from the County was transported to landfills outside the County. In 2015, 2.7% of the County's solid waste was disposed at an inert waste landfill and 5.7% was disposed at transformation facilities. The sources of waste at CCL in 2015 were as follows: City of Santa Clarita 13%, unincorporated Los Angeles County 5%, City of Los Angeles 55%, Santa Monica 6%, other cities in Los Angeles County 19% and outside of Los Angeles County 2%.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill provides the County significant capacity to help meet its current waste disposal needs and in meeting the projected needs as anticipated in the Integrated Waste Management Plan for Los Angeles County. The Project Conditions, MMRP, and IMP provide requirements to ensure that the landfill implements recognized best practices and technological advancements in a way that is environmentally sound while helping to meet the County's waste disposal capacity needs.

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.4: "Encourage solid waste management facilities that utilize conversion and other alternative technologies and waste to energy facilities." The Project includes continued operation of a landfill gas-to-energy ("LFGTE") facility. The Project Site includes an existing 9.2 megawatt LGTFE plant operated by Ameresco Chiquita Energy LLC. The LGTFE plant uses gases extracted from the landfill through an onsite gas collection system and converts it into energy, which is delivered to the local electrical grid. It provides enough energy to power approximately 10,000 homes per year. The plant is staffed with two full time employees and operates 24 hours a day, seven days per week, and operates independently of the landfill. An area of land on the Project Site has been set aside for a future conversion technology facility.

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.5: "Reduce the County's waste stream by minimizing waste generation and enhancing diversion." The Project includes diversion of waste materials from disposal and putting them to beneficial use. Some examples of beneficial use materials diverted from the waste stream include: shredded tires, used to protect the methane gas pipeline system as trench backfill for the construction of the landfill gas collection system; and construction and demolition debris, including concrete and other materials used to build all-weather roads and other surfaces onsite.

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.6: "Encourage the use and procurement of recyclable and biodegradable materials." The Project includes an organic waste composting facility. The composting facility would allow up to 560 tons per day of green waste, food waste, and other organic waste materials for composting. The organic material is to be processed on site for distribution and use as mulch, biomass fuel and compost. Some of these materials would be used onsite as beneficial use materials, and other materials would be available to customers who would use the materials offsite.

52. The Commission finds that the proposed use is consistent with the A-2 zoning classification because land reclamation projects, such as a landfill, are permitted within this zone with a CUP pursuant to Section 22.24.150 of the County Code.
53. The Commission finds that the Project satisfies the Conditional Use Permit Burden of Proof findings in Section 22.56.040 of the County Code.
54. The Commission finds that the Project will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of persons residing and working in the surrounding area, and will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the Project Site, and will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, and general welfare. The Project is an established use that has been a part of the community for decades and continues to provide a safe location for the disposal of waste for both the Santa Clarita Valley and the rest of Los Angeles County. The Project is subject to close oversight and regulation by County and State agencies such as DPH, Public Works and CalRecycle. It is subject to Conditions of Approval, an MMRP and IMP designed to avoid adverse impacts to the community and to the environment and to ensure effective and safe landfill operations.
55. The Commission finds that the Project Site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking, landscaping, and other development features as is required in order to integrate the Project into the surrounding area. The Site is 639 acres, of which 400 acres is designated as landfill area, including closed areas of the site. There is ample room for parking, access, and all other facilities needed for the Project's operations.
56. The Commission finds that the Project is adequately served by highways of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind of traffic such uses would generate, and by other public or private facilities as are required. The Project Site

fronts State Highway 126, Franklin Parkway and Wolcott Way. New entrance facilities are required for the Project on Wolcott Way. Right-of-way and street improvements are required to satisfy the requirements of Public Works and the California Department of Transportation, and are described in detail in the draft conditions and are summarized in the Neighborhood Impact/Land Use Compatibility section of this report. The new facilities will improve the traffic circulation in the area and help to avoid queuing of trucks onto the highway. The traffic-related improvements required for the Project, including the required road improvements and contribution to the Westside Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District will adequately offset the Project's traffic impacts. Therefore, the proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of vehicle traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.

57. The Commission finds that Project meets the Burden of Proof requirements for an Oak Tree Permit as listed in Section 22.56.2100 of the County Code.
58. The Commission finds that the proposed construction of the proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining trees subject to Part 16 of Title 22 of the County Code, on the subject property. Four oak trees are to be removed, which are the only known ordinance-sized oak trees on the Project Site. Their removal is required due to the location of the trees in the areas needed for the new entrance facilities, landfill expansion area, and related grading. They shall be replaced by eight mitigation oak trees on the Project Site. Other oak trees shall not be endangered. Any future impacts to oak trees and oak woodlands will not be allowed until an Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan has been approved by Regional Planning, in accordance with Mitigation Measure BR-15 of the MMRP, and the required mitigation measures will need to be implemented for any such impacts to ensure the protection of oak trees and oak woodlands.
59. The Commission finds that the removal of the oak trees proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated. Site grading shall be accomplished only after receiving a grading permit from Public Works. Such grading shall be done appropriately to avoid any erosion or increased runoff unless adequately mitigated to the satisfaction of Public Works and in compliance with the Project's MMRP mitigation measures, and with the applicable regulations, such as the Low Impact Development requirements. Related mitigation measures include a requirement to retain a qualified engineer to evaluate the site's potential for debris flow and to recommend design provisions for control and cleanup of debris flows; to perform design-level geotechnical investigations to identify areas of expansive or collapsible soils in relation to buildings or structures and to perform additional testing if deemed necessary by the Project geotechnical and civil engineers; and to retain a qualified engineer to evaluate the surface water drainage and to make recommendations with regard to drainage issues.
60. The Commission finds that in addition to the above facts, at least one of the following findings apply:

- a. That the removal or relocation of the oak tree(s) proposed is necessary as continued existence at present location(s) frustrates the planned improvement or proposed use of the subject property to such an extent that:
 - i. Alternative development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or that the cost of such alternative would be prohibitive, or
 - ii. Placement of such tree(s) precludes the reasonable and efficient use of such property for a use otherwise authorized, or
- b. That the oak tree(s) proposed for removal or relocation interferes with utility services or streets and highways, either within or outside of the subject property, and no reasonable alternative to such interference exists other than removal of the tree(s), or
- c. That the condition of the oak tree(s) proposed for removal with reference to seriously debilitating disease or danger or falling is such that it cannot be remedied through reasonable preservation procedures and practices;

The oak tree removals are necessary due to their location near the new entrance facilities, landfill expansion area, and related grading. There is no feasible alternate entrance area or landfill expansion area.

- 61. The Commission finds that the removal of the oak trees proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the oak tree permit procedure. The oak tree removals are necessary to accomplish the Project, and the mitigation trees will compensate for the loss of the trees to be removed. The oak tree permit procedure shall be properly followed and enforced.
- 62. The Commission finds that the Project Site is located within the Castaic Area Community Standards District ("CSD"). The CSD contains restrictions on development within 50 feet of primary significant ridgelines and within 25 feet of secondary significant ridgelines. The primary significant ridgelines on the Project Site are located along or close to the northern and western property lines. Two short sections of secondary ridgelines are located in the southwest part of the Project Site. No grading or development is proposed within the protected areas of any significant ridgelines.
- 63. The Commission finds that an OTP is required for the Project because of the four oak trees the Permittee proposes to remove, pursuant to Section 22.56.2060 of the County Code. The Project is subject to the requirements for an OTP in Part 16 of Chapter 22.56 of the County Code and is in compliance with the requirements. A replacement ratio of two to one is required for the trees to be removed, for a total of eight mitigation trees required. OTP conditions are included at the end of the Project's Conditions of Approval.
- 64. The Commission finds that the Project shall comply with the setback requirements of the County Code. The A-2 Zone requires minimum setbacks of 20 feet in front, five feet on the sides and 15 feet in the rear, pursuant to Sections 22.24.170 A and 22.20.120 of the County Code. The proposed structures, landfill expansion areas,

and other uses on the Project Site are located well outside of the required setback areas, as shown on the Exhibit "A" site plan for the Project. The landfill expansion area is approximately 70 feet from the property line at the closest point, and proposed structures are at least 70 feet from property lines.

65. The Commission finds that the amount of parking provided is adequate for the Project. The amount of parking required for the administrative office building is one space per 400 square feet, pursuant to the requirement for business or professional offices in Section 22.52.1100 of the County Code. Based on an area of approximately 4,800 square feet, this building is required to have 12 parking spaces. Parking required for the household hazardous waste facility is eight spaces, based on an area of approximately 2,100 square feet and one required parking space per 250 square feet for general commercial uses pursuant to Section 22.52.1100 of the County Code. The current Exhibit "A" site plan for the Project shows 23 parking spaces provided for the administrative office building and nine spaces for the household hazardous waste facility. The parking to be provided meets the County Code requirements for the uses on the site.
66. The Commission finds that it is necessary to limit the term of the grant to thirty (30) years, or when the disposal limit of 60 million tons is reached, or when the landfill reaches its Limits of Fill as depicted on Exhibit "A" (Elevation 1,430 feet Alternative), whichever occurs first. Periodic Reviews are to be conducted at ten (10) and twenty (20) years after approval. At each of the periodic reviews the permittee would submit a Permit Compliance Study, an updated Closure Plan, updated Post-Closure Maintenance Plan, and a comprehensive study to analyze the long-term solid waste disposal needs of the Santa Clarita Valley, as required by the CUP conditions. After consultation with all applicable County departments, a report and recommendations would be prepared and presented by Staff to a Hearing Officer at a public hearing. The Hearing Officer would make a decision on the Periodic Review, which may be appealed to the Commission, whose decision would be final. The purpose of the Periodic Reviews is to consider new or changed circumstances, such as physical development near the Project Site, future waste disposal needs of the County and of the Santa Clarita Valley, improved technological innovations in environmental protection and control systems, and other best management practices that might significantly improve the operations of the facility, and to determine if any changes to the IMP are warranted based on the changed circumstances. The IMP may be modified if needed at either or both of the periodic reviews to ensure that the landfill will continue to operate in a safe and effective manner.
67. The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the County's General Plan, and the solid waste disposal needs of the region were considered and balanced against the needs of local residents and available fiscal and environmental resources.
68. The Commission finds that a Final EIR for the Project was prepared in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines of the County of Los Angeles. The Commission reviewed and considered the Final EIR, along with its associated MMRP and Findings and SOC,

and found that it reflects the independent judgment of the Commission. The Findings and SOC are incorporated herein by this reference, as if set forth in full.

69. The Commission finds that after considering the Final EIR and the MMRP, together with any comments during the public review process, on the basis of the whole record before it, with the mitigation measures set forth and carried out through the MMRP, and other than the environmental impacts set forth in the Findings and SOC, there is no substantial evidence that the Project would have a significant effect on the environment.
70. The Commission finds that an MMRP consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the Final EIR was prepared, and its requirements are incorporated into the Conditions of Approval for the Project.
71. The Commission finds that the MMRP prepared in conjunction with the Final EIR identified in detail how compliance with its measures will mitigate or avoid potential adverse impacts to the environment by the Project.
72. The Commission finds that the fees required in Condition Nos. 17 and 112 through 123 are necessary to offset the costs associated with Project mitigation, enforcement activities, studies, programs, community benefits, and other costs related to the Project.
73. The Commission finds that the out-of-area fee in Condition No. 115 was created for two primary reasons: to be used to encourage development of future alternatives to landfills and to serve as a disincentive to those who bring trash originating outside of the Santa Clarita Valley. This fee will have the benefit of encouraging preservation of landfill capacity for the Santa Clarita Valley and to assist in mitigating significant air quality impacts of the Project. The generated fee will be used to fund the following programs, with one-third (33.3%) of the total for each: 1.) Landfill Mitigation Program, 2.) Unincorporated Community Program, and 3.) Alternative-to-Landfilling Technology Program. If the on-site Conversion Technology facility is developed, then the out-of-area fee would be reduced by one-third (33.3%), the share for the Alternative-to-Landfilling Technology Program, and the fees would thereafter be divided in half, with 50% going to each of the remaining two programs.
74. Approval of this Project is conditioned on the Permittee's compliance with the attached MMRP and Conditions of Approval for the CUP and the Oak Tree Permit.
75. The Commission finds that this Project is subject to the provisions of section 711.4 of the California Fish and Wildlife Code and the regulations of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
76. The Commission finds that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper, property posting, library posting and Department of Regional Planning website posting. All 67 neighboring property owners within 1,000 feet of the Project Site were notified by mail, as were the 23 people or groups on the

courtesy list for the Newhall Zoned District, 54 additional people who requested notification concerning the Project, and all 694 households residing in Val Verde. Additionally, the case materials are available on the Regional Planning website and at the Castaic Library and Valencia Library.

77. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The custodian of such documents and materials shall be the Section Head of the Zoning Permits North Section, Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES THAT:

- A. The proposed use with the attached conditions will be consistent with the adopted General Plan and the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan.
- B. The proposed use at the site will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.
- C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.
- D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.
- E. The proposed construction of the proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining trees subject to Part 16 of Title 22 of the County Code, on the subject property.
- F. The encroachment of the oak trees proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated.
- G. In addition to the above facts, the following finding applies: The encroachment of the oak trees proposed is necessary as continued existence at the present locations frustrates the planned improvement or proposed use of the subject property to such an extent that alternative development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or that the cost of such alternative would be prohibitive.

- H. The encroachment of the oak trees proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the oak tree permit procedure.

THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

78. Certifies that the EIR for the Project was completed in compliance with CEQA and the State and County Guidelines related thereto; certifies that it independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR and that the EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Commission as to the environmental consequences of the Project; and finds that on the basis of the whole record that the significant adverse effects of the Project , as described in the EIR, have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by specific social, economic, legal, technological, or other considerations of the Project as stated in the attached Findings and SOC for the Project;
79. Certifies that the MMRP for the Project is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during Project implementation;
80. Certifies that it adopted the EIR, the Findings and SOC, and the MMRP at the conclusion of the public hearing; and
81. Approves Conditional Use Permit No. 200400042 and Oak Tree Permit No. 201500007, subject to the attached conditions.

ACTION DATE: April 19, 2017

SZD:RC
April 26, 2017

c: Zoning Enforcement, Building and Safety

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROJECT NO. R2004-00559-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200400042
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 201500007**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project seeks to continue the operation and maintenance of a solid waste disposal facility at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill ("CCL"). The project will increase the permitted disposal area laterally by 149 acres to a total area of 400 acres to accommodate new waste and may have a maximum permitted elevation of 1,430 feet. This project has an annual limit of intake of combined solid waste and beneficial use materials not to exceed 2,100,000 tons per year ("tpy"). Also, the project will relocate the site entrance from Henry Mayo Drive (SR-126) to Wolcott Way.

The project anticipates an average daily quantity of solid waste and beneficial use materials of 6,730 tons per day ("tpd"), but, the daily intake of these materials has a maximum limit of 12,000 tpd a day. This average provides for the same allowance of daily disposal limits of 5,000 tpd of solid waste, but adds a daily limit and average for beneficial use materials as well, the latter of which was not conditioned in the 1997 permit (CUP 89-081). The quantity of all materials received for processing, disposal and beneficial use at CCL shall not exceed 175,000 tons per month.

The project also provides for the development and operation of an on-site household hazardous facility and a closed mixed organics composting operation (anaerobic digestion) while setting-aside a portion of the subject site for possible future development of a conversion technology facility.

The project is approved through Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 200400042 for the landfill and ancillary facilities and by Oak Tree Permit ("OAK") No. 201500007 for the removal of four oak trees. The project is subject to the following conditions of approval:

GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Definitions: Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the following definitions shall apply to these Conditions of Approval ("Conditions"), and to the attached Implementation and Monitoring Program ("IMP"), adopted concurrently with this grant:
 - a. "Abandoned Waste" shall mean abandoned items such as mattresses, couches, doors, carpet, toilets, E-waste, and other furnitures.
 - b. "ADC" shall mean Alternative Daily Cover as permitted by Title 14 and title 27 of the California Code of Regulation, Regional Water Quality Control Board and the Local Enforcement Agency.

- c. "Alternative-to-Landfilling Technology" shall mean a technology capable of processing post-recycled or Residual Waste and other emerging technologies, in lieu of land disposal.
- d. "Anaerobic Digestion Facility" shall mean facility that utilizes organic wastes as a feedstock from which to produce biogas.
- e. "Ancillary Facilities" shall mean the facilities authorized by this grant that are directly related to the operation and maintenance of the Landfill, and shall not include the facilities related to any other enterprise operated by the Permittee or any other person or entity, unless otherwise specifically authorized by this grant.
- f. "Approval Date" shall mean the date of the Commission's approval of this grant, or the Board's approval if appealed.
- g. "Automobile Shredder Waste" shall mean the predominantly nonmetallic materials that remain after separating ferrous and nonferrous metal from shredder output.
- h. "Beneficial Use Materials" shall mean: (1) material imported to the Landfill that has been source-separated or otherwise processed and put to a beneficial use at the Facility, or separated or otherwise diverted from the waste stream and exported from the Facility, for purposes of recycling or reuse, and shall include, but not be limited to, green waste and other compostable organic materials, wood waste, asphalt, concrete, or dirt; (2) imported Clean Dirt that is used to prepare interim and final fill slopes for planting and for berms, provided that such importation of Clean Dirt has been shown to be necessary and has been authorized by the Department of Public Works; and (3) all ADC material types as permitted by this grant. Only materials that are appropriate for the specific use and in accordance with engineering, industry guidelines, or other standard practices in accordance with 14 CCR § 20686 may be classified as Beneficial Use Materials.
- i. "Biomass" shall mean any organic material not derived from fossil fuels, such as agricultural crop residues, bark, lawn, yard and garden clippings, leaves, silvicultural residue, tree and brush pruning, wood and wood chips, and wood waste, including these materials when separated from other waste streams. Biomass shall not include material containing sewage sludge, industrial sludge, medical waste, hazardous waste, or either high-level or low-level radioactive waste.
- j. "Biosolid" shall mean the organic byproduct material resulting from the treatment of sewage sludge and wastewater.
- k. "Board" shall mean the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

- l. "CAC" shall mean the Community Advisory Committee whose members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors who will serve as a liaison between the Permittee and the community .
- m. "CalRecycle" shall mean the State of California Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery or its successor agency.
- n. "Caltrans" shall mean the State of California Department of Transportation.
- o. "CARB" shall mean California Air Resources Board.
- p. "CEO" shall mean the Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office.
- q. "Class III (non-hazardous) Landfill" shall mean a disposal facility that accepts non-hazardous Solid Waste for land disposal pursuant to a solid waste facilities permit and applicable federal and state laws and regulations.
- r. "Clean Dirt" shall mean soil, other than Contaminated Soil, that is not mixed with any other material and that is used for coverage of the Landfill face, buttressing the Landfill and construction of access roads, berms, and other beneficial uses at the Facility.
- s. "Closure" shall mean the process during which the Facility, or portion thereof, is no longer receiving Solid Waste and/or Beneficial Use Materials for disposal or processing and is undergoing all operations necessary to prepare the Facility, or portion thereof, for Post-Closure Maintenance in accordance with a CalRecycle approved plan for Closure or partial final closure. Said plans shall be concurred by the TAC, as defined in this grant.
- t. "Closure Date" shall mean "Termination Date," as defined in this grant.
- u. "Commission" shall mean the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission.
- v. "Composting" shall mean the controlled or uncontrolled biological decomposition of organic wastes.
- w. "Compostable Organic Materials" shall mean any food waste, green waste, landscape and pruning waste, non hazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food material and when accumulated will become active compost.
- x. "Construction and Demolition Debris" shall mean material, other than hazardous waste, radioactive waste, or medical waste, that is generated by or results from construction or demolition-related activities including, but not limited to: construction, deconstruction, demolition, excavation, land cleaning, landscaping, reconstruction, remodeling, renovation, repair, and site clean-up. Construction and Demolition Debris includes, but is not

limited to: asphalt, concrete, brick, lumber, gypsum wallboard, cardboard and other associated packaging, roofing material, ceramic tile, carpeting, plastic pipe, steel, rock, soil, gravel, tree stumps, and other vegetative matter.

- y. "Contaminated Soil" shall mean soil that 1) contains designated or nonhazardous material as set forth in Title 23, Chapter 15, Article 1, section 2510 et seq. of the California Code of Regulations, including petroleum hydrocarbons, such as gasoline and its components (benzene, toluene, xylene, and ethylbenzene), diesel and its components (benzene), virgin oil, motor oil, or aviation fuel, and lead as an associated metal; and, 2) has been determined pursuant to section 13263(a) of the Water Code to be a waste that requires regulation by the RWQCB or Local Oversight Agency.
- z. "Conversion Technologies" shall mean the various state-of-the-art technologies capable of converting post-recycled or residual Solid Waste into useful products, green fuels, and renewable energy through non-combustion thermal, chemical, or biological processes.
- aa. "Conversion Technology Facility" shall mean a facility that processes Solid Waste into useful products, fuels, and/or energy through anaerobic and other non-combustion thermal, chemical, or biological processes.
- bb. "County" shall mean the County of Los Angeles.
- cc. "County Code" shall mean the Los Angeles County Code.
- dd. "CPI" shall mean Consumer Price Index as adjusted on July 1 of each year at a minimum rate of 2 (%) percent.
- ee. "Department of Regional Planning" shall mean the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.
- ff. "Director of Regional Planning" shall mean the Director of the Department of Regional Planning and his or her designees.
- gg. "Disposal" shall mean the final disposition of Solid Waste onto land into the atmosphere, or into the waters of the State of California. Disposal includes the management of Solid Waste through the Landfill process at the Facility.
- hh. "Disposal Area" shall mean the "Landfill" as defined in this grant.
- ii. "DPH" shall mean the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health acting as the LEA as appropriate. DPH is currently designated as the LEA by the Board pursuant to the provisions of Division 30 of the California Public Resources Code to permit and inspect Solid Waste disposal facilities and to enforce State regulations and permits governing these facilities. For

purposes of this grant, DPH shall also include any successor LEA governing these facilities.

- jj. "Effective Date" shall mean the date of the Permittee's acceptance and use of this grant as defined in Condition No. 3.
- kk. "Electronic Waste" shall mean all discarded consumer or business electronic equipment or devices. Electronic waste includes materials specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23, Article 1 (commencing with Section 66273.3), and any amendments thereto.
- ll. "Environmental Protection and Control Systems" shall mean any surface water and ground water-quality monitoring/control systems, landfill gas monitoring/control systems, landscaping and irrigation systems, drainage and grading facilities, Closure activities, Post-Closure Maintenance activities, foreseeable corrective actions, and other routine operation or maintenance facilities or activities.
- mm. "Facility" shall mean the entirety of the subject property as depicted on the attached Exhibit "A", including all areas where Landfill and non-Landfill activities occur.
- nn. "Final Cover" shall mean the cover material required for Closure of the Landfill and all Post-Closure Maintenance required by this grant.
- oo. "Footprint" shall mean the horizontal boundaries of the Landfill at ground level, as depicted on the attached Exhibit "A".
- pp. "Household Hazardous Waste" shall mean leftover household products that contain corrosive, toxic, ignitable, or reactive ingredients, other than used oil.
- qq. "Inert Debris" shall mean Solid Waste and/or recyclable materials that are source-separated or separated for recycling, reuse, or resale that do not contain: (1) hazardous waste, as defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 66261.3; or (2) soluble pollutants at concentrations in excess of state water quality objectives; and (3) do not contain significant quantities of decomposable waste. Inert Debris shall not contain more than 1 percent (by weight) putrescible waste. Inert Debris may be commingled with rock and/or soil.
- rr. "Inert Waste" shall mean a non-liquid solid waste including, but not limited to, soil and concrete, that does not contain hazardous waste or soluble pollutants at concentrations in excess of applicable water-quality objectives established by a regional water board pursuant to division 7 (commencing

with section 13000) of the California Water Code (CWC), and does not contain significant quantities of decomposable solid waste.

- ss. "Landfill" shall mean the portion of the subject property where Solid Waste is to be permanently placed, compacted, and then buried under daily, interim and Final Cover, all pursuant to applicable requirements of federal, state, and local laws and regulations. No portion of the Landfill shall extend beyond the "Limits of Fill," as defined in this grant, and no allowance for settlement of fill shall be used in determining the final elevations or design contours of the Landfill. "Landfill" does not include temporary storage areas, Final Cover, and Ancillary Facilities authorized by this grant.
- tt. "LEA" shall mean the Los Angeles County Local Enforcement Agency.
- uu. "Limits of Fill" shall mean the horizontal boundaries and vertical boundaries (as identified by contours) of the Landfill, as depicted on the attached Exhibit "A".
- vv. "Liquid waste" shall mean waste as defined in Title 27, Section 20164 of the California Code of Regulations and includes non-hazardous sludge meeting the requirements contained in Title 23, Chapter 15 of the California Code of Regulation for disposal in a Class III Landfill.
- ww. "Materials Recovery Facility" shall mean a facility that separates solid waste into recyclable materials and Residual Waste.
- xx. "MMRP" shall mean Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.
- yy. "Nuisance" shall mean anything which is injurious to human health or is indecent or offensive to the senses and interferes with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, and affects at the same time a community, neighborhood, household or any number of persons although the extent of annoyance or damage inflicted upon an individual may be unequal and which occurs as a result of the storage, removal, transport, processing or disposal of solid waste
- zz. "Operating Agreement" shall mean the Operating Agreement between the County through the Department of Public Works and the Permittee for the operation of the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- aaa. "Organic Waste" shall mean food waste, green waste and other compostable organic materials, landscape and pruning waste, nonhazardous wood waste, and food-soiled paper waste that is mixed in with food waste, pursuant to AB1826 Chesbro (Chapter 727, Statutes of 2014).
- bbb. "Organic Waste Composting Facility" shall mean a facility at which composting is conducted and produces a product resulting from the

controlled biological decomposition of mixed organic wastes that are source separated from the municipal solid waste stream, or which are separated at a centralized facility.

- ccc. "Periodic Review" shall mean the process in which the Technical Advisory Committee and a Hearing Officer or the Regional Planning Commission review the studies submitted by the Permittee and issues a Finding of Fact and potentially approve changes to the IMP.
- ddd. "Permittee" shall include the applicant, owner of property, their successors in interest, and any other person, corporation, or entity making use of this grant.
- eee. "Post-Closure Maintenance" shall mean the activities undertaken at the Facility after the Closure Date to maintain the integrity of the Environmental Protection and Control Systems and the Landfill containment features, and to monitor compliance with applicable performance standards to protect public health, safety, and the environment. The containment features, whether natural or artificially designed and installed, shall be used to prevent and/or restrict the release of waste constituents onto land, into the atmosphere, and/or into the waters of the State of California, including waste constituents mobilized as a component of leachate or landfill gas.
- fff. "Post-Closure Maintenance Period" shall mean the period after Closure of the Landfill when the Solid Waste disposed of during the Landfill's operation could still pose a threat to public health, safety, or the environment.
- ggg. "Post-Closure Maintenance Plan" shall mean the preliminary, partially final, or final plan or plans, as applicable, approved by CalRecycle and concurred by the TAC for implementation of all Post-Closure Maintenance at the Facility.
- hhh. "Project" shall mean the activities of the landfill whose ultimate development is depicted on Exhibit "A" of this grant. The Project includes the landfill, its Ancillary Facilities and activities as approved by this grant, including, but not limited to, waste diversion facilities, household hazardous waste facility, organic waste composting facility, offices and other employee facilities, a leachate management facility, material storage areas, and Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance activities.
- iii. "Department of Public Works" shall mean the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works; the term "Director of Public Works" shall mean the Director of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Work and his or her designees.
- jjj. "Recyclable" shall mean materials that could be used to manufacture a new product.

- kkk. "Residual Waste" shall mean the materials remaining after removal of recyclable materials from the Solid Waste stream.
- lll. "RWQCB" shall mean the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.
- mmm. "Santa Clarita Valley" shall mean the area as defined by the Los Angeles County General Plan 2035 in figure map 5.33, which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on October 6, 2015.
- nnn. "SCAQMD" shall mean the South Coast Air Quality Management District.
- ooo. "Sewage Sludge" shall mean any residue, excluding grit or screenings, removed from a wastewater treatment facility or septic tank, whether in a dry, semidry or liquid form.
- ppp. "Sludge" shall mean accumulated solids and/or semisolids deposited from wastewaters or other fluids. Sludge includes materials specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 2, Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 20690(b)(4).
- qqq. "Site Plan" shall mean the plan depicting all or a portion of the subject property, including any Ancillary Facilities approved by the Director of Regional Planning. "Site Plan" shall include what is referred to in this grant as Exhibit "A".
- rrr. "Solid Waste" shall mean all putrescible and non-putrescible solid and semi-solid wastes, such as municipal solid waste, garbage, refuse, rubbish, paper, ashes, industrial wastes, demolition and construction wastes, abandoned vehicles and parts thereof, discarded home and industrial appliances, manure, vegetable or animal solid and semi-solid wastes, and other discarded solid and semi-solid wastes. "Solid Waste" excludes Beneficial Use Materials and substances having commercial value which are salvaged for reuse, recycling, or resale. Solid Waste includes Residual Waste received from any source.

Materials that are placed in the Landfill that could be classified as Beneficial Use Materials but exceed the amount that is appropriate for a specific beneficial use in accordance with 14 CCR § 20686, or that exceed the monthly permitted quantities of Beneficial Use Materials, such as Construction and Demolition Debris, Inert Waste and green waste, are considered Solid Waste that is disposed in the Landfill.

- sss. "Stockpile" shall mean temporarily stored materials.
- ttt. "Stockpile Area" shall have the same meaning as "Temporary Storage Area," as defined in this grant.

- uuu. "SWFP" shall mean a Solid Waste Facilities Permit issued by CalRecycle.
 - vvv. "SWMP" shall mean Solid Waste Management Program of the Department of Public Health.
 - www. "TAC" shall mean the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Technical Advisory Committee established pursuant to Part XIV of the IMP.
 - xxx. "Task Force" shall mean the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force.
 - yyy. "Temporary Storage Area" shall mean an area of the Landfill where materials intended for Beneficial Use, salvage, recycling, or reuse may be placed for storage on a temporary basis, as approved by the Department of Public Works for up to 180 calendar days, unless a longer period is approved by the Department of Public Works, so long as such temporary storage does not constitute Disposal, as defined in this grant. Putrescible materials, except Construction and Demolition Debris or other Inert Debris not containing significant quantities of decomposable materials and more than 1 percent (by visual inspection) putrescible waste, shall not be placed in a Temporary Storage Area for more than 7 calendar days under any circumstances.
 - zzz. "Termination Date" shall mean the date upon which the Facility shall cease receiving Solid Waste and/or Beneficial Use Materials for disposal or processing in accordance with Condition No. 36 of this grant.
 - aaaa. "Trash" shall have the same meaning as "Solid Waste," as defined in this grant.
 - bbbb. "Wasteshed Area" shall mean the Santa Clarita Valley as defined by the Los Angeles County Area Plan, which was updated and adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 27, 2012.
 - cccc. "Working Face" shall mean the working surface of the Landfill upon which Solid Waste is deposited during the Landfill operation prior to the placement of cover material.
- 2. Unless otherwise expressly provided in this grant, applicable federal, state, or local definitions shall apply to the terms used in this grant. Also, whenever a definition or other provision of this grant refers to a particular statute, code, regulation, ordinance, or other regulatory enactment, that definition or other provision shall include, for the life of this grant, any amendments made to the pertinent statute, code, regulation, ordinance, or other regulatory enactment.
 - 3. This grant shall not be effective for any purpose until the Permittee, and the owner of the subject property (if other than the Permittee), have filed at the office of the Department their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all of

the conditions of this grant, and that the conditions of this grant have been recorded as required by Condition No. 8, and until all required monies have been paid pursuant to Condition Nos. 11, 16, 18, and 123. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Condition No. 3 and Condition Nos. 5, 6, 9, and 11 shall be effective immediately upon the Approval Date of this grant by the County. Notwithstanding Condition No. 16 of this grant, the filing of such affidavit constitutes a waiver of the Permittee's right to challenge any provision of this grant.

4. The Permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees brought by any third party to attack, set aside, void, or annul this permit approval, or any related discretionary approval, whether legislative or quasi-judicial, which action is brought within the applicable time period of California Government Code Section 65009 or other applicable limitations period. The County shall promptly notify the Permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding, and the County shall fully cooperate in the defense. If the County fails to promptly notify the Permittee of any claim, action, or proceeding, or if the County fails to cooperate fully in the defense, the Permittee shall not thereafter be responsible to defend, indemnify, or hold harmless the County.
5. The Permittee shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County, its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County for damages resulting from water, air, or soil contamination, health impacts, or loss of property value during the operation, or Closure or Post-Closure Maintenance of the Facility.
6. In the event that any claim, action, or proceeding as described above is filed against the County, the Permittee shall within 10 days of the filing make an initial deposit with the Department of \$10,000 from which actual costs and expenses shall be billed and deducted for the purpose of defraying the costs or expenses involved in the Department's cooperation in the defense, including but not limited to, depositions, testimony, and other assistance provided to the Permittee or the Permittee's counsel.

If during the litigation process, actual costs or expenses incurred reach 80 percent of the amount on deposit, the Permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of \$10,000. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required prior to completion of the litigation.

At the sole discretion of the Permittee, the amount of an initial or any supplemental deposit may exceed the minimum amounts defined herein. Additionally, the cost for collection and duplication of records and other related documents shall be paid by the Permittee according to County Code Section 2.170.010.

7. If any material provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid by court of competent jurisdiction, the permit shall be void, and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.
8. Prior to the Effective Date of this grant, the Permittee, or the owner of the subject property if other than the Permittee, shall record the terms and conditions of this grant in the office of the County Registrar Recorder/County Clerk ("Recorder"). In addition, upon any transfer or lease of the subject property during the term of this grant, the Permittee or the owner of the subject property if other than the Permittee, shall promptly provide a copy of the grant and its terms and conditions to the transferee or lessee of the subject property. Upon recordation, the Permittee shall provide an official copy of the recorded conditions to the Director of Regional Planning.
9. This grant shall expire unless it is used within one year from the Approval Date of the grant. A single one-year time extension may be requested in writing and with the payment of the applicable fee prior to such expiration date. This grant shall be considered used upon the receipt of Solid Waste at the Facility and disposal activities any day after Approval Date and Permittee has completed the requirements of Condition No. 3.
10. The subject property shall be developed, maintained, and operated in full compliance with the conditions of this grant, and any law, statute, ordinance, or other regulation applicable to any development or activity on the subject property. Failure of the Permittee to cease any development or activity not in full compliance shall be a violation of this grant. Inspections shall be made to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant as well as to ensure that any development undertaken on the subject property is in accordance with the approved site plan on file.

The Permittee shall also comply with the conditions and requirements of all permits or approvals issued by other government agencies or departments, including, but not limited to, the permits or approvals issued by:

- a. The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ("CalRecycle");
- b. The County LEA/Los Angeles County Department of Public Health ("DPH"), including the DPH letter dated 2/23/17 and all other DPH requirements;
- c. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works ("Public Works");
- d. The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force;
- e. The California Air Resource Board ("CARB");
- f. The California Regional Water Quality Control Board ("CRWQCB");

- g. The South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD");
- h. The California Department of Fish and Game;
- i. The United States Army Corps of Engineers;
- j. The California Department of Health Services;
- k. The Los Angeles County Fire Department, including the requirements in the Fire Department letter dated 2/24/17; Applicant must receive Fire Department clearance of gated entrance design off Wolcott Way and Fuel Modification Plan prior to effective date of the permit, and comply with all other Fire Department requirements; and
- l. The Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning.

The Permittee shall not engage in activities which may impede the abilities of these agencies and other consultants hired by the County to conduct inspections of the site, whether announced or unscheduled.

- 11. Within five (5) working days of the Approval Date of this grant, the Permittee shall remit processing fees payable to the County of Los Angeles in connection with the filing and posting of a Notice of Determination (NOD) for this project and its entitlements in compliance with Section 21152 of the California Public Resources Code. Unless a Certificate of Exemption is issued by the California Department of Fish and Game pursuant to Section 711.4 of the California Fish and Game Code, the Permittee shall pay the fees in effect at the time of the filing of the NOD, as provided for in Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, the Permittee shall pay the fees in effect at the time of the filing of the NOD, as provided for in Section 711.4 of the Fish and Game Code, currently \$3,153.25 (\$3,078.25 for an Environmental Impact Report plus \$75.00 processing fee.) No land use project subject to this requirement is final, vested or operative until the fee is paid.
- 12. Upon the Effective Date, the Permittee shall cease all development and other activities that are not in full compliance with Condition No. 10, and the failure to do so shall be a violation of this grant. The Permittee shall keep all required permits in full force and effect and shall fully comply with all requirements thereof. Failure of the Permittee to provide any information requested by County staff regarding any such required permit shall constitute a violation of this grant and shall be subject to any and all penalties described in Condition No. 18.

It is hereby declared to be the intent of this grant that if any provision of this grant is held or declared to be invalid, the permit shall be void, and the privileges granted hereunder shall lapse.

- 13. To the extent permitted by law, the Department or DPH shall have the authority to order the immediate cessation of landfill operations or other activities at the Facility if the Board, Department or DPH determines that such cessation is necessary for

the health, safety, and/or welfare of the County's residents or the environment. Such cessation shall continue until such time as the Department or DPH determines that the conditions leading to the cessation have been eliminated or reduced to such a level that there no longer exists an unacceptable threat to the health, safety, and/or welfare of the County's residents or the environment.

14. The Permittee shall comply with all mitigation measures identified in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP"), which are incorporated by this reference as if set forth fully herein.
15. The Permittee shall comply with the Implementation and Monitoring Program ("IMP"), which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
16. Within 30 days of the Approval Date, the Permittee shall record a covenant and agreement, which attaches the MMRP and the IMP and agrees to comply with the mitigation measures imposed by the Environmental Impact Report for this project and the provisions of the IMP, in the office of the Recorder. Prior to recordation, the Permittee shall submit a draft copy of the covenant and agreement to the Department for review and approval. As a means of ensuring the effectiveness of the mitigation measures and IMP measures, the Permittee shall submit annual mitigation monitoring reports to the Department for approval, or as required, with a copy of such reports to the Department of Public Works, the CAC and the TAC. The report shall describe the status of the Permittee's compliance with the required measures. The report shall be due for submittal on July 1st of each year and shall be submitted for review and approval no later than March 30th annually.
17. Within 30 days of the Approval Date of this grant, the Permittee shall deposit an initial sum of \$10,000.00 with the Department in order to defray the cost of reviewing and verifying the information contained in the reports required by the MMRP and inspecting the premises to ensure compliance with the MMRP and to undertake any other activity of the Department to ensure that the mitigation measures are satisfied, including, but not limited to, carrying out the following activities: enforcement, permitting, inspections, providing administrative support in the oversight and enforcement of mitigation measures, performing technical studies, and retaining the services of an independent consultant for any of the aforementioned purposes, or for routine monitoring of any and/or all of the mitigation measures. If the actual costs incurred pursuant to this Condition No. 17 (a) have reached 80 percent of the amount of the initial deposit (\$10,000), and the Permittee has been so notified, the Permittee shall deposit supplemental funds to bring the balance up to the amount of the initial deposit (\$10,000) within 10 business days of such notification. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required during the life of this grant. The Permittee shall replenish the mitigation monitoring account if necessary until all mitigation measures have been implemented and completed. Any balance remaining in the mitigation monitoring account upon completion of all measures and completion of the need for further monitoring or review by the

Department shall be returned to the Permittee.

18. Notice is hereby given that any person violating a provision of this grant is guilty of a misdemeanor pursuant to Section 22.60.340 of the County Code. Notice is further given that the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") or a Hearing Officer may, after conducting a public hearing in accordance with Section 22.56.1780, et seq. of the County Code, revoke or modify this grant, if the Commission or Hearing Officer finds that these conditions have been violated or that this grant has been exercised so as to be detrimental to the public's health or safety or so as to be a nuisance, or as otherwise authorized pursuant to Chapter 22.56, Part 13 of the County Code.

In addition to, or in lieu of, the provisions just described, the Permittee shall be subject to a penalty for violating any provision of this grant in an amount determined by the Director of Regional Planning, not to exceed \$1,000 per day per violation. For this purpose, the Permittee shall deposit the sum of \$30,000 in an interest-bearing trust fund with the Department within 30 days after the Effective Date to establish a draw-down account. The Permittee shall be sent a written notice for any such violation with the associated penalty, and if the noticed violation has not been remedied within 30 days from the date of the notice, to the satisfaction of the Director of Regional Planning, the stated penalty, in the written notice shall be deducted from the draw-down account. If the stated violation is corrected within 30 days from the date of the notice, no amount shall be deducted from the draw-down account. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if the stated violation is corrected within 30 days from the date of the notice but said violation recurs any time within a 6 month period, the stated penalty will be automatically deducted from the draw-down account upon such recurrence and the Permittee will be notified of such deduction. If the deposit is ever depleted by 50 percent of the initial deposit amount (\$15,000), the Permittee shall deposit additional funds sufficient to bring the balance up to the amount of the initial deposit (\$30,000) within 10 business days of notification of the depletion. There shall be no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required during the life of this grant. The balance remaining in the draw-down account, including interest, shall be returned to the Permittee upon the Director of Public Works' determination that the Landfill is no longer a threat to public health, safety, and the environment.

If the Permittee is dissatisfied with any notice of violation as described in the preceding paragraph, the Permittee may appeal the notice of violation to the Hearing Officer pursuant to Section 22.60.390(C)(1) of the County Code within 15 days of receipt by the Permittee of the notice of violation. The Hearing Officer shall consider such appeal and shall take one of the following actions regarding the appeal:

- a. Affirm the notice of violation;

- b. Rescind the notice of violation; or
- c. Modify the notice of violation.

The decision of the Hearing Officer is final and shall not be subject to further administrative appeal.

- 19. All requirements of Title 22 of the County Code and of the specific zoning of the subject property must be complied with unless otherwise modified as set forth in these conditions or as shown on the approved Site Plan or Exhibit "A", or on a revised Exhibit "A" approved by the Director of Regional Planning.
- 20. All structures, walls, and fences open to public view shall remain free of graffiti or other extraneous markings, drawings, or signage that was not approved by the Department. These shall include any of the above that do not directly relate to the business being operated at the Facility or that do not provide pertinent information about the Facility. The only exceptions shall be seasonal decorations or signage provided under the auspices of a civic or non-profit organization.

In the event of graffiti or other extraneous markings occurring, the Permittee shall remove or cover said markings, drawings, or signage within 24 hours of notification of such occurrence, weather permitting. Paint utilized in covering such markings shall be of a color that matches, as closely as possible, the color of the adjacent surfaces.

The Permittee shall also establish and maintain a graffiti deterrent program for approval by the Department of Public Works. An approved copy shall be provided to the Graffiti Abatement Section of the Department of Public Works.

PROJECT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 21. Upon the Effective Date, this grant shall supersede Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") 89-081(5) and shall authorize the continued operation of a Class III (non-hazardous) Solid Waste landfill on the subject property. The maximum tonnage capacity to be received at the Facility shall be as follows:
 - a. Average Daily Tonnage Capacity – The amount of Solid Waste that may be disposed of in the Landfill shall average 5,000 tons per day, Monday to Saturday, provided the weekly total shall not exceed 30,000 tons in any given week. The overall average daily capacity of all incoming materials received for processing, disposal, and beneficial use at the facility shall not exceed 6,730 tons per day.

- b. Facility Daily Maximum Capacity – The maximum tonnage of any combination of Solid Waste and other materials received by the Facility for processing, Beneficial Use Materials (including Composting) and disposal shall not exceed 12,000 tons on any given day, provided the Monthly Tonnage Capacity shall not be exceeded.
 - c. Monthly Tonnage Capacity – The total quantity of all materials received for processing, disposal, and Beneficial Use Materials at the Facility shall not exceed 175,000 tons in any given month. The amount of Beneficial Use Materials processed and/ or disposed in any given month shall not exceed 58,333 and 1/3 tons.
 - d. Composting Facility Capacity – The amount of incoming materials for processing at the Organic Waste Composting Facility shall not exceed 560 tons per day. This amount shall also be included in the amount of Beneficial Use Materials allowed.
 - e. Facility Annual Maximum Capacity – The maximum annual tonnage capacity of all materials received by the Facility for processing shall not exceed 2,100,000 tons in any calendar year. Of this overall tonnage, Solid Waste disposed may not exceed 1,400,000 tons and Beneficial Use Materials (including Compost) may not exceed 700,000 tons in any calendar year.
22. The Board may increase the maximum daily, monthly or annual amounts of Solid Waste allowed by Condition No. 21 if, upon the joint recommendation of the DPH and the Department of Public Works, the Board determines that an increase is necessary to appropriately manage the overall County waste stream for the protection of public health and safety, including at the time of a declared local, regional, state or national disaster or emergency.
23. The County reserves the right to exercise its police power to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of County residents by managing the Countywide waste stream, including preventing predatory pricing. The Permittee shall not adopt waste disposal practices/policies at the Facility which discriminate against self-haulers, waste haulers, and other solid waste enterprises delivering waste originating in the Unincorporated Los Angeles County areas.
24. This grant shall also authorize the following Ancillary Facilities and activities at the Facility, as shown on the approved Exhibit "A", subject to the conditions of this grant:
- a. Office and employee facilities directly related to the Landfill, including offices or other facilities related to any other enterprise operated by the Permittee or other person or entity employed by the Permittee or acting on its behalf;

- b. Operations related to the placement and disposal of Solid Waste;
- c. Paint booth for equipment and containers;
- d. Leachate collection and management facilities;
- e. Facilities necessary for the collection, utilization, and distribution of Landfill gases, as required and/or approved by the Department of Public Works, the DPH, or the SCAQMD;
- f. Facilities necessary for the maintenance of machinery and equipment used at the Landfill, excluding Solid Waste collection equipment and vehicles, and equipment or machinery used by the Permittee in other enterprises;
- g. On-site waste diversion and recycling activities consistent in scale and purpose with the agreement entered into pursuant to Condition No. 43 of this grant;
- h. Facilities necessary for Environmental Protection and Control Systems, including flare stations, storage tanks, sedimentation basins, and drainage devices;
- i. Storage and repair of bins utilized for Landfill activities;
- j. Household hazardous waste consolidation area;
- k. Household Hazardous Waste Facility;
- l. Organics Waste Composting Facility;
- m. Landfill Gas-to-Energy Plant; and
- n. Conversion Technology Facility.

In the event that revisions to the approved Site Plan, including the approved Exhibit "A", consistent with the intent of this grant and the scope of the supporting environmental documentation are proposed, such revised Site Plan shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works for review and pre-approval, and to the Director of Regional Planning for final approval, with copies filed with the Department of Public Works and the DPH. For the life of this grant there shall be no revisions to the approved Exhibit "A" that change the Limits of Fill, and no Site Plan shall be approved that will change the Limits of Fill.

25. Household Hazardous Waste Facility and its operations shall be subject to the

following use restrictions and pursuant to Condition No. 122 of this grant:

- a. Household Hazardous Waste Facility may be used by the general public to drop off household hazardous wastes, including, but not limited to, used motor oil, used latex paints, used anti-freeze, and used batteries; and other wastes as may be defined in the Operating Agreement. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is not to be used for general use by commercial or industrial entities except for Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generators, which shall mean a generator that generates no more than 100 kilograms of hazardous waste in any calendar month.
 - b. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility shall be no smaller than 2,500 square feet in size, exclusive of ingress and egress.
 - c. Recyclable materials shall not be collected in quantities or stored for periods which would cause the need for a hazardous waste facilities permit unless such permit has been obtained.
 - d. Operating hours shall be as defined in the Operating Agreement, but in no event shall those hours exceed 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 pm, 7 days per week.
 - e. The Household Hazardous Waste Facility shall be staffed continuously during operating hours by a person(s) trained in hazardous material handling and management.
 - f. Household Hazardous Waste Facility development shall substantially conform to Exhibit "A", any requirements of this grant, and the mitigations listed in the visual impact section of the mitigation monitoring summary reference in the MMRP.
26. Permittee may construct and operate an Organic Waste Composting Facility together with certain ancillary and related activities as enumerated herein, subject to the following restrictions as to use:
- a. The facility may be used to receive process and compost green waste, food waste, and other organics waste materials and to store and distribute mulch, biomass fuel and compost.
 - b. The facility location shall be designated on the Site Plan Exhibit "A" or an approved Revised Exhibit "A" prior to beginning operations. The location shall be approved by the Director of Public Works and shall be far away from residential and business areas. The facility shall be enclosed.
 - c. The Organic Waste Composting Facility operation shall receive no more than 560 tons per day of green waste, food waste, and other organics waste materials. No wastewater biosolids (e.g. sludge or sludge

components) shall be allowed.

- d. Operating hours shall be within the hours of 5 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Saturday.
 - e. Access by customers for purposes of removing the solid products and by-products including finished mulch and compost shall not occur outside hours of 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday.
 - f. Permittee shall comply with all rules for odor abatement and prevention of the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the DPH. The Permittee shall not allow odors to become a nuisance in adjacent residential and business areas. In the event odors become a nuisance in adjacent residential and business areas, Permittee shall take all necessary steps to abate that nuisance. If the Permittee, despite the application of the best available technology and methodology, cannot abate the nuisance odors resulting from Organic Waste Composting Facility operations, the Permittee shall terminate such operations.
 - g. Upon commencement date of the Organic Waste Composting Facility, the Permittee shall submit to the Department of Public Works, DPH-SWMP, and SCAQMD an Odor Control and Mitigation Plan for operation of the this facility.
27. The Final Cover of the Landfill shall not exceed the permitted elevation of 1,430 feet above mean sea level, and the Footprint shall not exceed the total permitted disposal area of 400 acres. No portion of the Landfill shall extend beyond the Limits of Fill as shown on the approved Exhibit "A." The existing Landfill consists of the following as shown on the approved Exhibit "A": existing Primary Canyon (55 acres, currently completely filled); existing Canyon B (14 acres, currently completely filled); existing Main Canyon (188 acres, currently 182 acres have been filled); and new fill areas (143 acres currently unfilled), together with certain ancillary and related activities, as enumerated herein, subject to the restrictions contained in this grant.
28. The Permittee shall not sever, sell, or convey any portion or the entirety of property for which this CUP is granted without first notifying the Department, with a copy to the Department of Public Works, at least 90 days in advance. Any future receiver of the subject property shall be required to acknowledge and accept all conditions of this grant prior to finalization of any conveyance.
29. The Permittee shall keep all required permits in full force and effect, and shall fully comply with all requirements thereof. Failure of the Permittee to provide any information requested by County staff regarding any such required permit shall constitute a violation of this grant, and shall be subject to any and all penalties described in Condition No. 18.

30. Nothing in these conditions shall be construed to require the Permittee to engage in any act that is in violation of any state or federal statute or regulation.
31. The Permittee shall reimburse DPH for personnel, transportation, equipment, and facility costs incurred in carrying out inspection duties as set forth in the SWMP, including maintaining at least one full time inspector at the Facility at least once a week when waste is received and processed to the extent that these costs are not covered by the fees already paid for administration of the SWFP for the Landfill.

INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

32. Prior to the Effective Date, and thereafter on an annual basis, the Permittee shall provide evidence of insurance coverage to the Department of Public Works in the amount of at least \$40 million that meets County requirements and that satisfies all the requirements set forth in this Condition No. 32. Such coverage shall be maintained throughout the term of this grant and until such time as all Post-Closure Maintenance requirements are met by the Permittee and certified by the appropriate local, state and federal agencies. Such insurance coverage shall include, but shall not be limited to, the following: general liability, automobile liability and pollution liability, and clean-up cost insurance coverage with, an endorsement for "Sudden and Accidental" contamination or pollution. Such coverage shall be in an amount sufficient to meet all applicable state, federal, and local requirements, with no special limitations. Upon certification of coverage, and annually thereafter, a copy of such certification shall be provided to the Department of Public Works.
33. To ensure that the Permittee has sufficient funds at Closure to provide for the continued payment of insurance premiums for the period described in Condition No. 32 of this grant, the Permittee shall, within 60 months prior to the anticipated Closure Date, and annually thereafter, provide financial assurance satisfactory to the Department of Public Works that meets County requirements as approved by the CEO showing its ability to maintain all insurance coverage and indemnification requirements of Condition Nos. 32 and 34 of this grant. Such financial assurance shall be in the form of a trust fund or other financial instrument acceptable to the County. the Department of Public Works shall administer the trust fund, and all interest earned or accrued by the fund shall remain in the fund to keep pace with the cost of inflation.
34. To ensure that the Permittee has sufficient funds for the Landfill's Closure and/or the Post-Closure Maintenance and maintenance of the Environmental Protection and Control System, the Permittee shall, within 60 months of the anticipated Closure Date, and annually thereafter, provide financial assurance satisfactory to the Department of Public Works that meets County requirements as approved by the CEO that it is financially able to carry out these functions

in perpetuity or until the Landfill no longer is a threat to public health and safety as determined by the Department of Public Works. The Department of Public Works' determination shall be based on an engineering study prepared by an independent consultant selected by the Department of Public Works. The Permittee shall pay all costs associated with the independent consultant and the study within 30 days of receiving the invoice for the consultant's services. Such financial assurance shall be in the form of a trust fund or other financial instrument acceptable to the Department of Public Works. Permittee shall pay into the fund annually and the Department of Public Works shall administer the fund, and all interest earned or accrued by the fund shall remain in the fund to keep pace with the cost of inflation. The Department of Public Works may consider, at its sole discretion, the financial assurance mechanism required under State law and regulation in meeting the intent of this Condition No. 34.

PERIODIC REVIEW

35. Not less than one year before the 5th anniversary of the effective date of this grant, the Permittee shall initiate a Periodic Review with the Department. Additional Periodic Reviews shall be initiated by the Permittee not less than one year before the 10th, 15th, 20th, and 25th anniversaries of the effective date of this grant. Additional Periodic Reviews may also be required at the discretion of the Director of Regional Planning. The purpose of the Periodic Reviews is to consider new or changed circumstances, such as physical development near the Project Site, improved technological innovations in environmental protection and control systems, and other best management practices that might significantly improve the operations of the Facility, and to determine if any changes to the facility operations and IMP are warranted based on the changed circumstances. To initiate the Periodic Review the Permittee shall submit for review a permit requirement compliance study which details the status of the Permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval of this grant. Additionally, an updated Closure Plan and Post-Closure Maintenance Plan shall be submitted to the Department and the TAC for review at this time, as well as the comprehensive waste disposal study referred to in Condition No. 103, and any other information that is deemed necessary by the Department to ensure that the landfill operations are operating as efficiently and effectively as possible and that any potential adverse impacts are minimized, and that the Facility is not causing adverse impacts or nuisance in the surrounding communities.

The cost of the Periodic Reviews shall be borne by the Permittee and is to be paid through the draw-down account referred to in Condition No. 123a. For each Periodic Review, a report based on the latest information shall be made to the Hearing Officer by Department staff at a public hearing pursuant to Part 4 of Chapter 22.60 of the County Code. Each report shall include a review of the performance of the landfill and recommendations for any actions to be taken if found necessary. Such actions may include changes or modifications to the IMP, including any measures necessary to ensure that the landfill will continue

to operate in a safe and effective manner and the landfill closure will be accomplished timely and effectively. The decision of the Hearing Officer on the Periodic Review may be appealed to the Regional Planning Commission. The decision of the Regional Planning Commission shall be final.

TERMINATION REQUIREMENTS

36. The maximum life of this grant shall be 30 years, effective from the Approval Date. The Termination Date shall be either date that 1) the Landfill reaches its Limits of Fill as depicted on Exhibit "A" (Elevation 1,430 feet Alternative), or 2) 60 million tons , or 3) 30 years after the Approval Date of this grant, whichever occurs first. At least twelve (12) months prior to the 20th anniversary of the Approval Date, if the Permittee has not exhausted the available Landfill capacity within the Limits of Fill depicted on Exhibit "A", the Permittee shall conduct a study to determine the remaining capacity of the Landfill and identify all activities and schedules required for the Closure and Post-Closure maintenance of the Facility. The study shall be submitted to the TAC and CAC for their independent review. Upon their review, the TAC and CAC shall report to the Director of Regional Planning their findings regarding the remaining capacity of the Landfill and the Termination Date. Upon consideration of their findings, the Director of Regional Planning shall establish a certain Termination Date for the Landfill, but in no event shall the Termination Date be a date that is later than 30 years after the Approval Date.
37. Upon the Termination Date, the Facility shall no longer receive Solid Waste and/or Beneficial Use Materials for disposal or processing; however, the Permittee shall be authorized to continue operation of any and all facilities of the Landfill as are necessary to complete: (1) the mitigation measures required by this grant; (2) the Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance required by federal, state, and local agencies; and (3) all monitoring and maintenance of the Environmental Protection and Control Systems required by Condition No. 86. No later than 6 months after the Termination Date, all Landfill facilities not required for the above-mentioned functions shall be removed from the subject property unless they are allowed as a matter of right by the zoning regulations then in effect.

OPERATING HOURS

38. The Facility shall be subject to the following operating hours:
- a. The Facility may receive Solid Waste and Beneficial Use Materials only between the hours of 4 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday. At any given time, no offsite queuing shall be allowed.
 - b. The Facility and all of its operations shall be closed on Sundays.

- c. Facility operations, such as site preparation and maintenance activities, waste processing, and the application of cover, may be conducted only between the hours of 5 a.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday. This operating restriction shall not apply to Facility activities that require continuous operation, such as gas control.
- d. Equipment maintenance activities at the Facility may be conducted only between the hours of 5 a.m. and 10 p.m., Monday through Saturday.
- e. No diesel vehicle shall be started at the Facility between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.
- f. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Condition No. 38, emergency operations, mitigation measures necessary to avoid adverse environmental impacts, and equipment repairs, which cannot be accomplished within the hours set forth in this Condition No. 38, may occur at any time if approved via written electronic authorization by the DPH. A copy of this authorization shall be provided to the Director of Regional Planning.
- g. Notwithstanding the forgoing, Solid Waste and Beneficial Use Materials may be received at other times than those just described, except on Sundays, if the DPH determines that extended hours are necessary for the preservation of public health and safety.

MAXIMIZING FACILITY CAPACITY

- 39. The Permittee shall prepare fill sequencing plans for Landfill operations to maximize Landfill capacity, and such plans must be technically, environmentally, and economically feasible. The Permittee shall submit fill sequencing plans to the Department of Public Works for review and approval within 90 days after the Effective Date so that the Department of Public Works can verify that the plans have been properly prepared and adequately reflect the amount of material that will be placed in the Landfill. Any subsequent changes to the approved sequencing plans must be approved by the Department of Public Works prior to implementation. The plans approved by the Department of Public Works shall not be in conflict with those contained in the latest State-approved Joint Technical Document for the Facility.
- 40. Within 180 days after the Effective Date, or a longer period if approved by the Department of Public Works, the Permittee shall adopt and implement appropriate measures to ensure that the method to determine that the waste origin and the amount of Solid Waste received, processed and/or disposed at the facility is accurate. The permittee shall comply with this condition and Part IV of the IMP.

The waste origin and reporting program shall be developed by the Permittee for review and approval by Public Works. The Permittee shall submit the data from this program on a monthly basis to Public Works for review or at other frequency as determined by the Director of Public Works. Based on the initial results from this program, Public Works may require the Permittee to modify the program or to develop or implement additional monitoring or enforcement programs to ensure that the intent of this Condition No. 40 is satisfied.

The Waste origin and reporting program shall include all incoming solid waste, beneficial use materials, composting materials, clean soil used for daily and intermediate cover, and any other material coming to the Facility.

41. The Permittee shall operate the Facility in a manner that maximizes the amount of Solid Waste that can be disposed of in the Landfill, by, at a minimum:
- a. Implementing waste compaction methods to equal or exceed the compaction rates of comparable privately-operated landfills in Los Angeles County;
 - b. Investigating and implementing methods to divert or reduce intake of high volume, low-density materials that are incapable of being readily compacted;
 - c. Investigating and implementing methods to reduce the volume of daily cover required at the Landfill as allowed by the appropriate regulatory agencies;
 - d. Utilizing waste materials received and processed at the Facility as an alternative to daily intermediate, and Final Cover, to the extent such usage is deemed technically feasible and proper by the appropriate regulatory agencies. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, green waste, automobile shredder waste, cement kiln dust, dredge spoils, foundry sands, processed exploration waste from oil wells and contaminated sites, production waste, shredded tires, and foam shall not be used as daily, intermediate, or Final Cover at the Landfill;
 - e. To the extent economically and practically feasible, Construction and Demolition Debris shall not be disposed, but rather be separated, and recycled and/or made available for reuse, consistent with the goals of the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989;
 - f. Investigating and implementing methods to recycle manure; and
 - g. All Solid Waste accepted at the Facility that originates from outside the Santa Clarita Valley, including the metropolitan area of Los Angeles County, must be pre-processed or undergo front-end recovery methods to remove

all Beneficial Use Materials and Construction and Demolition Debris from the waste stream prior to transport to the Facility to the maximum extent practicable, as determined by the Department of Public Works. As part of its annual report to the TAC and CAC required by the IMP, the Permittee shall submit documentation detailing the results of this requirement. The report must at a minimum include the types, quantity, and amount of all Beneficial Use Materials and Construction and Demolition Debris recovered from the waste stream. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Solid Waste originating from residential areas with a 3-bin curbside collection system is exempt from this requirement.

42. To the extent feasible, the Permittee shall minimize the disposal of Solid Waste into the Landfill that is required to be diverted or recycled under the County's Source Reduction and Recycling Element of the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan, adopted pursuant to Division 30 of the California Public Resources Code, and/or the Waste Plan Conformance Agreement, approved by the Board on November 21, 2000, as these documents and agreements may be amended.
43. Within 180 days after the Effective Date, and thereafter as is necessary, the Waste Plan Conformance Agreement referred to in Condition No. 42 shall be amended and approved to be consistent with applicable County waste management plans. The Director of Public Works shall be authorized to execute all amendments to the Waste Plan Conformance Agreement on behalf of the County. This Agreement shall continue to provide for: (1) the control of and accounting for all the Solid Waste, and Beneficial Use Material and Composting Materials entering into, and for recycled or diverted material leaving, the Facility; (2) the implementation and enforcement of programs intended to maximize the utilization of available fill capacity as set forth in Condition No. 41; and (3) the implementation of waste diversion and recycling programs in accordance with applicable County waste management plans.
44. Within 180 days after the Effective Date, or a longer period if approved by the Department of Public Works, the Permittee shall adopt a program to assist the County in its diversion efforts, including:
 - a. Utilizing alternative daily cover at the Landfill, to the extent permitted by the appropriate regulatory agencies.
 - b. Using a portion of the Facility to transfer loads of commingled recyclables to sorting facilities.
 - c. To the extent feasible, recovering scrap metal and other materials from loads of waste received at the Facility.
 - d. To the extent feasible, recovering and recycling Construction and

Demolition Debris received at the Facility to be placed into the economic mainstream and/or reusing it at the Facility to the extent that it is appropriate for the specific use and in accordance with engineering, industry guidelines, or other standard practices in accordance with 14 CCR § 20686.

- e. Composting shredded wood waste and organics at the Landfill including but not limited to Anaerobic Digestion Composting, provided such composting project is approved by the Department of Public Works and is consistent with the intent of this permit.
 - f. Stockpiling and grinding of wood/green material for use as mulch, boiler fuel, or feedstock for an alternative energy project, provided such energy project is approved by the Department of Public Works and is consistent with the intent of this permit.
 - g. Stockpiling and grinding of concrete/asphalt material for use as base, road material, and/or decking material.
 - h. Development of Conversion Technologies to divert waste from disposal provided such Conversion Technology project is approved by the Department of Public Works and is consistent with the intent of this permit.
 - i. Consolidation of electronic waste such as computers, televisions, VCRs, stereos, copiers, and fax machines.
 - j. Consolidation of white goods such as refrigerators, stoves, ovens, and other white-coated major appliances.
 - k. Implementing a comprehensive public awareness and education program informing Santa Clarita Valley residents of the Facility's recycling activities/programs. The program must be submitted to the Department of Public Works for review and approval within 90 days after the Effective Date.
45. The Permittee shall discourage haulers from delivering partial truck loads to the Facility, and from delivering trucks to the Facility during peak commuting hours; higher tipping fees for such behavior is recommended. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, in lieu of charging higher tipping fees, the Permittee may implement some other program, as approved by the Department of Public Works, to discourage this type of activity by its customers.

PROHIBITED MATERIALS

46. The following types of waste shall constitute prohibited waste and shall not be received, processed nor disposed of at the Facility: Automobile Shredder

Waste; Biosolid; Sludge, or Sewage Sludge; incinerator ash; radioactive material; hazardous waste, as defined in Title 22, Section 66261.3 of the California Code of Regulations; medical waste, as defined in Section 117690 of the California Health & Safety Code; liquid waste; waste that contains soluble pollutants in concentrations that exceed applicable water quality objectives; and waste that can cause degradation of waters in the State, as determined by the RWQCB. The Permittee shall implement a comprehensive Waste Load Checking Program, approved by the DPH, to preclude disposal of prohibited waste at the Landfill. The program shall comply with this Condition No. 46, Part IV of the IMP, and any other requirements of the DPH, the State Department of Health Services, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the RWQCB.

47. Notices regarding the disposal restrictions of prohibited waste at the Facility and the procedures for dealing with prohibited waste shall be provided to waste haulers and private users on a routine basis. These notices shall be printed in English and Spanish and shall be posted at prominent locations at the Facility indicating that anyone intentionally or negligently bringing prohibited waste to the Facility may be prosecuted to the fullest extent allowed by law.
48. In the event that material suspected or known to be prohibited waste is discovered at the Facility, the Permittee shall:
 - a. Obtain driver's name, company name, address, and any other information as appropriate, and vehicle license number;
 - b. Immediately notify all appropriate state and County agencies, as required by federal, state, and local law and regulations;
 - c. If Permittee discovers that such prohibited material has been accepted at the Facility and after further review it is determined that it cannot immediately be removed by a licensed hauler, Permittee shall store the material at an appropriate site approved by the DPH and the RWQCB until it is disposed of in accordance with applicable state and local regulations; and
 - d. Maintain a record of the prohibited waste to be part of the Permittee's annual report required under the IMP, and to include, at a minimum, the following information:
 - i. A description, nature, and quantity of the prohibited waste;
 - ii. The name and address of the source of the prohibited waste, if known;
 - iii. The quantity of total prohibited waste involved;
 - iv. The specific handling procedures used; and

- v. A certification of the authenticity of the information provided.

Nothing in this Condition No. 48 shall be construed to permit the Permittee to operate the Facility in any way so as to constitute a Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility, as defined under state law.

GRADING/DRAINAGE

49. Except as otherwise provided in this Condition No. 49, areas outside of the Limits of Fill shall not be graded or similarly disturbed to create additional Landfill area, except that additional grading may be approved by the Department of Public Works if the Department of Public Works determines, based on engineering studies provided by the Permittee and independently evaluated by the Department of Public Works, that such additional grading or disturbance is necessary for slope stability or drainage purposes. Such a determination by the Department of Public Works shall be documented in accordance with Part I of the IMP, and the Permittee shall submit a revised Site Plan for review and approval by the Department of Public Works to show the additional grading and/or disturbance. A copy of the approved revised Site Plan shall be filed with the Director of Regional Planning, the Department of Public Works, and DPH. For the life of this grant, there shall be no revisions to the approved Exhibit "A", that will change the Limits of Fill, and no Site Plan shall be approved that will change the Limits of Fill.
50. Nothing in this grant shall be construed as prohibiting the installation of water tanks, access roads, flares, or other similar facilities at the Facility, or implementing any mitigation program, that is required by this grant or by any other permit issued by a public agency in connection with the Landfill.
51. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this grant, no approval shall be granted to the Permittee that will modify the authorized Limits of Fill or that will lower or significantly modify any of the ridgelines surrounding the Landfill.
52. The Permittee shall comply with all grading requirements of the Department of Public Works and the County Code. In addition to any other requirements that may apply, the Permittee shall obtain prior approval from the Department of Public Works for all grading that is outside the Landfill footprint and all grading within the Landfill footprint that could impact off-site property as determined by the Department of Public Works, including, but not limited to, grading in connection with cell development, stockpiling, or excavation for borrow and cover materials.
53. The Permittee shall install and/or maintain appropriate drainage structures at the Facility to comply with all drainage requirements of the Department of Public Works, the RWQCB, and any other appropriate regulatory agency. Except as otherwise specifically provided by the Department of Public Works, all

drainage structures, including sedimentation basins, shall be designed and constructed to meet all applicable drainage and grading requirements of the Department of Public Works, and all design and construction plans for these structures must have prior approval from the Department of Public Works. Notwithstanding the foregoing, at the discretion of the Department of Public Works, the Permittee may be permitted to install temporary drainage structures designed for day-to-day Facility operations without prior approval from the Department of Public Works. In all cases, the Landfill and its drainage structures shall be designed so as to cause surface water to be diverted away from disposal areas. All design modifications shall have the prior approval from the Department of Public Works.

54. All development structures and activities pursuant to this grant shall conform to the requirements of the Department of Public Works.

GROUNDWATER PROTECTION

55. The Permittee shall install and maintain containment (liner) systems and leachate collection and removal systems as required by the RWQCB. The design of Landfill liners shall be as approved by the RWQCB.
56. The Permittee shall install and test any and all groundwater monitoring wells that are required by the RWQCB and shall promptly undertake any action directed by the RWQCB to prevent or correct potential or actual contamination that may affect groundwater quality, or water conveyance or water storage facilities. All testing and remedial actions required by the RWQCB to detect, prevent, and/or correct groundwater contamination shall be completed or guaranteed to be completed to the satisfaction of the RWQCB with notice to the Department of Public Works.
57. During the duration of this grant, the project shall use recycled water once a recycled water pipeline is extended to the Newhall Ranch residential development. The Permittee shall obtain the necessary permits to connect to such recycled water, construct any necessary access, and connect to the piped recycled water.
58. In the event groundwater use is restricted in the future pursuant to Court Order or Judgment, the Permittee shall purchase water from County-authorized water purveyors, including County-authorized recycled water purveyors for non-potable uses, or authorized State Water Project contractors, and shall otherwise conform to the rules, regulations, and restrictions set forth in any applicable Court Order or Judgment, including those rules, regulations, and restrictions that would require the Permittee to pay assessments, if any.

LANDSCAPING, COVER AND REVEGETATION AND AESTHETIC REQUIREMENTS

59. The Permittee shall comply with the following landscaping, cover and re-

vegetation requirements at the Landfill:

- a. Three copies of a landscape plan shall be submitted to and approved by the Director of Regional Planning within 180 days after the Effective Date. The landscape plan shall show size, type, and location of all plants, trees, and watering facilities required as a condition of this grant. All landscaping shall be maintained in a neat, clean, and healthful condition in accordance with the approved landscape plan, including proper pruning, weeding, removal of litter, fertilizing, and replacement of plants and trees when necessary but not to exceed quarterly (3 months-period).
- b. An annual monitoring report shall be prepared by an independent, qualified biologist and submitted to the Director of Regional Planning providing status and progress of the provisions in this Condition No. 59. The monitoring report shall be submitted as part of the annual report required pursuant to Part VIII of the IMP.
- c. The Permittee shall employ an expert or experts, including an independent, qualified biologist, to satisfy this Condition No. 59. Soil sampling and laboratory analysis shall be conducted in all areas that are required to be re-vegetated before any re-vegetation occurs to identify chemical or physical soil properties that may adversely affect plant growth or establishment. Soil amendments and fertilizer recommendations shall be applied and plant materials selected, based on the above-referenced testing procedures and results. To the extent possible, as determined by the Director of Regional Planning, plant types shall blend with species indigenous to the area, be drought tolerant, and be capable of successful growth.
- d. The Permittee shall apply a temporary vegetation cover on any slope or other Landfill area that is projected to be inactive for a period greater than 180 days, as set forth in the IMP. The Permittee shall identify such slope or areas in the annual monitoring report described in Subsection (b) above, and include an interim reclamation and re-vegetation plan as well as the timing of the proposed work for review and approval by the Director of Regional Planning.
- e. Except as otherwise provided in this Condition No. 59, all final fill slopes shall be reclaimed and re-vegetated in lifts substantially in conformance with Mitigation Monitoring Program.
- f. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this Condition No. 59, Permittee shall comply with a different re-vegetation design or plan that the Department, in consultation with the TAC, CAC and the Department of Public Works, determines would:

- i. better protect public health and safety;
- ii. enable re-vegetation of the final slopes at least as well as described in Subsection (e), above; and/or
- iii. be required because the minimum standards adopted by the CalRecycle have been amended.

Requirements imposed by the Department pursuant to this Condition 59 must be consistent with State regulations and may not cause the activities at the Landfill to exceed the Limits of Fill.

- g. The Permittee shall provide and maintain a landscape strip that is a minimum of 10 feet wide along the frontage of the ancillary facilities area on Wolcott Way and along SR-126 Highway.
- h. No portion of the expanded Landfill may extend above the plane or outside of the surface area of the fill design as shown on the approved site plan, attached as Exhibit "A".

The existing viewshed from Chiquito Canyon Road shall be protected for the life of the project. The dip in the natural ridgeline along the western boundary shall be maintained or enhanced. Any structure placed on the landfill site, including but not limited to temporary storage areas, any materials recovery facility, composting facility or any other ancillary facilities that may be visible from Chiquito Canyon Road shall be designed to be harmonious with the natural topography and viewshed and shall be reviewed by the Community Advisory Committee.

The landfill operator and the Community Advisory Committee shall work together to prepare a tree planting and maintenance plan for the entire western boundary of the site. The objectives of the plan are to screen landfill operations, enhance the viewshed, and establish the minimum number and type of trees to do this and to provide adequate access to monitoring wells. Trees may be planted on slopes on either side of the ridgeline provided the above objectives are met and such planting is practical.

- 60. The Permittee shall operate the Facility so as to conserve water by, at a minimum, adopting the following measures:
 - a. Ensuring that all water wells used for the Facility draw from the local watershed, if such usage is approved by the appropriate agencies;

- b. Investigating the feasibility of treating collected leachate on-site for reuse in the Landfill and, if feasible and the appropriate agencies approve, implementing a program to use such water;
- c. Using soil sealant, pavement, and/or other control measures for dust control wherever feasible, instead of water; and
- d. Using drought-tolerant plants to re-vegetate the Landfill slopes and other disturbed areas to the extent feasible, as determined by the Director of Regional Planning. Plant types shall blend with species indigenous to the area and shall be capable of rapid growth.

AIR QUALITY

- 61. As required by the SCAQMD, the Permittee shall adopt and implement operational practices to mitigate air quality impacts including but not limited to odor, dust and vehicular air quality impacts at the Facility. The Facility shall be operated so as not to create a nuisance in the surrounding communities.
- 62. The Permittee shall use landfill gas for energy generation at the Facility or other beneficial uses, rather than flaring to the extent feasible, and shall obtain all applicable local, state, and/or federal approvals for any such use.
- 63. The Permittee shall also install and maintain a landfill gas collection and management system that complies with SCAQMD requirements and uses best available control technology to prevent 1) the lateral migration of gases to off-site properties, and 2) odor generation that causes impact to surrounding communities, to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works, the DPH, and SCAQMD.
- 64. Landfill gas flares shall be installed in a manner that does not result in any significant adverse aesthetic impacts and the flames shall be totally contained within the stacks. Flame arrestors shall be provided to the satisfaction of the County Fire Department.
- 65. The Permittee shall provide access to a back-up generator for emergency use within 48 hours in case of a prolonged power outage at the Facility to prevent the migration/emission of landfill gas, unless such a use is otherwise prohibited by SCAQMD due to air quality concerns.
- 66. The Permittee shall conduct air quality monitoring at the Facility and its surrounding areas. In addition, an independent air quality consultant selected by the TAC, in consultation with the CAC, shall conduct at least four random tests per year of Landfill dust and diesel particulates surrounding the perimeter of the Facility to determine whether air quality near the Landfill is consistent with the air quality levels established by the operative air quality standards for the area as

determined by the SCAQMD or other appropriate State air quality agency. The consultant review shall place added emphasis on the nearby residential communities. The cost of the consultant and the tests shall be borne entirely by the Permittee. The consultant report shall be provided to the Director of Regional Planning, the Department of Public Works, the TAC, the CAC and the Permittee within 15 calendar days after completion of the tests.

67. Upon receipt of a total of 4 Notice of Violations related to air quality issued by any combination of SCAQMD, DPH, the Department of Public Works, or the Department in any given calendar year, the Permittee shall submit a response to the Department of Public Works within 30 calendar days of the fourth such Notice of Violation providing an explanation of each Notice of Violation and steps taken to address it, and shall provide this information within 30 calendar days of each additional Notice of Violation within the same year. the Department of Public Works shall evaluate the response and may require the Permittee to thereafter increase the air quality monitoring that it conducts at the Facility and its surrounding areas. In addition, the TAC may select an independent air quality consultant to evaluate and conduct testing of 1) landfill gas and trash odor generated due to working face operations, 2) landfill gas collection and management system, and 3) dust and diesel particulates surrounding the perimeter of the Facility, at a frequency to be determined by the Department of Public Works in consultation with the air quality consultant. The cost of the consultant and the tests shall be borne entirely by the Permittee. The consultant report shall be provided to the Department of Public Works, the TAC, the CAC, and the Permittee within 15 calendar days after completion of the tests. The Department of Public Works, with the advice of the TAC and CAC, may reduce the frequency of the consultant testing if the Department of Public Works finds that the frequency of testing is not necessary, or may discontinue it altogether if it finds that the tests are not beneficial. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Director of Regional Planning, with the advice of the TAC and CAC, may increase the frequency of the consultant testing if the Director of Regional Planning finds the frequency insufficient and may request an evaluation report and recommendations. Upon direction from the Department of Public Works, the Permittee shall implement the recommendations of the independent consultant.
68. If any of the test results of Condition No. 66 and/or 67 exceed the maximum emission levels established by the EIR and/or the SCAQMD, if the Landfill is operated in a manner which, in the determination of DPH, creates an odor nuisance to the surrounding communities, or if the Department of Public Works, in consultation with the TAC and CAC, determines that additional corrective measures are necessary to address air quality impacts to the residents of the surrounding community, the Permittee shall submit a corrective action plan to the TAC and CAC within 15 days after receipt of the report. Such corrective action plan shall describe the excessive emission levels, or the determination by DPH or the Department of Public Works, and set forth a schedule for remedial action. The TAC shall consider the corrective action plan within 30 calendar days of its

receipt and provide notice to the Permittee if such plan has been approved. If the TAC does not approve the corrective action plan, the Director of Regional Planning may impose additional or different measures to reduce air quality impacts at the Facility. These additional measures may include, but not be limited to, requirements that the Permittee: (1) pave additional unpaved roads at the Facility; (2) water and apply soil sealant to additional Working Face areas; (3) relocate Working Face areas to designated locations during windy conditions; (4) monitor sensitive sites throughout the community; and/or (5) close the Facility during extreme wind conditions; 6) employ the services of an independent consultant to evaluate the air quality impacts and/or odor nuisance and make recommendations to mitigate the impacts and/or abate the odor nuisance. The cost of the consultant and the tests shall be borne entirely by the Permittee. The consultant report shall be provided to the Department, the Department of Public Works, the TAC, the CAC and the Permittee within 15 calendar days after completion of the tests. The Director of Public Works, with the advice of the TAC and CAC, may reduce the frequency of the consultant testing, or discontinue it altogether, if the Director of Public Works finds that the test results are invalid or lack beneficial value. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the Director of Regional Planning, with the advice of the TAC and CAC, may increase the frequency of the consultant testing if the Director of Regional Planning finds the frequency insufficient. The Permittee may appeal the Director of Regional Planning's decision in accordance with the appeal provisions in Condition No. 18 for an appeal of a notice of violation.

69. Within 180 days after the Effective Date, all equipment, diesel fleet vehicles, and transfer trucks that are owned or operated by the Permittee, its subsidiaries, or affiliated enterprises, and that utilize the Facility, shall be CARB compliant.

As part of its annual report to the TAC and CAC required by the IMP, the Permittee shall submit documentation of its compliance with this Condition No. 69, including, but not limited to, Title 13, California Code of Regulations, Section 2020, et seq. regarding Diesel Particulate Matter Control Measures.

70. Permittee shall be subject to the following requirements regarding alternative fuel vehicles and equipment:
- a. For the purpose of complying with this Condition No. 70 alternative fuel vehicles shall utilize alternative fuels that are consistent with recommendations or regulations of CARB and SCAQMD, which may include, but is not limited to electricity, natural gas (liquefied natural gas or compressed natural gas), biogas, biodiesel, synthetic diesel, or renewable diesel.
 - b. Within the first year after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall submit an alternative fuel vehicle implementation plan to the TAC and CAC for

review and approval by the TAC. The plan shall contain information on available and proposed alternative fuel technologies, a comparison of their air emissions reduction levels at the Facility, including greenhouse gas emissions, a timeline demonstrating the Permittee's best-faith efforts to comply with this Condition No. 70, as well as any other information deemed necessary by the TAC to approve the plan.

- c. The Permittee shall convert into alternative fuel vehicles all light-duty vehicles operating at the Facility, solid waste collection trucks, and transfer trucks that utilize the Facility and are owned by, operated by, or under contract with the Permittee, its subsidiaries, or affiliated enterprises, according to the following phase-in schedule:
 - i. Within 4 years after the Effective Date, at least 50 percent of all aforementioned vehicles shall be alternative fuel vehicles.
 - ii. Within 7 years after the Effective Date, at least 75 percent of all aforementioned vehicles shall be alternative fuel vehicles.
 - iii. Within 10 years after the Effective Date, 100 percent of all aforementioned vehicles shall be alternative fuel vehicles.
 - d. Within the first year after the Effective Date, unless a later date is approved by the TAC, the Permittee shall consult with the SCAQMD and design and implement at least 1 heavy-duty, alternative fuel off-road equipment pilot program, to the extent deemed technically and economically feasible by the TAC. The pilot program shall be certified by a major original equipment manufacturer such as, but not limited to, Caterpillar, John Deere, or Volvo.
 - e. As part of its annual report to the TAC and CAC required by the IMP, the Permittee shall submit an on-going evaluation of its compliance with each component of this Condition No. 70.
71. Within 180 day of the effective date, the Permittee shall adopt and implement a fugitive dust program that uses the most effective available methods and technology to avert fugitive dust emissions. The fugitive dust program shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works for review and approval. In addition to the re-vegetation measures in Condition No. 59, the program shall include, at a minimum, a requirement that:
- a. The Permittee shall not engage in any excavation, grading, or other Landfill activity during high wind conditions, or when high wind conditions are reasonably expected to occur, as determined by the DPH, where such

excavation or operation will result in significant emissions of fugitive dust affecting areas not under the Permittee's control;

- b. The Working Face areas of the Landfill shall be limited to small contained areas of approximately one acre or less. During periods of the year when high wind conditions may be expected, the Working Face areas shall each be located in an area of minimal wind exposure, or be closed, if closure is deemed necessary by the DPH;
- c. Except when there is sufficient rain or moisture to prevent dust, daily cover, haul roads, and grading locations shall be watered as required by State Minimum Standards or more frequently, when conditions dictate for dust control. Soil sealant may be required in addition to water;
- d. Except when there is sufficient rain or moisture to prevent dust, all active Working Face and soil Stockpile Areas shall be watered daily, unless wind conditions dictate otherwise;
- e. If determined necessary by the DPH, the Permittee shall, on any day preceding a day when the Facility is closed to Solid Waste receipt, apply soil sealant to any previously active Working Face, haul roads, or soil Stockpile Area that has not already been sealed or re-vegetated;
- f. Inactive areas of exposed dirt that have been sealed shall be regularly monitored to determine the need for additional sealing and to prevent unauthorized access that might disturb the sealant. If additional sealing treatment is required, the Permittee shall promptly apply such treatment to assure full control of the soil particles;
- g. All primary access roads to any permanent facility in the Landfill shall be paved;
- h. To minimize the length of dirt roads, paved access roads to fill areas shall be extended as new fill areas are opened. Winter deck access roads shall be paved or surfaced with recycled asphalt, aggregate materials, or soil stabilization products to minimize the quantity of untreated dirt;
- i. All paved roads in regular use shall be regularly cleaned to remove dirt left by trucks or other vehicles;
- j. Except when there is sufficient rain or moisture to prevent dust, all dirt roads in regular use shall be watered at least once daily on operating days and more often if required by the DPH or the Department of Public Works, or otherwise treated to control dust emissions;
- k. Loads of Solid Waste capable of producing significant dust shall be watered

during the Landfill process. If such practice is deemed unacceptable to the RWQCB, the Permittee shall develop alternative methods to minimize dust generation during the Landfill process and obtain approval of the method from the Department of Public Works within 90 days of the RWQCB's determination;

- l. In addition to any fire flow requirements of the County Fire Department, the Permittee shall maintain a supply of water for dust control in the active Working Face areas to ensure compliance with State Minimum Standards; and
 - m. The Permittee shall install and maintain devices on-site, as approved by the SCAQMD, to monitor wind speed and direction, and shall retain qualified personnel who can read and interpret data from these devices, can obtain and use information on predicted wind conditions, and can assist in the Facility's operations related to this information.
- 72. Permittee shall submit a quarterly report to the Department of the Department of Public Works identifying: (1) all fugitive dust and odor complaints from local residents that the Permittee has received for that quarter regarding the Facility; (2) all notices of violation issued by the SCAQMD or the DPH; and (3) all measures undertaken by the Permittee to address these complaints and/or correct the violations. The Department of Public Works and the DPH shall each have the authority to require the Permittee to implement additional corrective measures for complaints of this nature when such measures are deemed necessary to protect public health and safety.

TRAFFIC AND ROAD IMPROVEMENT

- 73. Within 90 days after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall submit for review and approval by the Department of Public Works a plan that establishes a program to reduce unnecessary truck trips and queuing of trucks at the Facility and shall implement the approved plan. The program shall include, but not be limited to, the following elements:
 - a. A plan to schedule regular Facility users, such as commercial and municipal haulers, to avoid having these users arrive at the Facility and queue on public streets right-of-ways or be diverted to other landfills;
 - b. A plan to reserve Landfill capacity until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday during normal operating conditions, for small commercial and private users; and
 - c. A plan to discourage Landfill customers from delivering loads of less than one ton to the Facility.

74. Within 90 days after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall implement a program to include, at a minimum, measures to minimize or avoid the queuing of trucks at the Facility entrance or on SR-126 Highway and any other adjacent streets due to waste delivery or landfilling activities at all times. At any given time, no off-site queuing shall be allowed. The program shall be reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works. A report on the effectiveness of the program shall be submitted as part of the annual report required pursuant to Part XII of the IMP.
75. Within one year from the Effective Date, the Permittee shall close the existing site entrance on Henry Mayo Drive (SR-126) and relocate the site entrance, along with all its auxiliary facilities to a new site entrance located on Wolcott Drive as shown in Exhibit "A". In the event that the Permittee is unable to relocate the site entrance within a year, the Permittee may request a one-time extension from the Department of Public Works. The extension may be granted at the sole discretion of the Department of Public Works, if the Permittee demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works that the extension is needed due to activities beyond the Permittee's control and Permittee is making good faith efforts to relocate the Site entrance. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, the total duration of the time extension shall not exceed 180 days.
76. The designated haul route shall be as follows:
- Truck traffic to the Facility from the I-5 FWY shall be restricted to the following route: (a) SR-126 and (b) Wolcott Way to travel to the Facility Driveway. Unless necessitated by road closure or other detour plan implemented by the local jurisdictions, at no time shall any truck movement under the Permittee's control to the Facility from I-5 FWY take place on any other route.
- Truck traffic to I-5 FWY from the Facility shall be restricted to the following route: (a) Wolcott Way and (b) SR-126 and enter I-5 FWY at the SR-126 on-ramp. Unless necessitated by road closure or other detour plan implemented by the local jurisdictions, at no time shall any truck movement under the Permittee's control to I-5 FWY from the Landfill take place on any other route.
77. Within 90 days after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall provide to the Department of Public Works for review and approval a set of schedules for commencement of the "Chiquita Canyon Landfill Street Improvement Project." The street improvements identified in the "Chiquita Canyon Landfill Street Improvement Project" shall be in accordance with the following:
- a. The Permittee shall be responsible for the following Right-of-Way and Street Improvement Requirements:

- i. Construct full street improvements on Wolcott Way and Franklin Parkway within the project frontage compatible with the ultimate improvements per Tentative Tract Map No. 53108 to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.
- ii. The design and construction on Wolcott Way should be compatible with vertical approaches to the future grade separations at the SR-126 to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works and Caltrans.
- iii. Dedicate right-of-way at a minimum of 70 feet from the latest approved centerline on SR-126, to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works and Caltrans. The typical section and the ultimate right-of-way are contingent upon the traffic study demonstrating that the project volumes do not exceed the road capacity. In the event the project volumes exceed the road capacity provide additional right-of-way for additional lanes, exclusive right turn lanes and transition improvements to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works and Caltrans.
- iv. Provide slope easements at the future SR-126/Wolcott Way interchange to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works and Caltrans.
- v. Comply with mitigation measures including offsite improvements identified in the approved Traffic Study Analysis to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.
- vi. Provide signing and striping plans for Wolcott Way, Franklin Parkway, and any other offsite roadway based on the mitigations contained in the approved Traffic Study.
- vii. Remit the fees which have been established by the Board of Supervisors for the Westside Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District. The fee amount is due and payable prior to the Effective Date and is based upon the fee rate in effect at the time of the Project's Effective Date. The current fee rate is \$23,780 per Factored Development Unit (FDU) and is subject to change. Per the current Westside Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District Report, each gross acre of a commercial site is assessed at five times the applicable FDU rate. Similarly, each gross acre of an industrial site is assessed at three times the applicable FDU rate.
- viii. The Permittee shall install drainage structures and comply with all other drainage requirements of the Department of Public Works

and any additional requirements of the RWQCB as well as any other regulatory agency with appropriate jurisdiction. Except as specifically otherwise approved by the Department of Public Works, all drainage structures including sedimentation basins shall be designed and constructed so as to accommodate run-off from a capital storm.

- ix. The Landfill and drainage structures shall in all cases be designed so as to cause surface water to be diverted away from the disposal areas.
- x. The Permittee shall further comply with all grading requirements of the Department of Public Works and Los Angeles County Ordinance.
- xi. The Permittee shall comply with the following requirements of Street Lighting Section of the Traffic and Lighting Division of the Department of Public Works where the installations of street lights are required. Prior to approval of any street improvement plan, Permittee submit a street lighting plan to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works. Any proposed street lights that are not within the existing lighting maintenance district will need to be annexed to the district before street lighting plans can be approved.
 - a. Within one year from the Effective Date, the Permittee shall provide street lights on concrete poles with underground wiring on all streets around the project boundaries to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works. The Permittee shall also contact Caltrans for street lighting requirements on Henry Mayo Drive (SR-126).
 - b. Within 30 days of the Effective Date, the Permittee shall contact Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, Street Lighting Section to commence and complete the Lighting District Annexation process for the operation and maintenance of the street lights around the project boundary.
- xii. Permittee shall pay all applicable review fees for review of all plans and engineering reports.
- xiii. Acquire street plan approval from the Department of Public Works or direct check status before obtaining grading permit.

- xiv. Within 90 days or as otherwise determined by the Department of Public Works, after the approval of the "Chiquita Canyon Landfill Street Improvement Project", execute an Improvement Agreement for the street improvements identified in this Condition No. 77 Subsection (a).
- xv. Within 360 days after the Effective Date of this grant, the Permittee shall pay its fair share to fully improve, the pavement and thickening of the base/sub base to sustain the entire truck traffic loading of the project operation and any increase in project operation on the following streets or as required to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works: (1) Wolcott Way between Franklin Parkway and SR-126. The Department of Public Works, at his/her sole discretion, may grant an extension of time not to exceed an additional 360 days if the Permittee demonstrates good faith effort toward construction and completion of this condition 77 Subsection (xv).
- b. Once every 5 years beginning on the Effective Date of this grant and continuing for the duration of this grant, the Permittee shall conduct a Roadway Section Analysis to include a pavement section evaluation of the designated haul route (Wolcott Way and SR-126 to the Facility entrance), as well as all truck counts and traffic index calculation sheets. The findings of the revised Roadway Section Analysis shall be provided to the Department of Public Works and the City of Santa Clarita for review and approval. The Permittee shall be responsible for the pro-rata costs of improving the pavement structure of the roadway segments along the designated haul route per the recommendations in the revised Roadway Section Analysis. Upon construction of any necessary improvements to the pavement structure, the Permittee shall conduct baseline deflection testing in accordance with California Test method 356 and submit the results to the Department of Public Works for review and approval.
- c. Once every 5 years beginning on the Effective Date of this grant and continuing for the duration of this grant, the Permittee shall conduct machine-generated truck counts at the project site entrance on three consecutive days (Tuesday through Thursday) during weeks void of national holidays. The truck counts shall be conducted by an independent count company in accordance with generally accepted traffic counting procedures. The Permittee shall also calculate the 10-year Design Traffic Indices along the designated haul route Wolcott Way and SR-126 to the Facility entrance), based on the truck counts and submit them to the Department of Public Works for review and approval. Lastly, the Permittee shall perform deflection tests along the designated haul route in accordance with California Test Method 356 and submit the results to the Department of Public Works for review and approval. If the retested 80 percentile

deflection exceeds 32 percent of the tolerable deflection, the Permittee shall pay its fair share to fully remediate the pavement structure. The Permittee shall submit to the Department of Public Works the proposed method of remediation and schedule for commencement of the improvement for review and approval.

In no event shall the "Chiquita Canyon Landfill Street Improvement Project" be more than 24 months from the Approval Date, unless otherwise extended by the Department of Public Works.

78. In the event the Permittee elects to construct and operate a commercial-scale Conversion Technology facility at the Facility or other location in the Unincorporated County areas of the Santa Clarita Valley as approved the Department of Public Works, the Permittee is required to prepare and submit a traffic impact study to the Department of Public Works for review and approval. If the traffic impact study identifies traffic impacts, the Permittee will be required to fund and/or build adequate traffic improvements, to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.
79. The Department of Public Works, the LEA, and the CAC may monitor the performance of the conditions of this grant designed to minimize truck traffic impact. In the event such measures are found to be inadequate, such entity or entities shall notify the Director of Regional Planning and describe the inadequacy of the conditions.

LITTER CONTROL AND RECOVERY

80. The Permittee shall adopt a program that uses the most effective methods and technology to prevent waste that has entered an area under the Permittee's control from escaping the area in the form of litter. Notwithstanding any other provision of this grant, the Permittee shall cease accepting incoming waste during high wind conditions if, despite the methods and technology used for controlling litter, waste cannot be confined to areas under the Permittee's control.
81. Within 30 days after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall submit a litter control program to the DPH and the Department of Public Works for review and approval that uses the most effective methods and technology to prevent waste that has entered an area under the Permittee's control from escaping the area in the form of litter. Permittee shall implement the program as approved and submit any revisions to the Department of Public Works for approval. The program shall include the following requirements, unless the DPH requires otherwise or the Department of Public Works approves alternative measures after determining that they are at least as effective in controlling litter:
 - a. Facility personnel shall continuously patrol the access road to the Facility scales during the Facility's hours of operation and remove any

litter found during the patrol;

- b. Loads of Solid Waste that are improperly covered or contained and that may create significant litter shall be immediately detained, and if practicable, properly covered or contained prior to proceeding to the Working Face. If such a remedial measure cannot be taken, the load shall proceed to the Working Face under escort;
- c. All debris found on or along the entrance to the Facility and/or Working Face access roads shall be immediately removed;
- d. Operating areas shall be located in wind shielded portions of the landfill during windy periods;
- e. The landfill operator shall install speed bumps on landfill property in paved areas along the route of trucks leaving the landfill. The purpose of the speed bumps is to knock out dirt and debris accumulated in wheel wells before trucks leave the facility;
- f. The Permittee shall require open-bed trucks exiting the landfill either to be swept clean of loose debris or to be covered so as to minimize the possibility of litter escaping onto State Route 126.

The permittee shall comply with this condition and Part XVI of the IMP.

- 82. Within 90 days after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall develop methods and/or procedures to prevent or minimize vehicles from carrying dirt and/or debris that may be dislodged onto local streets and highways and submit the methods and/or procedures for approval, and implement the approved measures to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.
- 83. In addition to the requirements described in Condition Nos. 80 and 81, the Permittee shall develop and maintain a litter recovery program to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works and the DPH designed to recover off-site litter from uncovered or improperly covered or contained loads traveling to the Facility or otherwise emanating from the Facility, including conducting weekly inspections of the surrounding neighborhoods within a 1-mile radius of the property boundary of the combined facility. Based upon the inspection, the Permittee shall collect and remove all wind-blown Trash or litter encountered in the specified area. The Permittee shall maintain a log of the inspections, provide the log upon request to the DPH and the Department of Public Works, and include a copy of the log in the annual report required pursuant to Part XII of the IMP. The Department of Public Works, at its sole discretion may increase the frequency of the litter pickup and recovery or adjust the boundary of the specified area or to improve the effectiveness of the litter recovery program.

84. The Permittee shall monitor Chiquito Canyon Road, SR 126, Wolcott Way, Franklin Parkway, and other feeder roads to the entrance to Val Verde at Rancho Aviles and the surrounding area within 100 feet of the centerline of the road (except along SR-126 where collection would start at the shoulder for safety reasons) or to any existing fence on private property for the purpose of locating and cleaning up litter in this area. Litter pickup shall be a minimum of one time per week and may be increased, upon agreement between the landfill operator and the CAC, to maintain a litter free environment
85. The Permittee shall develop and implement a vehicle tarping program at the Facility that effectively discourages uncovered vehicles from using the Facility. Within 30 days after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall submit such vehicle tarping program for approval by the Department of Public Works. Such program shall provide that all vehicles loaded with Solid Waste or any other material that creates the potential for litter shall be fully tarped or otherwise contained when entering and leaving the Facility, and that no such vehicle shall be allowed to enter the Facility until the driver has been informed of the tarping requirements and has been asked to have his/her load covered. The program shall impose penalties on repeat violators up to and including being permanently prohibited from using the Facility.

OTHER PERMITS/REQUIREMENTS

86. The Permittee shall monitor and maintain the Facility's Environmental Protection and Control Systems in perpetuity, or until such time as the Department of Public Works, based on generally accepted engineering practice, determines that the routine maintenance and foreseeable corrective action that may be necessary during and after the Post-Closure Maintenance Period has been fully satisfied, and the Solid Waste disposed of in the Landfill no longer constitutes a threat to public health and safety, or to the environment.
87. The Permittee shall take all necessary measures to ensure that noise emissions from the Facility at all residential receptors are within the acceptable limits of the Los Angeles County Noise Ordinance, as contained in Chapter 12.08 of the County Code.
88. The Permittee shall implement effective vector control measures at the Facility pursuant to State standards, as directed by the DPH.
89. Any future traffic circulation scenario outside the current haul routes shall avoid areas of high biological diversity. Prior to utilization of a new haul route, the Permittee shall submit the proposed haul route with all supporting information/report/survey of biological resources in the vicinity of the proposed haul route to the Department for review and approval. The Department shall consult with the Department of Public Works regarding any changes to the current haul

route.

90. For fire protection purposes, the Permittee shall maintain on-site fire response capabilities, construct access roads, and provide water tanks, water mains, fire hydrants, and fire flows, to the satisfaction of the County Fire Department including, but not limited to the following:
 - a. A Class II Standpipe System shall be provided and located within 200 feet of the landfill footprint and shall have sufficient 1 1/2-inch hose with a variable-fog nozzle to reach all portions of such operations. The use of water tender trucks may be permitted in lieu of a Class II Standpipe System provided each is equipped with 2 1/2-inch outlets for County Fire Department's use.
 - b. Approved access roads no less than 20 feet in width clear to the sky shall be provided and maintained at all times around the landfiling areas to provide access for firefighting equipment. Weeds, grass, and combustible vegetation shall be removed for a distance of 10 feet on both sides of all access roads used by solid waste trucks or the public. All access within the landfill site shall be in accordance and compliance with the County Fire Code and standards.
91. All development pursuant to this grant must be kept in full compliance with County Fire Department Regulation 10. Construction plans for access roads shall be submitted to the County Fire Department for review and approval.
92. All on-site fuel storage tanks shall be installed and necessary containment and air quality controls for the tanks provided, in accordance with the requirements of the County Fire Department, the Department of Public Works, the RWQCB, and the SCAQMD.
93. The Permittee shall develop and implement a program to identify and conserve all significant archaeological and paleontological materials found at the Facility pursuant to Part IX of the IMP. If the Permittee finds any evidence of aboriginal habitation or fossils during earthmoving activities, Landfill operations shall immediately cease in that immediate area, and the evidence and area shall be preserved until a qualified archaeologist or paleontologist, as appropriate, makes a determination as to the significance of the evidence. The Department will review and approve this program, if the determination indicates that the archaeological or paleontological resources are significant, the resources shall be recovered to the extent practicable prior to resuming Landfill operations in that immediate area of the Landfill.
94. The Permittee shall develop and obtain approval from the Department of Public Works for a Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan for the Facility's activities, unless the Department of Public Works determines that such plan is

unnecessary.

95. The Permittee is prohibited from initiating any activity for which an Industrial Waste Disposal Permit and/or Underground Storage Tanks Permit is required at the Facility without the required permit from the Department of Public Works, and the Permittee shall conduct such activities in compliance with all applicable regulations and permits.. The activities covered by this Condition No. 95 include, but are not limited to, the installation, modification, or removal of any underground storage tank and/or industrial waste control facility. For purposes of this Condition No. 95, an industrial waste control facility includes its permanent structures for treating post-development storm water runoff.
96. The Permittee shall at all operating times, Monday through Saturday, maintain adequate on-site staff, with appropriate training and experience for the operation of the Facility. At least one on-site senior level member shall be familiar with or have access to an electronic or hard copy of this grant and possessed a SWANA Manager of Landfill Operation (MOLO) certification.
97. The Permittee shall at all times, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, make available at least one emergency contact person, with sufficient expertise to assess the need for remedial action regarding operation-related accidents, and with the requisite authority and means to assemble the necessary resources to take such remedial action. The individual must be able to be reached on a continuous basis through the telephone number or e-mail address posted at the Facility entry gate.
98. Within 90 days after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall submit a completed application to the Task Force for a "Finding of Conformance" that the proposed project and its expansions are consistent with the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element. The application must comply with all of the submittal requirements set forth in Table 10-1 thereof. The Permittee shall also promptly comply with any requests from the Task Force for additional information needed in connection with the application and shall comply with all conditions of such Finding of Conformance.
99. Upon the Effective Date, the membership of the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee of the Task Force shall be increased to include a representative of the Permittee and an environmental representative designated by the Fifth Supervisorial District to represent the Santa Clarita Valley. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, the membership of the Alternative Technology Advisory Subcommittee may be adjusted at the sole discretion of the Department of Public Works, acting as the Chair of the Task Force, as necessary upon the recommendation of the Task Force.
100. All employee, guest, and truck parking shall be developed and maintained as set forth in Part 11, Chapter 22.52 of the County Code.

101. All salvage material stored at the Facility (except materials which are to be used for landfill operations), dumpsters, containers, construction materials, and disabled trucks and equipment shall be consolidated into one or more areas that are screened by fences or other means from public streets and adjacent private lands not owned by the Permittee, in accordance with the provisions of Part 7, Chapter 22.52 of the County Code.
102. The perimeter of the Landfill shall be designed to discourage unauthorized access by persons and vehicles by using a perimeter barrier (such as fencing) or topographic constraints. enclosed by fencing to inhibit unauthorized entry. Except as otherwise required by the DPH, fencing shall conform to the detail shown on the approved Exhibit "A".
103. Business signs shall be as permitted by Part 10, Chapter 22.52 of the County Code for Zone C-1, except that no portion of any such sign may extend more than 15 feet above the ground and the total sign area shall be based upon a street or building frontage of 100 feet.
104. Within 10 years after the Effective Date, and every 10 years thereafter, the Department of Public Works, in consultation with the Department and the Permittee, shall select an independent consultant(s) with expertise in engineering and planning, to conduct a comprehensive study analyzing various alternatives to serve the long-term Solid Waste Disposal needs of the Santa Clarita Valley. The purpose of the study is to ensure uninterrupted solid waste disposal services to the residents and businesses in the Santa Clarita Valley, keeping disposal fees low and stable, making existing facilities as efficient as possible, and ensuring that facilities keep pace with population growth and changing technologies in the solid waste industry. The study should include a comprehensive analyses (including a sensitivity and cost-to-benefit analysis) of all aspects of this endeavor, including but not limited to, the economic, environmental, and technical feasibility of the following alternatives/issues:
 - a. Evaluating rail and truck transport options for solid waste export out of the Santa Clarita Valley, including the necessary infrastructure (in and out of the Santa Clarita Valley) to realize these options.
 - b. Demonstrating how any proposed waste-by-rail option would tie into the existing or future county waste-by-rail system.
 - c. Developing Conversion Technology facilities in the Santa Clarita Valley.
 - d. Planning a future transfer station system in the Santa Clarita Valley.
 - e. Reviewing public/private ownership options.
 - f. Analyzing financing, staffing, and rate impacts.

- g. Defining and establishing the facility siting processes.
- h. Establishing a process for involving interested parties in the planning process.
- i. Any other alternatives and issues deemed appropriate by the Department of Public Works and/or the Department.

The costs of the study shall be equally shared by the Permittee and the Department of Public Works, Environmental Programs Division, but in no event shall the cost to the Permittee exceed \$50,000 per study. The Permittee shall make the payment within 30 days of receiving the invoice for the consultant's services. The study shall be completed within 18 months of the selection of the independent engineering/planning consultant(s). The study's findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the TAC and CAC for review and comment. Upon addressing all the TAC's comments and CAC's comments to the satisfaction of the TAC, the independent engineering/planning consultant(s) shall submit the study to the Commission, the Department, the Department of Public Works, the Permittee, and all other interested parties. The Permittee shall submit a detailed response to the study's findings and recommendations, including which recommendations it plans to pursue. The Permittee shall make a good-faith effort to implement all recommendations to carry out the purpose of this Condition No. 103 to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

105. The Permittee shall implement and comply with the following seismic monitoring requirements:
- a. Complete installation of an on-site accelerometer system to measure earthquake/seismic ground motions within 180 days after the Effective Date. The system design, including but not limited to, locations of sensors, shall be reviewed and approved by the Department of Public Works. A set of as-built plans signed and sealed by a California Registered Civil Engineer, or other registered professional approved by the Department of Public Works, shall be provided to DPH and the Department of Public Works.
 - b. Following a major earthquake/seismic ground motion of magnitude 5.0 or greater, as recorded by the closest ground-motion monitoring device as maintained by the California Division of Mines and Geology, thoroughly survey the Facility for primary and secondary surface expressions of seismic activity (such as surface ruptures, landslides, change in spring flows, liquefaction, etc.). Submit a damage assessment report on the results of the survey to the Department of Public Works and the DPH for review. The assessment report shall describe and discuss all features, including damage to the site and infrastructure caused by the earthquake and measures that will be taken to mitigate the impact to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works.

106. The Permittee shall accept all Solid Waste and Beneficial Use Materials generated and delivered to the Facility by all waste haulers and customers operating in the Unincorporated County Areas of Santa Clarita Valley. The Permittee shall submit to the Department of Public Works an annual report on the origin of Solid Waste and Beneficial Use Materials accepted at the Facility by jurisdiction of origin. The annual report shall also contain information on all waste haulers (including those owned or operated by the Permittee, its subsidiaries, or affiliated enterprises) and self-haul customers utilizing the Facility, whether (and why) any waste haulers and self-haul customers were turned away from the Facility, and the tipping fee charged for all waste haulers and self-haul customers. The Permittee shall not engage in predatory pricing that may discourage any private waste haulers and self-haul customers from utilizing the Facility.
107. Within 90 days after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall install video monitoring equipment at the Facility to record and monitor Landfill operations at each Working Face area, between the period of 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. to ensure compliance with the conditions of this grant. Copies of the video recordings shall be provided to the Department of Public Works, DPH, the TAC and CAC upon request, and shall be kept and maintained at the Facility for one year after recording, unless the DPH determines, at its sole discretion, that the video recordings should be kept for a longer period to protect public health, safety, or the environment.
108. The Permittee shall provide four free quarterly clean-up days to residents of the community of Val Verde and Castaic, showing proper identification and proof of residence at the landfill entrance. These days may be Saturday or Sundays, subject to the approval of the Department of Public Works. The Permittee shall accept all Solid Waste delivered to the site with proof of residency during the event free of charge, up to 1 ton per residence, and promote the program in a newspaper of general circulation. The operator shall further reimburse the CAC for the cost of providing two roll-off bins in Val Verde and Castaic on each clean-up day with the locations determined by the CAC. The operator and CAC may jointly change this program if they mutually determine alternatives to the above can further assist the community.
109. The Permittee shall designate as open space for recreational use in perpetuity those portions of the site on which fill has or will be placed. In addition, the permittee shall provide all funds needed for the preparation of a park feasibility study, park master plan and environmental documentation as well as reasonable funding for the development, operation and maintenance of the park to support recreational use upon closure of the Landfill.

Within one year of the effective date of this grant, the permittee shall submit a notice of intent to the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, to complete a park master plan feasibility study with input from the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Community Advisory Committee. Such study shall be submitted not later than January 1, 2025 or ten years before the anticipated

closure of the landfill, whichever is earlier. The study will conceptually analyze options and funding needed for development, operation and maintenance of portions of the site on which fill has been or will be placed for recreational use. Upon approval of the study by the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Director of Parks and Recreation will use such study to establish a yearly amount of funding that will be sufficient to provide for development, operation and maintenance of a park on the site, and the permittee will set-aside such amount in a trust account that is managed by the Department of Public Works, which will disburse funds in accordance with this Condition.. In the event that the amount of funding that is set aside is not sufficient to cover the activities of the park as determined by the park master plan, the permittee shall supplement the funding deficiency.

At the discretion of the Director of Parks and Recreation, but no later than five years before the termination of disposal operations under this grant, the permittee will set aside sufficient funds for the preparation of a park master plan for portions of the site on which fill has been or will be placed in an amount determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation, including the cost of environmental documentation. The Master Plan must provide for the development, operation and maintenance that complies with the mitigation set forth in the EIR for operating the site as a park or publicly accessible recreational area. Funding for the park master plan and environmental documentation will be held in an interest bearing trust account and will be available for the purpose of fulfilling this condition, at least five years before the termination of disposal operations under this grant. This trust account may be the same trust account that is established in the preceding paragraph for the development, operation and maintenance of the park. This fund shall be separate from the fund in Condition No. 118

The permittee may dedicate the designated park site to the County or other entity acceptable to the Director of Regional Planning, or may develop and manage the park itself. If the site is offered to and accepted by the County or other entity, then the permittee shall provide the County or other entity with access to the funds in the trust account for developing, operating and maintaining the park. The County or other entity shall also have access to the funds that the permittee has set aside for the preparation of the park master plan to the extent that the County or such entity will be involved in such preparation.

Notwithstanding this Condition No. 109, the Permittee shall maintain responsibility for the Facility including, but not limited to, all Closure and Post-Closure Maintenance requirements as stated in Conditions No. 32, 33, and 34 of this grant.

PERMITTEE FEES

110. The requirement that the Permittee pay the fees set forth in Condition Nos. 112 through 122, inclusive, shall not begin until the Effective Date. Prior to that date, any and all fees required by CUP 89-081 (5) shall remain in full force and effect.

The following fees are cumulative and are in addition to any other fee or payment required by this grant.

111. All financial records shall be preserved for a period of 3 years and shall be available for inspection by the DPH, the Department of Public Works, the Department, and the Treasurer and Tax Collector during normal business hours, and shall be forwarded to such agencies upon request.
112. The Permittee shall pay to the office of the Los Angeles County Treasurer and Tax Collector a quarterly fee equal to 10 percent of the sum of the following, pursuant to Section 4.63, et seq., of the County Code:
 - a. The net tipping fees collected at the Facility as described below in this Condition No. 112. For purposes of this Condition No. 112, "net tipping fee" shall mean the total fees collected, less any taxes or regulatory fees imposed by a federal, state, or local agency that is included in the fee charged by the Permittee at the Facility entrance. "Total fees collected" shall be calculated as the total gross receipts collected by the Permittee; The net tipping fees collected at the landfill shall exclude any tipping fees received for waste processed at the material recovery, household hazardous waste and composting facilities approved in Conditions No. 24);
 - b. The revenue generated from the sale of Landfill gas at the Facility, less any federal, state, or local fees or taxes applicable to such revenue; and
 - c. The Revenue generated by any other disposal –related activity or enterprise at the Facility, less any federal, state, or local fees or taxes applicable to such revenue.
113. The Permittee shall pay on a monthly basis to the Department of Public Works a fee of 25 cents per ton of all Solid Waste disposed received at the Landfill. The fee shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the CPI. This fee shall be used for the implementation and enhancement of waste reduction and diversion programs, including but not limited to, conducting document/paper shredding and waste tire collection events in County Unincorporated areas.
114. The Permittee shall pay on a monthly basis to the Department of Public Works a fee of 8 cents per ton of all Solid Waste disposed at the Landfill. The fee shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the CPI. This fee shall be used at the sole discretion of the Director of the Department of Public works for administration, implementation, and enhancement of disaster debris removal activities in Val Verde, Castaic, and other Unincorporated County areas surrounding the landfill,

including providing waste disposal and collection service vouchers to assist residents in clean-up activities.

115. For the life of this grant, except as provided in Condition No. 116 of this grant, the Permittee shall pay on a monthly basis to the Department of Public Works a fee for every ton of Solid Waste originating within Los Angeles County but outside the Santa Clarita Valley Area that is processed for beneficial use, composting and/or disposed of at the Facility during the preceding month, according to the following rates:

Incoming Tonnage (Tons/Day)	Fee
0 - 1,999	\$2.00 per ton
2,000-3,999	\$4.00 per ton
4,000-5,999	\$6.00 per ton
6,000 and over	\$8.00 per ton

For the life of this grant, except as provided in Condition No. 116, the Permittee shall pay on a monthly basis to the Department of Public Works a fee of \$10.00 per ton for all Solid Waste and Beneficial Use Materials originating outside of Los Angeles County and within California that is processed for beneficial use, composting and/or disposed of at the Facility during the preceding month.

The fee shall be used to fund programs and activities that 1) fund environmental, educational, and quality of life programs in Val Verde, Castaic, and other Unincorporated County areas surrounding the landfill, 2) enhance Countywide disposal capacity, mitigate landfill impacts in the Unincorporated County areas, and 3) promote development of Conversion Technology facilities that benefit the County.

The fee applicable for every ton of material originating outside the Santa Clarita Valley Area but within Los Angeles County shall be determined using the above tiered-structured table and by dividing the total incoming waste from outside the Santa Clarita Valley by the number of delivery days. For example, if the monthly total is 50,000 tons and number of delivery days is 20, then the average quantity is 2,500 TPD, and the fee is the sum of $(\$2 \times 1,999) + (\$4 \times 501) = \$6,002 \times$ number of delivery days. The fee shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the CPI.

One third (33.3 percent) of the monthly payment shall be deposited by the Department of Public Works into an interest-bearing deferred Unincorporated Community Program Account, created and maintained by the Department of Public Works to fund programs and activities that enhance and environmental,

educational, and quality of life programs in the communities of Val Verde, Castaic, and other Unincorporated County areas surrounding the landfill.

Another one third (33.3 percent) of each monthly payment shall be deposited by the Department of Public Works into an interest-bearing deferred Landfill Mitigation Program Account, created and maintained by the Department of Public Works to fund programs and activities that enhance Countywide disposal capacity and mitigate landfill gas impacts in the Unincorporated County areas.

The remaining one third (33.3 percent) of the monthly payment shall be deposited into an interest-bearing deferred Alternative-to-Landfilling Technology Account, created and maintained by the Department of Public Works to fund research and activities that promote the development of Conversion Technology facilities that benefit the County.

In the event the Department of Public Works, in consultation with the Director of Regional Planning, determines that the Permittee has constructed and commenced operation of a Conversion Technology facility in full satisfaction of the requirements of Condition No. 116 of this grant, the fee requirement of this Condition No. 115 shall thereafter be reduced by one-third (33.3 percent). The new rate shall be as follows, but only so long as the Conversion Technology facility is operating:

Disposal Quantity (Tons/Day)	Fee
0 - 1,999	\$1.32 per ton
2,000-3,999	\$2.64 per ton
4,000-5,999	\$3.96 per ton
6,000-7,000	\$5.28 per ton

The fee applicable to all Solid Waste and Beneficial Use Material originating outside of Los Angeles County shall remain unchanged. Upon the effective date of the new rate, the funds generated from this fee shall be split equally between the Unincorporated Community Program Account and Landfill Mitigation Program Account.

116. In the event the Permittee elects to construct and operate a commercial-scale Conversion Technology facility (excluding composting facilities) at the Facility or other location in the County as approved by the Director of Public Works, the Permittee may seek to provide such facility in lieu of paying thirty-four (34) percent of fee required by Condition No. 115 of this grant. "Construct and

operate" shall mean fully funding and successfully completing the siting, design, permitting, and construction of an operating facility for the conversion of a minimum of 500 tons per day of Solid Waste into useful products, fuels, and/or energy through no-combustion thermal, chemical, or biological processes (excluding composting facilities). The Permittee shall be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and approvals required to construct and operate the facility. The facility must be fully permitted, operational, and processing at least 50 percent of the daily tonnage permitted for such facility on the 5th anniversary of the Effective Date and fully operational by the 6th anniversary of the Effective Date.

After the Director of Public Works has verified the Conversion Technology facility (excluding composting facilities) has commenced operation and is in full satisfaction of the requirements of Condition No. 116 of this grant, the Permittee may request reimbursement from the Alternative-to-Landfilling Technology Account, created and maintained by the Department of Public Works. Eligible expenditures for reimbursement include design, permitting, environmental document preparation, construction, and inspection that are verified by the Department of Public Works as necessary and directly related to the development of a Conversion Technology Facility (excluding composting facilities) that meets the requirements of Condition No. 116 of this grant.

The Permittee must provide access to the Department of Public Works and its independent consultant(s) to all areas of the facility during all phases of the development and must respond to information requests, including operating and performance data, from the Department of Public Works in a timely manner. The Permittee shall provide tours of the facility to the public at the request of the Department of Public Works.

Upon the Effective Date of this grant, the Permittee shall submit to the Department of Public Works for review and comment quarterly reports, providing detailed status of the selection of the type of Conversion Technology and progress of the development. Within one year after the Effective Date, the Permittee must submit a proposal for the type, location, and preliminary design of the Conversion Technology facility for review and approval by the Department of Public Works in consultation with the Director of Regional Planning. As part of the proposal, the Permittee shall submit a detailed project milestone schedule, including at a minimum, a scheduled completion date for permit approvals, financing, 30 percent, 60 percent, and 90 percent design levels, construction completion, start-up, acceptance testing, and beginning of commercial operations. Within 6 months of receipt of the proposal, the Department of Public Works shall notify the Permittee of the findings of its review and determination as to whether a Conversion Technology Facility is or is not anticipated to be successfully developed in accordance with the requirement of this Condition No. 116.

When the Conversion Technology Facility is permitted, developed and in operation, the Permittee shall submit to the Department of Public Works quarterly informational reports including quantities of feedstock, output materials, output gas, energy, and/or fuel as well as an annual report for review and comment providing detailed status of the operation, permits, and regulatory compliance of the Conversion Technology facility, including quantities and origins of feedstock, quantities of output, design life, and performance efficiency.

In the event that a Conversion Technology facility is not anticipated to be successfully developed by the 5th anniversary of the Effective Date, the Permittee may submit a request for a one-year time extension to the Department of Public Works, no later than 3 months prior to the 5th anniversary of the Effective Date. The extension may be granted at the sole discretion of the Department of Public Works, if the Permittee demonstrates, to the satisfaction of the Department of Public Works, that it has made good faith efforts towards developing the facility, and shows that circumstances related to the facility's permitting process and other events outside of the Permittee's control prevented the facility from being fully permitted and operational. Similarly, a one-year time extension may also be granted up to 2 additional times, at the request of the Permittee. Such additional requests shall each be received no later than 3 months prior to the anniversary of the Effective Date after the 6th and 7th years. The total duration of the time extension(s) shall not exceed 3 years.

117. Pursuant to Goal 2.4.2 of the Los Angeles County Countywide Siting Element adopted by the Board in 1997, and the Board's policy adopted on July 27, 1999 to promote the development of alternatives to landfill and incineration processes, the Permittee shall contribute \$200,000 annually, not to exceed \$3,000,000 for the life of this grant, to an alternative technology development fund, which fund shall be an interest bearing account established and maintained by the Department of Public Works. This fund shall be used to research, promote, and develop the alternative technologies that are most appropriate for Southern California from an environmental and economic perspective. The determination of appropriate alternative technologies as well as the use of the fund shall be made by the Department of Public Works. Within six months after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall deposit its first \$200,000 payment required by this Condition No. 117, and thereafter annually by March 31.
118. By March 31 of each year, the Permittee shall pay to the Department of Public Works an annual fee of \$0.50 per ton of all Solid Waste disposed at the Landfill during the preceding calendar year. The fee shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the CPI. This annual payment shall be deposited into an interest bearing trust fund established to acquire and/or develop natural habitat and parkland within the Santa Clarita Valley. No monies from this trust fund shall be used for projects or programs that benefit areas outside the communities surrounding the Landfill. The Director of Public Works shall administer the trust

fund in consultation with the Director of Parks and Recreation, and all monies in the trust fund, including accrued interest, shall be spent for park and recreational purposes. This fund shall be separate from the fund in Condition No. 109.

119. By March 31 of each year, the Permittee shall pay to the Department of Public Works an annual fee of \$0.50 per ton of all Solid Waste disposed at the Landfill during the preceding calendar year. The fee shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the CPI. This annual payment shall be deposited by the Department of Public Works into an interest bearing trust fund established to provide funding for road improvements in the Val Verde, Castaic, and other Unincorporated County areas surrounding the landfill. The Department of Public Works shall administer this trust fund, and all monies in the trust fund, including accrued interest, shall be disbursed by the Department of Public Works.
120. By January 10 of every other year, the Permittee shall pay to the Department of Regional Planning a sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of financing planning studies, including, but not limited to neighborhood planning studies for Val Verde, Castaic, and the Unincorporated Santa Clarita Valley, as determined by the Director of Regional Planning. The fee shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the CPI. The payments shall be held in an interest-bearing account. Payment for the first year is due within 90 days after the Effective Date. Should there be monies remaining in the account, not spent on planning studies or committed to use on such studies within the identified area, such fees will be returned to the permittee at the termination of the permit.
121. By March 31 of each year, the Permittee shall pay to the Department Regional Planning a fee of \$1.00 per ton of all Solid Waste disposed at the Landfill during the preceding calendar year. The payment shall be adjusted annually in accordance with the CPI. The payments shall be deposited by the Director of Regional Planning into an interest-bearing community benefit and environmental education trust fund, created and maintained by the Director of Regional Planning. This fund shall be used to fund environmental, educational, and quality of life programs in the Val Verde, Castaic, and other Unincorporated County areas surrounding the landfill, and to fund regional public facilities that serve this area. All disbursement of the monies in the fund shall be determined by the Director of Regional Planning.
122. The Permittee shall fund 10 collection events per year to be held by the Department of Public Works for the collection of Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Waste, including discarded computers. The cost of each event shall be \$100,000, adjusted annually in accordance with the CPI. The Permittee shall make annual payments for these events. The first payment is due within 90 days after the Effective Date, and the subsequent payments are due by March 31 of each year.

In lieu of paying for 5 of the 10 collection events per year, the Permittee may instead elect the following option:

The Permittee will fully fund the siting, development, operation, and staffing of a new permanent Santa Clarita Valley Environmental Collection Center at the Facility or other location in the Unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley (substantially similar in design to the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center) for the collection of household hazardous/electronic waste. The Permittee shall be responsible for building, constructing, and obtaining all necessary permits and approvals required to operate the center. The center, whose design and location must be approved by the Department of Public Works, must be open at least twice a month to all County residents. The operating hours shall be similar to that of the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center or as determined by the Department of Public Works. Upon the center's opening, the Permittee shall implement an on-going comprehensive promotional campaign to reach all Santa Clarita Valley residents. The campaign must be reviewed and approved by Public Works in consultation with other interested entities.

In the event the Permittee elects above option, the Permittee shall notify the Department of Public Works of its decision within 90 days of the Effective Date, along with a detailed project timeline (including, but not limited to, estimated project costs, etc.) for review and approval. The Department of Public Works reserves the right to determine whether the Permittee has satisfied the requirements for payment deduction and when the deduction will commence, and if necessary, prorate the payments to meet the intent of this Condition No. 122.

123. Prior to the Effective Date, the Permittee shall:

- a. Deposit the sum of \$20,000 with the Department. The deposit shall be placed in a performance fund draw-down account, which shall be used exclusively to compensate the Department for all expenses incurred while inspecting the premises to determine the Permittee's compliance with the conditions of this grant, to review and verify any and all information contained in the required reports of this grant, and to undertake any other activity of the Department to ensure that the conditions of this grant are satisfied, including, but not limited to, carrying out the following activities: enforcement, permitting, inspections (amount charged per each inspection shall be \$200.00, or the current recovery cost, whichever is greater), providing administrative support in the oversight and enforcement of these conditions, performing technical studies, and retaining the services of an independent consultant for any of the aforementioned purposes, or for routine monitoring of any and/or all of the conditions of this grant for a minimum of 5 years. Inspections shall be

conducted biennially (once every other year) to ensure that any development undertaken on the subject property is in accordance with the approved Exhibit "A" on file. If the actual costs incurred pursuant to this Condition No. 123 (a) have reached 80 percent of the amount of the initial deposit (\$16,000), and the Permittee has been so notified, the Permittee shall deposit supplemental funds to bring the balance up to the amount of the initial deposit (\$20,000) within 10 business days of such notification. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required during the life of this grant. At the sole discretion of the Permittee, the Permittee may deposit an initial or supplemental amount that exceeds the minimum amounts required by this Condition No. 123 (a).

- b. Deposit the sum of \$50,000 in an interest-bearing trust fund with the Department of Public Works from which actual costs billed and not honored by the Permittee will be deducted for the purpose of defraying the expenses involved in the Department of Public Works' review and verification of any and all information contained in the required reports of this grant and the MMRP, and any other activity of the Department of Public Works to ensure that the conditions of this grant are satisfied, including, but not limited to, carrying out the following activities: enforcement, permitting, inspections, coordination of mitigation monitoring, providing administrative support in the oversight and enforcement of these conditions, performing technical studies, and retaining the services of an independent consultant for any of the aforementioned purposes or for routine monitoring of any and/or all of the conditions of this grant for a minimum of 5 years. If the costs incurred pursuant to this Condition No. 123 (b) have reached 80 percent of the amount of the initial deposit (\$40,000), and the Permittee has been so notified, the Permittee shall deposit supplemental funds to bring the balance up to the amount of the initial deposit (\$50,000) within 10 business days of such notification. There is no limit to the number of supplemental deposits that may be required during the life of this grant. At the sole discretion of the Permittee, the Permittee may deposit an initial or supplemental amount that exceeds the minimum amounts required by this Condition No. 123 (b).
- c. The balance remaining including interest in the draw-down account as described in Subsection (a) above and trust fund as described in Subsection (b) above shall be returned to the Permittee upon the Director of Public Works' determination that the Landfill is no longer a threat to public health, safety, and the environment.

LEGISLATION

124. The Permittee shall continue working with the waste industry, in concert with cities, the County, and other stakeholders in the industry, to seek amendment of existing laws and regulations to require that compliance with the State's waste reduction mandates be measured by diversion program implementation as opposed to disposal quantity measurement, and to further require the State-mandated Disposal Reporting System to be used solely to identify waste generation and disposal trends, to the extent that this would further the objective of the Project as stated in the EIR of continuing to provide landfill waste diversion programs that are relied upon by many local cities and communities in achieving state mandates for waste diversion.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION/INQUIRIES

125. The Permittee shall post a sign at the entrance gate to the Facility providing the following information:
- a. The telephone number of the hotline to contact the Permittee on a 24-hour basis to register complaints regarding the Facility's operations. All complaints received shall be reported to the Director of Regional Planning, and other agencies, as appropriate, on the same day but no later than 10 a.m. of the following business day. Said telephone number shall be published in the local telephone directory, Permittee's website and local library;
 - b. The telephone number of the DPH and the hours that the DPH office is staffed; and
 - c. The telephone number of SCAQMD's enforcement offices and the hours that the SCAQMD offices are staffed.
126. The Permittee shall maintain a hotline/emergency log at the Facility which shall record all complaints received regarding Landfill operations. The record of complaints shall include the date and time, nature of complaints, and actions taken to identify and resolve the complaint. The Permittee shall at all times, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, provide at least one emergency contact person, with sufficient expertise to assess the need for remedial action to promptly respond to complaints from the surrounding neighborhood regarding dust, litter, odor, air quality, or other operational issues. The Permittee shall resolve all complaints to the satisfaction of the Director of Regional Planning. Permittee shall maintain records of this hotline for 3 years, made available upon request, and submitted as part of the annual report required pursuant to Part XII of the IMP. The records shall include information of all complaints received regarding the landfill operations, the Permittee's follow-up action to the complaints, and their final resolution.

127. The Permittee shall prepare and distribute to all interested persons and parties, as shown on the interested parties list used by the Department of Regional Planning for this matter, and to any other person requesting to be added to the list, a quarterly newsletter, or electronic/social media, providing the Facility's website and its 24-hour hotline/emergency telephone numbers, and also providing the following information for the quarter: (1) "What is New" at the Facility; (2) the regulatory and permitting activities at the Facility; (3) the hotline/emergency log for the period; and (4) a summary of any and all progress reports and/or annual reports required by this grant. The newsletter shall be posted on the Facility's website and distributed to the Castaic library and other local libraries. In addition, the Permittee shall notify the Community Advisory Committee, as described in Part XI of the IMP, the Val Verde Community Advisory Committee, the Castaic Area Town Council Association, and any other interested community groups in the immediate vicinity of the Facility, of any significant operational change at the Facility.
128. Within 180 days after the Effective Date, the Permittee shall update its website to provide general information to the community regarding the Facility's recycling activities/programs, environmental mitigation measures, frequently asked questions, a description of the Facility's operation, which may include video, a complaint resolution mechanism, recent Notices of Violation and how they were resolved, and any other pertinent information requested by the Department of Public Works for the life of this grant.

OAK TREE PERMIT SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

129. This grant, OAK 201500007, shall authorize the removal of four (4) trees (# 1, 2, 3, and 89) of the oak genus (*Quercus agrifolia*) as shown on the site plan (OAK 201500007 Exhibit "A").
130. This permit (OAK 201500007) shall not be effective until a site plan (CUP 200400042 Exhibit "A") is approved for the construction of the proposed landfill facilities and associated grading, demonstrating the need to remove the said trees.
131. The Permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at a rate of two to one (2:1) for each tree removed for a total of eight (8) mitigation trees.
132. The Permittee shall plant one healthy acorn of the same species of oak (*Quercus sp.*) as the tree removed for each mitigation tree planted. The acorns shall be planted at the same time as and within the watering zone of each mitigation tree.
133. All replacement trees shall be planted on native undisturbed soil and shall be the same species of oak (*Quercus sp.*) as the removed tree. The location of the replacement tree shall be in the vicinity of other oak trees of the same species. A layer of humus and litter from beneath the canopy of the removed tree shall also be applied to the area beneath the canopies of the replacement trees to further promote the establishment of mycorrhizae within their rooting zones.

134. When replacement trees are planted on disturbed soil or are not in the vicinity of the same species of oak (*Quercus sp.*) as the removed tree, planting shall incorporate a mycorrhizal product, either as amendment or in the first two irrigations or watering of planted trees (i.e. "mycorrhizaROOTS" or similar product) in accordance with the label's directions. A layer of humus and litter from beneath the canopy of the removed tree shall also be applied to the area beneath the canopies of the replacement trees to further promote the establishment of mycorrhizae within their rooting zones.

135. If any oak tree grows into ordinance size during the duration of this permit, removals, encroachments or any additional impacts shall be inclusive within this permit to ensure proper mitigation.

In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches to two inches in diameter or less in accordance with the guidelines published by the National Arborist Association. Copies of these guidelines are available from the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. In no case shall more than 20 percent of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

136. Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, any remaining oak trees shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, "Oak Trees: Care and Maintenance", prepared by the Forestry Division of the County of Los Angeles Fire Department. A copy of the publication is enclosed with these conditions.

137. The Permittee shall comply with all conditions and requirements contained in the County Forester and Fire Warden, Forestry Division, letter dated January 24, 2017 (attached hereto), to the satisfaction of said Division, except as otherwise required by said Division.

Attachments:

Project Site Plan – Exhibit "A"

County Forester's Letter dated January 24, 2017
Oak Trees: Care and Maintenance Guide

Fire Department letter dated February 24, 2017

Department of Public Health letter dated February 23, 2017

Implementation and Monitoring Program (IMP)

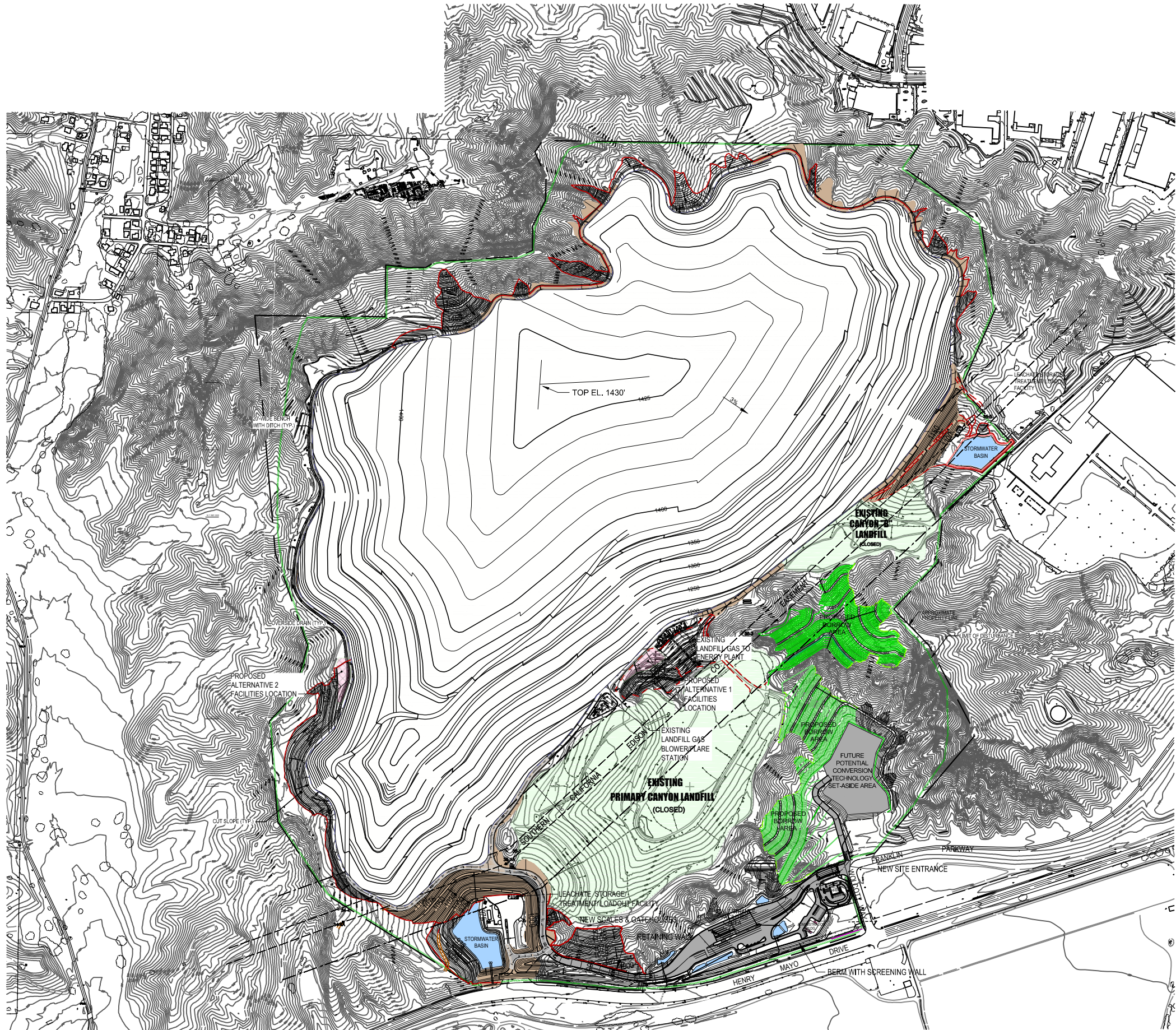
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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90063-3294

DARYL L. OSBY
FIRE CHIEF
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January 24, 2017

Iris Chi, Planner
Department of Regional Planning
Zoning Permits Section
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Chi:

**OAK TREE PERMIT NUMBER 2015-00007
PROJECT NUMBER R2004-00559-(5)
29201 HENRY MAYO DRIVE, CASTAIC**

We have reviewed the "Request for Oak Tree Permit #2015-00007." The project is located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive in the unincorporated area of Castaic. The Oak Tree Report is accurate and complete as to the location, size, condition and species of the Oak trees on the site. The term "Oak Tree Report" refers to the document on file by sb horticulture, the consulting arborist, dated June 6, 2014.

We recommend the following as conditions of approval:

OAK TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

1. This grant shall not be effective until the permittee and the owner of the property involved (if other than the permittee), have filed at the office of the Department of Regional Planning their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all conditions of this grant. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant and any other person, corporation or other entity making use of this grant.
2. The permittee shall, prior to commencement of the use authorized by this grant, deposit with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department a sum of \$300. Such fees shall be used to compensate the County Forester \$100 per inspection to cover expenses incurred while inspecting the project to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of

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approval. The above fees provide for one (1) initial inspection prior to the commencement of construction and two (2) subsequent inspections until the conditions of approval have been met. The Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester shall retain the right to make regular and unannounced site inspections.

3. Before commencing work authorized or required by this grant, the consulting arborist shall submit a letter to the Director of Regional Planning and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division stating that he or she has been retained by the permittee to perform or supervise the work, and that he or she agrees to report to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester, any failure to fully comply with the conditions of the grant. The arborist shall also submit a written report on permit compliance upon completion of the work required by this grant. The report shall include a diagram showing the exact number and location of all mitigation trees planted as well as planting dates.
4. The permittee shall arrange for the consulting arborist or a similarly qualified person to maintain all remaining Oak trees on the subject property that are within the zone of impact as determined by the County Forester for the life of the Oak Tree Permit or the Conditional Use Permit.
5. The permittee shall install temporary chainlink fencing, not less than four (4) feet in height, to secure the protected zone of all remaining Oak trees on site as necessary. The fencing shall be installed prior to grading or tree removal, and shall not be removed without approval of the County Forester. The term "protected zone" refers to the area extending five (5) feet beyond the dripline of the Oak tree (before pruning), or fifteen (15) feet from the trunk, whichever is greater.
6. Copies of the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval shall be kept on the project site and available for review. All individuals associated with the project as it relates to the Oak resource shall be familiar with the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval.

PERMITTED OAK TREE REMOVAL:

7. This grant allows the removal of four trees the Oak genus, three (3) (*Quercus agrifolia*) and one (1) *Quercus lobata* identified as Tree Number 1, 2, 3, and 89 on the applicant's site plan and Oak Tree Report. Trenching, excavation, or clearance of vegetation within the protected zone of an Oak tree shall be accomplished by the use of hand tools or small hand-held power tools. Any major roots encountered shall be conserved and treated as recommended by the consulting arborist.
8. In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected Oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches two-inches in diameter or less in accordance with the guidelines published by the National Arborist Association. Copies of these guidelines

are available from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. In no case shall more than 20% of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

9. Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, the remaining Oak trees shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, "Oak Trees: Care and Maintenance," prepared by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. A copy of the publication is enclosed with these conditions.

MITIGATION TREES:

10. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at a rate of two to one (2:1) for each tree removed, Six (6) Quercus agrifolia, and two (2) Quercus lobata, for a total of eight (8) mitigation trees.
11. Each mitigation tree shall be at least a 15-gallon specimen in size and measure one (1) inch or more in diameter one (1) foot above the base. Free form trees with multiple stems are permissible provided the combined diameter of the two (2) largest stems of such trees measure a minimum of one (1) inch in diameter one (1) foot above the base.
12. Mitigation trees shall consist of indigenous varieties of Quercus agrifolia and Quercus lobata, grown from a local seed source.
13. Mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the permitted Oak tree removals. Mitigation trees shall be planted either on site or at an off-site location approved by the County Forester. Alternatively, a contribution to the County of Los Angeles Oak Forest Special Fund may be made in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource loss. The contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."
14. The permittee shall properly maintain each mitigation tree and shall replace any tree failing to survive due to a lack of proper care and maintenance with a tree meeting the specifications set forth above. The two-year maintenance period will begin upon receipt of a letter from the permittee or consulting arborist to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester, indicating that the mitigation trees have been planted. The maintenance period of the trees failing to survive two (2) years will start anew with the new replacement trees. Subsequently, additional monitoring fees shall be required.
15. All mitigation Oak trees planted as a condition of this permit shall be protected in perpetuity by the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance once they have survived the required maintenance period.

NON-PERMITTED ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS:

16. Encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site is prohibited.
17. Should encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site not permitted by this grant result in its injury or death within two (2) years, the permittee shall be required to make a contribution to the Los Angeles County Oak Forest Special Fund in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource damage/loss. Said contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."
18. No planting or irrigation system shall be installed within the dripline of any Oak tree that will be retained.
19. Utility trenches shall not be routed within the protected zone of an Oak tree unless the serving utility requires such locations.
20. Equipment, materials and vehicles shall not be stored, parked, or operated within the protected zone of any Oak tree. No temporary structures shall be placed within the protected zone of any Oak tree.
21. Violations of the conditions of this grant shall result in immediate work stoppage or in a notice of correction depending on the nature of the violation. A time frame within which deficiencies must be corrected will be indicated on the notice of correction.
22. Should any future inspection disclose that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be held financially responsible and shall reimburse the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division, for all enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance.

To schedule a County Forester inspection, please contact the Environmental Review Unit at (818) 890-5719.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (818) 890-5758.

Very truly yours,


J. LOPEZ, ASSISTANT CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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Enclosure

A detailed black and white line drawing of several oak leaves and a branch. The leaves are of various sizes and are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping. The branch is thin and has a few small, dark, circular marks on it. The leaves have a characteristic lobed shape with prominent veins.

OAK TREES: Care and Maintenance

This Oak Tree Care and Maintenance Guide offers basic information and practical guidelines aimed at the preservation and continued health and survival of oak trees in the residential landscape.

Increasing pressure for development is changing the oak woodland of Los Angeles County. Heritage oaks which once survived in open rolling hills are now being preserved or replanted and incorporated into the community.

How do we protect these trees during the planning and development process, and ensure their survival once they are in the home garden?

The Oak Tree

Oak Trees in the residential landscape often suffer decline and early death due to conditions that are easily preventable. Damage can often take years to become evident, and by the time the trees show obvious signs of disease it is usually too late to help.

Improper watering, especially during the hot summer months, and disturbance to critical root areas are most often the causes. This booklet will provide guidelines on where these critical areas lie and ways to avoid disturbing them, as well as information on long-term care and maintenance of both natural and planted oaks. Lists of additional resources for more information and demonstration areas to visit are also included.

The Oak Tree Ordinance

The Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance has been established to recognize oak trees as significant historical, aesthetic, and ecological resources. The goal of the ordinance is to create favorable conditions for the preservation and propagation of this unique and threatened plant heritage. By making this part of the development process, healthy oak trees will be preserved and maintained.

The Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance applies to all unincorporated areas of the County. Individual cities may have their own ordinances, and their requirements may be different.

Permit Requirements:

Under the Los Angeles County Ordinance, a person shall not cut, destroy, remove, relocate, inflict damage, or encroach into the *protected zone* (see text) of any ordinance sized tree of the oak tree genus without first obtaining a permit.

Damage includes but is not limited to :

- Burning
- Application of toxic substances
- Pruning or cutting
- Trenching
- Excavating
- Paving
- Operation of machinery or equipment
- Changing the natural grade

Chapter 22.56.2050: Oak Tree Permit Regulations, Los Angeles County, Adopted: August 20, 1982. Amended: September 13, 1988.

For more information about the County Oak Tree Ordinance, visit the Forestry Division's website at:

http://lacofd.org/Forestry_folder/otordin.htm

Or contact:

Department of Regional Planning
320 W. Temple Street, 13th floor
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3284
(213) 974-6411
TDD: (213) 617-2292
<http://planning.co.la.ca.us>

Types of oaks commonly found in Los Angeles County:

Many kinds of oak trees are native to Los Angeles County. A few of the more common ones are shown below, but *all* oak trees are covered by the Oak Tree Ordinance.

Older oaks which have thrived under the natural rainfall patterns of dry summers and wet winters often can't handle the extra water of a garden setting. These trees must be treated with special care if they are to survive.

Those oaks that have been planted into the landscape or sprouted naturally tend to be more tolerant of watered landscapes. These vigorous young trees may grow 1½ to 4 feet a year in height under good conditions. Once established these trees would benefit from the same special care outlined in this guide.



Valley Oak
QUERCUS LOBATA

LARGE DECIDUOUS TREE 60'-75' HIGH, BROADLY SPREADING 50'-80' WIDE.

LEAVES: DEEP GREEN, 3"-4" LONG: PAPER-LIKE TEXTURE WITH DEEP ROUNDED LOBES ON THE LEAF EDGE.

TENDS TO FAVOR VALLEY BOTTOMS: FOR THIS REASON THE VALLEY OAK HAS DISAPPEARED FROM THE LANDSCAPE MORE RAPIDLY, IMPACTED SEVERELY BY AGRICULTURE AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.



Coast Live Oak
QUERCUS AGRIFOLIA

LARGE EVERGREEN TREE WITH A BROAD, ROUND SHAPE AND LARGE LIMBS. 30'-70' HIGH, 35'-80' WIDE.

LEAVES: GLOSSY GREEN, 1"-3" LONG: SPINY, ROUNDED, AND HOLLY-LIKE: BUT DISTINCTLY CUPPED OR CURLED UNDER AT THE EDGES.



Interior Live Oak
QUERCUS WISLIZENII

EVERGREEN TREE 30'-75' HIGH OR A SHRUB 8'-10' HIGH IN CHAPARRAL AREAS. HAS A FULL, DENSE ROUNDED SHAPE, NOT BROAD OR WITH LARGE LIMBS LIKE A COAST LIVE OAK. THEY TEND TO GROW IN CLUMPS RATHER THAN AS A SINGLE TREE.

LEAVES: DARK GREEN, 1"-4" LONG. EDGES EITHER SMOOTH OR SPINY, BUT ALWAYS FLAT- NOT CURLED UNDER.

OTHER COMMON OAKS :

CALIFORNIA BLACK OAK : *QUERCUS KELLOGGI*
CANYON LIVE OAK : *QUERCUS CHRYSOLEPIS*
ENGELMANN OAK : *QUERCUS ENGELMANNII*

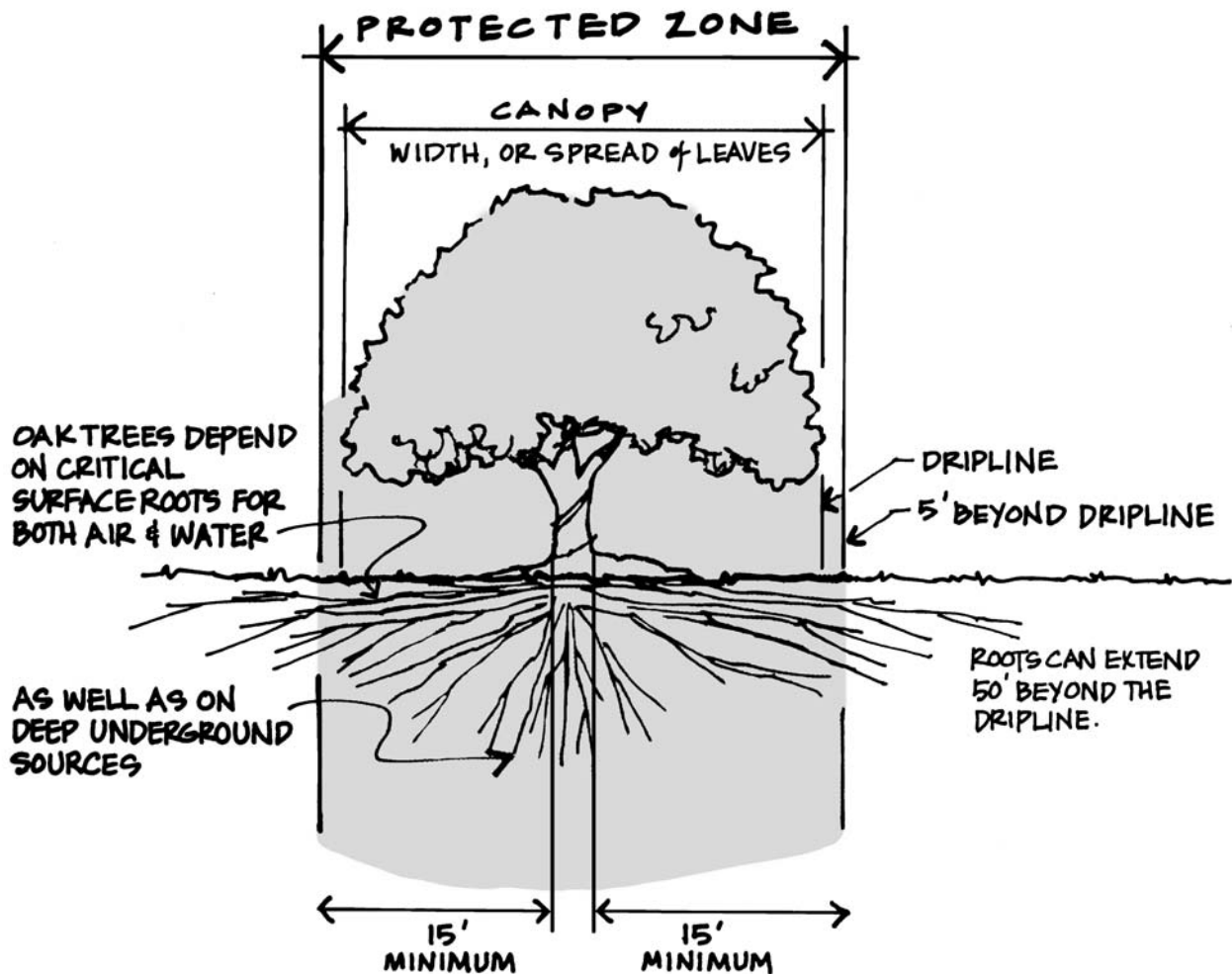
THE PROTECTED ZONE

The **protected zone** defines the area most critical to the health and continued survival of an oak tree. Oaks are easily damaged and very sensitive to disturbances that occur to the tree or in the surrounding environment.

The root system is extensive but surprisingly shallow, sometimes radiating out as much as 50 feet beyond the spread of the tree leaves, or canopy. The ground area at the outside edge of the canopy, referred to as the *dripline*, is especially important: the tree obtains most of its surface water and nutrients here, and conducts an important exchange of air and other gases.

The protected zone is defined in the Oak Tree Ordinance as follows:

“The Protected Zone shall mean that area within the dripline of an oak tree and extending there from to a point at least 5 feet outside the dripline or 15 feet from the trunk, whichever distance is greater.”



CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY WITHIN THE PROTECTED ZONE

Changes in Grade

Any change in the level of soil around an oak tree can have a negative impact. The most critical area lies within 6' to 10' of the trunk: no soil should be added or scraped away. Water should drain away from this area and not be allowed to pond so that soil remains wet at the base.

Retaining walls designed to hold back soil above or below an existing tree should be avoided if at all possible, especially within the protected zone. These types of structures cause critical areas at the dripline to be buried, or require that major roots be severed. Water trapped at the base of the tree could lead to root rot or other impacts, and to the decline and premature death of a highly valued landscape tree.

Construction activities outside the protected zone can have damaging impacts on existing trees. Underground water sources can be cut off due to falling water tables, or drainage may be disrupted.

Trenching

Digging of trenches in the root zone should be avoided. Roots may be cut or severely damaged, and the tree can be killed.

If trenches must be placed within the protected zone, utilities can be placed in a conduit, which has been bored through the soil, reducing damage to the roots. Insist that as many utilities as allowed be placed in a single trench, instead of the common practice of digging a separate trench for each individual line.

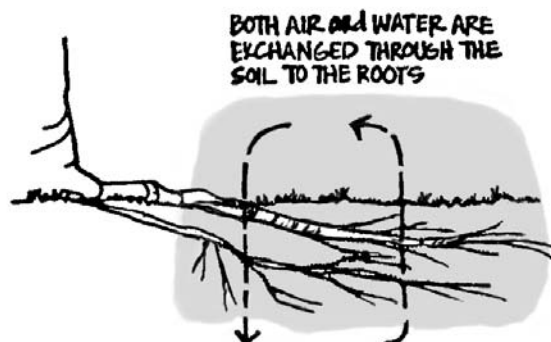
Trenching can also be accomplished using hand tools or small hand held power equipment to avoid cutting roots. Any roots exposed during this work should be covered with wet burlap and kept moist until the soil can be replaced.

Soil Compaction and Paving

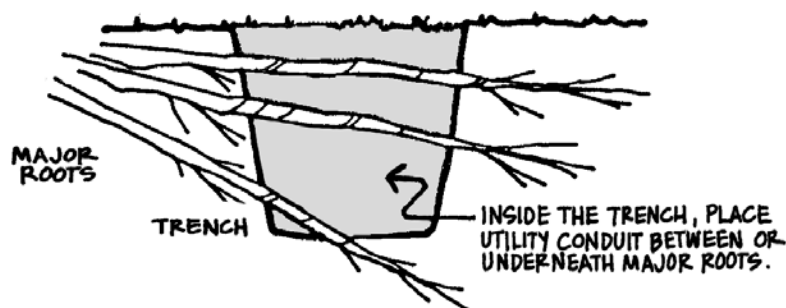
The roots depend upon an important exchange of both water and air through the soil within the protected zone. Any kind of activity that compacts the soil in this area blocks this exchange and can have serious long-term negative effects on the tree.

If paving material must be used, some recommended surfaces include brick paving with sand joints, or ground coverings such as wood chips (note the advantages of natural materials for providing nutrients under *mulching*).

SOIL COMPACTION



TRENCHING



MAINTENANCE

Watering

The key is prevention – **do not over water**. Improper watering is often overlooked as the cause of tree death because it can take years for the damage to show. Once the tree shows obvious signs of decline, it is often too late to correct the problem.

The seasonal weather pattern for this region is one of dry summers and winter rain. Oak trees are naturally drought tolerant and adapted to this cycle. If the tree is vigorous and thriving it should not require **any** additional water.

If the natural source of surface or underground water has been altered, some supplemental water may be necessary, but proceed with caution. The goal of any watering schedule for oak trees should be to supplement natural rainfall and it should occur only when the tree would normally receive moisture. This might be in the winter, if rains are unusually late, or in spring if rainfall has been below normal levels.

Over watering, especially during the summer months, causes a number of problems which can lead to decline and eventual death of the tree. It creates ideal conditions for attacks of Oak Root Fungus by allowing the fungus to breed all year. In addition, both evergreen and deciduous oaks grow vigorously in the spring and naturally go dormant in the summer. Extra water only encourages new tip growth which is subject to mildew. Oaks need this period of rest.

Newly planted oaks may need supplemental watering during their first few summers. After they become established water should be applied according to the previous guidelines.

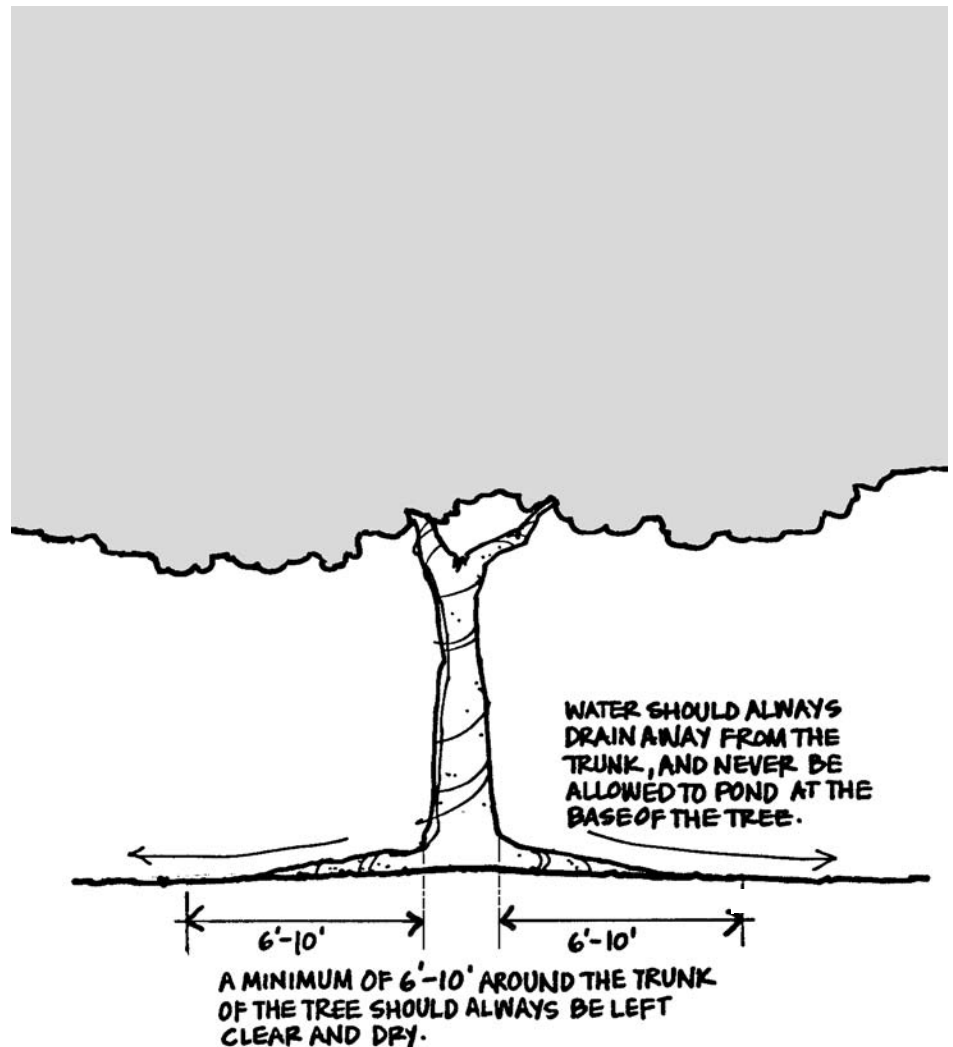
Pruning

For oak trees the periodic removal of dead wood during periods of tree dormancy should be the only pruning needed. Any cutting of green wood opens scars that could allow the entry of organisms or disease.

Before pruning obtain the advice of a certified arborist or other professional and consult the local city or county where the tree is located to find out what regulations apply. Pruning of both live and dead wood can sometimes require a permit.

Mulching

Leaf litter from the tree is the best mulch and should be allowed to remain on the ground within the protected zone. Crushed walnut shells or wood chips can be used, but the oak leaves that drop naturally provide the tree with a source of nutrients. Avoid the use of packaged or commercial oak leaf mulch which could contain Oak Root Fungus. Redwood chips should not be used due to certain chemicals present in the wood.



Disease and Pests

Trees that are stressed, especially because of improper watering practices, are prone to certain diseases and attacks by pests.

The most damaging of these diseases is the Oak Root Fungus *Armillaria mellea*. Occurring naturally in the soil, the fungus thrives under wet conditions and dies back in the summer when soils dry out. This is why summer watering of oaks can be a deadly practice. As noted in the watering guidelines, wet soil in the summer allows the fungus to grow all year. As the population grows, their natural food sources are depleted and they begin feeding on oak tree roots. The fungus does not require an open wound in the tree to gain entry.

Indications of the fungus include:

- die back of branches or tips.
- honey colored fungus at or near the root crown.
- white fan-like fungus between wood and bark.
- the presence of black, shoestring-like growths in the soil.

Once the tree begins to show obvious signs of infection treatment is generally ineffective. The best treatment is to *avoid* the conditions that lead to Oak Root Fungus infections.

Pit Scale, Oak Moth, and other pests: any significant changes in leaf color, branch die back, presence of black sooty materials on leaves or other changes should be noted. Seek the advice of a professional forester, arborist, farm advisor or other expert before the application of any pesticides on an oak tree.

Planting Underneath Oaks

The natural leaf litter is by far the best ground cover within the protected zone. If plants must be placed, the following guidelines should be followed:

There should be no planting within a minimum 6 to 10 feet of the trunk.

Avoid plants that require any supplemental water once established.

Choose plants suited for “dry shade.” Those listed in the box below offer some good choices. To see some examples of how these plants have been used under oaks refer to the Additional Resources section on the following page.

PLANTS TO CONSIDER:

Plant Name	Description
<i>Arctostaphylos densiflora</i> 'Howard McMinn' Manzanita	3' high, 6' wide. Toughest of available forms. Whitish-pink flowers.
<i>Arctostaphylos edmundsii</i> Little Sur Manzanita	1-2' high, 4-5' wide. Tolerant of full shade.
<i>Arctostaphylos hookeri</i> Monterey Carpet Manzanita	1-2' high, spreading to 12' wide by rooting branches. White to pink flowers.
<i>Ceanothus griseus horizontalis</i> Carmel Creeper	Less than 2 1/2' tall, low & creeping. Clusters of small blue flowers.
<i>Heuchera</i> spp. Coral Bells	2-4' mound. Flowers on an upright stem 2-3" high and spotted with red or pink.
<i>Mahonia aquifolium compacta</i> Oregon Grape	2-4' high, spreading by underground roots. Bright yellow flower clusters.
<i>Ribes viburnifolium</i> Evergreen or Catalina Currant	2-3' high, spreading to 12' wide. Flowers pink to red in small clusters.

NOTES:

Before deciding on plants, check a source such as the [Sunset Western Garden Book](#) to determine which plants will grow in your area.

When choosing shade tolerant plants, consider that the ground under the south side of the tree will get more sunlight while the northern side will tend to remain more deeply shaded.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES and Places to Visit

Public Agencies

County of Los Angeles Fire Department

Prevention Bureau, Forestry Division
5823 Rickenbacker Road, Rm #123
Commerce, CA 90040-3027
(323) 890-4330
<http://lacofd.org/forestry.htm>

University of California

Integrated Hardwood Range Management Program
163 Mulford Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720-3114
<http://danr.ucop.edu/ihrmp>

Private Organizations

The Theodore Payne Foundation

10459 Tuxford Street
Sun Valley, CA 91352-2126
(818) 768-1802
www.theodorepayne.org

California Native Plant Society

1722 J Street, Suite 17
Sacramento, CA 95814-3033
(916) 447-2677
www.cnps.org

The California Oak Foundation

1212 Broadway, Suite 810
Oakland, CA 94612-1810
(510) 763-0282
www.californiaoaks.org

Arboretums and Botanic Gardens

Los Angeles County Arboreta and Botanic Gardens

301 N. Baldwin Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91007-2697
(626) 821-3222
www.arboretum.org

Los Angeles County South Coast Botanic Garden

26300 Crenshaw Blvd.
Palos Verdes Peninsula, CA 90274-2515
(310) 544-6815
www.southcoastbotanicgarden.org

Los Angeles County Descanso Gardens

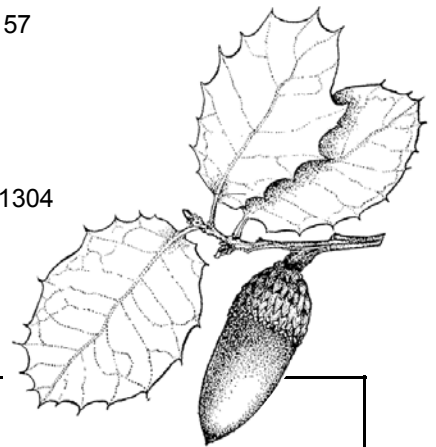
1418 Descanso Drive
La Canada-Flintridge, CA 91011-3102
(818) 949-4200
www.descansogardens.org

Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden

1500 North College
Claremont, CA 91711-3157
(909) 625-8767
www.rsabg.org

The Lumis Home

200 E. Avenue 43
Los Angeles, CA 90031-1304
(213) 222-0546



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County of Los Angeles Fire Department

P. Michael Freeman, Fire Chief

Brush Clearance Unit
605 N. Angeleno Avenue
Azusa, CA 91702-2904
(626) 969-2375

Camp 17
6555 Stephens Ranch Road
La Verne, CA 91750-1144
(909) 593-7147

Environmental Review Unit
12605 Osborne Street
Pacoima, CA 91331-2129
(818) 890-5719

Fire Plan/Interpretive Unit
12605 Osborne Street
Pacoima, CA 91331-2129
(818) 890-5783

Fuel Modification Unit
605 N. Angeleno Avenue
Azusa, CA 91702-2904
(626) 969-5205

Henninger Flats Forestry Unit
2260 Pinecrest Drive
Altadena, CA 91001-2123
(626) 794-0675

Lake Hughes Forestry Unit
42150 N. Lake Hughes Road
Lake Hughes, CA 93532-9706
(661) 724-1810

Malibu Forestry Unit
942 N. Las Virgenes Road
Calabasas, CA 91302-2137
(818) 222-1108

San Dimas Forestry Unit
1910 N. Sycamore Canyon Road
San Dimas, CA 91773-1220
(909) 599-4615

Saugus Forestry Unit
28760 N. Bouquet Canyon Road
Saugus, CA 91390-1220
(661) 296-8558

Vegetation Management Unit
12605 Osborne Street
Pacoima, CA 91331-2129
(818) 890-5720



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

Land Development Unit
5823 Rickenbacker Road
Commerce, CA 90040
Telephone (323) 890-4243, Fax (323) 890-9783

PROJECT: R2004-00559

MAP DATE: 05/01/2015

LOCATION: 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic

PLANNER: Richard Claghorn

REVISED CONDITIONS: Supersedes Fire Dept. Conditions Dated 02/22/2017

**THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS CLEARANCE OF THIS PROJECT TO
PROCEED TO PUBLIC HEARING AS PRESENTLY SUBMITTED WITH THE
FOLLOWING CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL.**

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - ACCESS

1. Fire Apparatus Access Road must be installed and maintained in a serviceable manner prior to and during the time of construction. Fire Code 501.4
2. All fire lanes shall be clear of all encroachments, and shall be maintained in accordance with the Title 32, County of Los Angeles Fire Code.
3. The Fire Apparatus Access Roads and designated fire lanes shall be measured from flow line to flow line.
4. In the locations noted on the site plan, provide a minimum unobstructed width of 20 feet, exclusive of shoulders and an unobstructed vertical clearance "clear to sky" Fire Apparatus Access Roads Fire Code 503.1.1 & 503.2.1
5. Provide a minimum unobstructed width of 26 feet, exclusive of shoulders and an unobstructed vertical clearance "clear to sky" Fire Apparatus Access Road to within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building. Fire Code 503.1.1 & 503.2.2
6. The dimensions of the approved Fire Apparatus Access Roads shall be maintained as originally approved by the fire code official. Fire Code 503.2.2.1
7. Dead-end Fire Apparatus Access Roads in excess of 150 feet in length shall be provided with an approved Fire Department turnaround. Fire Code 503.2.5
8. Fire Apparatus Access Roads shall be provided with a 32 foot centerline turning radius. Fire Code 503.2.4

Reviewed by: Wally Collins

Date: February 24, 2017



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9. A minimum 5 foot wide approved firefighter access walkway leading from the fire department access road to all required openings in the building's exterior walls shall be provided for firefighting and rescue purposes. Fire Code 504.1
 10. Approved building address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification shall be provided and maintained so as to be plainly visible and legible from the street fronting the property. The numbers shall contrast with their background, be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters, and be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch. Fire Code 505.1
 11. Gate Requirements: Provide gate access as noted on the February 24, 2017 "Fire Apparatus Access Plan".
 - a. When security gates are provided, maintain a minimum access width of the access road. The security gate shall be provided with an approved means of emergency operation, and shall be maintained operational at all times and replaced or repaired when defective. Electric gate operators, where provided, shall be listed in accordance with UL 325. Gates intended for automatic operation shall be designed, constructed and installed to comply with the requirements of ASTM F220. Gates shall be of the swinging or sliding type. Construction of gates shall be of materials that allow manual operation by one person. Fire Code 503.6
 - b. All locking devices shall comply with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Regulation 5, Compliance for Installation of Emergency Access Devices.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL – WATER

1. The closest public water system exceeds 2000 feet from the project site. In lieu of a public water system, a water tank is allowed to provide water for fire protection. The size of the water tank and the location of the on-site fire hydrants will be determined during the building plan check process.



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2. All fire hydrants shall measure 6"x 4"x 2-1/2" brass or bronze, conforming to current AWWA standard C503 or approved equal, and shall be installed in accordance with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Regulation 8.
 3. All on-site fire hydrants shall be installed a minimum of 25' feet from a structure or protected by a two (2) hour rated firewall. Fire Code Appendix C106

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ACCESS– LANDFILL
(Fire Department Regulation 10)**

1. Approved access roads shall be provided and maintained at all times around the dumping areas, and all existing and proposed buildings to access for firefighting equipment as addressed in the Fire Code Section 503.
2. Fire Apparatus Access Roads shall have an unobstructed width not less than 20 feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance clear to the sky.
3. Fire Apparatus Access Road widths may be increased, in the opinion of the chief, when the widths are not adequate enough to provide fire apparatus access. The increase in the fire apparatus access road width may be applied for future buildings.
4. Entrances to roads, trails or other access ways that have been closed with gates and barriers shall not be obstructed by parked vehicles.
5. Weeds, grass and combustible vegetation shall be removed for a distance of 10 feet on both sides of all access roads by rubbish trucks or the public.

Additional Landfill Requirements:

1. A firebreak or clearance of all dry weeds and grass shall be provided around the dumping areas. Secondary firebreaks, as required by the Fire Department, shall be provided and maintained in order to prevent the spread of the fire beyond the dump facility. The secondary firebreaks shall be not less than 60 feet in width.



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2. The property shall be adequately fenced to prevent entry of unauthorized persons, and gates shall be locked at all times when the facility is not supervised. An attendant shall be on duty when the site is open to the public.
3. **“NO SMOKING”** signs shall be posted on the facility and at all entrances to the facility. Smoking regulations, as required by this Department, will be strictly enforced.
4. Dumping operations shall be carried on in such a manner as to minimize the possibility of fires occurring in the waste material. The waste material which is dumped on the premises shall be immediately mixed with earth, and under no circumstances shall any exposed surface or face of combustible materials be left uncovered at the close of daily operations.
5. Any fire which occurs on the premises shall be reported immediately to the Fire Department and it shall be the responsibility of the operator to immediately extinguish any such fire. A telephone shall be installed for the purpose of notifying the Fire Department in case of fire.
6. Provisions shall be made to control or prevent the blowing of papers or other combustibles water materials into the brush or outside the established dumping areas. The premises shall be kept free of any accumulations of waste combustible materials, which might constitute a fire menace.

WATER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS – LANDFILL (Fire Department Regulation 10)

1. A water supply shall be provided which meets the Fire Department standards as determined by the Land Development Unit of the Fire Prevention Division.
2. Adequate on-site fire hydrants shall be required per Fire Department standards. The future expansion of the facility should be considered when determining the size and placement of water mains and hydrants.



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3. A Class II Standpipe System shall be provided and located within 200 feet of dumping operations and shall have sufficient 1½ -inch hose with a variable-fog nozzle to reach all portions of such operations.
4. In lieu of a Class II standpipe system, the use of water tender trucks may be permitted, provided each truck is equipped with 2½-inch outlets for fire department use.

FUEL MODIFICATION

1. This property is located within the area described by the Fire Department as the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. A "Preliminary Fuel Modification Plan" shall be submitted and approved prior to public hearing. For details, please contact the Department's Fuel Modification Unit which is located at Fire Station 32, 605 North Angeleno Avenue in the City of Azusa CA 91702-2904. They may be reached at (626) 969-5205.
 - a. The Fuel Modification Unit received the "Preliminary Fuel Modification Plan" on February 23, 2017. The review of the "Preliminary Fuel Modification Plan" is pending at this time. The "Final Fuel Modification Plan" shall be reviewed and approved by the Fuel Modification Unit prior to the issuance of building permits.

For any questions regarding the report, please contact FPEA Wally Collins at (323) 890-4243 or at Wally.Collins@fire.lacounty.gov.



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February 23, 2017 **REVISED REPORT**

TO: Richard Claghorn
Principal Regional Planning Assistant
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FROM: Jeanne Biehler, REHS
Environmental Health Division
Department of Public Health

SUBJECT: **CUP CONSULTATION**
PROJECT NO. R2004-00559
Chiquita Canyon Landfill
29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Valencia



Public Health recommends approval of this CUP.

☐ Public Health does **NOT** recommend approval of this CUP.

The Department of Public Health has reviewed the information provided for the project identified above. The project proposal is to provide additional disposal capacity to help meet the critical waste management needs of the greater Los Angeles area.

The Department recommends approval of the CUP at this time, contingent upon all requirements of the Drinking Water Program being adequately addressed at the Building Permit stage as detailed in the Drinking Water Program section, below.

Solid Waste Management Program

The Solid Waste Management Program recommends approval of the CUP.

The Solid Waste Management Program acting as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for Chiquita Canyon Landfill has met with the project applicant group, and is in agreement with responses that will be provided in the Final Environmental Impact Report.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above statement, please feel free to contact Ms. Dorcas Hanson-Lugo at 626 430-5540 or at dlugo@ph.lacounty.gov.

Drinking Water Program

The Drinking Water Program recommends approval of this CUP upon the satisfaction of conditions contained herein at the Building Permit stage:

The Drinking Water Program has reviewed the additional information, responses and Water Supply Assessments (WSA) regarding the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Expansion. The WSA addresses the non-potable water supply increase in demand. It does not address the potable water supply demand for the project. Uniform Plumbing Code and State Water Codes specify potable water requirements for the drinking and sanitary facilities on the site. The WSA addresses the 150 AFY of non-potable water necessary for the expansion where 93 AFY is currently utilized. The WSA does not include potable water in its assessment but identifies that 100 GPD of potable water is utilized and fulfilled by supplying bottled water.

- As the WSA addresses the non-potable water demand only, please identify an approved safe and reliable source of potable water for the project. Bottled water does meet the demands and practicalities required by the sanitary infrastructure and the minimum safe drinking water standards for the project.
- Section 3363 Chapter 4 California Code of Regulations does not list bottled water as potable water. Section (a) states: "Potable water in adequate supply shall be provided in all places of employment for drinking and washing, and where required by the employer of these orders, for bathing, cooking, washing of food, washing of cooking and eating utensils, and washing of food preparation or processing premises, and personal service rooms," *Et. al.*
- The current description and information presented to this program regarding employee numbers is in excess of 25 persons. This requires the delivery of safe and reliable drinking water from an approved water system that is permitted, regulated and monitored per the California Safe Drinking Water Act for the users of the site. Please note that the reference of the Safe Drinking Water Act does not infer formation of a public water system.
- Please note this department's response is solely focused on the potable source(s) of water.

The Drinking Water Program proffered comments on September 29, 2015 and January 18, 2017. The following comments reflect additional information regarding the particulars for the potable water issues facing the project that will operate as a landfill and workplace for the next 30 years. The applicant must satisfy the following as they apply:

If there is an intent is to acquire a potable water service connection from the Valencia Water Company:

- Provide a signed contract, proof of entitlement or will serve letter from the Valencia Water Company that guarantees an uninterrupted potable supply of water. If this is attainable, no further requirements are needed.

The current information provided within the WSA denotes that non-potable water is currently provided by Newhall Land and Farming Company (NLFC) irrigation well. The following only pertains if this well is to be, or can be utilized, for potable purposes. If such a potable option is attainable through the use of the existing NLFC well, it would therefore be subject to the California State Well Standards regarding construction conformance for potable water uses and its relation to the California Safe Drinking Water Act. The following 3 bullet points will be required if this is a solution but it is recognized from the review of information, that this is an unlikely option.

- Provide the construction details of the well(s) in addition to the California State Well Drillers Completion Report(s) for each well. Each well(s) shall be in conformance to the California State Well Standards.
- Denote well locations and distribution/plumbing system layout in a scaled map that exhibits well locations, valves, taps, pumps, booster pumps, pressure gauging, backflow valving, reservoirs, building connections, dust control irrigation, vegetation irrigation and treatment-disinfection facilities where applicable. Also provide material detail or schedule for the above mentioned system components.
- Provide information or analysis of the California State Title 22 Code of Regulation regarding Primary and Secondary Drinking Water Quality Standards.

For either option, an accurate assessment regarding potable water demand will need to be identified. Provide the following:

- Employee, consultant, visitor, customer, contractor, or user of the facility population numbers.
- The number of buildings that require water service for both sanitary and potable purposes.
- Information as to the acquisition of a safe, reliable, regulated and monitored source of water for the sanitary and potable facilities utilized by the transient and non-transient users of the site. This includes visitors, employees, and contractors. The use of the term transient and non-transient does not necessarily denote a requirement to form a public water system.

For questions regarding the above section's comments, please contact Vincent Gallegos or Lusi Mkhitarian at Drinking Water Program at (626) 430-5420, or via email at vgallegos@ph.lacounty.gov or lmkhitarian@ph.lacounty.gov.

Land Use Program

The Land Use program recommends approval of the CUP with the conditions stated below:

The Land Use program is issuing a conceptual approval for the installation of a future OWTS based on the feasibility report submitted by the applicant. This conceptual approval is subjected to the required approval from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board prior to this program issuing an approval for the installation of the OWTS at Building Permit phase. Further review will need to be conducted as to size, capacity, etc. when the final design is submitted to this program.

If you have any questions regarding the above section, please contact Michelle Tsiebos at (626) 430-5380 or via e-mail at mtsiebos@ph.lacounty.gov.

Toxics Epidemiology Program

The Toxics Epidemiology Program recommends approval of this CUP with the following recommendations and requirements:

Staff from Toxics Epidemiology Program has reviewed the documents and plans provided by the applicant. The following comments are presented after the site visit was conducted:

Noise

The noise that will be generated during construction, according to the environmental assessment section of the Initial Study, will not generate any significant impacts on the surrounding sensitive land use. No operational noise impacts are expected. We agree with the initial assessment.

Air Quality

Regarding fugitive dust emissions it is recommended that during the operational phase of the project, dust suppression engineering techniques be applied in order to minimize temporary increase in dust air emissions. Fugitive dust can result in public exposure to fungal spores such as *Coccidioides immitis*, which can cause Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever).

Additional odor mitigation measures should be investigated. Public Health classifies odor complaints as having significant negative health impacts on the public, that is to say that odor is more than a nuisance.

For questions regarding the above section, please contact Robert Vasquez or Evenor Masis at (213) 738-3220 or at rvasquez@ph.lacounty.gov and emasis@ph.lacounty.gov.

For any other questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (626) 430-5382 or at jbiehler@ph.lacounty.gov.

IMPLEMENTATION AND MONITORING PROGRAM

CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL EXPANSION Attachment to the Conditions of Approval for Conditional Use Permit Number 200400042

PURPOSE. This implementation and monitoring program ("IMP") is intended to implement and ensure compliance with the conditions of Project No. R2004-00559 and its associated permits Conditional Use Permit No. 200400042 and Oak Tree Permit No. 201500007 ("Grant") and to complement the enforcement and monitoring programs routinely administered by County agencies and non-county public agencies during the life of the Grant. Unless otherwise defined in this IMP, terms herein shall have the same meaning as in the Conditions of Approval for the Grant.

PART I — LANDFILL ELEVATIONS. The following measures shall be carried out to monitor compliance with Condition Nos. 10, 23, 34, 35, 37, 40, 47, 49 and 84 of this Grant, which establish the Limits of Fill.

- A. Before commencing expansion of the Landfill beyond the limits established by Conditional Use Permit No. 89-081, the Permittee shall install survey monuments around the perimeter of the Landfill, as depicted on Exhibit "A" and as established by the limits of Condition No. 27.

The specific spacing, location, and characteristics of the survey monuments shall be as specified by the Director of Public Works and shall be at points where they will not be subject to disturbance of Landfill development.

The survey monuments shall be inspected and approved by the Director of Public Works after installation, and the "as installed" plan shall be provided to the Director of Public Works.

Not less than 60 or more than 90 days before the deadline for the annual monitoring report required by Part XII of this IMP, the Permittee shall cause a licensed surveyor or registered civil engineer to conduct a survey of the Landfill's elevations and submit the results to the Director of Public Works for approval. Additional elevation surveys shall also be conducted by either of these professionals under the following circumstances: 1) in the event of an earthquake of magnitude (Richter) 5.0 or greater in the vicinity of the Facility; 2) as directed by the Director of Public Works as he or she deems necessary to monitor compliance with the conditions of approval of the Grant; or 3) upon completion of the Landfill's final fill design.

The Director of Public Works may also conduct or order on-site surveys as he or she deems necessary and shall promptly report any apparent violation revealed by the survey to the Director of the Department of Regional Planning and the DPH.

- B. If the Director of Public Works approves grading or other disturbance in

areas outside the Limits of Fill shown on Exhibit "A" pursuant to Condition No. 49 of the Grant, the Department of Public Works shall provide a copy of such approval to the Director of the Department of Regional Planning.

PART II — WASTE PLAN CONFORMANCE. The provisions of this Part II are intended to ensure compliance with the provisions of Condition Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 41 and 42 of the Grant, and to conform Landfill operations with the Los Angeles County Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan adopted pursuant to Division 30 of the Public Resources Code.

- A. The Permittee shall ensure the proper installation and maintenance of scales to verify the weight of Solid Waste received, disposed of, used for Beneficial Use Materials at the Facility, and/or otherwise diverted and sent off-site for further handling and/or processing. The Permittee shall maintain records necessary to document the following: (1) the aforementioned weights and their origin; (2) compliance with waste restrictions imposed pursuant to the conditions of the Grant; and (3) the fees charged for disposal at the Facility.
- B. All records shall be available for inspection by DPH, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Regional Planning, and the Treasurer and Tax Collector during normal business hours, and shall be forwarded to such agencies upon request.

PART III – DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING. The provisions of this Part III are intended to enhance the continuing oversight of Landfill operations by reporting to the County all materials received, disposed, and beneficially used at the facility per the following.

- A. **Monthly.** Within 30 days after the end of each calendar month, Permittee shall submit the Monthly Report for that calendar month to the Department of Public Works in a form and manner determined by the Director of Public Works, including the following information:
 - a. The total number of commercial premises, multifamily premises, and residential premises, respectively, at which Permittee provided for regularly scheduled of Household Hazardous Waste collection or other measurement requested by County concerning these items;
 - b. The respective total quantities of:
 - i. Solid waste (in tons), Recyclables (in tons), and any green waste and other compostable organic materials (in tons or, if not weighed at the Solid Waste Facility where it is delivered, in tons); and Beneficial Use material (in tons or measure approved by the Director of the Department of Public Works) received by Permittee;
 - ii. Materials recovered from those Recyclables, abandoned waste

(such as Certified Electronic Device (CED) or E-waste) and residual Solid Waste remaining after processing of Recyclables;

- c. The final destination of that residual Solid Waste;
- d. Where Permittee delivered those Recyclables; and
- e. Materials processed at the composting facility.
- f. The estimated number of holiday trees, and biomass received by Permittee and their final destination;
- g. Using reasonable business efforts, the estimated number and tons of bulky items, E-waste, and CEDs collected by Permittee (such as major appliances/white goods and metallic discards, used tires and other Solid Waste recovered by Permittee during any annual cleanup campaigns), and final destination thereof;
- h. The collection route maps and schedule for the entire service area, if any map or schedule has changed during the prior month;
- i. Any other information compiled from records or formatting of that information requested by the Director of Public Works;
- j. Number of vehicle loads of all vehicles coming to the facility; and
- k. Records of material received and processed at the composting facility.

PART IV — WASTE ORIGIN DATA ACCURACY. The provisions of this Part IV are intended to ensure compliance with the provisions of Condition No.21 of the Grant. The Permittee shall adopt measures at the Facility to ensure the accuracy of the Solid Waste quantity allocated to County unincorporated areas and each of the cities from which waste is received. These measures shall also ensure the accuracy of determining the waste attributable to the Santa Clarita Valley Area, each city within Los Angeles County, and sources outside Los Angeles County; for purposes of complying with Condition No. 115 of the Grant. These measures shall become effective upon the Effective Date. Under these measures:

- A. The Permittee shall require written and verifiable documentation on source jurisdiction(s) and site address(es) where the Solid Waste is generated for loads from waste hauling industry customers ("Direct Haul Loads"), and written and verifiable documentation on source jurisdiction(s) for loads from transfer/processing facilities ("Transfer/Processing Loads"), the documentation of which shall be in a form developed by the Department of Public Works and distributed by the Permittee to its customers;
- B. The Permittee shall exempt from such documentation all customers tendering a minimum load, defined as a load having a net weight of less than one ton. However, such customers shall be required to verbally

state the source of their loads; and the Permittee shall record this information for its records and include in its reports;

- C. The Permittee shall investigate and verify the accuracy of all documentation provided for Direct Haul Loads;
- D. The Permittee shall forward all documentation for Transfer/Processing Loads to the Department of Public Works for review and verification;
- E. The Permittee shall forward all source of origin documentation for Direct Haul Loads from Solid Waste enterprises/waste haulers owned and operated by the Permittee or its subsidiaries to the Department of Public Works for review and verification;
- F. The Permittee shall impose a fee in an amount to be determined by the Permittee in consultation with the Department of Public Works on Direct Haul Loads and self-haul loads that are tendered at the Facility without the required written documentation. The fee shall be non-refundable and shall offset the Permittee's cost to track non-complying loads and to follow-up with the customers involved;
- G. If the Director of Public Works determines that a Solid Waste enterprise, waste hauler, and/or Transfer/Processing operator has failed to substantiate the origin of the Solid Waste, the Department of Public Works shall notify and direct the Permittee to impose a non-refundable penalty of \$5.00 per ton of waste whose origin the solid waste enterprise, waste hauler, or Transfer/Processing operator has failed to substantiate for that reporting period, which reporting period shall not exceed one month. The Permittee shall be responsible for collecting the fine and submitting it to the Department of Public Works within 60 days following such notification. The fines received by the Department of Public Works shall offset the cost of administering the waste origin verification program and of implementing other programs to mitigate any costs or penalties the County incur under the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, as amended, from such misallocation;
- H. Unless otherwise approved by the Director of Public Works, the Permittee shall suspend the disposal privileges of customers who fail to provide the written documentation required by this Part IV within 14 calendar days following the tendering of an applicable load at the Facility, or of those customers who provide false, misleading, or inaccurate written documentation. Each suspension shall last up to 60 days;
- I. The Permittee shall extend the suspension period set forth above and in appropriate circumstances terminate the customer's disposal privileges for Transfer/Processing operators or waste haulers that repeatedly fail to substantiate the origin of their waste loads as required in this Part IV, or who

fail to pay the required penalties;

- J. The Permittee shall provide a procedure for its customers to appeal the suspension to the Permittee, the Director of Public Works, or their designees, pursuant to this Part IV and for immediate reinstatement of such privileges if the appeal is successful; and
- K. If the Permittee or the Director of Public Works determines that the origin of a waste load has been incorrectly reported, the Permittee shall correct the data submitted to the disposal reporting system to ensure its accuracy.

Prior to the implementation of the above measures, the Permittee shall, subject to the approval of the Director of Public Works, develop a waste origin verification and reporting program to include, but not be limited to, an outreach program to educate all customers of the Facility regarding the need to provide waste origin information, the requirements of the measures adopted pursuant to this Part IV, and an explanation of the consequences for failure to comply with the measures. After the effective date of the adopted measures, the Permittee shall provide a 90-day grace period to its customers prior to taking any enforcement action to provide time for customer education on these measures. Based on the initial results obtained from the verification and reporting program, these measures may be amended or modified by the Director of Public Works. The Director of Public Works shall have the discretion to terminate the verification and reporting program at any time.

Twice monthly, the Permittee shall submit the results of the verification and reporting program to the Director of Public Works, along with any other written documentation on the waste load transactions at the Facility.

PART V — HAZARDOUS WASTE EXCLUSION. This Part V ensures compliance with Condition No. 46 of the Grant regarding the exclusion of liquid, radioactive and hazardous waste from the Facility.

The Permittee shall maintain a comprehensive waste load checking program which shall require that:

- A. All waste hauling vehicles shall be screened at the scales with a radiation detector device, acceptable to DPH, for the presence of radioactive materials;
- B. Sensors capable of detecting volatile organic compounds acceptable to DPH shall be available at the Facility and used as directed by DPH;
- D. The scale operator shall question all drivers of suspect loads as to the source and nature of the loads, and shall inspect for contamination all large loads of earth brought into the Facility from areas not known to be free of contamination; The Landfill's Working Face areas shall be continuously inspected for hazardous and liquid waste, medical waste, and radioactive waste/materials. This inspection shall be accomplished by equipment operators and spotters who have been trained through an inspection

program approved by DPH;

- E. Unless otherwise specified by DPH or the Department of Public Works, the Permittee shall conduct at least six manual inspections of randomly selected incoming loads each operating day, for a minimum of 36 inspections per week. In addition, the Permittee shall conduct a series of twelve, intensive unannounced manual inspections of loads over a twelve-month period during the life of the Grant; and
- F. If on the basis of above-described inspections, DPH or the Department of Public Works determines that significant amounts of prohibited waste are entering the Facility, DPH or the Department of Public Works may require an expanded inspection program, which may include additional, unannounced manual inspections.

PART VI — PROHIBITED MATERIALS. This Part VI ensures compliance with Condition Nos. 46, 47, and 48 of the Grant regarding the prohibited materials at the Facility.

The Permittee shall not receive, process, or dispose any of the prohibited waste at the Facility per the followings:

- A. Automobile shredder waste;
- B. Biosolid; Sludge or sewage sludge, as specified in the California Code of Regulations, Title 27, Division 2, Chapter 3, Article 1, Section 20690(b)(4), and any amendments thereto;
- C. Incinerator ash; radioactive material; hazardous waste, as defined in Title 22, Section 66261.3 of the California Code of Regulations; medical waste, as defined in Section 117690 of the California Health & Safety Code; liquid waste, as defined in Title 27, Section 20164 of the California Code of Regulations; and
- D. Waste that contains soluble pollutants in concentrations that exceed applicable water quality objectives; and waste that can cause degradation of waters in the State, as determined by the RWQCB.

The Permittee shall implement a comprehensive Waste Load Checking Program, approved by the Department of Public Works and DPH to preclude receipt or disposal of prohibited waste at the Landfill.

PART VII — INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT. Prior to the Effective Date, the Permittee shall enter into an agreement with the County to indemnify the County for any damages to public property which may result from Landfill operations and for any liability, loss, or expense incurred by the county as a result of its issuance of the Grant of the Permittee's violation thereof, or for any expense which may be incurred by the County in performing any on- and/or off-site remedial work necessitated by the Permittee's failure to operate or maintain the Facility at a level acceptable to the Director of Public Works or DPH, or for the Permittee's failure to perform any of this work in a timely manner, including but not limited to, work related to the Environmental Protection and Control Systems, air quality and odor, and litter and dust control, noise control, vector control, and maintenance of slopes. The standards for operation and maintenance shall be as established by the provisions of the Grant and all applicable laws and implementing regulations.

To secure performance of the agreement, the Permittee shall tender to the Director of Public Works a letter of credit or other security acceptable to the County in the amount of \$10 million.

The security shall be in addition to any and all other security required by federal, state and local law, regulations and permits, including the security requirements of the Grant and of the State landfill closure regulations.

PART VIII — BIOLOGICAL/HORTICULTURAL MONITORING. This Part VIII is intended to promote compliance with the provisions of Condition Nos. 59 and 60 of the Grant concerning on-site planting, revegetation, and maintenance.

- A. On or before the Effective Date of the Grant, the Permittee shall retain a horticulture/forester consultant to supervise the on- and off-site slope planting and oak tree mitigation programs required by the Grant and this IMP. The consultant shall be approved by the County Forester.

This consultant shall have the requisite education, training, experience, and professional standing to carry out the specific requirements of the position, as evidenced by appropriate licensing, registration and/or academic standing in the field of horticulture/forestry.

In addition to the horticulture/forester consultant, prior to the Effective Date of the Grant, the Permittee shall retain the services of a biology consultant, whose duties shall include: (a) the ongoing review of any updated listings of threatened and endangered species contained in the Federal Register for purposes of determining whether species existing at the Facility have been re-classified with a "Category 1" status; (b) notification of the Department of any change in status of any such species; and (c) participating in the revegetation program adopted for the Landfill.

This consultant shall have the requisite education, training, experience and professional standing to carry out the specific requirements of the position, as evidenced by appropriate licensing, registration and/or academic

standing in the field of biology.

- B. If any retained consultant pursuant to this Part VIII terminates employment at any time during the life of the Grant, including during the Post Closure Maintenance Period, a replacement consultant shall be retained and approved as provided in this Part VIII.

The Permittee shall create and maintain adequate records to track fill areas in accordance with the California Regional Water Quality Control Board requirements. These records shall indicate fill areas transferred to an inactive status which are potentially subject to the vegetation requirements in Condition Nos. 59 and 60. The Permittee shall make copies of such records available to the horticulture/forester consultant, DPH, the County Forester, and other interested regulatory agencies, when a Landfill area becomes inactive.

PART IX — ARCHEOLOGICAL/PALEONTOLOGICAL MONITORING. The Permittee shall implement the monitoring program described in this Part IX to conserve archaeological and paleontological resources as required by Condition No. 93 of the Grant.

- A. Before commencing grading activities in previously undisturbed areas, the Permittee shall nominate to the Director of the Department of Regional Planning, both a certified archaeologist and a qualified paleontologist from the Society of Professional Archaeologists which the Permittee intends to retain to perform the monitoring and conservation work required by this Part IX and Condition No. 93 of the Grant. If approved by the Director of the Department of Regional Planning, the archaeologist and paleontologist shall both submit a letter to the Director of the Department of Regional Planning stating that he/she has been retained to perform or supervise the work described herein, and that he/she agrees to report any failure of compliance with the Grant or this Part IX to the Director of Regional Planning.
- B. The archaeologist and the paleontologist shall each submit a written report to the Permittee to be included in the Permittee's annual monitoring report required by Part XIII of this IMP for as long as on-site excavation activity continues at the Facility.
- C. If either the archaeologist or paleontologist terminates employment before completion of the excavation work associated with the Facility, a replacement expert shall be selected, approved, retained and certified as described in this Part IX.

PART X — ANCILLARY FACILITIES. This Part X is intended to enhance compliance with Condition No. 24 of the Grant concerning the Ancillary Facilities at the Facility, and to verify that such Ancillary Facilities are consistent with the other conditions of the Grant and with the provisions of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code ("County Zoning Ordinance").

Before commencing development or obtaining a building permit for any Ancillary Facility, the Permittee shall submit to the Director of the Department of Regional Planning a site plan for such Ancillary Facility. The plan shall be in sufficient detail to establish compliance with the conditions of the Grant and with the standards of the County Zoning Ordinance, including the provisions relating to the development and maintenance of parking, screening and signs, as set forth in Chapter 52 of the County Zoning Ordinance.

PART XI — COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE. The Community Advisory Committee ("CAC") shall consist of seven members appointed by the Fifth Supervisorial District and shall be governed by its Bylaws. The CAC shall serve as an advisory body to the Board of Supervisors, Regional Planning Commission, and County Staff on issues relating to the landfill, and as a conduit for the community to communicate with the Commission and other regulatory agencies on an ongoing basis regarding issues involving the development and operation of the Facility. The CAC shall be composed of persons who reside in the Santa Clarita Valley and who are recommended by recognized community and neighborhood associations. In addition, the Fifth Supervisorial District shall also appoint a representative to serve as a coordinator for the CAC.

For the life of the Grant, the Permittee shall continue to do the following regarding the CAC:

- A. Provide qualified personnel to regularly attend CAC meetings;
- B. Provide the CAC reasonable access to the Facility and information concerning Landfill operations necessary for the CAC to perform its functions;
- C. Provide accommodations for CAC meetings of Val Verde, Castaic, and other communities surrounding the Landfill.

The CAC shall be provided access to all reports submitted by the Permittee to any and all regulatory agencies required under the Grant, including the annual monitoring report required by Part XII of this IMP. The Permittee shall also consult the CAC on planning matters that could affect the physical development, closure date, or future use of the Facility.

PART XII — ANNUAL MONITORING REPORTS. This Part XII is intended to enhance the continuing oversight of Landfill operations and to supplement the routine enforcement activities of the various regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the development, operation, and maintenance of the Facility.

- A. By March 1 of each year until the Landfill's Closure, the Permittee shall prepare and submit annual monitoring reports to the Commission and Technical Advisory Committee (which is described in Part XIV of this IMP), and to the CAC. At least 90 days prior to that date, draft copies of the report shall be submitted to the following entities for review and comment:
 - 1. DPH;

2. Director of the Department of Regional Planning;
3. Director of Public Works;
4. Los Angeles County Forester and Fire Warden;
5. Regional Water Quality Control Board-Los Angeles Region;
6. South Coast Air Quality Management District;
7. County Museum of Natural History; and
8. Community Advisory Committee;

The draft submittal to the above-referenced entities shall include a request that comments be sent to the Permittee within 30 days of receipt of the draft report, but no later than 30 days prior to the deadline for the final report. The Permittee shall provide documentation and certification to the Director of the Department of Regional Planning that the draft reports have been submitted to these entities and the agencies comments and proposal revisions have been fully incorporated in to the final report.

The Permittee shall respond to each comment received by these entities and shall include every comment and response with the final report submitted to the Commission, the Technical Advisory Committee and the CAC. A copy of the final report shall be provided to the local county library and posted on the Permittee's website.

Upon receipt of the monitoring report, the Commission and Technical Advisory Committee may request the Permittee to submit additional information as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this IMP.

B. Each monitoring report shall contain, at a minimum, the following:

1. A cumulative total of all Solid Waste disposed of, and Beneficial Use Materials received at the Landfill, the percent of total available capacity used, the remaining disposal capacity in volume and in tons, and a detailed site map/plan showing the sequence of Landfill operations;
2. A copy (which may be reduced and simplified to fit the report format) of the most recent approved Landfill survey (as required in Part I of this IMP) showing the Limits of the Fill, current elevations, and the height and extent of the current fill;
3. The achieved ratio of weight to volume of Solid Waste disposed of at the Landfill and a comparison of that ratio with the ratio achieved at comparable landfills in the County, with an explanation of any significant deviation;
4. A summary table of the rates (quantity per month and per calendar year) of materials received, disposed of, used for Beneficial Use

Materials at the Facility, and/or otherwise diverted and/or sent off-site for further handling/processing, for the period established by the Director of Public Works, or from the last monitoring report, in sufficient detail to explain significant changes and variations of the rates over time;

5. A summary of the measures taken by the Permittee to divert and recycle materials at the Facility, how the measures compare with waste management plans adopted by the County and various cities, and the overall effectiveness of such measures in achieving the intent of the Grant and the County's waste management plans;
6. A summary of the number and character of litter, noise, fugitive dust, and odor complaints received in the reporting period, the disposition of such complaints, and any new or additional measures taken to address or avoid future complaints;
7. A detailed accounting of any and all citations, notices of violation, or equivalent the Facility received from any regulatory agency for violations in operating the Facility (including violations related to litter, odor, fugitive dust, noise, Landfill gas, or other Environmental Protection and Control Systems), the disposition of the citations, and the penalties assessed and fees paid;
8. A report on all interim and final fill revegetation, including an assessment of the success of such revegetation and any additional measures necessary or proposed to effect successful revegetation;
9. The archaeological and paleontological reports required in Part XII;
10. A summary of the measures taken by the Permittee to promote and implement alternative technologies most appropriate for Southern California from an environmental and economic perspective, as required by Condition No. 117 and 124 of the Grant;

A summary of the measures taken by the Permittee to maintain roads and to develop transportation improvements in the surrounding areas of the Facility, as required by Condition No. 77 and 119 of the Grant;

11. A summary of the measures taken by the Permittee to minimize truck traffic at the Facility as required by Condition Nos. 44, 73-79 of the Grant;
12. A summary of the measures taken by the Permittee to control and mitigate odor nuisance generated by the Facility, including measures taken to mitigate odor generated from incoming waste hauling trucks/customers, working face areas, and landfill gas;

13. A summary of the measures taken by the Permittee to ensure effectiveness and adequacy of its landfill gas collection and management system, and to utilize Landfill gas to generate energy at the Facility as required by Condition No. 62 of the Grant; and
 14. A summary table of compliance status showing the status of compliance of each condition of approval, this IMP and MMRP. The table shall be in a format specified by the Director of Public Works in consultation with the TAC.
- C. Nothing in this Part XII shall be construed in any way to limit the authority of a Hearing Officer, the Commission, or the Board to initiate any proceeding to revoke or modify the Grant as provided in Condition No. 18 of the Grant or under Part 13, Chapter 56, of the County Zoning Ordinance.

PART XIII — COMPENSATION. The Permittee shall compensate all involved County departments for the expenses incurred in the administration of the Grant, including the administration of this IMP and the MMRP in the project's supporting environmental documentation, not otherwise covered by the fees paid for administration of the SWFP for the Facility. Such compensation shall be computed using the actual hours expended multiplied by the most current applicable hourly rates available at the time that the expenses are incurred, as approved by the County Auditor-Controller, including costs of personnel, equipment, and transportation costs.

PART XIV — TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ("TAC"). A committee of County departments, chaired by the Director of the Department of Regional Planning or his/her designee, shall be established for the purpose of reviewing, coordinating, and certifying the satisfactory implementation and/or completion of the plans, permits, and/or agreements required and/or authorized by the Grant, including the implementation and/or completion of the Conditions of Approval, this IMP, and the MMRP.

- A. Composition. The TAC shall be composed of representative(s) of the following County departments, and other County departments on an as-needed basis as determined by the Director of Regional Planning:
1. Department of Public Health;
 2. Department of Regional Planning;
 3. Department of Public Works; and
 4. The Forester and Fire Warden.
- B. Meeting/Purposes. The TAC shall meet at least twice a year to ensure the purposes of the conditions of the Grant are satisfied and to ensure compliance with the approvals and regulations of State and Federal agencies that regulate and permit the Facility. TAC's meetings shall be

open to members of the CAC, and reports to the TAC shall also be made available to the CAC. One of TAC's annual meetings shall be conducted to review the annual report submitted by the Permittee as required by Part XII of this IMP and to certify that all requirements of the conditions of the Grant have been met as reflected in the annual report. The TAC shall review specific requests from the CAC regarding compliance with the Grant.

In addition to any other TAC requirement of this Part XIV, the TAC shall determine compliance with the Grant: 1) within six months after the Effective Date; 2) prior to the Permittee's development of the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, Conversion Technology, and Composting Facility Project (excluding final approval of plans, permits and agreements); and/or 3) prior to the Permittee's commencement of the Closure process. The TAC shall meet for this purpose and if all of the conditions and requirements of the Grant have been met for purposes of commencing any of these phases of the project, the TAC shall certify compliance.

- C. Access to the Facility and Information. The Permittee shall provide access to the TAC and its independent consultant(s) to all areas of the Facility during normal hours of operation and shall respond to all information requests from the TAC and its independent Consultant(s) in a timely manner as specified by the TAC regarding compliance with the conditions of the Grant and the MMRP.
- D. The Permittee may appeal an adverse determination of the TAC to the Director of the Department of Regional Planning, whose decision shall be final.
- E. Upon the effective date of the Grant, the Director of the Department of Regional Planning or the Director of Public Works, in consultation with the TAC shall retain the services of an independent engineering consultant to monitor any and/or all of the Conditions of approval and mitigation measures throughout the life of the Grant. The Permittee shall pay all costs for the independent consultant within 30 days of receiving the invoice for the consultant's services.

The independent consultant shall perform inspections of all activities at the Facility in accordance with the conditions of approval, at least once a month, and at other frequency deemed necessary by the Director of Public Works to perform monitoring, evaluation, and other tasks necessary to implement the requirements of the conditions of approval of the Grant. The independent consultant shall prepare and submit its quarterly report to the Director of Public Works with copies to the TAC, the CAC and other interested community representatives or groups. The Director of Public Works shall review the report and make recommendations to the Department for necessary enforcement actions in accordance with Condition No. 18 of the Grant.

Part XV – PERIODIC REVIEW.

- A. In accordance with Condition No. 35 of the Conditional Use Permit, not less than one year before the 5th anniversary of the effective date of this grant, the Permittee shall initiate a Periodic Review with the Department. Additional Periodic Reviews shall be initiated by the Permittee not less than one year before the 10th, 15th, 20th, and 25th anniversaries of the effective date of this grant. Additional Periodic Reviews may also be required at the discretion of the Director of Regional Planning. The purpose of the Periodic Reviews is to consider new or changed circumstances, such as physical development near the Project Site, improved technological innovations in environmental protection and control systems, and other best management practices that might significantly improve the operations of the Facility, and to determine if any changes to the facility operations and IMP are warranted based on the changed circumstances. To initiate the Periodic Review, the Permittee shall submit for review a permit requirement compliance study which details the status of the Permittee's compliance with the conditions of approval of this grant. Additionally, an updated Closure Plan and Post-Closure Maintenance Plan shall be submitted to the Department and the TAC for review at this time, as well as the comprehensive waste disposal study referred to in Condition No. 103 of the Conditional Use Permit, and any other information that is deemed necessary by the Department to ensure that the landfill operations are operating as efficiently and effectively as possible and that any potential adverse impacts are minimized, and that the Facility is not causing adverse impacts or nuisance in the surrounding communities.

The cost of the Periodic Reviews shall be borne by the Permittee and is to be paid through the draw-down account referred to in Condition No. 123a. For each Periodic Review, a report based on the latest information shall be made to the Hearing Officer by Department staff at a public hearing pursuant to Part 4 of Chapter 22.60 of the County Code. Each report shall include a review of the performance of the landfill and recommendations for any actions to be taken if found necessary. Such actions may include changes or modifications to the IMP, including any measures necessary to ensure that the landfill will continue to operate in a safe and effective manner and the landfill closure will be accomplished timely and effectively. The decision of the Hearing Officer on the Periodic Review may be appealed to the Regional Planning Commission. The decision of the Regional Planning Commission shall be final.

Part XVI – LITTER CONTROL AND RECOVERY. This Part XVI is intended to enhance the Condition No. 81 of this Grant which required the Permittee to adopt a program that uses the most effective methods and technology to prevent waste that has entered an area under the Permittee's control from escaping the area in the form of litter. In addition to the following requirements, the program shall also include the requirements as specified under Condition No. 81, unless the DPH requires otherwise:

- a. At every active Working Face area, the Permittee shall install a primary portable litter fence of adequate height to control litter, and also a secondary fence 4 feet in height behind the primary fence when wind conditions dictate the need for a secondary fence. The Permittee shall employ Best Management Practices to control litter. On windy days, and when the fences are not sufficient, the Working Face shall be located within areas of minimal wind exposure or shall be closed, if so required by the DPH. The DPH, in coordination with the Department of Public Works, may require additional measures deemed necessary to effectively control litter, including, but not limited, requiring the Permittee to cease accepting all incoming waste during high wind conditions; and
- b. The landfill operator shall install and maintain temporary litter fences in those areas along the property perimeter that are regularly littered due to the location of the operating area, time of year, and climatic conditions. The landfill operator, the DPH and the CAC shall work together to identify littered areas in need of fencing.

Summary of Fee Structure For Chiquita Canyon Landfill Expansion Project

CUP Condition No./IMP No.	Fee / Fund Type	Fees
17	Mitigation and Monitoring Fund	\$10,000 (initial deposit, refillable if balance is below 80%)
112	Net Tipping Fee	See Note 1
113	Waste Diversion Program Fund *	\$0.25+CPI/ton
114	Disaster Debris Planning Fund *	\$0.08+CPI/ton
115	Out-of-Area Fee	Variable Out-of -Santa Clarita Valley Fee (\$2.00-\$8.00/ton) and Out-of-County Fee (\$10.00/ton)
117	Countywide Siting Element/Alternative Technology Development	\$200,000/yr Not to exceed \$3 million total
118	Natural Habitat and Park Development Fund *	\$0.50+CPI/ton
119	Traffic Mitigation & Enhancement Fee *	\$0.50+CPI/ton
120	Planning Studies Fee	\$50,000 every other year
121	Community Benefit & Environmental & Educational Fund *	\$1.00+CPI/ton
122	HHW/E-Waste Collection Fund	\$100,000+CPI/event 10 events per year
123	Routine Monitoring and Inspection Funds	\$20,000 initial deposit for inspection (refillable if balance is below 80%)
		\$50,000 initial deposit for incidental expenses (refillable if balance is below 80%)

Note 1: Quarterly fee equal to 10% of the sum of the following: (a) the net tipping fees collected at the Facility, (b) the revenue generated from the sale of Landfill gas at the Facility, less any federal, state, or local fees or taxes included in such revenue, and (c) the revenue generated by any other activity at the Facility, less any federal, state, or local fees or taxes included in such revenue.

Note 2: * Fees for Conditions No. 113, 114, 118, 119 and 121 apply only to solid waste, not to beneficial use materials.

Tonnage Breakdown				
Description	Daily Average Capacity (ton/day-6)	Daily Maximum Tonnage (tons/day)	Monthly Maximum Tonnage	Yearly Maximum Tonnage
Solid Waste	5,000	any combination		1,400,000
Beneficial Use/Composting	1,730	any combination	58,333 1/3	700,000
Total	6,730	12,000	175,000	2,100,000

Note: Daily Average Capacity is based on the Yearly Maximum Tonnage and 312 days of operations.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill IMP/CUP Monitoring Reports Due Dates

Item Number	Type of Review/Report	Responsible Monitoring Agency	Frequency	Purpose
IMP PART I-A	Annual Monitoring Report	DPW	Once a Year (prior to use of the CUP and annually thereafter, March 1st)	Survey Monuments
IMP PART XII-A	Annual Monitoring Report Draft	DRP	Once a Year (90 days prior to March 1st)	To enhance the continuing oversight of Landfill operations
IMP PART XII-A	Annual Monitoring Report	DRP	Once a Year (due March 1st)	To Provide oversight of Landfill operations, activities, and maintenance of the facility
CUP-16	Annual Mitigation Monitoring	DRP	Once a Year (Due July 1st)	To depict the status of the Permittee's compliance with the required measures
CUP-35	Periodic Review	DRP	Apply for Periodic Review one year prior to the 5 th , 10 th , 15 th , 20 th and 25 th anniversaries of the effective date of the grant, or at such other time if requested by the Director of DRP.	To allow the Hearing Officer and/or the Regional Planning Commission and TAC to review the studies submitted by the Permittee and issue a Finding of Fact and potentially approve changes to the IMP

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Introduction

The *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA) requires a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for projects where mitigation measures are a condition of project approval and development. The Original Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR prepared for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) Master Plan Revision identified mitigation measures, where appropriate, to avoid or substantially reduce the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project. This MMRP is designed to monitor the implementation of those mitigation measures. Accordingly, this MMRP has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of CEQA Section 21081.6 and *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15097.

The MMRP that follows lists each of the proposed mitigation measures and identifies the corresponding action required to document compliance, the mitigation timing, the party responsible for implementation, and the monitoring agency or party responsible for overseeing that each measure is adequately implemented.

In addition to the mitigation measures proposed to avoid or substantially reduce the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project, this MMRP also includes construction and operation emission reduction practices and measures used in the analysis of potential air quality impacts. These emission reduction practices and measures are treated the same as Proposed Project mitigation measures.

Table 1. Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Mitigation Measure / Project Design Measure	Action Required	Mitigation Timing	Responsible Party	Monitoring Agency or Party
Geology and Hydrology				
GH-1 Debris Flow: Debris flow is a rapid and fluid type of downhill mass wasting, consisting of heterogeneous debris lubricated with water caused by heavy rainfall. Similar terms for debris flow are mudflow and mudslide. There is a potential for debris flow occurring at the site during heavy rains within existing drainage areas at the subject site. The proposed design shall include provisions for control and cleanup of debris flows that may encroach into the landfill cell, perimeter maintenance road, and proposed development areas. Potential mitigation measures could consist of combinations of the following mitigation measures, such as elevated development areas, drainage devices, impact walls, debris basins, and avoidance. Additional debris flow evaluation and mitigation should be performed as part of future development of rough grading plans for the entrance road.	A. Retain a qualified engineer to evaluate the site's potential for debris flow, identify areas of concern and recommend design provisions for control and cleanup of debris flows should such design provisions be justified based on the evaluation.	During Project design	CCL / Qualified Engineer	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW), Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB)
	B. Incorporate provisions, as recommended by a qualified engineer, into the design for control and cleanup of debris flows that may encroach into the landfill cell, perimeter maintenance road, and proposed development areas.	During Project design	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LACDPW, RWQCB
	C. Perform additional debris flow evaluation and mitigation as part of future development of rough grading plans for the entrance road.	During future development of rough grading plans for entrance road	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LACDPW, RWQCB
GH-2 Expansive Soil: There is a potential for buildings and/or other structures to be located on expansive soil, because the site is underlain by bedrock of the Pico and Saugus formations, both of which contain potentially expansive clay-rich strata. Additional testing of the expansive properties of the soils may be required if buildings and/or other structures sensitive to expansive soils are planned for the site. Additional testing should be completed during the grading plan review if deemed necessary by the Project geotechnical and civil engineers.	A. Retain a qualified engineer to perform design-level geotechnical investigations to identify areas with potentially expansive or collapsible soils in relation to buildings and/or other structures.	During Project design	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LACDPW
	B. Perform additional testing if deemed necessary by the Project geotechnical and civil engineers.	During grading plan review	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LACDPW

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Surface Water Drainage				
SW-1: There is a potential for mudflow (i.e., debris flow) during repeated heavy rains within existing drainage areas at the subject site. The proposed design should evaluate and specify an appropriate amount of waiting time following heavy and sustained precipitation events before CCL staff occupy the area, to avoid the potential to expose people to the risk of injury or death from this debris. This would supplement Mitigation Measure GH-1, which specifies that the proposed design should allow for the cleanup or control of any debris flows that may encroach into the landfill cell and perimeter maintenance road from the natural drainages and slopes that are not included in the proposed grading and construction of drainage/debris basins.	A. Retain a qualified engineer to evaluate and specify an appropriate amount of waiting time following heavy and sustained precipitation events before CCL staff occupy the area.	During Project design	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LACDPW, RWQCB
	B. Implement specified wait time following heavy and sustained precipitation events prior to CCL staff occupying the area.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LACDPW, RWQCB
Biological Resources				
BR-1: The applicant shall develop a Closure Revegetation Plan for the Project in consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (LADRP), consistent with the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. The Plan would require approval prior to authorization of land disturbance under the Proposed Project. The Plan shall require that CCL be revegetated to offset permanent impacts to native and naturalized habitats, in accordance with the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native vegetation shall be used under the direction of specialists in restoration plantings. Native revegetation shall achieve a 1:1 ratio of impacted native, revegetated, and semi-natural habitat to revegetated mitigation land. Non-native grassland habitats would be initially seeded with native grassland species. 	A. Develop Closure Revegetation Plan consistent with Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR.	Prior to earth-moving activities	CCL / Qualified Ecological Restoration Specialist	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist

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Mitigation Measure / Project Design Measure	Action Required	Mitigation Timing	Responsible Party	Monitoring Agency or Party
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revegetation types, monitoring requirements, and success criteria including milestones, along with proposed remedial actions should vegetation alliances not achieve success criteria shall be included in the Closure Revegetation Plan, in accordance with the preliminary approach outlined in the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. In order to replicate and potentially expand the available amount of native shrubland on the site, the Closure Revegetation Plan shall include a final soil cover of approximately 5 feet, or alternatively a depth approved by regulatory agencies and suitable to allow for proper root growth. The Closure Revegetation Plan shall be developed and implemented by an ecological restoration specialist familiar with restoration of native and naturalized Southern California plant alliances, and shall specify that revegetation will be done with locally native plants, and that revegetation will not include plant species on Los Angeles County's list of invasive species nor invasive species on the lists of the California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) nor invasive species listed by the California Native Plant Society. If success criteria for vegetation alliances are not met, remedial actions will be performed onsite consistent with the Closure Revegetation Plan. If success criteria for native shrub or forest alliances are not met even after remedial actions are performed, offsite mitigation land shall be purchased to offset the loss of the portion of the alliance vegetation that does not meet the success criteria at a 1:1 ratio (impacted:mitigation land). The acreage acquired shall, if feasible, be generally local to the site or the general site area, ideally situated adjacent to 	B. Implement Closure Revegetation Plan, per specified criteria.	Site closure, or at the time of revegetation	CCL / Qualified Ecological Restoration Specialist	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
	C. Perform onsite remedial actions consistent with the Closure Revegetation Plan, if success criteria are not met.	Following revegetation, according to the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria included in Appendix D of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR	CCL / Qualified Ecological Restoration Specialist	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist

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<p>or in the general proximity of the Santa Clara River, Hasley Canyon, or Angeles National Forest, and will connect with other protected open space. First priority would be given to lands that contribute to connecting the wildlife movement between the Santa Clara River through CCL to Hasley Canyon and to the Angeles National Forest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any purchased mitigation land shall be protected by fee simple deed which contains a covenant restricting the use of such land for conservation purposes to a conservation organization experienced in management of natural lands. Additional mitigation for vegetation communities is included in Mitigation Measure BR-5 (vegetation associated with jurisdictional waters), Mitigation Measure BR-9 (rare plant communities), and Mitigation Measure BR-15 (oaks and oak woodlands). Mitigation ratios for replacement of these vegetation communities may be greater than the 1:1 ratio specified above, in coordination with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for jurisdictional waters and rare plant communities and in coordination with LADRP for compliance with the County Oak Woodland Conservation and Management Plan. 	D. Purchase offsite mitigation land, if success criteria are not met following onsite remedial actions.	Following revegetation, according to the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria included in Appendix D of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
BR-2: The construction area boundaries shall be delineated clearly. No construction activities, vehicular access, equipment storage, stockpiling, or significant human intrusion shall occur outside of the designated construction areas. In addition, CCL ingress and egress routes shall be marked, and vehicle traffic outside these routes shall be prohibited. Vehicular traffic shall adhere to a speed limit of 15 miles per hour on non-public access roads during construction to ensure avoidance of impacts to sensitive biological resources.	A. Clearly delineate construction area boundaries.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP
	B. Restrict construction activities, vehicular access, equipment storage, stockpiling, or significant human intrusion to within designated construction area.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP
	C. Mark CCL ingress and egress routes and restrict vehicle traffic to these routes.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP
	D. Restrict vehicular traffic to a speed limit of 15 miles per hour on non-public access roads during construction.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP

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Mitigation Measure / Project Design Measure	Action Required	Mitigation Timing	Responsible Party	Monitoring Agency or Party
BR-3: Soil or invasive plant seed transfer from clothing, shoes, or equipment shall be minimized through cleaning and monitoring of personnel or equipment transfers between sites, or prior to initial entry at CCL. Contract requirements to ensure all construction vehicles, including any vehicles entering areas of site construction, are pressure washed and/or clean and free of soil or invasive weed seeds and other plant parts prior to entering the site will be implemented. Contracts will specify that pressure-washing of construction vehicles is to take place immediately before bringing the vehicle to CCL. The contractor will provide written documentation that the vehicles have been pressure washed or otherwise free of plant material that is checked by both CCL management and the biological monitor, who will jointly assure that this mitigation is implemented. The biological monitoring report will include a record of compliance with this measure. Within 1 year of Project approval invasive tamarisk (<i>Tamarix</i> spp.) located onsite will be identified and removed completely. All parts of removed tamarisk will be disposed of in a landfill.	A. Specify in contracts that construction vehicles are pressure washed and/or clean and free of soil or invasive weed seeds and other plant parts prior to site entry.	During construction	CCL	LADRP
	B. Provide written documentation that construction vehicles have been pressure washed or otherwise free of plant material.	During construction	Construction Contractor	CCL / Construction Manager / Biological Monitor, LADRP
	C. Identify, remove, and dispose of invasive tamarisk located onsite within 1 year of Project approval. Immediately report any tamarisk that may appear in the future on the site to LADRP biologist if detected and remove from the site.	Within 1 year of Project approval and ongoing before and after construction	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Biologist
BR-4: On-road vehicles on the construction sites will be equipped with spark arresters on exhaust equipment. Camp fires, trash-burning fires, and warming fires shall be prohibited in the construction area.	A. Require on-road vehicles on construction sites to be equipped with spark arresters on exhaust equipment.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP, Fire Marshall
	B. Prohibit camp fires, trash-burning fires, and warming fires in the construction area.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP, Fire Marshall
BR-5: For potential impacts to jurisdictional waters, permits shall be obtained for the Proposed Project from United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE; Section 404, Clean Water Act [CWA]) and CDFW (Streambed Alteration Agreement, Section 1603); conditions of these permits would be complied with for the Proposed Project. The terms and conditions of these permits are anticipated to require mitigation consistent with <i>Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final</i>	A. As applicable, obtain permits from USACE and CDFW for potential impacts to jurisdictional waters.	Prior to impacting jurisdictional waters	CCL	USACE and/or CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW), LACDPW
	B. Implement mitigation consistent with terms and conditions of permits.	During construction and post construction	CCL	USACE and/or CDFW, LACDPW

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<p><i>Rule</i> (USACE, United States Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], <i>Federal Register</i>, April 10, 2008), and with CDFW requirements for Streambed Alteration Agreements.</p> <p>A mitigation plan may be required prior to permit issuance. If a mitigation plan is required, ratios of waters impacted to waters mitigated would be negotiated with the regulatory agencies and the results of that negotiation included in the plan.</p>	C. Prepare mitigation plan, if required.	Prior to permit issuance, if required	CCL	USACE and/or CDFW, LACDPW
<p>BR-6: Stationary equipment such as motors, pumps, generators, and welders shall be located a minimum of 50 feet outside CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages where impacts have not been permitted. Construction staging areas, stockpiling, and equipment storage shall be located a minimum of 50 feet outside non-permitted CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages. Construction vehicles and equipment shall be checked periodically to ensure they are in proper working condition, including regular inspections for leaks, which would require immediate repair. Refueling or lubrication of vehicles and cleaning of equipment, or other activities that involve open use of fuels, lubricants, or solvents, shall occur at least 100 feet away from CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages where impacts have not been permitted, and at least 50 feet from other flagged, sensitive biological resources.</p>	A. Locate stationary equipment a minimum of 50 feet outside non-permitted CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	CDFW and/or USACE, LACDPW
	B. Locate construction staging areas, stockpiling, and equipment storage a minimum of 50 feet outside non-permitted CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	CDFW and/or USACE, LACDPW
	C. Check construction vehicles and equipment periodically to ensure they are in proper working condition.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	CDFW and/or USACE, LADRP, LACDPW
	D. Locate refueling or lubrication of vehicles and cleaning of equipment, or other activities that involve use of fuels, lubricants, or solvents, a minimum of 100 feet outside non-permitted CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages and at least 50 feet from other flagged, sensitive biological resources.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	CDFW and/or USACE, LADRP, LACDPW

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BR-7: Only pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, dust suppressants, or other potentially harmful materials approved by EPA and/or the California Department of Toxic Substance Control shall be applied at CCL, in accordance with relevant state and federal regulations. Rodenticides will not be used. Instead, methods that do not persist and infiltrate the natural food chain will be used for pest elimination, such as trapping, gassing, etc. Sediment basins are present along all drainages at CCL, which capture runoff prior to discharging offsite. Sediment basins will continue to be regularly maintained.	A. Apply only pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, dust suppressants, or other potentially harmful materials approved by the EPA and/or the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), in accordance with state and federal regulations.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, RWQCB
	B. Prohibit use of rodenticides. Instead, use trapping, gassing, or other methods that do not persist and infiltrate the natural food chain.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, RWQCB
	C. Maintain sediment basins regularly.	During operation	CCL / Operations Manager	LADRP, RWQCB, LACDPW
BR-8: Construction sites and landfill operation shall be kept free of trash and litter. Food-related trash and litter shall be placed in closed containers and disposed of daily. Nuisance wildlife breeding will be discouraged at CCL by excluding such species from cavities in buildings and/or equipment or facilities to be left idle for more than 6 months. To reduce risk of infestation by the non-native Argentine ant (<i>Linepithema humile</i>), a 500-foot buffer will be established adjacent to natural habitats at CCL within which no permanent, artificial water sources will be applied, and inspections for exotic ant infestations will be required for any landscape or restoration container-stock plants proposed for installation. Landfill operations require daily covering of all portions of the active landfill; this practice would be continued, further reducing risk of nuisance wildlife.	A. Keep construction sites and landfill operation free of food-related trash and litter.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)
	B. Place food related trash and litter in closed containers and dispose daily.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, LEA
	C. Install exclusionary devices on cavities in buildings and/or equipment or facilities to be left idle for more than 6 months.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, LEA
	D. Establish 500-foot buffer and manage risk of Argentine ant infestation, per measure.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, LEA
	E. Provide daily covering of all portions of active working face of the landfill.	During operation	CCL / Operations Manager	LEA, LACDPW

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<p>BR-9: Preconstruction surveys by qualified botanists shall be conducted for special-status plant species in impact areas prior to ground-disturbing activities, and if necessary and feasible, resource relocation or avoidance shall be implemented. Resource relocation will be to a location deemed suitable for successful relocation by a qualified biologist and conducted in coordination with CDFW. Avoidance zones shall be established with fencing and/or signage that restricts access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For rare plants, this shall include focused surveys by a qualified botanist conducted during the appropriate season for detection (generally during flowering period) prior to ground-disturbing activities over the entire disturbance area proposed for the Project, and then again the first season prior to disturbance over the area proposed to be disturbed for each phase (cell) of landfill development. If suitable transplant areas for rare plants exist at CCL, surveys will also include potential areas for relocation onsite in order to provide background data for determining transplant success. If no suitable relocation areas exist at CCL, potential mitigation areas in conserved areas within the local watersheds will be identified and surveyed at the same time in order to have background data. Surveys shall follow standard survey protocol for rare plants outlined in <i>Guidelines for Conducting and Reporting Botanical Inventories for Federally Listed, Proposed and Candidate Plants</i> (United States Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS], 1996) and/or <i>Protocols for Surveying and Evaluation Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities</i> (CDFW, 2009). If special-status plants are found at CCL they shall be field marked and mapped with global positioning system units to evaluate potential for impacts from proposed grading. Where feasible, special-status plants will be avoided; protective measures to avoid adverse impacts to the area shall be implemented. Protected zones adjacent to active construction or active landfill will be demarcated with permanent fencing. More remote protected zones not accessible by construction equipment or near adjacent 	A. Conduct preconstruction special-status plant surveys.	Prior to ground-disturbing activities	CCL / Qualified Botanist	CDFW, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDRP
	B. Implement resource relocation or avoidance (if necessary and feasible) as specified in Mitigation Measure BR-9, including focused surveys, Avoidance zones, implementation of a Rare Plant Relocation Plan, and performance monitoring.	Prior to construction, during construction, and post construction	CCL / Qualified Botanist	CDFW, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDRP

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<p>road access points shall be demarcated by temporary fencing (e.g., orange construction fencing) when road access is within 100 feet. If road access becomes immediately available to the area, permanent fencing will be installed. Fencing shall be maintained and construction crews informed about avoidance during construction. The site biological monitor will continue to monitor compliance with protected zones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rare plants have been identified within construction limits during 2016 surveys. For these, and any additional rare plants identified prior to ground disturbance that are within the grading footprint or other areas identified for unavoidable disturbance (including species of CNPS Rare Plant Ranks 1-4 or Locally Rare), a Rare Plant Relocation Plan will be developed in consultation with CDFW. Plant salvage for transplanting shall take place before any clearing or grading of the sensitive plant occurs. Preliminary performance criteria, general methods of transplanting, and other anticipated components of this plan are provided in the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. The Rare Plant Relocation Plan shall address mitigation for special-status plants, including topsoil salvage to preserve seed bank and management of salvaged topsoil; seed collection, storage, possible nursery propagation, and planting; salvage and planting of other plant propagules (e.g., rhizomes, bulbs) as feasible; location of receptor sites to include on- or off-site property that could serve as permanent open space areas; land protection instruments for receptor areas; and funding mechanisms. The Rare Plant Relocation Plan shall include methods, monitoring, reporting, success criteria, adaptive management, and contingencies for achieving success. Where feasible, background data for up to 3 years will be collected on receptor sites. If rare plant relocation cannot be achieved, through lack of receptor sites, or lack of success during the monitoring 				

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<p>period, then purchase of mitigation credits or offsite property with known populations of the affected species for inclusion in permanent open space areas or a conservation easement would be implemented, with priority given to acquisition of offsite property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locations within CCL that will not be developed are present adjacent to existing population of these species that may serve as receptor sites, and would be investigated for additional data. If found suitable, topsoil from impacted sites may be conserved and placed on these sites, seeds, bulbs (e.g., <i>Calochortus</i> spp.), rhizomes (e.g., <i>Calystegia peirsonii</i>), and entire plants and pads (e.g., <i>Opuntia basilaris</i> var. <i>basilaris</i>), may be collected/salvaged and planted on these sites, and ongoing monitoring and maintenance of plantings implemented. The Rare Plant Relocation Plan shall have the final details of plant transplant methods. The on-site receptor/mitigation sites would be monitored for a minimum of 5 years to determine mitigation success or failure, consistent with the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of the Final EIR and the Rare Plant Relocation Plan. If necessary, remedial measures consistent with the approved plan would be implemented to satisfy mitigation objectives. 				

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<p>BR-10: Preconstruction surveys by qualified biologists shall be conducted for special-status wildlife species in impact areas prior to ground-disturbing activities, and if necessary and feasible, resource relocation or avoidance for special-status species shall be implemented. Wherever practical, relocation shall be passive, allowing animals to exit the area on their own. Any grubbing, grading or other ground disturbing activities at CCL would be done in a manner that encourages mobile wildlife species to leave the Project area to escape safely into immediately adjacent undisturbed habitat, wherever feasible. For low mobility species, salvage and relocation by a qualified biological monitor would be implemented. Resource relocation shall be to a location deemed suitable for successful relocation by a qualified biologist and conducted by individuals with appropriate handling permits as required by CDFW or USFWS. Where practical, avoidance zones shall be established in lieu of relocation with fencing and/or signage that restricts access. Construction and construction monitoring for animals will occur at discrete time periods. Construction monitoring shall be conducted in areas containing native vegetation at the time of construction activity within the limit of active construction disturbance. Within areas containing native vegetation, ground-disturbing activities shall be prohibited until the area is cleared by a qualified biological monitor during a preconstruction survey within 7 days prior to the beginning of construction activities. Biological monitors shall also monitor construction activities within 100 feet of avoided CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For burrowing owl, suitable burrows will be identified during surveys and if feasible, protected from disturbance during construction. If avoidance is not feasible, burrows will be scoped during the non-breeding season (September 1 to January 31) to determine if they are occupied. If unoccupied, burrows will be collapsed. If burrows are occupied, owls will be evicted by installing one-way doors in burrow openings during the non-breeding season to exclude burrowing owls. After eviction, burrows will be collapsed. If feasible, alternative man-made burrows will be 	A. Conduct preconstruction special-status wildlife species surveys.	Prior to ground-disturbing activities	CCL / Qualified Biologist	CDFW and/or USFWS , Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDRP
	B. Implement resource relocation or avoidance (if necessary and feasible) as specified in Mitigation Measure BR-10, including agency coordination, acquisition of appropriate handling permits, field monitoring, clearance sweeps, avoidance zones.	Prior to construction, during construction, and post construction	CCL / Qualified Botanist	CDFW and/or USFWS, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDRP

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<p>installed on lands not subjected to construction disturbance, and within 300 feet of cleared burrows. Surveys would be consistent with the CDFW requirements for burrowing owl survey; mitigation measures presented here are consistent with CDFW (2012), and details of how mitigation would be implemented would be consistent with this document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For special-status reptiles (coast patch-nosed snake, coastal western whiptail, California legless lizard, San Diego horned lizard), preconstruction surveys in areas where land clearing will occur shall consist of gently raking areas of soft soils, sand, and dense leaf litter to identify individuals burrowed or buried in leaf litter. Individuals encountered will be captured and translocated to an area of undisturbed, intact habitat nearby deemed suitable for successful translocation by a qualified biologist. Translocation will be performed by biologists with appropriate handling permits by CDFW. Special-status land mammals (San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit, San Diego desert woodrat, American badger): pre-construction surveys will consist of surveying and identifying evidence of occupancy and use, including rabbit forms, woodrat nests, and badger natal dens. If located during the breeding season for these species, features will be surveyed or scoped to determine occupancy if possible. If unoccupied, they will be dismantled or collapsed. If occupied, or if occupancy cannot be determined, avoidance zones will be established until occupancy can be determined or until the breeding season concludes. If features are identified during the non-breeding season, they will be gently dismantled or collapsed, allowing any occupants if present to disperse. Where habitat must be dismantled, alternative habitat features will be established in nearby undisturbed areas, including creating specific conditions suitable for the species if necessary, such as downed wood structures in shade suitable for woodrat. For western spadefoot, if ground-disturbing activities will be conducted within 1,000 feet of the sedimentation basins 				

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<p>at CCL, preconstruction ground surveys shall occur within 1,000 feet of potential breeding ponds (sediment basins). The top 6 inches of soft soils and leaf litter shall be gently raked and small mammal burrows and soil cracks will be inspected or scoped for aestivating spadefoot. In addition, silt fencing will be installed between upland habitat slated for vegetation removal and grading, and potential breeding ponds (detention basins), if the basins are holding water at the time of construction, with pitfall traps located along the silt fence. Depending on proposed scheduling of upland habitat disturbance (relative to spadefoot breeding season), fencing and pitfall traps will target spadefoot moving from or to the upland habitat. Pitfall traps will be inspected daily when active, which will be during periods of likely spadefoot emergence or movement (during early season rainfall and pool formation and during late season drawdown of the basins). If found or trapped, western spadefoot will be relocated to suitable natural or artificial burrows adjacent to a proposed western spadefoot mitigation pond (BR-16). This pond will serve as an alternative habitat for spadefoot found at CCL, and will be set aside to support spadefoot breeding with adjacent upland habitat for aestivation. Any aestivating western spadefoot encountered during construction within 1,000 feet of sedimentation basins would be relocated to the spadefoot mitigation pond, and placed in similar habitat and conditions. Details of spadefoot mitigation, to include components described above including the spadefoot mitigation pond, will be documented in a Spadefoot Mitigation Plan, to be reviewed by CDFW and LADRP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird nests: Preconstruction surveys for nesting pairs, nests, and eggs shall occur in areas proposed for vegetation removal and in surrounding areas, including cliff sites, and active nesting areas flagged. Mitigation shall be implemented as described below under BR-13. • Bat Roosts: Where bat roosting habitat cannot be avoided, preconstruction surveys consisting of exit surveys, roost surveys of potential roost sites, and evidence of bat sign 				

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(guano) shall occur to identify bat species, as feasible, and active roosts. Mitigation shall be implemented as described below under BR-14.				
BR-11: USFWS protocol-level surveys shall be conducted for all coastal California gnatcatcher habitat well in advance of any ground-disturbing activities. If surveys are negative, the species shall be presumed absent, and no further impacts shall be anticipated or mitigation measures required. If the surveys are positive (i.e., coastal California gnatcatcher is present), then coordination shall be initiated with USFWS on required measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate take of this species. These are anticipated to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction activities in the vicinity of active gnatcatcher nests shall be prohibited within a specified distance of nests (500 feet unless otherwise agreed to by USFWS) until after the young have fledged and the nesting is complete. • Clearing of occupied habitat shall be avoided if possible or practicable. If it is not practicable, clearing shall be prohibited during the nesting season (February to August). 	A. Conduct USFWS protocol-level surveys for coastal California gnatcatcher well in advance of ground-disturbing activities.	Well in advance of ground-disturbing activities	CCL / Qualified Biologist	USFWS, , Permittee' s Registered Forester or Biologist
	B. Coordinate with USFWS if surveys are positive and implement required measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate take.	Prior to and during ground-disturbing activities	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	USFWS, , Permittee' s Registered Forester or Biologist
BR-12: Although no nighttime construction is anticipated, lighting for construction activities conducted during early morning or early evening hours shall be minimized to the extent possible through the use of directional shading to minimize impacts to nocturnal or crepuscular wildlife. Only CDFW-recommended designs for lighting, fences, power poles, or other man-made features would be implemented where available.	A. Use directional shading for construction lighting to minimize impacts to nocturnal or crepuscular wildlife.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP
	B. Implement only CDFW-recommended designs for lighting, fences, power poles, or other man-made features where available.	During Project design	CCL / Construction Manager	CDFW

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BR-13: In habitats where nesting birds might occur, vegetation removal shall be avoided when feasible during the nesting season (December through August); winter months are included because this area has potential for owls and hummingbirds, which may breed during this period. In addition, raptor nesting may be initiated by early January. Where this is not feasible, preconstruction surveys for nesting pairs, nests, and eggs shall occur in areas proposed for vegetation removal, and in buffer areas affected by construction, and active nesting areas flagged. The biological monitor shall assign a buffer around active nesting areas (typically 300 feet for songbirds, 500 feet for raptors, and 1,000 feet for sensitive cliff-nesting raptors – golden eagle, prairie falcon, and turkey vulture). The biological monitor will also clearly communicate the limits of buffers to the contractor and crew, and post and maintain, throughout the time of nest use, flagging, fencing, staking, or signs as otherwise needed. Construction activities shall be prohibited within the buffer until the nesting pair and young have vacated the nests, unless it can be demonstrated through biological monitoring that the construction activity is not hindering the nesting effort. Alternatively, if unused nests are identified in the disturbance area during preconstruction surveys, nests may be destroyed prior to active nesting. Rocky escarpments that may support cliff-nesting raptors not proposed for current construction activity at CCL would not be disturbed for the duration of the construction activity.	A. Avoid vegetation removal in nesting bird habitat during the nesting season.	During Project construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP
	B. Conduct preconstruction nesting bird surveys where vegetation avoidance is not feasible and flag active nesting areas.	Prior to vegetation removal in nesting bird habitat	CCL / Qualified Biologist	LADRP, CDFW, USFWS,
	C. Assign buffers around active nests, clearly communicate limits to contractor/crew, and post and maintain flagging, fencing, and staking.	During Project construction	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP, CDFW, USFWS
	D. Prohibit construction activities within buffer until nests are vacated, or unless biological monitoring can demonstrate activity is not hindering nesting.	During Project design	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP, CDFW, USFWS, CDFW USFWS
	E. Destroy unused nests in the disturbance area prior to active nesting.	Prior to vegetation removal in nesting bird habitat, and following preconstruction surveys	CCL / Qualified Biologist	LADRP, CDFW, USFWS, CDFW USFWS
BR-14: A qualified bat biologist acceptable to CDFW shall be employed to supervise and report on construction activities with respect to bats. In habitats where roosting bats may occur, ground disturbance and roost destruction shall be scheduled, as feasible, during October 1 through February 28 or 29. Ground disturbance and roost destruction shall be avoided during the parturition period (generally March through August). Where this is not feasible, a qualified bat biologist shall conduct exit	A. Employ qualified bat biologist to supervise and report on construction activities with respect to bats.	During Project construction	CCL / Qualified Biologist	LADRP
	B. Schedule ground disturbance and roost destruction in bat roost habitat to avoid the parturition period.	During Project construction	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP

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<p>surveys, roost surveys of potential roost sites, or surveys for bat sign (e.g., guano) to identify bat species, if feasible, and active roosts. Construction activity within 300 feet of identified active roosts shall be prohibited until the completion of parturition (end of August), unless it can be demonstrated through biological monitoring that the construction activity is not affecting the active roost. Alternatively, if potential roosts are identified prior to onset of parturition, with concurrence from CDFW, roosts may be vacated during the evening forage period (within 4 hours after dark) or fitted with one way exit doors to effectively eliminate and exclude roosting bats. If tree roosts are identified that require disturbance, and from which bats can't be excluded, the trees would be initially disturbed by cutting small branches (less than 2 inches) to encourage habitat abandonment, prior to full tree removal (implemented the following day and supervised by a qualified bat biologist). Roost eviction will be conducted by a qualified bat biologist. Eviction shall be preferentially done before March or after September for eviction of a maternity colony, and only with concurrence from CDFW. If eviction is necessary, the bat biologist shall identify the bat species to be evicted, as feasible, and roost sites appropriate to the species to be displaced in the vicinity (within 1 mile) prior to any bat eviction. Alternative active roost areas, including rock escarpments at CCL that are not proposed to be disturbed by current construction activity would be avoided for the duration of the construction activity. If no alternative roost sites are identified, CCL shall provide artificial roost construction appropriate to the bat species to be displaced to offset loss of active roosts. Artificial roost construction would follow industry standard design, be sized to offset impacted roost(s), and be located greater than 300 feet from the active construction area, but within CCL property. A report will be prepared for submittal to CDFW and copied to LADRP on activities related to bat surveys and eviction, including survey methods, findings including species and size of roosts if available, alternative roost locations and characteristics, and constructed roosts.</p>	C. Conduct exit surveys, roost surveys of potential roost sites, or surveys for bat sign (e.g., guano) to identify bat species and active roosts if ground disturbance cannot be scheduled outside parturition period.	Prior to disturbance activities in active roost areas within the parturition period	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP, CDFW,
	D. Prohibit construction activities within 300 feet of active roosts until completion of parturition, or unless biological monitoring can demonstrate activity is not affecting active roost.	During Project construction	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP, CDFW,
	E. Exclude roosts (with CDFW concurrence) prior to onset of parturition, as identified in Mitigation Measure BR-14 (including requirements for artificial roost construction and reporting).	Prior to disturbance activities in active roost areas, and following preconstruction surveys	CCL / Qualified Biologist	LADRP, CDFW,

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BR-15: For unavoidable impacts to qualifying oak trees, an Oak Tree Permit application has been submitted to the LADRP. All permit terms and conditions shall be complied with from the final permit issuance, including planting of replacement trees. An Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan which identifies the mitigation area shall be submitted to LADRP for review and approval prior to impacts to any scrub oaks or issuance of a grading permit for the Proposed Project that would disturb areas within the protected zone of any oak trees regulated by the County Oak Tree Ordinance. The site shall be assessed for oak woodlands, including scrub oaks, at the time of disturbance according to the County Oak Woodland Conservation and Management Plan, and the Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan would also address mitigation for oak woodland impacts, including scrub oaks. As appropriate, potential impacts to oak woodlands shall be mitigated by planting understory plants in the same area identified onsite for mitigation oaks pursuant to the Oak Tree Permit and Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan for the Proposed Project. CCL will coordinate with Tataviam to provide a monitor during the removal or disturbance of native oak trees at CCL, if desired by the tribe.	A. Comply with Oak Tree permit terms and conditions, including planting of replacement trees.	During Project construction and post construction	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
	B. Submit Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan.	Prior to any impacts to oak woodlands, including scrub oaks, or issuance of a grading permit where any oaks are to be impacted	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
	C. Implement approved Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan.	During Project construction and post construction	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
BR-16: To avoid operational impacts to western spadefoot which may occur during intentional draining of detention basins, or sediment removal from detention basins, the following protocol must be implemented, under an approach coordinated with CDFW: (1) All drainage equipment would be new or used exclusively for detention basins on CCL to avoid transfer of Chytridiomycosis (i.e., chytrid fungus) or any other amphibian diseases or pathogens to detention basins on CCL from other	A. Coordinate approach for draining or removing sediment from detention basins with CDFW.	Prior to draining or removing sediment from detention basins	CCL	CDFW, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDPW

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sites; (2) pumping equipment intakes would be screened with fine mesh and would pump from deeper portions of the detention ponds to ensure that eggs, larvae, or adults of western spadefoot would not be entrained in pump apparatus; (3) if a biological monitor determines that spadefoot adults, larvae, or egg masses are present during pumping, a secondary pump enclosure with maximum pore size of 0.125 inches will be utilized if determined necessary by the biological monitor; (4) at any given pumping event, only 80 percent of the volume (measured as depth at the deepest point of the detention basin) would be pumped, leaving pooled water of at least a 5-inch depth for any potential western spadefoot to complete its life cycle; however, the biological monitor would evaluate remaining pooled water volume and spadefoot development stage and make a determination if the remaining water was sufficient for spadefoot to complete their life cycle; and (5) sediment removal would only occur during the dry season, when ponded water was not present. A Spadefoot Mitigation Plan will be developed in consultation with CDFW, to incorporate the above measures and other measures in BR-10 to protect spadefoot. The Spadefoot Mitigation Plan will include design and development of a spadefoot breeding pond on CCL property in a relatively undisturbed location where adjacent uplands are present, including 1,000 feet of undeveloped land as feasible. This pond will be suitable for establishment of a western spadefoot breeding pond, and will not undergo the regular maintenance that is necessary for the onsite stormwater detention basins. Relocation of western spadefoot will be to the mitigation pond.	B. Implement protocol for draining or removing sediment from detention basins, as coordinated with CDFW and identified in Mitigation Measure BR-16.	During detention basin draining or sediment removal activities	CCL / Operations Manager	CDFW, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDPW
Cultural Resources and Paleontological Resources				
CR-1: A qualified archaeologist will flag off the area around Bowers Cave and establish a buffer in consultation with the Permittee to ensure avoidance of grading of the cave site. Grading plans will clearly depict the sensitive area and state that	A. Flag off the area around Bowers Cave and establish a buffer in consultation with CCL.	Prior to earth-moving activities	CCL / Construction Manager / Qualified Archaeologist	LADRP

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grading must not occur beyond the established buffer. The qualified archeologist will monitor earth-moving activities that would occur within 100 feet of the established buffer.	B. Depict sensitive area on grading plans and state that grading must not occur beyond the established buffer.	During development of grading plans	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LADRP
	C. Archaeological monitoring and reporting.	During earth-moving activities within 100 feet of the established buffer	CCL / Construction Manager / Qualified Archaeologist	LADRP
CR-2: Prior to the start of monitoring activities, a Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan (CRMP) will be developed. The CRMP will include, at a minimum: (1) the location of areas to be monitored, (2) frequency of monitoring, (3) description of resources expected to be encountered, (4) description of circumstances that would result in a construction halt, (5) description of monitoring reporting requirements, and (6) disposition of found/collected materials.	Develop a CRMP.	Prior to construction	CCL / Qualified Archaeologist	LADRP
CR-3: Native American consultation has indicated that Bowers Cave and the surrounding region may be important to local Native Americans, specifically Tataviam. Provisions will be made to provide cave access to interested Tataviam, and Tataviam will have the option to provide a construction oversight monitor during ground-disturbing activities. The Tataviam monitor will act as a liaison between archaeologists, the Permittee, contractors, and public agencies to ensure that cultural features are treated appropriately from the Tataviam point of view. All artifacts that may be found will be returned to the Tataviam or reinterred into the earth.	A. Make provisions to provide Bower's Cave access to interested Tataviam.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Construction Manager / Tataviam Native American	LADRP Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC)
	B. Tataviam Native American monitoring and reporting and liaison activities, as applicable.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager / Tataviam Native American	LADRP NAHC
	C. Return all artifacts that may be found to the Tataviam or reinterred into the earth.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager / Tataviam Native American	LADRP NAHC

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CR-4: Prior to construction, the services of a qualified vertebrate paleontologist shall be retained to develop and implement a Paleontological Resources Mitigation Plan prior to earth moving activities. The Plan will include the following elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of agreement with a recognized museum repository; • identification of final disposition, permanent storage, and maintenance of any fossil remains and associated specimen data and corresponding geologic and geographic site data that might be recovered; and • determination of level of treatment (preparation, curation, cataloguing) of the remains that would be required before the mitigation program fossil collection would be accepted for storage. 	Retain a qualified vertebrate paleontologist to develop and implement a Paleontological Resources Mitigation Plan (PRMP).	Prior to earth-moving activities	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP
CR-5: The paleontologist and/or monitor shall conduct a preconstruction survey of the Project site prior to the start of any earth moving associated with the landfill expansion.	Preconstruction survey.	Prior to earth-moving activities	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor	LADRP
CR-6: The paleontologist or monitor shall coordinate with landfill personnel to provide information regarding regulatory agency requirements for the protection of paleontological resources. Landfill personnel also will be briefed on procedures to be followed in the event that a fossil site or fossil occurrence is encountered during construction, particularly when the monitor is not onsite. The briefing will be presented to new landfill personnel as necessary. Names and telephone numbers of the monitor and other appropriate mitigation program personnel shall be provided to the landfill manager.	A. Coordinate with landfill personnel to provide information regarding regulatory agency requirements and procedures for the protection of paleontological resources.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor	LADRP
	B. Brief landfill personnel on procedures when a fossil site or fossil is encountered during construction.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor	LADRP

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	C. Provide monitor and mitigation program contact information to the landfill manager.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor	LADRP
CR-7: Earth-moving activities shall be monitored by the paleontologist only in those areas of the Project site where these activities would disturb previously undisturbed strata in the Saugus and upper Pico Formations (not in areas underlain by artificial fill or younger alluvium). With concurrence from the Project paleontologist, if no fossil remains are found once 50 percent of earth moving has been completed in an area underlain by a particular rock unit, monitoring can be reduced or suspended in that area.	A. Paleontological monitoring in areas of the Project site where activities would disturb previously undisturbed strata in the Saugus and upper Pico Formations (not in areas underlain by artificial fill or younger alluvium).	During construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP
	B. Paleontological monitoring and reporting.	During construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP
CR-8: All diagnostic fossil specimens recovered from the Project site shall be treated (prepared, curated, catalogued) in accordance with designated museum repository requirements.	Treat all diagnostic fossil specimens recovered from the Project site in accordance with designated museum repository requirements. Treatment of recovered fossil specimens would be documented in final paleontological technical report prepared by the Project paleontologist.	During and after construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP

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CR-9: The monitor shall maintain daily monitoring logs. A final technical report of results and findings shall be prepared by the paleontologist and included with the material submitted for curation (see above).	A. Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor	LADRP
	B. Prepare and submit a final paleontological technical report.	Following earth-moving activities within previously undisturbed strata in the Saugus and upper Pico Formations	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP
Air Quality				
AQ-1: CCL shall use certified street sweepers that comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1186.1.	Use certified street sweepers.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	, LEA
AQ-2: CCL shall use innovative approaches to reducing potential air emissions from construction of buildings, such as modular building products, where prefabricated portions of structures are assembled elsewhere and are erected at the construction site, as feasible. This would eliminate the need for onsite painting, a majority of the plumbing, and other consumer product usage.	Incorporate air emissions reducing provisions for construction of building into the design.	During Project design	CCL	, LACDPW
AQ-3: CCL shall provide offsetting emission reduction credits for predicted net emission increases from sources requiring permitting under New Source Review regulations.	Provide offsetting emission reduction credits.	During permitting	CCL	SCAQMD
AQ-4: Prior to operation of the composting facility, CCL shall develop an Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP) pursuant to the requirements of the <i>California Code of Regulations</i> (CCR), Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 3.1, Article 3, and Section 17863.4; CCL shall comply with the OIMP during compost facility operation.	A. Develop OIMP.	Prior to operation of composting facility	CCL	LEA, LACDPW
	B. Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During operation of composting facility	CCL	LEA, LACDPW

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<p>Current Emission Reduction Measures: CCL currently implements the following emission reduction measures on an ongoing basis, and these measures would continue to be implemented during construction and operation of the Proposed Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onsite traffic is managed. Engine-powered equipment is properly maintained. Onsite vehicles are routed along the most direct routes. Electrically powered equipment is used to the extent feasible. A 15 mile per hour (mph) speed limit is enforced on paved roads and 10 mph speed limit on unpaved roads. Permanent onsite haul roads are paved, to the extent feasible. Temporary unpaved roads are surfaced with low-dust courses of material. Roads are watered four to seven times daily, dependent on conditions, including weather. Active sites of soil disturbance are watered four to seven times daily, dependent on conditions, including weather. Soil stabilizers are used in areas with long-term exposure of disturbed or un-vegetated surfaces (e.g., stockpiles). Trucks hauling dirt, sand, or other loose materials for site construction projects on public roadways are covered or maintain at least 2 feet of free board in accordance with the requirements of California Vehicle Code Section 23114. Construction access roads are paved at least 100 feet onto the site from the main road. Where feasible, other construction roads not covered by the above measure heaving a daily traffic volume of 50 vehicular trips, are paved; where infeasible, these roads are watered. Disturbed areas are covered with erosion control materials if needed. 	Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	Ongoing	CCL	, LEA, LACDPW

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCAQMD-approved street sweepers are used on all paved haul roads onsite as needed during rainy periods to reduce mud and during dry periods to reduce dust. 				
Construction Emission Reduction Best Management Practices (BMPs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The construction equipment, not owned by CCL, would be equipped with engines meeting California Air Resources Board (CARB) requirements for a large fleet at the time of construction (13 CCR 2449). The construction equipment, not owned by CCL, would be equipped with engines meeting Tier 4f emission standards after Project year 2020. Trucks would be prevented from idling longer than 5 minutes, to the extent feasible. Construction equipment idling times and excessive use would be prevented, to the extent feasible. Use of construction equipment would be suspended during Stage 2 and 3 smog alerts. To reduce/minimize construction-related fugitive dust, water would be applied four to seven times daily, dependent on weather, within the construction site. Fugitive dust from vehicle travel on unpaved roads would be controlled through the application of water 4 to 7 times daily, dependent on weather. 	Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During construction	CCL	, LEA, LACDPW
Operation Emission Reduction BMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off-road diesel equipment purchased by CCL for operation of the Proposed Project (used for additional waste received) would be equipped with engines meeting Tier 4f emission standards. Unnecessary truck and equipment idling would be limited to less than 5 minutes, to the extent feasible. Use of all off-road diesel equipment would be suspended during Stage 2 and 3 smog alerts (SCAQMD, 1993), to the extent feasible. 	Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During operation	CCL	LEA, LACDPW

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fugitive dust BMPs for vehicle travel on paved roads, vehicle travel on unpaved roads, and soil disturbance would be the same as described above for construction. Operate the landfill to improve landfill gas collection efficiency to a site-wide average of 85 percent through application of a combination of daily cover, intermediate cover, and final cover to provide a beneficial improvement in ongoing landfill gas collection efficiency. The existing, approved landfill gas-to-energy (LFGTE) plant would be optimized to use collected landfill gas (LFG) as fuel to produce electricity and to minimize flaring of collected LFG. 				
Composting Emission Reduction BMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green waste composting piles would be covered with at least 6 inches of finished compost within 24 hours of initial pile formation. Piles would not be turned for the first 7 days of active phase composting. For the first 15 days of initial pile formation, and within 6 hours before turning, the top half of the pile would be kept wet to a depth of at least 3 inches. Covered, aerated composting system would be equipped with an SCAQMD-approved emission control system (e.g., thermal oxidizer, bio-filtration) (SCAQMD, 2015). Composting facility would implement a site-specific Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP). 	A. Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During operation of composting facility	CCL	LACDPW, SCAQMD, LEA
	B. Implement site-specific OIMP.	During operation of composting facility	CCL	LACDPW, SCAQMD, LEA
Landfill Operation Odor Reduction Measure (ORM) ORM-1: For landfill operation, CCL shall develop an Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP). The OIMP will describe an odor monitoring protocol, a description of meteorological conditions that affect migration of odors, a complaint response protocol, a description of design considerations for minimizing odors, and a description of operating procedures for minimizing odors.	A. Develop OIMP For approval by the responsible agencies	Within 3 months of receipt of CUP	CCL	SCAQMD, LEA, LACDPW, LADRP
	B. Maintain log demonstrating compliance and implementing all remedial action as recommended by the responsible agencies	During operation of landfill	CCL	SCAQMD, LEA, LACDPW, LADRP

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change				
GHG-1: Beginning in 2020, the applicant shall provide the Department of Regional Planning with reports every 5 years, which shall evaluate consistency of landfill operations with current State and County greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction plans. If the Department of Regional Planning finds that a report demonstrates that landfill operations do not meet the GHG emission reduction targets of then-current State and County GHG emission reduction plans, the applicant shall develop and within one year submit to the Department of Regional Planning for review and approval of a GHG Emission Reduction Plan, which shall require implementation of additional feasible GHG emission reduction measures within the waste management sector to further reduce GHG emissions in accordance with then-current State and County goals. The GHG Emission Reduction Plan may incorporate some or all of the following measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further or additional composting; • Further or additional recycling; • Development of alternative energy, including additional landfill gas-to-energy production capacity and/or development of other on-site renewable energy generation capacity; • Use of alternative fuels in on-site equipment; or some combination of the listed strategies; and/or • Other waste management sector strategies developed by California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and CARB addressing GHG emissions from waste management 	A. Provide reports evaluating consistency of landfill operations with current State and County GHG emission reduction plans	Beginning in 2020, and subsequently every 5 years	CCL	LADRP, LACDPW, SCAQMD, LEA
	B. Develop GHG Emission Reduction Plan.	Within one year, if LADRP finds consistency reports demonstrate GHG emission reduction targets of then-current State and County GHG emission reduction plans are not met	CCL	LADRP, LACDPW, SCAQMD, LEA
GHG-2: Following closure of the landfill, the applicant shall continue to operate, maintain, and monitor the landfill gas collection and control system as long as the landfill continues to produce landfill gas, or until it is determined that emissions no longer constitute a considerable contribution to GHG emissions, whichever comes first.	Maintain monitoring log of landfill gas collection and control system.	Following closure of the landfill	CCL / Operations Manager	SCAQMD, LACDPW

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<p>Notes:</p> <p>BMP = best management practice</p> <p>Cal-IPC = California Invasive Plant Council</p> <p>CalRecycle = California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery</p> <p>CARB = California Air Resources Board</p> <p>CCR = <i>California Code of Regulations</i></p> <p>CDFW = California Department of Fish and Wildlife</p> <p>CRMP = Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan</p> <p>CWA = Clean Water Act</p> <p>DTSC = California Department of Toxic Substance Control</p> <p>EPA = United States Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>GHG = greenhouse gas</p> <p>LACDPW = Los Angeles County Department of Public Works</p> <p>LADRP = Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning</p> <p>LEA = Local Enforcement Agency</p> <p>LFG = landfill gas</p> <p>LFGTE = landfill gas-to-energy</p> <p>mph = miles per hour</p> <p>NAHC = Native American Heritage Commission</p> <p>OIMP = Odor Impact Minimization Plan</p> <p>PRMP = Paleontological Resources Mitigation Plan</p> <p>SCAQMD = South Coast Air Quality Management District</p> <p>USACE = United States Army Corps of Engineers</p> <p>USFWS = United States Fish and Wildlife Service</p>				

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Hearing Officer Transmittal Checklist

Hearing Date
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Agenda Item No.
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Project Number: R2004-00559-(5)
Case(s): Conditional Use Permit Case No. 200400042
Oak Tree Permit Case No. 201500007
Planner: Richard Claghorn

- ☒ Project Summary
- ☒ Property Location Map
- ☒ Staff Analysis
- ☐ Draft Resolution / Draft Ordinance / 8.5x11 Map (ZC or PA)
- ☒ Draft Findings (Permit Findings, CEQA Findings and SOC)
- ☐ Draft Conditions (to be provided)
- ☒ Burden of Proof Statement(s)
- ☒ Environmental Documentation (EIR)
- ☒ Correspondence
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- ☒ Land Use/Zoning Map
- ☐ Tentative Tract / Parcel Map
- ☒ Site Plan / Floor Plans / Elevations
- ☐ Exhibit Map
- ☐ Landscaping Plans

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Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

PROJECT NUMBER

R2004-00559-(5)

HEARING DATE

March 1, 2017

REQUESTED ENTITLEMENTS

Conditional Use Permit No. 200400042

Oak Tree Permit No. 201500007

Environmental Impact Report No. ENV 200400039

PROJECT SUMMARY

OWNER / APPLICANT

Chiquita Canyon Landfill, LLC

MAP/EXHIBIT DATE

May 2015

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The applicant, Chiquita Canyon Landfill, is requesting a Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") to authorize the continued operation and expansion of an existing Class III Landfill and an Oak Tree Permit for the removal of four oak trees within the A-2-2 (Heavy Agricultural, Two-Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) and A-2-5 (Heavy Agricultural, Five-Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone. A CUP is required in the A-2 Zone for land reclamation projects, pursuant to Section 22.24.150 of the Los Angeles County Code. The project scope includes expansion of the existing waste footprint from 257 acres to 400 acres, increased maximum elevation from 1,430 feet to 1,573 feet, and increased daily disposal limits from 6,000 tons per day of waste to 12,000 tons per day, new entrance and support facilities, household hazardous waste facility, mixed organics/composting, set-aside for a potential future conversion technology facility, and additional project elements. The property is located in the Newhall Zoned District and Castaic Community Standards District.

LOCATION

29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic

ACCESS

Henry Mayo Drive (proposed access on Wolcott Way)

ASSESSORS PARCEL NUMBER(S)

3271-002-011, 3271-002-013, 3271-002-019,
3271-002-036, 3271-002-039 & 3271-005-034

SITE AREA

639 Acres

GENERAL PLAN / LOCAL PLAN

Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan

ZONED DISTRICT

Newhall

LAND USE DESIGNATION

P-CS (Community Serving)

ZONE

A-2-2, A-2-5

PROPOSED UNITS

none

MAX DENSITY/UNITS

N/A

COMMUNITY STANDARDS DISTRICT (CSD)

Castaic Area

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION (CEQA)

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)-Statement of Overriding Considerations

KEY ISSUES

- Consistency with the Los Angeles County General Plan & Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan
- Satisfaction of the following Section(s) of Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code:
 - 22.24.150 (A-2 Zone Use Subject to Permits)
 - 22.44.137 (Castaic Area Community Standards District requirements)
 - 22.56.040 (CUP Burden of Proof requirements)
 - 22.56.2100 (Oak Tree Permit Burden of Proof requirements)

CASE PLANNER:

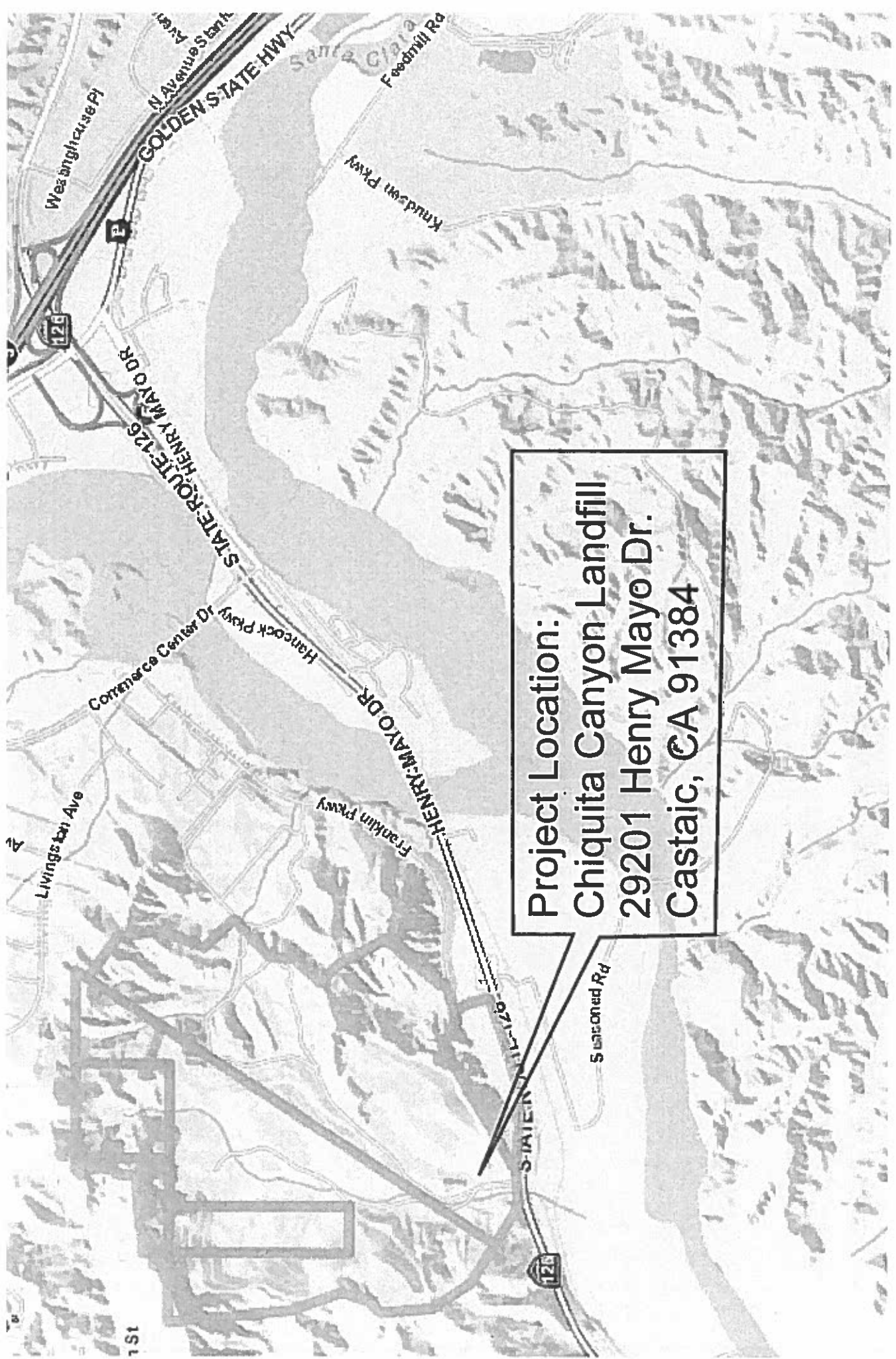
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ENTITLEMENTS REQUESTED

- Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") 200400042 is required for the continued operation and expansion of an existing Class III Landfill in the A-2-2 (Heavy Agricultural, Two-Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) and A-2-5 (Heavy Agricultural, Five-Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zones. A CUP is required in the A-2 Zone for land reclamation projects, pursuant to Section 22.24.150 of the Los Angeles County Code.
- Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") 201500007 is required for the removal of four oak trees related to the landfill within the A-2-2 and A-2-5 Zones pursuant to County Code Section 22.56.2060.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The permittee, Chiquita Canyon Landfill LLC ("Permittee"), is requesting authorization for the continued operation and expansion of a Class III Landfill ("Project") located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive ("Project Site"), in the unincorporated community of Castaic, within the A-2-2 and A-2-5 Zones. A CUP is required in the A-2 Zone for land reclamation projects, such as a landfill, pursuant to Section 22.24.150 of the Los Angeles County ("County") Code. The Project request includes the following elements: lateral expansion of the existing waste footprint from 257 acres to 400 acres; increased maximum elevation from 1,430 feet to 1,573 feet; increased daily disposal limits from 6,000 tons per day of waste to 12,000 tons per day; new entrance and support facilities; development of a household hazardous waste facility; mixed organics processing/composting operation; set-aside of land for a potential future conversion technology facility; acceptance of all nonhazardous wastes permitted at a Class III solid waste disposal landfill, exclusive of sludge; continued operation of the landfill and landfill gas-to-energy facility; new design features; and environmental monitoring. In addition, the proposed Project includes the relocation of a portion of Southern California Edison's existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line in order to accommodate landfill improvements. The property is located in the Newhall Zoned District and Castaic Community Standards District.

OTP 201500007 is needed for the removal of four oak trees in the vicinity of the entrance facilities, which are being modified to improve traffic flow and increase efficiency. They include three Coast Live Oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) and one Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*). The removals are related to the new entrance facilities, landfill expansion, and related grading.

SITE PLAN DESCRIPTION

The site plan for the Project, which is dated May 2015, depicts the Project Site, which includes Assessor's Parcel Number ("APN") 3271-002-011, 3271-002-013, 3271-002-019, 3271-002-036, 3271-002-039, and 3271-005-034. The Project Site has an overall area of approximately 639 acres. Most of the site is mountainous, with elevations ranging from approximately 950 feet above sea level near the south property line to a high of approximately 1,640 feet near the north property line. The Project Site fronts on Henry Mayo Drive, State Highway 126, on the south side. The intersection of Wolcott Way and Henry Mayo Drive forms the southeast corner of the Project Site. New entrance facilities

are proposed off of Wolcott Way, including driveways, parking lots with a total of 32 parking spaces, scales and gatehouses, queuing area, administration building and a household hazardous waste facility. The main driveway leads to and from the main canyon landfill area. The main canyon includes 188 acres of previously approved landfill area covering much of the western portion of the Project Site. The main canyon also is to include a lateral extension of 26.9 acres to the south and 115.8 acres to the north and east, for a total expansion area of approximately 143 acres. Two closed landfill areas are also depicted, including the existing Primary Canyon Landfill, which covers 55 acres in the southerly part of the site, and the existing Canyon "B" Landfill, which covers 14 acres near the eastern edge of the Project Site. The existing and proposed landfill areas will have a combined area of 400 acres. A large storm water basin is located near the southwest corner of the site. There is another storm water basin northeast of the Canyon "B" Landfill area, and six smaller storm water basins near the entrance facilities. The existing entrance facilities and office are located immediately east of the large storm water basin near the southwest corner of the site, although these facilities will be removed and there will no longer be access directly from Henry Mayo Drive. The existing landfill gas-to-energy facility is located to the east of the Main Canyon Landfill near the center of the site. The future potential conversion technology facility is located north of Wolcott Way in the southeast part of the site and includes a separate driveway leading to Wolcott Way. Proposed borrow areas are shown to the east of the Primary Canyon Landfill and south of the Canyon "B" Landfill. Alternative facilities locations to the east and west of the main landfill are shown, which are support facilities for equipment storage and for maintenance purposes. The total landfill area of 400 acres represents 62.6% of the total 639 acre Project Site. Most of the remaining area will also undergo some form of disturbance, including access roads, borrow areas, entrance facilities, future conversion technology set-aside area, storm water basins, graded areas, and other areas of disturbance. The total disturbed area assumed in the FEIR covers 625.08 acres (97.8% of the Project Area) according to Table 8-1 in Chapter 8 of the FEIR, leaving just 14.30 acres (2.2%) of the Project Area outside the limit of disturbance.

The site plan dated June 1, 2012 provided with the oak tree report dated June 6, 2014 depicts the oak tree locations. This site plan substantially conforms to with the overall site plan from May 2015, but only shows the areas near the oak trees to be removed. The trees to be removed include Oak Tree No. 1, which is a Valley Oak located close to the south property line, Oak Tree No. 2, a Coast Live Oak located close to the existing entrance area, Oak Tree No. 3, a Coast Live Oak in the south expansion area of the Main Canyon Landfill, and Oak Tree No. 89, a Coast Live Oak adjacent to the new queuing area west of Wolcott Way. Tree No. 89 is in poor condition while the others are rated as good in the oak tree report. All four oak trees have multiple trunks. The largest of the trunks belongs to Oak Tree No. 89, with a diameter of 18.5 inches for its largest trunk. The oak tree report is included as an attachment to this report. The site plan for the oak trees is the second to last page of the oak tree report, and the final page shows a detail map around each of the four oak trees to be removed.

EXISTING ZONING

The Project Site is zoned A-2-2 and A-2-5. APNs 3271-002-036 and 3271-002-039, which include approximately 308 acres of the Project Site, are in the A-2-5 Zone. The

remainder of the Project Site is in the A-2-2 Zone, which includes APNs 3271-002-011, 3271-002-013, 3271-002-019 and 3271-005-034. These zones are divided by a diagonal line running from northeast to southwest, with the A-2-5 Zone located to the south and east of this line and A-2-2 Zone located to the north and west.

Surrounding properties within 500 feet are zoned as follows:

- North: A-2-2, M-1.5-DP (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing-Development Program), MPD-DP (Manufacturing-Industrial Planned Zone-Development Program)
- South: SP (Newhall Ranch Specific Plan-Commercial Retail/Office, Medium Residential land use categories)
- East: M-1.5-DP, M-1.5 (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing),
- West: SP (Newhall Ranch Specific Plan-Business Park and Open Area land use categories), R-1 (Single-Family Residence)

EXISTING LAND USES

The Project Site is developed with an existing landfill and ancillary facilities.

Surrounding properties within 500 feet are developed as follows:

- North: Vacant land, water tanks, light industrial uses
- South: Vacant land, agriculture uses
- East: Vacant land, Post Office distribution center, water tank
- West: Vacant land, single-family residence

PREVIOUS CASES/ZONING HISTORY

The Project Site was zoned A-2-2 and A-2-5 by Ordinance No. 7486, effective April 3, 1959. A portion of the south part of the Project Site corresponding to the current boundaries of APN 3271-002-036 and a small part of APN 3271-002-039 was changed to the M-1.5 Zone by Ordinance 91022, effective October 17, 1991. The M-1.5 Zone area was subsequently changed to M-1.5-DP Zone. The M-1.5-DP Zone area was changed back to the A-2-5 Zone through Zone Change 2012-0055Z, effective December 27, 2012.

Certificate of Compliance for Lot Line Adjustment RLLA 201300007, recorded February 18, 2014, adjusted the land area owned by Chiquita Canyon Landfill from approximately 622 acres to 639 acres. The current Project Site is Parcel One of RLLA 201300007. It is a legal lot. Parcel 2 of RLLA 201300007 is a 23.51 acre parcel owned by Macario Sagun and Presentacion Sagun. The Sagun property was 40.19 acres in size before the Lot Line Adjustment.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill was first approved for a land reclamation project by the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") on December 21, 1965 through Zone Exception Case ("ZEC") 7879. ZEC 8040 was approved by the Commission for an access road related to the land reclamation project on March 8, 1966. On September 13, 1966 the Commission approved ZEC 8191 for refuse disposal and land reclamation project at the site. On March 2, 1977 the Commission approved CUP 1010 for continued operation and maintenance of a waste disposal facility and land reclamation project with appurtenant

facilities. On November 24, 1982 the Commission approved CUP 1809 for expansion of the existing landfill with Class II and Class III disposal sites. CUP 89-081 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 20, 1997 for continued operation of a Class III landfill after the approval of the CUP by the Commission was appealed.

CUP 89-081 was to expire on November 24, 2019 or when the landfill reached a waste disposal limit of 23,000,000 tons, whichever occurred first. The application for CUP 200400042 was filed on October 12, 2004. As the cumulative waste disposal tonnage was approaching the limit and it became clear that the Project would not have its environmental review process completed before a public hearing for renewal of the CUP could be held, the applicant requested a "Clean Hands Waiver" from the Director of the Department of Regional Planning ("Director") in November 2015. The Director granted the Clean Hands Waiver on March 17, 2016, pursuant to Section 22.04.110 of the County Code, subject to continued compliance with the conditions of CUP 89-081, with the exception of the 23,000,000 ton waste disposal limit. The waiver does not allow the landfill to exceed the 29.4 million ton threshold analyzed in the EIR for CUP 89-081. The waiver allows the landfill operations to continue on a temporary basis until the earliest of the following: a.) a final action is taken on the project (withdrawal, approval, or denial); b.) July 31, 2017; or c.) revocation of the waiver by the Director. The landfill reached and exceeded the 23 million ton limit in July 2016, but it has been allowed to continue to operate in accordance with the Clean Hands Waiver.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

An Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.) ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines for the County. A Draft EIR ("DEIR") and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR ("PRDEIR") have been completed for the Project. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP") has been prepared to mitigate Project impacts to geology and hydrology, surface water drainage, biological resources, cultural and paleontological resources, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. Project impacts will be reduced to less than significant levels except for impacts to air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. CEQA Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations ("SOC") have been prepared for the Project and are included with the hearing package.

The DEIR was released on July 10, 2014. It had a public comment period of 105 days, including 45 days for the initial comment period and two extensions of 30 days each. The public comment period for the DEIR closed on October 23, 2014. A Hearing Examiner public hearing was held at the Castaic Sports Complex on July 31, 2014 for the DEIR for the Project.

Subsequently it was determined that the following chapters of the DEIR needed to be revised and recirculated: Introduction, Project Description, Biological Resources, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change and Project Alternatives. The PRDEIR was released on November 9, 2016 and its public comment period of 61 days

ended on January 9, 2017. The updated chapters, related appendices, a visual resources supplement, a traffic supplement, and an executive summary were included in the PRDEIR. A Hearing Examiner public hearing was held at the theater of West Ranch High School in Stevenson Ranch on December 15, 2016 for the PRDEIR for the Project. The transcripts of the proceedings for the Hearing Examiner hearings on the DEIR and PREDIR are attached with this report. The major issues discussed at the hearings are included in the Community Comments section later in this report.

The Final EIR ("FEIR") for the Project has been prepared. The FEIR consists of introductory explanatory material, an executive summary, the complete DEIR and PRDEIR, comments received concerning the DEIR and PRDEIR with responses to the comments, appendixes, supplements and the MMRP. A summary of the comments is contained in the Community Comments and Recommendations section of this report.

STAFF EVALUATION

General Plan/Community Plan Consistency

The Project Site is located within the Community Serving (P-CS) land use category of the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan ("Area Plan"). This designation includes landfills among the allowable uses that are listed, subject to the underlying zoning designation requirements.

Chapter 2 of the Area Plan, the Land Use Element, contains a section on page 26 discussing the Val Verde Community. It says, "Major planning issues for Val Verde include potential nuisance impacts from expansion of the landfill in Chiquita Canyon, the compatibility of proposed developments with the village's rural character, and providing residents with increased access to employment opportunities, social services, and adequate infrastructure."

Project Conditions of Approval, the MMRP and Implementation and Monitoring Program ("IMP") are designed to avoid or mitigate potential nuisance impacts to surrounding communities, including Val Verde, and to ensure that the landfill operates safely and efficiently. A draft CUP condition requires that the fees collected from the landfill will be used to fund programs and activities that enhance Countywide disposal capacity, mitigate landfill impacts in the unincorporated County areas, promote development of Conversion Technology facilities that benefit the Santa Clarita Valley and the County, and fund environmental, educational, and quality of life programs in unincorporated areas surrounding the landfill. Another draft condition requires that quarterly clean-up days be provided for residents of Val Verde. One mitigation measure from the MMRP requires the development of an Odor Impact Minimization Plan, and there is also a draft CUP condition requiring a response by the Permittee to address air quality and odor complaints. Such response would include working with the regulatory agencies to systematically address each complaint and specific steps to resolve such complaints. MMRP mitigation measures also require using innovative approaches to reducing potential air emissions from building construction, use of Best Management Practices ("BMPs") to reduce emissions from construction and operations and use of BMPs to improve landfill gas collection efficiency.

The IMP requires annual monitoring reports to enhance the continuing oversight of landfill operations and supplement routine enforcement activities, and to provide accountability to show compliance with all requirements. The annual report also is required to summarize measures taken by the Permittee to divert and recycle materials, to promote and implement appropriate alternative technologies, to mitigate nuisance odors and other complaints, to minimize truck traffic, and to ensure the effectiveness and adequacy of landfill gas collection, to report on revegetation, as well as a detailed report on the quantities and types of materials received by the landfill and other pertinent information. These are just a few examples of CUP conditions, IMP requirements, and MMRP mitigation measures that help to avoid or mitigate potential nuisance impacts and to ensure that the landfill is operating safely and efficiently.

The Land Use Element of the Area Plan contains a section on page 46 discussing landfills in the Santa Clarita Valley, including Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The section states that Chiquita Canyon Landfill is one of the three Class III landfills that primarily serve the Santa Clarita Valley, along with Antelope Valley Landfill and Sunshine Canyon Landfill. It further states, *"With approved expansions these landfills will have the capacity to serve the Valley beyond year 2020. However, the proposed expansion of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill has raised concerns by residents of nearby Val Verde, who are often impacted by wind-borne odors and truck traffic. Compatibility of Landfills with adjacent development must continue to be addressed."*

Page 46 of the Area Plan also mentions programs in the City of Santa Clarita and County to reduce waste generation through diversion programs such as recycling and re-use, but also says, *"Although these efforts will increase the life expectancy of local landfills, they do not eliminate the need for new landfill space."* It mentions the need for facilities *"for sorting and resource recovery from solid waste, including materials recovery facilities (MRFs), composting facilities, collection centers for electronic waste (such as discarded computers and televisions), and recycling facilities."*

Chiquita Canyon Landfill is by far the main landfill used by the City of Santa Clarita and the unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. In 2015, 90% of the waste generated in the City of Santa Clarita was disposed at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, as was 77% of the waste for the unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. It is a vital component of the waste disposal infrastructure of the County and for the Santa Clarita Valley.

The Project proposes to add a household hazardous waste facility ("HHWF") and composting operation. An area for a future conversion technology facility has been set aside on the Project Site. Continued operation of the landfill and implementation of the HHWF and composting will help to achieve the goals of the Area Plan. Truck traffic impacts will be reduced due to the new entrance facilities off of Wolcott Way, which will reduce traffic impacts on Henry Mayo Drive. Project conditions and mitigation measures proposed for the Project will help to minimize potentially adverse effects such as odors.

The landfill use and the related existing and proposed ancillary facilities are consistent with the relevant Area Plan policies. The Project is therefore consistent with the Area Plan. The following policies of the Area Plan are applicable to the proposed project:

- *Land Use Element Policy LU-9.1.3: "Protect major utility transmission corridors, pumping stations, reservoirs, booster stations, and other similar facilities from encroachment by incompatible uses, while allowing non-intrusive uses such as plant nurseries, greenbelts, and recreational trails."*

A portion of SCE's existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line is proposed for relocation in order to accommodate landfill improvements. Landfill operations will not interfere with the transmission lines.

- *Land Use Element Policy LU-9.1.6: "Coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure that landfill expansion needs are met while minimizing adverse impacts to Valley residents."*

The appropriate County departments and state agencies have coordinated extensively in reviewing the proposed landfill expansion and in developing appropriate mitigation measures and conditions. Other organizations have been included in the environmental and permit consultation process, and their comments, as well as analyses of the potential adverse impacts of the Project to area residents, have been taken into consideration in this process.

The Project is consistent with the policies of the General Plan. The following policies of the General Plan relating to waste management and waste diversion are applicable to the proposed Project:

- *General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.1: "Maintain an efficient, safe and responsive waste management system that reduces waste while protecting the health and safety of the public."*

Chiquita Canyon Landfill is an important part of the County's waste management system. Project conditions and mitigation measures are designed to ensure that the landfill is operated in a safe and efficient manner.

- *General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.2: "Ensure adequate disposal capacity by providing for environmentally sound and technically feasible development of solid waste management facilities, such as landfills and transfer/processing facilities."*

In 2015, the amount of waste disposed in or from Los Angeles County was 9,721,311 tons. Class III landfills in the County accounted for 4,772,823 tons, or approximately 49.1% of the total. The three largest landfills in the County had the following amounts of waste disposed in 2015: Sunshine Canyon Landfill, 2,402,704 tons; Chiquita Canyon Landfill, 1,075,207 tons, and Antelope Valley Landfill, 488,807 tons. Chiquita Canyon

Landfill accounted for 22.5% of the waste disposed in Class III landfills in the County and 11.1% of the total solid waste for the County in 2015. In 2015, 4,127,261 tons, or approximately 42.5% of solid waste from the County was transported to landfills outside the County. In 2015, 2.7% of the County's solid waste was disposed at an inert waste landfill and 5.7% was disposed at transformation facilities. The sources of waste at CCL in 2015 were as follows: City of Santa Clarita 13%, unincorporated Los Angeles County 5%, City of Los Angeles 55%, Santa Monica 6%, other cities in Los Angeles County 19% and outside of Los Angeles County 2%.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill provides the County significant capacity to help meet its current waste disposal needs and in meeting the projected needs as anticipated in the Integrated Waste Management Plan for Los Angeles County. The Project Conditions, MMRP, and IMP provide requirements to ensure that the landfill implements recognized best practices and technological advancements in a way that is environmentally sound while helping to meet the County's waste disposal capacity needs.

- *General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.4: "Encourage solid waste management facilities that utilize conversion and other alternative technologies and waste to energy facilities."*

The Project includes continued operation of a landfill gas-to-energy ("LFGTE") facility. The Project Site includes an existing 9.2 megawatt LGTFE plant operated by Ameresco Chiquita Energy LLC. The LGTFE plant uses gases extracted from the landfill through an onsite gas collection system and converts it into energy, which is delivered to the local electrical grid. It provides enough energy to power approximately 10,000 homes per year. The plant is staffed with two full time employees and operates 24 hours a day, seven days per week, and operates independently of the landfill. An area of land on the Project Site has been set aside for a future conversion technology facility.

- *General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.5: "Reduce the County's waste stream by minimizing waste generation and enhancing diversion."*

The Project includes diversion of waste materials from disposal and putting them to beneficial use. Some examples of beneficial use materials diverted from the waste stream include: shredded curbside green waste, which is used for temporary slope stabilization, erosion control, fugitive dust control and alternative daily cover; treated auto shredder waste, used as alternative daily cover; shredded tires, used to protect the methane gas pipeline system as trench backfill for the construction of the landfill gas collection system; and construction and demolition debris, including concrete and other materials used to build all-weather roads and other surfaces onsite.

- *General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.6: "Encourage the use and procurement of recyclable and biodegradable materials."*

The Project includes an organic waste composting facility. The composting facility would allow up to 560 tons per day of green waste, food waste, and other organic waste materials for composting. The organic material is to be processed on site for

distribution and use as mulch, biomass fuel and compost. Some of these materials would be used onsite as beneficial use materials, and other materials would be available to customers who would use the materials offsite.

Zoning Ordinance and Development Standards Compliance

Land reclamation projects, such as a landfill, are allowed in the A-2 Zone with a CUP, pursuant to Section 22.24.150 of the County Code.

The Project Site is located within the Castaic Area Community Standards District ("CSD"). The CSD contains restrictions on development within 50 feet of primary significant ridgelines and within 25 feet of secondary significant ridgelines. The primary significant ridgelines on the Project Site are located along or close to the northern and western property lines. Two short sections of secondary ridgelines are located in the southwest part of the Project Site. No grading or development is proposed within the protected areas of any significant ridgelines. The FEIR includes exhibit maps showing the areas of the Project Site where proposed grading comes closest to the significant ridgelines. These maps are in the FEIR Response to Comments section for Topical Response No. 27, and they show that no grading is proposed within the protected areas of the ridgelines. The project is consistent with the development standards of the CSD.

Pursuant to Section 22.56.2060 of the County Code, an OTP is required for the Project because of the four oak trees the Permittee proposes to remove. The Project is subject to the requirements for an OTP in Part 16 of Chapter 22.56 of the County Code and is in compliance with the requirements. A replacement ratio of two to one is required for the trees to be removed, for a total of eight mitigation trees required. OTP conditions are included at the end of the Project's Conditions of Approval.

The A-2 Zone requires minimum setbacks of 20 feet in front, five feet on the sides and 15 feet in the rear, pursuant to Sections 22.24.170 A and 22.20.120 of the County Code. The proposed structures, landfill expansion areas, and other uses on the Project Site are located well outside of the required setback areas, as shown on the Exhibit "A" site plan for the Project. The landfill expansion area is approximately 70 feet from the property line at the closest point, and proposed structures are at least 70 feet from property lines.

The amount of parking required for the administrative office building is one space per 400 square feet, pursuant to the requirement for business or professional offices in Section 22.52.1100 of the County Code. Based on an area of approximately 4,800 square feet, this building is required to have 12 parking spaces. Parking required for the household hazardous waste facility is eight spaces, based on an area of approximately 2,100 square feet and one required parking space per 250 square feet for general commercial uses pursuant to Section 22.52.1100 of the County Code. The current Exhibit "A" site plan for the Project shows 23 parking spaces provided for the administrative office building and nine spaces for the household hazardous waste facility. The parking to be provided meets the County Code requirements for the uses on the site.

Neighborhood Impact/Land Use Compatibility

The existing landfill use is consistent with the current zoning designations and land use category of the property. It serves an important function as the second largest landfill in the County and has been operating since 1972. Its location behind mountains largely shields the operations from view from surrounding areas, and the Permittee has managed the operations in a responsible manner. The landfill provides free clean-up days for residents of Val Verde, the nearest existing residential community. However, the landfill has still generated much concern in surrounding communities, especially Val Verde, including complaints of foul odors from many neighborhood residents, as well concerns about traffic, air quality, and health impacts.

The permittee has taken steps to respond to the concerns. The landfill rejects at the scales trucks where loads are obviously highly odorous. If a highly odorous load is detected while unloading, the waste is covered immediately to control the odors. The permittee regularly exceeds state minimum standards and the normal recommended practices to cover trash and other areas of the landfill proactively to minimize odors from fresh trash. Large portable fans are used to control air flow and dilute and disperse odors. When a combination of odorous loads and certain weather conditions occurs, a perimeter odor control system is used to disperse odor neutralizing agents to control odors.

The existing residential community of Val Verde is located to the northeast of the Project Site. The nearest residence is located on Roosevelt Avenue in the south part of Val Verde and is approximately 500 feet from the Project Site and approximately 1,100 feet from the developed area of the Project Site. Steep hillsides separate the Project Site from Val Verde.

A United States Post Office distribution facility is located immediately to the east of the Project Site. The nearest structure is approximately 150 feet from the Project Site, which is part of the Post Office facility. Other industrial uses of the Valencia Commerce Center are located to the east and north of the Project Site. Franklin Parkway connects the Valencia Commerce Center to Wolcott Way, where the new entrance facilities are proposed.

The Project's new entrance facilities off of Wolcott Way, the related street improvements required for the Project and the closure of the existing entrance facilities will improve traffic flow in the area and avoid queuing of trucks on the Highway 126. A condition requires the closure of the existing entrance on Highway 126 and relocation of the entrance to Wolcott Way within one year of the effective date of the CUP. This will help to alleviate many of the traffic issues in the area.

Some of the right-of-way and street improvement requirements include the following: full street improvements on Wolcott Way and Franklin Parkway within the Project frontage; dedication of right-of-way at a minimum of 70 feet from the centerline of Highway 126; exclusive right turn lanes and transition improvements in the event the Project traffic volumes exceed road capacity; slope easements at the interchange of Highway 126 and Wolcott Way; offsite improvements identified in the approved Traffic Study analysis; payment of fees for the Westside Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee

District; installation of drainage structures; and installation of street lights on concrete poles with underground wiring.

The organic waste composting operation will provide an opportunity to recycle and beneficially use organic waste materials. It will be enclosed to minimize the potential for objectionable odors that adversely affect the community. The household hazardous waste facility will be open to the public and would potentially be open up to seven days per week between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and shall be staffed continuously with a person(s) trained in hazardous material handling and management. The materials that may be accepted by the facility include, but are not limited to used motor oil, used latex paints, used anti-freeze, used batteries and other household wastes defined in the Operating Agreement. The facility may not be used for general use by commercial or industrial entities. It would allow for residents to safely dispose of hazardous household wastes. This will help to prevent such materials from being improperly disposed.

The land set aside for a future conversion technology facility would provide an opportunity to convert waste into energy or other useful products. Conversion technologies are non-combustion thermal, mechanical, and biological processes that convert post-recycled materials (which would otherwise be sent to landfills) into green fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel, clean renewable energy, and other marketable products. A conversion technology facility will help to meet County objectives and state legislation to advance conversion technologies. The continuing operation of the existing LFGTE plant will continue to provide power to the local electrical grid. These uses will provide benefits to the County as a whole and to the local community.

Site Visit

Site visits were conducted by Department of Regional Planning ("DRP") Staff on August 19, 2015 and January 4, 2016, as well as on other occasions. Staff also visited the community of Val Verde and other areas surrounding the Project Site. The landfill operations were found to be conducted in a clean and efficient manner with a minimum of odors or other problems at those times. The site plan accurately reflects the site conditions. County staff from other departments, in particular the Department of Public Works ("Public Works") and Department of Public Health ("DPH") are regularly at the Project Site. The Environmental Programs Division of Public Works monitors and tracks the quantities and types of waste disposed at the landfill and provides oversight to verify that the landfill is being operated in accordance with the applicable permit requirements and regulations. DPH's Solid Waste Management Program acts as the Local Enforcement Agency and conducts regular monitoring related to the Solid Waste Facility Permit that it issues for the facility, in concurrence with the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery ("Cal Recycle").

Burden of Proof

The applicant is required to substantiate all facts identified by Section 22.56.040 of the County Code. The Burden of Proof statements with the applicant's responses are attached. Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has met the burden of proof requirements. The Project is an established use that has been a part of the community for decades and continues to provide a safe location for the disposal of waste for both the

Santa Clarita Valley and the rest of Los Angeles County. The Project is subject to close oversight and regulation by County and State agencies such as DPH, Public Works and CalRecycle. It is subject to Conditions of Approval, an MMRP and IMP designed to avoid adverse impacts to the community and to the environment and to ensure effective and safe landfill operations. Therefore, the requested use at the location proposed will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

The Site is 639 acres, of which 400 acres is designated as landfill area, including closed areas of the site. There is ample room for parking, access, and all other facilities needed for the Project's operations. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.

The Project Site fronts State Highway 126, Franklin Parkway and Wolcott Way. New entrance facilities are required for the Project on Wolcott Way. Right-of-way and street improvements are required to satisfy the requirements of Public Works and the California Department of Transportation, and are described in detail in the draft conditions and are summarized in the Neighborhood Impact/Land Use Compatibility section of this report. The new facilities will improve the traffic circulation in the area and help to avoid queuing of trucks onto the highway. The traffic-related improvements required for the Project, including the required road improvements and contribution to the Westside Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District will adequately offset the Project's traffic impacts. Therefore, the proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of vehicle traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.

The applicant is required to substantiate all facts identified by Section 22.56.2100 of the County Code, the Oak Tree Permit Burden of Proof. The Burden of Proof with applicant's responses is attached. Staff is of the opinion that the applicant has met the burden of proof requirements.

The proposed construction of the proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining trees subject to Part 16 of Title 22 of the County Code, on the subject property.

Four oak trees are to be removed, which are the only known ordinance-sized oak trees on the Project Site. Their removal is required due to the location of the trees in the areas needed for the new entrance facilities, landfill expansion area, and related grading. They shall be replaced by eight mitigation oak trees on the Project Site. Other oak trees shall not be endangered. Any future impacts to oak trees and oak woodlands will not be allowed until an Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan has been approved by Regional Planning, in accordance with Mitigation Measure BR-15 of the MMRP, and the required mitigation

measures will need to be implemented for any such impacts to ensure the protection of oak trees and oak woodlands.

The removal of the oak trees proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated.

Site grading shall be accomplished only after receiving a grading permit from Public Works. Such grading shall be done appropriately to avoid any erosion or increased runoff unless adequately mitigated to the satisfaction of Public Works and in compliance with the Project's MMRP mitigation measures, and with the applicable regulations, such as the Low Impact Development requirements. Related mitigation measures include a requirement to retain a qualified engineer to evaluate the site's potential for debris flow and to recommend design provisions for control and cleanup of debris flows; to perform design-level geotechnical investigations to identify areas of expansive or collapsible soils in relation to buildings or structures and to perform additional testing if deemed necessary by the Project geotechnical and civil engineers; and to retain a qualified engineer to evaluate the surface water drainage and to make recommendations with regard to drainage issues.

That in addition to the above facts, at least one of the following findings apply:

- 1. That the removal or relocation of the oak tree(s) proposed is necessary as continued existence at present location(s) frustrates the planned improvement or proposed use of the subject property to such an extent that:
 - a. Alternative development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or that the cost of such alternative would be prohibitive, or*
 - b. Placement of such tree(s) precludes the reasonable and efficient use of such property for a use otherwise authorized, or**
- 2. That the oak tree(s) proposed for removal or relocation interferes with utility services or streets and highways, either within or outside of the subject property, and no reasonable alternative to such interference exists other than removal of the tree(s), or*
- 3. That the condition of the oak tree(s) proposed for removal with reference to seriously debilitating disease or danger or falling is such that it cannot be remedied through reasonable preservation procedures and practices;*

The oak tree removals are necessary due to their location near the new entrance facilities, landfill expansion area, and related grading. There is no feasible alternate entrance area or landfill expansion area.

The removal of the oak trees proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the oak tree permit procedure.

The oak tree removals are necessary to accomplish the Project, and the mitigation trees will compensate for the loss of the trees to be removed. The oak tree permit procedure shall be properly followed and enforced.

COUNTY DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

A letter concerning OTP 201500007 dated January 24, 2017 from the Forestry Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department was received by DRP Staff. The letter indicated that the oak tree report is accurate regarding the location, size, condition and species of oak trees on the site and recommended conditions of approval.

A letter from the Public Works dated February 1, 2017 recommended that the draft conditions provided be used if the Project is ultimately approved. A copy of this letter is attached. The draft conditions from Public Works have been incorporated into the Project's draft conditions. The draft conditions are still in the process of being finalized and shall be provided as part of a supplemental hearing package to be released by February 23, 2017.

The Los Angeles County Fire Department Fire Prevention Division ("Fire") submitted a letter to DRP dated January 12, 2017 requesting additional information prior to clearing the Project for public hearing. Fire has requested revisions to the Exhibit "A" site plan prior to clearance, including revisions to the fire apparatus access road. The Permittee continues to work with Fire to toward receiving their clearance, but at the present time a Fire clearance letter has not been issued.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health ("DPH") submitted a letter to DRP dated January 19, 2017 requesting additional information prior to clearing the Project for public hearing. The letter indicates that the Solid Waste Management Program, the Local Enforcement Agency ("LEA") recommends approval of the CUP contingent upon satisfactorily addressing the issues referred to in a separate letter issued by the LEA on January 9, 2017. The Permittee continues to work with DPH, including the LEA, toward receiving their clearance, but at the present time a DPH clearance letter has not been issued.

Copies of the above letters from County Departments are attached to this report for reference.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff has received a large number of letters and emails containing comments on the Project's DEIR and PRDEIR as well as oral testimony on each. For the DEIR a total of 38 written comments were received in support of the Project and 44 against the Project. At the Hearing Examiner hearing on July 31, 2014 three speakers spoke in support of the Project while 24 spoke in opposition. In addition, there were 17 letters from government and tribal agencies plus one from Southern California Edison regarding the DEIR received by Regional Planning and incorporated into the FEIR.

For the PRDEIR there were 294 written comment letters and emails in opposition to the project and only one in favor of the Project. The count of opposition comments included

some that only asked for a time extension on the PRDEIR without necessarily stating opposition to the Project. At the December 15, 2016 Hearing Examiner hearing, there were 36 speakers at the hearing who testified against the project and seven who testified in favor. Additionally, 13 speaker cards were filled out by Project opponents who did not speak and one which didn't state any position on the landfill from someone who didn't speak. Many of the commenters submitted multiple comments or spoke at both hearings. There were nearly as many written comment letters in support of the Project as were opposed which were received during the DEIR comment period. However, nearly all of the written public comments for the PRDEIR have been in opposition to the landfill. Copies of the comment letters received on the DEIR and PRDEIR and responses to the comments are included in the FEIR, along with topical responses.

The most frequent concerns expressed by the public and by other agencies have been potential impacts to public health, air quality, odors, and traffic. Some other frequent topics included environmental justice issues, biological resources, greenhouse gases, the CUP 89-081 conditions and 1997 community agreement, property values, project alternatives, and water quality. The FEIR contains detailed topical responses to 34 of the most common topics that were commented on by the public, and specific responses to each of the public comments. The project conditions, IMP, and MMRP include requirements that address many of the community concerns.

The most serious concerns are those regarding potential impacts to public health. The public health concerns include possible increases in cancer risk, asthma, respiratory diseases and other health risks resulting from proximity to the landfill and air emissions from the landfill. A health risk assessment was prepared in accordance with guidelines published by the State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD"), and is included as part of Air Quality chapter of the FEIR. The health risk assessment is based on conservative assumptions in order to provide more assurance that the Project does not produce significant impacts to public health. The public health impacts fall below the significance thresholds established by SCAQMD, even though the estimated health risks associated with the facility are based on a conservative analysis. Further detail for this issue is provided in Chapter 11 on Air Quality in the FEIR, in Topical Response No. 21, and in Appendix M of the FEIR, which is a technical memorandum on the public health evaluation.

Seven additional letters of opposition and one email of opposition have been received by DRP since the notice for the Commission public hearing was sent on January 24, 2017. DRP has also received phone calls from landfill opponents expressing their concerns.

Supporters of the Project have submitted the following to DRP since the notice for the Commission public hearing was sent on January 24, 2017: a petition in support of the Project signed by 53 residents of Val Verde; 27 letters in Spanish signed by supporters of the Project; 23 letters of support for the Project from 2014; and 388 letters of support for the Project from 2017. The support letters are included in a package submitted by the Permittee, which includes a cover letter; a report discussing the correlation between beneficial use materials and performance at Chiquita Canyon Landfill; charts showing the

origin of disposal materials and diversion materials by Supervisorial District; a list of odor management BMPs; information about the LFGTE plant; a list of regulatory agencies and permits associated with Chiquita Canyon Landfill; and a list of organizations which have supported Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The list of supporters includes the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation, Los Angeles County Business Federation, SCV Latino Chamber of Commerce, SCV Senior Center, Valley Industry Association, Castaic Chamber of Commerce, West Ranch Town Council, Child and Family Center, and many other groups and organizations. The letters of support include letters from some of these organizations, small business owners, residents, local waste haulers, and others. The support letters and other support materials described here are included in the hearing package in three separate binders.

The Permittee has proposed to increase the landfill's capacity, doubling the amount of waste disposal allowed from 6,000 to 12,000 tons per day. This increase in waste disposal capacity may result in impacts to the surrounding community, particularly for traffic, air quality, and odor impacts, but all significant impacts will be mitigated to levels that are less than significant, with the exception of air quality and greenhouse gases/climate change. The impacts for these two areas would be significant and unavoidable even under the no project alternative, as well as the other project alternatives analyzed by the FEIR. The Project alternatives would shift the location of the impacts but would not reduce them to a level that is less than significant. DRP and Public Works recommend approval of the CUP with limits on waste disposal and beneficial use materials as specified in the Draft Conditions of Approval. CUP 89-081 did not set a limit on the amount of beneficial use materials, and Staff believes that a limit is necessary to avoid potentially excessive amounts of such materials. Staff recommends maintaining a maximum landfill elevation as described in the Draft Conditions of Approval. Staff recommends approval of the CUP to allow the landfill operations to continue, subject to adherence to the Conditions of Approval, MMRP and IMP. Implementation and enforcement of these requirements will minimize potential impacts.

The Project will still provide a significant amount of waste disposal capacity to help the County to meet its waste disposal needs. The organic waste composting operation, household hazardous waste facility, and future conversion technology facility, as well as the continuing operation of the existing LFGTE plant will also provide benefits to the community. The proposed Conditions of Approval, MMRP and IMP contain measures to ensure that the landfill is operated in a safe, efficient, and environmentally responsible manner that will protect public health and safety and avoid or mitigate any potentially adverse effects while helping the County to meet its waste disposal needs.

The draft CUP Conditions of Approval include general provisions, such as limits on the amount of solid waste and beneficial use materials that may be accepted by the landfill, regulations pertaining to the ancillary facilities, and a limit on the maximum permitted landfill elevation. The maximum proposed landfill elevation is 1,573 feet above sea level. CUP 89-081 allowed a maximum landfill elevation of 1,430 feet above sea level. Another set of conditions relates to insurance requirements. Termination requirements are also contained in the conditions, which specify that the use shall terminate 30 years after the effective date of the grant, or when the limits of fill reach 46.8 million tons, whichever

occurs first. Other conditions relate to the hours of operation; maximizing facility capacity; prohibited materials, grading/drainage, groundwater protection; landscaping, cover and revegetation and aesthetic requirements; air quality (including odor issues); traffic and road improvement; litter control and recovery; other permits/requirements; permittee fees; legislation; and community information/inquiries. Conditions prohibit materials such as sludge, automobile shredder waste, incinerator ash, radioactive material, and hazardous waste. The draft OTP conditions are included after the draft CUP conditions in the same document.

The IMP includes provisions regarding various aspects of the landfill operation, including the following: landfill elevations, waste plan conformance, data collection and reporting, waste origin data accuracy, hazardous waste exclusion, prohibited materials, indemnification agreement, biological / horticultural monitoring, archeological / paleontological monitoring, ancillary facilities, Community Advisory Committee, Annual Monitoring Reports, compensation, Technical Advisory Committee and Periodic Review. Annual reports are required to enhance continuing oversight operations and to supplement routine enforcement activities. The Periodic Review section of the IMP, and a related condition of the CUP, require that on the 10th and 20th anniversaries of the effective date of the permit a thorough analysis be completed to determine whether any changes should be made to the IMP to ensure that the landfill operations are conducted in accordance with the best practices available at the time and that any changes in circumstances and technological innovations are taken into consideration. A Hearing Officer would make a decision on whether any changes to the IMP are necessary, and this decision could be appealed to the Commission, whose decision shall be final.

The MMRP includes mitigation measures in the following areas, based on the analysis in the FEIR: geology and hydrology, surface water drainage, biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. Implementation of the mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant for all areas except for air quality and greenhouse gas emissions/climate change.

LEGAL NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC OUTREACH

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper, property posting, library posting and Department of Regional Planning website posting. All 67 neighboring property owners within 1,000 feet of the Project Site were notified by mail, as were the 23 people or groups on the courtesy list for the Newhall Zoned District, 54 additional people who requested notification concerning the Project, and all 694 households residing in Val Verde. Additionally, the case materials are available on Regional Planning's website and at the Castaic Library and Valencia Library.

FEES/DEPOSITS

If approved, fees identified in the attached project conditions will apply unless modified by the Regional Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

The following recommendation is made prior to the public hearing and is subject to change based upon testimony and/or documentary evidence presented at the public hearing:

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of Project Number R2004-00559, including Conditional Use Permit Number 200400042 and Oak Tree Permit Number 201500007, subject to the attached conditions.

SUGGESTED APPROVAL MOTIONS:

CEQA:

I MOVE THAT THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND CERTIFY THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT ALONG WITH THE REQUIRED FINDINGS OF FACT AND STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS AND ADOPT THE MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE PROJECT PURSUANT TO STATE AND LOCAL CEQA GUIDELINES.

Entitlements:

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Prepared by Richard Claghorn, Principal Regional Planning Assistant, Zoning Permits North Section

Reviewed by Samuel Dea, Supervising Regional Planner, Zoning Permits North Section

Attachments:

CEQA Findings and SOC

Draft Findings

Draft MMRP

Applicant's Burden of Proof statement

Site Photographs, Aerial Image

Site Plan, Land Use Map

Oak Tree Permit Letter from Forester dated 1/24/17

Oak Tree Report

Transcript of Hearing Examiner hearing from July 31, 2014

Transcript of Hearing Examiner hearing from December 15, 2016

Public Correspondence-opposition letters received since 1/23/17

Binder with support letters and other support materials

SD:RC

PROJECT NO. R2004-00559-(5)
CUP NO. 200400042, OTP NO. 201500007

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**DRAFT FINDINGS AND ORDER
OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROJECT NO. R2004-00559-(5)
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO. 200400042 AND
OAK TREE PERMIT NO. 201500007**

1. The Los Angeles County ("County") Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") conducted a duly-noticed public hearing on March 1, 2017, in the matter of Project No. R2004-00559-(5), Conditional Use Permit ("CUP") No. 200400042 and Oak Tree Permit ("OTP") No. 201500007.
2. The permittee, Chiquita Canyon Landfill LLC ("Permittee"), is requesting the approval of CUP No. 200400042 for continued operation and expansion of a Class III Landfill ("Project") located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive ("Project Site"), in the unincorporated community of Castaic, in the A-2-2 (Heavy Agricultural, Two-Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) and A-2-5 (Heavy Agricultural, Five-Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zones. A CUP is required in the A-2 Zone for land reclamation projects, pursuant to Section 22.24.150 of the Los Angeles County ("County") Code.
3. The permittee is requesting the approval of OTP No. 201500007 for the removal of four oak trees related to the landfill operation and expansion within the A-2-2 and A-2-5 Zones pursuant to County Code Section 22.56.2060.
4. The Project request includes the following elements: lateral expansion of the existing waste footprint from 257 acres to 400 acres; increased maximum elevation from 1,430 feet to 1,573 feet; increased daily disposal limits from 6,000 tons per day of waste to 12,000 tons per day; new entrance and support facilities; development of a household hazardous waste facility; mixed organics processing/composting operation; set-aside of land for a potential future conversion technology facility; acceptance of all nonhazardous wastes permitted at a Class III solid waste disposal landfill, exclusive of sludge; continued operation of the landfill and landfill gas-to-energy facility; new design features; and environmental monitoring. In addition, the Project includes the relocation of a portion of Southern California Edison's existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line in order to accommodate landfill improvements.
5. OTP 201500007 is needed for the removal of four oak trees in the vicinity of the entrance facilities, which are being modified to improve traffic flow and increase efficiency. They include three Coast Live Oaks (*Quercus agrifolia*) and one Valley Oak (*Quercus lobata*). The removals are related to the new entrance facilities, landfill expansion, and related grading.
6. The Project Site is an approximately 639-acre site, and includes Assessor's Parcel Number ("APN") 3271-002-011, 3271-002-013, 3271-002-019, 3271-002-036, 3271-002-039, and 3271-005-034. The Project Site contains the existing landfill operations

and landfill gas-to-energy facility. The Project Site is irregular in shape. Most of the site is mountainous, with elevations ranging from approximately 950 feet above sea level near the south property line to a high of approximately 1,640 feet near the north property line. The Project Site fronts on Henry Mayo Drive, State Highway 126, on the south side. The intersection of Wolcott Way and Henry Mayo Drive forms the southeast corner of the Project Site.

7. The Project Site is located in the Newhall Zoned District and is zoned A-2-2 and A-2-5. APNs 3271-002-036 and 3271-002-039, which include approximately 308 acres of the Project Site, are in the A-2-5 Zone. The remainder of the Project Site is in the A-2-2 Zone, which includes APNs 3271-002-011, 3271-002-013, 3271-002-019 and 3271-005-034. These zones are divided by a diagonal line running from northeast to southwest, with the A-2-5 Zone located to the south and east of this line and A-2-2 Zone located to the north and west.
8. The Project Site is located within the Castaic Area Community Standards District ("CSD"). The CSD contains restrictions on development within 50 feet of primary significant ridgelines and within 25 feet of secondary significant ridgelines. No grading or development is proposed within the protected areas of any significant ridgelines. The project is consistent with the development standards of the CSD.
9. The Project Site is located within the Community Serving (P-CS) land use category of the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan ("Area Plan") Land Use Policy Map.
10. Surrounding Zoning within a 500-foot radius includes:
 - North: A-2-2, M-1.5-DP (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing-Development Program), MPD-DP (Manufacturing-Industrial Planned Zone-Development Program)
 - South: SP (Newhall Ranch Specific Plan-Commercial Retail/Office, Medium Residential land use categories)
 - East: M-1.5-DP, M-1.5 (Restricted Heavy Manufacturing),
 - West: SP (Newhall Ranch Specific Plan-Business Park and Open Area land use categories), R-1 (Single-Family Residence)
11. Surrounding land uses within a 500-foot radius include:
 - North: Vacant land, water tanks, light industrial uses
 - South: Vacant land, agriculture uses
 - East: Vacant land, Post Office distribution center, water tank
 - West: Vacant land, single-family residence
12. The Project Site is currently accessible via Henry Mayo Drive to the south. Proposed new access will be from Wolcott Way at the southeast part of the lot where Wolcott Way intersects with Franklin Parkway. The new entrance facilities would be approximately 500 feet north of Henry Mayo Drive.
13. The Project Site was zoned A-2-2 and A-2-5 by Ordinance No. 7486, effective April 3, 1959. A portion of the south part of the Project Site corresponding to the current

boundaries of APN 3271-002-036 and a small part of APN 3271-002-039 was changed to the M-1.5 Zone by Ordinance 91022, effective October 17, 1991. The M-1.5 Zone area was subsequently changed to M-1.5-DP Zone. The M-1.5-DP Zone area was changed back to the A-2-5 Zone through Zone Change 2012-0055Z, effective December 27, 2012.

14. Certificate of Compliance for Lot Line Adjustment RLLA 201300007, recorded February 18, 2014, adjusted the land area owned by Chiquita Canyon Landfill from approximately 622 acres to 639 acres. The current Project Site is Parcel One of RLLA 201300007.
15. Chiquita Canyon Landfill was first approved for a land reclamation project by the Regional Planning Commission ("Commission") on December 21, 1965 through Zone Exception Case ("ZEC") 7879. ZEC 8040 was approved by the Commission for an access road related to the land reclamation project on March 8, 1966. On September 13, 1966 the Commission approved ZEC 8191 for refuse disposal and land reclamation project at the site. On March 2, 1977 the Commission approved CUP 1010 for continued operation and maintenance of a waste disposal facility and land reclamation project with appurtenant facilities. On November 24, 1982 the Commission approved CUP 1809 for expansion of the existing landfill with Class II and Class III disposal sites. CUP 89-081 was approved by the Board of Supervisors on May 20, 1997 for continued operation of a Class III landfill after the approval of the CUP by the Commission was appealed.
16. CUP 89-081 was to expire on November 24, 2019 or when the landfill reached a waste disposal limit of 23,000,000 tons, whichever occurred first. As the cumulative waste disposal tonnage was approaching the limit and it became clear that the Project would not have its environmental review process completed before a public hearing for renewal of the CUP could be held, the applicant requested a "Clean Hands Waiver" from the Director of the Department of Regional Planning ("Director") in November 2015. The Director granted the Clean Hands Waiver on March 17, 2016, pursuant to Section 22.04.110 of the County Code, subject to continued compliance with the CUP 89-081 conditions, with the exception of the 23,000,000 ton waste disposal limit. The waiver does not allow the landfill to exceed the 29.4 million ton threshold analyzed in the EIR for CUP 89-081. The waiver allows the landfill operations to continue on a temporary basis until the earlier of the following: a.) a final action is taken on the project (withdrawal, approval, or denial); b.) July 31, 2017; or c.) revocation of the waiver by the Director. In July 2016 the landfill reached and exceeded the 23 million ton limit, but it has been allowed to continue to operate in accordance with the Clean Hands Waiver.
17. The site plan for the Project, which is dated May 2015, depicts the Project Site, which has an overall area of approximately 639 acres, located on the north side of Henry Mayo Drive, and fronting Wolcott Way and Franklin Parkway at the southeast part of the site. New entrance facilities are proposed at Wolcott Way, including driveways, parking lots with a total of 32 parking spaces, scales and gatehouses, queuing area,

administration building and a household hazardous waste facility. The main driveway leads to and from the main canyon landfill area. The main canyon includes 188 acres of previously approved landfill area covering much of the western portion of the Project Site. The main canyon also is to include a lateral extension of 26.9 acres to the south and 115.8 acres to the north and east, for a total expansion area of approximately 143 acres. Two closed landfill areas are also depicted, including the existing Primary Canyon Landfill, which covers 55 acres in the southerly part of the site, and the existing Canyon "B" Landfill, which covers 14 acres near the eastern edge of the Project Site. The existing and proposed landfill areas will have a combined area of 400 acres. A large storm water basin is located near the southwest corner of the site. There is another storm water basin northeast of the Canyon "B" Landfill area, and six smaller storm water basins near the entrance facilities. The existing entrance facilities and office are located immediately east of the large storm water basin near the southwest corner of the site, although these facilities will be removed and there will no longer be access directly from Henry Mayo Drive. The existing landfill gas-to-energy facility is located to the east of the Main Canyon Landfill near the center of the site. The future potential conversion technology facility is located north of Wolcott Way in the southeast part of the site and includes a separate driveway leading to Wolcott Way. Proposed borrow areas are shown to the east of the Primary Canyon Landfill and south of the Canyon "B" Landfill. Alternative facilities locations to the east and west of the main landfill are shown, which are support facilities for equipment storage and for maintenance purposes.

18. The total landfill area of 400 acres represents 62.6% of the total 639 acre Project Area. Most of the remaining area will also undergo some form of disturbance, including access roads, borrow areas, entrance facilities, future conversion technology set-aside area, storm water basins, graded areas, and other areas of disturbance. The total potential impacted area covers 625.08 acres (97.8% of the Project Area), leaving just 14.30 acres (2.2%) of the Project Area outside the limit of disturbance.
19. The oak tree report dated June 6, 2014 depicts the oak tree locations. They include Oak Tree No. 1, which is a Valley Oak located close to the south property line, Oak Tree No. 2, a Coast Live Oak located close to the existing entrance area, Oak Tree No. 3, a Coast Live Oak in the south expansion area of the Main Canyon Landfill, and Oak Tree No. 89, a Coast Live Oak adjacent to the new queuing area west of Wolcott Way. Tree No. 89 is in poor condition while the others are rated as good in the oak tree report. All four oak trees have multiple trunks. The largest of the trunks belongs to Oak Tree No. 89, with a diameter of 18.5 inches for its largest trunk.
20. An Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code section 21000, et seq.) ("CEQA"), the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines for the County. A Draft EIR ("DEIR") and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR ("PRDEIR") have been completed for the Project. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP") has been prepared to mitigate Project impacts to geology and hydrology, surface water drainage, biological resources, cultural and paleontological resources, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. Project impacts will be reduced to less than significant levels except for impacts to air

quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. CEQA Findings and a Statement of Overriding Considerations ("SOC") have been prepared for the Project.

21. The DEIR was released on July 10, 2014. It had a public comment period of 105 days, including 45 days for the initial comment period and two extensions of 30 days each. The public comment period for the DEIR closed on October 23, 2014. A Hearing Examiner public hearing was held at the Castaic Sports Complex on July 31, 2014 for the DEIR for the Project.
22. Subsequently it was determined that the following chapters of the DEIR needed to be revised and recirculated: Introduction, Project Description, Biological Resources, Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change and Project Alternatives. The PRDEIR was released on November 9, 2016 and its public comment period of 61 days ended on January 9, 2017. The updated chapters, related appendices, a visual resources supplement, a traffic supplement, and an executive summary were included in the PRDEIR. A Hearing Examiner public hearing was held at the theater of West Ranch High School in Stevenson Ranch on December 15, 2016 for the PRDEIR for the Project.
23. The Final EIR ("FEIR") for the Project has been prepared. The FEIR consists of introductory explanatory material, an executive summary, the complete DEIR and PRDEIR, comments received concerning the DEIR and PRDEIR with responses to the comments, appendixes, supplements and the MMRP.
24. Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the Zoning Code, the community was appropriately notified of the Project's public hearing by mail, newspaper, and property posting.
25. Department of Regional Planning staff ("Staff") has received a large number of letters and emails containing comments on the Project's DEIR and PRDEIR as well as oral testimony on each. For the DEIR a total of 38 written comments were received in support of the Project and 44 against the Project. At the Hearing Examiner hearing on July 31, 2014 three speakers spoke in support of the Project while 24 spoke in opposition. In addition, there were 17 letters from government of tribal agencies plus one from Southern California Edison regarding the DEIR received by Regional Planning and incorporated into the FEIR.
26. For the PRDEIR Staff received 294 written comment letters and emails in opposition to the project and only one in favor of the Project. The count of opposition comments included some that only asked for a time extension on the PRDEIR without necessarily stating opposition to the Project. At the December 15, 2016 Hearing Examiner hearing, there were 36 speakers at the hearing who testified against the project and seven who testified in favor. Additionally, 13 speaker cards were filled out by Project opponents who did not speak and one which didn't state any position on the landfill from someone who didn't speak. Many of the commenters submitted multiple comments or spoke at both hearings. There were nearly as many written comment letters in support of the Project as were opposed which were received during the DEIR comment period. However, nearly all of the written public comments for the PRDEIR

received during the public comment period were in opposition to the landfill. Copies of the comment letters received on the DEIR and PRDEIR and responses to the comments are included in the FEIR, along with topical responses.

27. The most frequent concerns expressed by the public and by other agencies have been potential impacts to public health, air quality, odors, and traffic. Some other frequent topics included environmental justice issues, biological resources, greenhouse gases, the CUP 89-081 conditions and 1997 community agreement, property values, project alternatives, and water quality. The FEIR contains detailed topical responses to 34 of the most common topics that were commented on by the public, and specific responses to each of the public comments. The project conditions, IMP, and MMRP include requirements that address many of the community concerns.
28. The most serious concerns are those regarding potential impacts to public health. The public health concerns include possible increases in cancer risk, asthma, respiratory diseases and other health risks resulting from proximity to the landfill and air emissions from the landfill. A health risk assessment was prepared in accordance with guidelines published by the State of California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the South Coast Air Quality Management District ("SCAQMD"), and is included as part of Air Quality chapter of the FEIR. The health risk assessment substantially overstates the actual risks associated with facility emissions in order to provide more assurance that the Project does not produce significant impacts to public health. The public health impacts fall below the significance thresholds established by SCAQMD, even though the risks associated with the facility are substantially overstated in the analysis. The actual impacts would be lower than what is shown in the analysis if the Project is approved with no increase in current waste tonnage rates, since it is based on an increase from 6,000 tons per day to 12,000 tons per day of waste disposed.
29. Seven additional letters of opposition and one email of opposition have been received since the notice for the Commission public hearing was sent on January 24, 2017. DRP has also received phone calls from landfill opponents expressing their concerns.
30. Supporters of the Project have submitted the following to DRP since the notice for the Commission public hearing was sent on January 24, 2017: a petition in support of the Project signed by 53 residents of Val Verde; 27 letters in Spanish signed by supporters of the Project; 23 letters of support for the Project from 2014; and 388 letters of support for the Project from 2017. The support letters are included in a package submitted by the Permittee, which includes a cover letter; a report discussing the correlation between beneficial use materials and performance at Chiquita Canyon Landfill; charts showing the origin of disposal materials and diversion materials by Supervisorial District; a list of odor management BMPs; information about the LFGTE plant; a list of regulatory agencies and permits associated with Chiquita Canyon Landfill; and a list of organizations which have supported Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The list of supporters includes the Santa Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation, Los Angeles County Business Federation, SCV Latino Chamber of Commerce, SCV Senior Center, Valley Industry Association, Castaic Chamber of Commerce, West Ranch Town Council, Child and

Family Center, and many other groups and organizations. The letters of support include letters from some of these organizations, small business owners, residents, local waste haulers, and others.

31. The existing landfill use is consistent with the current zoning and land use category of the property. It serves an important function as the second largest landfill in the County and has been operating since 1972. Its location behind mountains largely shields the operations from view from surrounding areas, and the Permittee has managed the operations in a responsible manner. The landfill provides free clean-up days for residents of Val Verde, the nearest existing residential community. However, the landfill has still generated much concern in surrounding communities, especially Val Verde, including complaints of foul odors from many neighborhood residents, as well concerns about traffic, air quality, and health impacts.
32. The permittee has taken steps to respond to the concerns. The landfill rejects at the scales trucks where loads are obviously highly odorous. If a highly odorous load is detected while unloading, the waste is covered immediately to control the odors. The permittee regularly exceeds state minimum standards and the normal recommended practices to cover trash and other areas of the landfill proactively to minimize odors from fresh trash. Large portable fans are used to control air flow and dilute and disperse odors. When a combination of odorous loads and certain weather conditions occurs, a perimeter odor control system is used to disperse odor neutralizing agents to control odors.
33. The existing residential community of Val Verde is located to the northeast of the Project Site. The nearest residence is located on Roosevelt Avenue in the south part of Val Verde and is approximately 500 feet from the Project Site and approximately 1,100 feet from the developed area of the Project Site. Steep hillsides separate the Project Site from Val Verde.
34. A United States Post Office distribution facility is located immediately to the east of the Project Site. The nearest structure is approximately 150 feet from the Project Site, which is part of the Post Office facility. Other industrial uses of the Valencia Commerce Center are located to the east and north of the Project Site. Franklin Parkway connects the Valencia Commerce Center to Wolcott Way, where the new entrance facilities are proposed.
35. The Project's new entrance facilities off of Wolcott Way, the related street improvements required for the Project and the closure of the existing entrance facilities will improve traffic flow in the area and avoid queuing of trucks on the Highway 126. A condition requires the closure of the existing entrance on Highway 126 and relocation of the entrance to Wolcott Way within one year of the effective date of the CUP. This will help to alleviate many of the traffic issues in the area.
36. Some of the right-of-way and street improvement requirements include the following: full street improvements on Wolcott Way and Franklin Parkway within the Project frontage; dedication of right-of-way at a minimum of 70 feet from the centerline of Highway 126; exclusive right turn lanes and transition improvements in the event the

Project traffic volumes exceed road capacity; slope easements at the interchange of Highway 126 and Wolcott Way; offsite improvements identified in the approved Traffic Study analysis; payment of fees for the Westside Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District; installation of drainage structures; and installation of street lights on concrete poles with underground wiring.

37. Project hours of operation for receiving solid waste and beneficial use materials shall be limited as indicated in the Conditions of Approval. Other facility operations, such as site preparation and maintenance, equipment maintenance, waste processing and the application of cover, shall be restricted to the hours of 5:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. This restriction excludes facility operations requiring continuous operation, such as gas control.
38. The organic waste composting operation of the Project will provide an opportunity to recycle and beneficially use organic waste materials. It will be enclosed to minimize the potential for objectionable odors to adversely affect the community. The household hazardous waste facility will be open to the public and would potentially be open up to seven days per week between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., and shall be staffed continuously with a person(s) trained in hazardous material handling and management. The materials that may be accepted by the facility include, but are not limited to used motor oil, used latex paints, used anti-freeze, used batteries and other household wastes defined in the Operating Agreement. The facility may not be used for general use by commercial or industrial entities. It would allow for residents to safely dispose of hazardous household wastes. This will help to prevent such materials from being improperly disposed.
39. The land set aside for a future conversion technology facility would provide an opportunity to convert waste into energy or other useful products. Conversion technologies are non-combustion thermal, mechanical, and biological processes that convert post-recycled materials (which would otherwise be sent to landfills) into green fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel, clean renewable energy, and other marketable products. A conversion technology facility will help to meet County objectives and state legislation to advance conversion technologies.
40. The continuing operation of the existing LFGTE plant will provide power to the local electrical grid. These uses will provide benefits to the County as a whole and to the local community.
41. **[Hearing Proceedings]** *To be inserted after the public hearing to reflect hearing proceedings.*
42. The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan ("General Plan"). The Project is located within the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan ("Area Plan"), a component of the General Plan. Both the General Plan and the Area Plan contain policies to ensure compatibility of development with the surrounding area and the Project is consistent with both plans.

43. The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the uses allowed in the Community Serving (P-CS) land use category of the Area Plan. This designation includes landfills among the allowable uses that are listed, subject to the underlying zoning designation requirements.
44. The Commission finds that the Project adequately addresses the issues in the statement in Chapter 2 of the Area Plan, the Land Use Element, on page 26 discussing the Val Verde Community, which says, *"Major planning issues for Val Verde include potential nuisance impacts from expansion of the landfill in Chiquita Canyon, the compatibility of proposed developments with the village's rural character, and providing residents with increased access to employment opportunities, social services, and adequate infrastructure."*
45. The Commission finds that the Project Conditions of Approval, Implementation and Monitoring Program ("IMP") and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program ("MMRP") are designed to avoid or mitigate potential nuisance impacts to surrounding communities, including Val Verde, and to ensure that the landfill operates safely and efficiently. The Conditions of Approval require that the fees collected from the landfill will be used to fund programs and activities that enhance Countywide disposal capacity, mitigate landfill impacts in the unincorporated County areas, promote development of Conversion Technology facilities that benefit the Santa Clarita Valley and the County, and fund environmental, educational, and quality of life programs in unincorporated areas surrounding the landfill. The Conditions of Approval require that quarterly clean-up days be provided for residents of Val Verde. One mitigation measure from the MMRP requires the development of an Odor Impact Minimization Plan, and there is also a condition requiring a response by the Permittee to address air quality and odor complaints. Such response would include working with the regulatory agencies to systematically address each complaint and specific steps to resolve such complaints. MMRP mitigation measures also require using innovative approaches to reducing potential air emissions from building construction, use of Best Management Practices ("BMPs") to reduce emissions from construction and operations and use of BMPs to improve landfill gas collection efficiency.

The IMP requires annual monitoring reports to enhance the continuing oversight of landfill operations and supplement routine enforcement activities, and to provide accountability to show compliance with all requirements. The annual report also is required to summarize measures taken by the Permittee to divert and recycle materials, to promote and implement appropriate alternative technologies, to mitigate nuisance odors and other complaints, to minimize truck traffic, and to ensure the effectiveness and adequacy of landfill gas collection, to report on revegetation, as well as a detailed report on the quantities and types of materials received by the landfill and other pertinent information. These are just a few examples Conditions of Approval, IMP requirements, and MMRP mitigation measures that help to avoid or mitigate potential nuisance impacts and to ensure that the landfill is operating safely and efficiently.

46. The Commission finds that the Project will help the County to meet its future waste disposal capacity needs while adequately addressing the concerns raised in the

statement in the Land Use Element of the Area Plan on page 46 discussing landfills in the Santa Clarita Valley, including Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The section states that Chiquita Canyon Landfill is one of the three Class III landfills that primarily serve the Santa Clarita Valley, along with Antelope Valley Landfill and Sunshine Canyon Landfill. It further states, *"With approved expansions these landfills will have the capacity to serve the Valley beyond year 2020. However, the proposed expansion of the Chiquita Canyon Landfill has raised concerns by residents of nearby Val Verde, who are often impacted by wind-borne odors and truck traffic. Compatibility of Landfills with adjacent development must continue to be addressed."*

47. The Commission finds that the Project would help to meet the need for new landfill space and to promote diversion of materials from landfills as discussed on Page 46 of the Area Plan. This section of the Area Plan mentions programs in the City of Santa Clarita and County to reduce waste generation through diversion programs such as recycling and re-use, and says, *"Although these efforts will increase the life expectancy of local landfills, they do not eliminate the need for new landfill space."* It mentions the need for facilities *"for sorting and resource recovery from solid waste, including materials recovery facilities (MRFs), composting facilities, collection centers for electronic waste (such as discarded computers and televisions), and recycling facilities."*

Chiquita Canyon Landfill is by far the main landfill used by the City of Santa Clarita and the unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. In 2015, 90% of the waste generated in the City of Santa Clarita was disposed at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, as was 77% of the waste for the unincorporated areas of the Santa Clarita Valley. It is a vital component of the waste disposal infrastructure of the County and for the Santa Clarita Valley, and its continued operation and expansion will help to meet the need for landfill space as described in the Area Plan.

The Project proposes to add a household hazardous waste facility ("HHWF") and composting operation. An area for a future conversion technology facility has been set aside on the Project Site. Continued operation of the landfill and implementation of the HHWF and composting will help to achieve the goals of the Area Plan. Truck traffic impacts will be reduced due to the new entrance facilities off of Wolcott Way, which will reduce traffic impacts on Henry Mayo Drive. Project conditions and mitigation measures will help to minimize potentially adverse effects such as odors.

48. The Commission finds that the following policies of the Area Plan are applicable to the proposed project:

Land Use Element Policy LU-9.1.3: "Protect major utility transmission corridors, pumping stations, reservoirs, booster stations, and other similar facilities from encroachment by incompatible uses, while allowing non-intrusive uses such as plant nurseries, greenbelts, and recreational trails." A portion of SCE's existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line is proposed for relocation in order to accommodate landfill improvements. Landfill operations will not interfere with the transmission lines.

Land Use Element Policy LU-9.1.6: "Coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure that landfill expansion needs are met while minimizing adverse impacts to Valley residents." The appropriate County departments and state agencies have coordinated extensively in reviewing the proposed landfill expansion and in developing appropriate mitigation measures and conditions. Other organizations have been included in the environmental and permit consultation process, and their comments, as well as analyses of the potential adverse impacts of the Project to area residents, have been taken into consideration in this process.

49. The Commission finds that the following policies of the General Plan are applicable to the proposed project:

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.1: "Maintain an efficient, safe and responsive waste management system that reduces waste while protecting the health and safety of the public." Chiquita Canyon Landfill is an important part of the County's waste management system. Project conditions and mitigation measures are designed to ensure that the landfill is operated in a safe and efficient manner.

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.2: "Ensure adequate disposal capacity by providing for environmentally sound and technically feasible development of solid waste management facilities, such as landfills and transfer/processing facilities." In 2015, the amount of waste disposed in or from Los Angeles County was 9,721,311 tons. Class III landfills in the County accounted for 4,772,823 tons, or approximately 49.1% of the total. The three largest landfills in the County had the following amounts of waste disposed in 2015: Sunshine Canyon Landfill, 2,402,704 tons; Chiquita Canyon Landfill, 1,075,207 tons, and Antelope Valley Landfill, 488,807 tons. Chiquita Canyon Landfill accounted for 22.5% of the waste disposed in Class III landfills in the County and 11.1% of the total solid waste for the County in 2015. In 2015, 4,127,261 tons, or approximately 42.5% of solid waste from the County was transported to landfills outside the County. In 2015, 2.7% of the County's solid waste was disposed at an inert waste landfill and 5.7% was disposed at transformation facilities. The sources of waste at CCL in 2015 were as follows: City of Santa Clarita 13%, unincorporated Los Angeles County 5%, City of Los Angeles 55%, Santa Monica 6%, other cities in Los Angeles County 19% and outside of Los Angeles County 2%.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill provides the County significant capacity to help meet its current waste disposal needs and in meeting the projected needs as anticipated in the Integrated Waste Management Plan for Los Angeles County. The Project Conditions, MMRP, and IMP provide requirements to ensure that the landfill implements recognized best practices and technological advancements in a way that is environmentally sound while helping to meet the County's waste disposal capacity needs.

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.4: "Encourage solid waste management facilities that utilize conversion and other alternative technologies and waste to energy facilities." The Project includes continued operation of a landfill

gas-to-energy ("LFGTE") facility. The Project Site includes an existing 9.2 megawatt LGTFE plant operated by Ameresco Chiquita Energy LLC. The LGTFE plant uses gases extracted from the landfill through an onsite gas collection system and converts it into energy, which is delivered to the local electrical grid. It provides enough energy to power approximately 10,000 homes per year. The plant is staffed with two full time employees and operates 24 hours a day, seven days per week, and operates independently of the landfill. An area of land on the Project Site has been set aside for a future conversion technology facility.

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.5: "Reduce the County's waste stream by minimizing waste generation and enhancing diversion." The Project includes diversion of waste materials from disposal and putting them to beneficial use. Some examples of beneficial use materials diverted from the waste stream include: shredded curbside green waste, which is used for temporary slope stabilization, erosion control, fugitive dust control and alternative daily cover; treated auto shredder waste, used as alternative daily cover; shredded tires, used to protect the methane gas pipeline system as trench backfill for the construction of the landfill gas collection system; and construction and demolition debris, including concrete and other materials used to build all-weather roads and other surfaces onsite.

General Plan Public Services and Facilities Element Policy PS/F 5.6: "Encourage the use and procurement of recyclable and biodegradable materials." The Project includes an organic waste composting facility. The composting facility would allow up to 560 tons per day of green waste, food waste, and other organic waste materials for composting. The organic material is to be processed on site for distribution and use as mulch, biomass fuel and compost. Some of these materials would be used onsite as beneficial use materials, and other materials would be available to customers who would use the materials offsite.

50. The Commission finds that the proposed use is consistent with the A-2 zoning classification because land reclamation projects, such as a landfill, are permitted within this zone with a CUP pursuant to Section 22.24.150 of the County Code.
51. The Commission finds that the Project satisfies the Conditional Use Permit Burden of Proof findings in Section 22.56.040 of the County Code.
52. The Commission finds that the Project will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of persons residing and working in the surrounding area, and will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the Project Site, and will not jeopardize, endanger, or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety, and general welfare. The Project is an established use that has been a part of the community for decades and continues to provide a safe location for the disposal of waste for both the Santa Clarita Valley and the rest of Los Angeles County. The Project is subject to close oversight and regulation by County and State agencies such as DPH, Public Works and CalRecycle. It is subject to Conditions of Approval, an MMRP and IMP designed to avoid adverse impacts to the community and to the environment and to ensure effective and safe landfill operations.

53. The Commission finds that the Project Site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking, landscaping, and other development features as is required in order to integrate the Project into the surrounding area. The Site is 639 acres, of which 400 acres is designated as landfill area, including closed areas of the site. There is ample room for parking, access, and all other facilities needed for the Project's operations.
54. The Commission finds that the Project is adequately served by highways of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind of traffic such uses would generate, and by other public or private facilities as are required. The Project Site fronts State Highway 126, Franklin Parkway and Wolcott Way. New entrance facilities are required for the Project on Wolcott Way. Right-of-way and street improvements are required to satisfy the requirements of Public Works and the California Department of Transportation, and are described in detail in the draft conditions and are summarized in the Neighborhood Impact/Land Use Compatibility section of this report. The new facilities will improve the traffic circulation in the area and help to avoid queuing of trucks onto the highway. The traffic-related improvements required for the Project, including the required road improvements and contribution to the Westside Bridge and Major Thoroughfare Construction Fee District will adequately offset the Project's traffic impacts. Therefore, the proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of vehicle traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.
55. The Commission finds that Project meets the Burden of Proof requirements for an Oak Tree Permit as listed in Section 22.56.2100 of the County Code.
56. The Commission finds that the proposed construction of the proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining trees subject to Part 16 of Title 22 of the County Code, on the subject property. Four oak trees are to be removed, which are the only known ordinance-sized oak trees on the Project Site. Their removal is required due to the location of the trees in the areas needed for the new entrance facilities, landfill expansion area, and related grading. They shall be replaced by eight mitigation oak trees on the Project Site. Other oak trees shall not be endangered. Any future impacts to oak trees and oak woodlands will not be allowed until an Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan has been approved by Regional Planning, in accordance with Mitigation Measure BR-15 of the MMRP, and the required mitigation measures will need to be implemented for any such impacts to ensure the protection of oak trees and oak woodlands.
57. The Commission finds that the removal of the oak trees proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated. Site grading shall be accomplished only after receiving a grading permit from Public Works. Such grading shall be done appropriately to avoid any erosion or increased runoff unless adequately mitigated to the satisfaction of Public Works and in compliance with the Project's MMRP mitigation measures, and with the applicable regulations, such as the Low Impact Development requirements. Related mitigation measures include a requirement to retain a qualified engineer to

evaluate the site's potential for debris flow and to recommend design provisions for control and cleanup of debris flows; to perform design-level geotechnical investigations to identify areas of expansive or collapsible soils in relation to buildings or structures and to perform additional testing if deemed necessary by the Project geotechnical and civil engineers; and to retain a qualified engineer to evaluate the surface water drainage and to make recommendations with regard to drainage issues.

58. The Commission finds that in addition to the above facts, at least one of the following findings apply:

- a. That the removal or relocation of the oak tree(s) proposed is necessary as continued existence at present location(s) frustrates the planned improvement or proposed use of the subject property to such an extent that:
 - i. Alternative development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or that the cost of such alternative would be prohibitive, or
 - ii. Placement of such tree(s) precludes the reasonable and efficient use of such property for a use otherwise authorized, or
- b. That the oak tree(s) proposed for removal or relocation interferes with utility services or streets and highways, either within or outside of the subject property, and no reasonable alternative to such interference exists other than removal of the tree(s), or
- c. That the condition of the oak tree(s) proposed for removal with reference to seriously debilitating disease or danger or falling is such that it cannot be remedied through reasonable preservation procedures and practices;

The oak tree removals are necessary due to their location near the new entrance facilities, landfill expansion area, and related grading. There is no feasible alternate entrance area or landfill expansion area.

59. The Commission finds that the removal of the oak trees proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the oak tree permit procedure. The oak tree removals are necessary to accomplish the Project, and the mitigation trees will compensate for the loss of the trees to be removed. The oak tree permit procedure shall be properly followed and enforced.

60. The Commission finds that the Project Site is located within the Castaic Area Community Standards District ("CSD"). The CSD contains restrictions on development within 50 feet of primary significant ridgelines and within 25 feet of secondary significant ridgelines. The primary significant ridgelines on the Project Site are located along or close to the northern and western property lines. Two short sections of secondary ridgelines are located in the southwest part of the Project Site. No grading or development is proposed within the protected areas of any significant ridgelines.

61. The Commission finds that an OTP is required for the Project because of the four oak trees the Permittee proposes to remove, pursuant to Section 22.56.2060 of the County

- Code. The Project is subject to the requirements for an OTP in Part 16 of Chapter 22.56 of the County Code and is in compliance with the requirements. A replacement ratio of two to one is required for the trees to be removed, for a total of eight mitigation trees required. OTP conditions are included at the end of the Project's Conditions of Approval.
62. The Commission finds that the Project shall comply with the setback requirements of the County Code. The A-2 Zone requires minimum setbacks of 20 feet in front, five feet on the sides and 15 feet in the rear, pursuant to Sections 22.24.170 A and 22.20.120 of the County Code. The proposed structures, landfill expansion areas, and other uses on the Project Site are located well outside of the required setback areas, as shown on the Exhibit "A" site plan for the Project. The landfill expansion area is approximately 70 feet from the property line at the closest point, and proposed structures are at least 70 feet from property lines.
63. The Commission finds that the amount of parking provided is adequate for the Project. The amount of parking required for the administrative office building is one space per 400 square feet, pursuant to the requirement for business or professional offices in Section 22.52.1100 of the County Code. Based on an area of approximately 4,800 square feet, this building is required to have 12 parking spaces. Parking required for the household hazardous waste facility is eight spaces, based on an area of approximately 2,100 square feet and one required parking space per 250 square feet for general commercial uses pursuant to Section 22.52.1100 of the County Code. The current Exhibit "A" site plan for the Project shows 23 parking spaces provided for the administrative office building and nine spaces for the household hazardous waste facility. The parking to be provided meets the County Code requirements for the uses on the site.
64. The Commission finds that it is necessary to limit the term of the grant to thirty (30) years, or when the disposal limit of 46.8 million tons is reached, whichever occurs first. Periodic Reviews are to be conducted at ten (10) and twenty (20) years after approval. At each of the periodic reviews the permittee would submit a Permit Compliance Study, an updated Closure Plan, updated Post-Closure Maintenance Plan, and a comprehensive study to analyze the long-term solid waste disposal needs of the Santa Clarita Valley, as required by the CUP conditions. After consultation with all applicable County departments, a report and recommendations would be prepared and presented by Staff to a Hearing Officer at a public hearing. The Hearing Officer would make a decision on the Periodic Review, which may be appealed to the Commission, whose decision would be final. The purpose of the Periodic Reviews is to consider new or changed circumstances, such as physical development near the Project Site, future waste disposal needs of the County and of the Santa Clarita Valley, improved technological innovations in environmental protection and control systems, and other best management practices that might significantly improve the operations of the facility, and to determine if any changes to the IMP are warranted based on the changed circumstances. The IMP may be modified if needed at either or both of the

periodic reviews to ensure that the landfill will continue to operate in a safe and effective manner.

65. The Commission finds that the Project is consistent with the County's General Plan, and the solid waste disposal needs of the region were considered and balanced against the needs of local residents and available fiscal and environmental resources.
66. The Commission finds that a Final EIR for the Project was prepared in accordance with CEQA, the State CEQA Guidelines, and the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines of the County of Los Angeles. The Commission reviewed and considered the Final EIR, along with its associated MMRP and Findings and SOC, and found that it reflects the independent judgment of the Commission. The Findings and SOC are incorporated herein by this reference, as if set forth in full.
67. The Commission finds that after considering the Final EIR and the MMRP, together with any comments during the public review process, on the basis of the whole record before it, with the mitigation measures set forth and carried out through the MMRP, and other than the environmental impacts set forth in the Findings and SOC, there is no substantial evidence that the Project would have a significant effect on the environment.
68. The Commission finds that an MMRP consistent with the conclusions and recommendations of the Final EIR was prepared, and its requirements are incorporated into the Conditions of Approval for the Project.
69. The Commission finds that the MMRP prepared in conjunction with the Final EIR identified in detail how compliance with its measures will mitigate or avoid potential adverse impacts to the environment by the Project.
70. Approval of this Project is conditioned on the Permittee's compliance with the attached MMRP and Conditions of Approval for the CUP and the Oak Tree Permit.
71. The Commission finds that this Project is subject to the provisions of section 711.4 of the California Fish and Wildlife Code and the regulations of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.
72. The Commission finds that pursuant to the provisions of Sections 22.60.174 and 22.60.175 of the County Code, the community was appropriately notified of the public hearing by mail, newspaper, property posting, library posting and Department of Regional Planning website posting. All 67 neighboring property owners within 1,000 feet of the Project Site were notified by mail, as were the 23 people or groups on the courtesy list for the Newhall Zoned District, 54 additional people who requested notification concerning the Project, and all 694 households residing in Val Verde. Additionally, the case materials are available on the Regional Planning website and at the Castaic Library and Valencia Library.
73. The location of the documents and other materials constituting the record of proceedings upon which the Commission's decision is based in this matter is the

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, 13th Floor, Hall of Records, 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012. The custodian of such documents and materials shall be the Section Head of the Zoning Permits North Section, Department of Regional Planning.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDES THAT:

- A. The proposed use with the attached conditions will be consistent with the adopted General Plan and the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan.
- B. The proposed use at the site will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, and will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.
- C. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.
- D. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and by other public or private service facilities as are required.
- E. The proposed construction of the proposed use will be accomplished without endangering the health of the remaining trees subject to Part 16 of Title 22 of the County Code, on the subject property.
- F. The encroachment of the oak trees proposed will not result in soil erosion through the diversion or increased flow of surface waters which cannot be satisfactorily mitigated.
- G. In addition to the above facts, the following finding applies: The encroachment of the oak trees proposed is necessary as continued existence at the present locations frustrates the planned improvement or proposed use of the subject property to such an extent that alternative development plans cannot achieve the same permitted density or that the cost of such alternative would be prohibitive.
- H. The encroachment of the oak trees proposed will not be contrary to or be in substantial conflict with the intent and purpose of the oak tree permit procedure.

THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION:

1. Certifies that the EIR for the Project was completed in compliance with CEQA and the State and County Guidelines related thereto; certifies that it independently reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR and that the EIR reflects the

independent judgment and analysis of the Commission as to the environmental consequences of the Project; and finds that on the basis of the whole record that the significant adverse effects of the Project , as described in the EIR, have either been reduced to an acceptable level or are outweighed by specific social, economic, legal, technological, or other considerations of the Project as stated in the attached Findings and SOC for the Project;

2. Certifies that the MMRP for the Project is adequately designed to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures during Project implementation;
3. Certifies that it adopted the EIR, the Findings and SOC, and the MMRP at the conclusion of the public hearing; and
4. Approves Conditional Use Permit No. 200400042 and Oak Tree Permit No. 201500007, subject to the attached conditions.

ACTION DATE: March 1, 2017

SD:RC
February 16, 2017

c: Zoning Enforcement, Building and Safety

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS OF FACT AND
STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS
REGARDING THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
FOR THE CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL MASTER PLAN REVISION PROJECT**

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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2005081071**

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTORY FINDINGS

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081 and California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15091 ("State CEQA Guidelines"), no public agency shall approve or carry out a project for which an Environmental Impact Report (the "EIR") has been certified, which identifies one or more significant impacts on the environment that would occur if the project is approved or carried out, unless the public agency makes one or more findings for each of those significant impacts, accompanied by a brief explanation of the rationale of each finding. The possible findings, which must be supported by substantial evidence in the record, are:

1. Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project that mitigate or avoid the significant impact on the environment (hereinafter, "Finding 1").
2. Changes or alterations are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of another public agency and have been, or can and should be, adopted by that other agency (hereinafter, "Finding 2").
3. Specific economic, legal, social, technological or other considerations, make infeasible the mitigation measures or Project alternatives identified in the EIR (hereinafter, "Finding 3").

For those significant impacts that cannot be mitigated to below a level of significance, in order to approve the project, the public agency is required to find that specific overriding economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the project outweigh the significant impacts on the environment.

The Regional Planning Commission (the "Commission") of the County of Los Angeles (the "County") hereby approves the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision, County Project Number R-2004-00559, Conditional Use Permit Number 2004-00042 and Oak Tree Permit Number 2015-00007 ("the Project") and certifies the Final Supplemental EIR ("Final EIR"), State Clearinghouse Number 2005081071, which consists of the Draft EIR (the "Draft EIR"), the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR, the Responses to Comments and other supporting documents, and finds that it has been completed in compliance with CEQA, was presented to the decision-making body of the County, and the decision-making body reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to certifying the Final EIR and approving the Project. The Final EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County and has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources

Code Section 21000-21177) ("**CEQA**"), and the Commission has received, reviewed, and considered the information contained in the Final EIR, the application for the Project, all testimony at public hearings and submissions from public officials and others, departments of the County, the applicant, community associations and residents, and other public agencies and all other information in the record prior to its approval of the Project.

Having received, reviewed and considered the foregoing information, as well as any and all other information in the record, the Commission hereby makes findings pursuant to, and in accordance with, Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code.

Section 2 of these findings discusses those potential environmental impacts of the Project that were reviewed during the Initial Study process prior to preparation of the Draft EIR, but were found to be less than significant. Section 3 discusses those potential environmental impacts of the Project that were evaluated in the Draft EIR and are not significant. Section 4 discusses those potential environmental impacts that have been mitigated to a level of insignificance. Section 5 discusses those unavoidable environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a level of insignificance. Section 6 discusses the potential growth-inducing impacts of the Project. Section 7 discusses the alternatives to the Project as discussed in the Final EIR. Section 8 contains findings regarding the Mitigation Monitoring Program. Section 9 contains findings regarding the location and custodian of the record of proceedings. Section 10 contains findings regarding the independent judgment of the County. Section 11 contains findings regarding the nature of the findings. Section 12 contains findings regarding the reliance on the record. Section 13 contains the Statement of Overriding Considerations. The findings set forth in each section are supported by substantial evidence in the record of the approval of the Project.

In accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, the County adopts these findings as part of its certification of the Final EIR for the Project.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Chiquita Canyon Landfill is an existing Class III (municipal solid waste) facility located in the northwestern portion of unincorporated Los Angeles County near the City of Santa Clarita, just west of the Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 126 (SR-126) junction. The site is a total of 639 acres, with an existing permitted waste footprint of approximately 257 acres.

Chiquita Canyon, LLC, a subsidiary of Waste Connections, is the owner and operator of Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Chiquita Canyon, LLC has applied for a new conditional use permit ("**CUP**") and oak tree permit to implement the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision ("**Project**"). Landfill operations at Chiquita Canyon Landfill have been permitted by the Department since 1965 under a variety of approvals, including Zone Exception Case ("**ZEC**") No. 7879, ZEC No. 8040, ZEC No. 8191, CUP No. 1010, and CUP No. 1809. The current CUP No. 89-081, which was approved in 1997, is for the permitted landfill area of 257 acres and a maximum daily permitted waste disposal limit of 6,000 tons per day.

The Project includes the following elements: development of a new entrance and support facilities; better utilization of the landfill's potential disposal capacity through a lateral extension of the existing waste footprint and increased maximum elevation; increased daily disposal limits;

acceptance of all nonhazardous wastes permitted at a Class III solid waste disposal landfill, exclusive of sludge; continued operation of the landfill; new design features; environmental monitoring; development of a household hazardous waste collection facility; mixed organics processing/composting operation; and set-aside of land for potential future conversion technology. In addition, the Project includes the relocation of a portion of Southern California Edison's (SCE) existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line in order to accommodate landfill improvements.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Proposed Project are:

- To support the County's goal of maintaining adequate reserve (excess) landfill capacity to ensure the disposal needs of the County are met (LACDPW, 2015)
- To support the County's goal of managing the County's waste disposal needs, which specifically includes expansion of existing in-County landfills (such as Chiquita Canyon Landfill) (LACDPW, 2015)
- To support the County's goal to provide solid waste disposal without interruption to protect the public health and safety as well as the environment (LACDPW, 2015)
- To mitigate constraints that may limit the accessibility of Class III landfill capacity within the planning period of the most current CIWMP (LACDPW, 2015)
- To provide environmentally sound, safe, commercially and technically feasible, and cost-effective solid waste management solutions through continued operation and development of the existing Chiquita Canyon Landfill facility
- To prevent premature closure of the landfill with underutilized remaining airspace capacity
- To provide a site that could accommodate future waste conversion technology solutions
- To provide a site to accommodate processing of organic waste
- To provide a site for a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility
- To continue to provide landfill waste diversion programs that are relied upon by many local cities and communities in achieving state mandates for waste diversion

BACKGROUND

A Notice of Preparation was circulated on November 21, 2011, with a review period from November 28, 2011 to January 12, 2012. Scoping meetings were held on December 6, 2011. The Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment from November 28, 2011 to February 13, 2012 and from July 10, 2014 to October 23, 2014 and the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR was circulated for public review and comment from November 9, 2016 to January 9,

2017. The Regional Planning Commission scheduled and noticed a public hearing on the Project on March 1, 2017.

The Draft EIR and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR for the Project were prepared in accordance with CEQA, and the State and County guidelines for the implementation of CEQA. The County, has analyzed, reviewed and edited the Draft EIR and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR sent out for public review and Final EIR. The Draft EIR and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR sent out for public review and the Final EIR reflect the County's independent judgment.

SECTION 2 POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT WERE DETERMINED TO BE LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT DURING THE SCOPING PROCESS

Upon completion of the scoping process, the determination was made that the Project would have no significant impact on agricultural resources, energy, mineral resources, and recreation and that no further analysis was needed. The Project site is not used for agricultural purposes, and would not be considered prime agricultural land, and the Project would not affect any agricultural activities. The Project site does not contain any known mineral resource and there are no known mines on or near the project site. The Project is not expected to increase electricity consumption or fossil fuel use or production, and provides a source of green energy with the landfill gas-to-energy plant. The Project site does not contain recreational facilities and is not in proximity to recreational facilities, and it does not propose residential uses that would require new or expanded recreational facilities. Although the Project was also determined to have no impact on land use, population and housing, and public services, these issues were analyzed further in the Draft EIR.

SECTION 3 POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT ARE NOT SIGNIFICANT (NO MITIGATION REQUIRED)

The Final EIR evaluated impacts in thirteen major environmental categories and concluded that certain impacts in each of the following issue areas would be less than significant without imposition of mitigation.

3.1 LAND USE - CONFLICT WITH ESTABLISHED LAND USES AT THE PROJECT SITE

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 4.0 for an analysis of land use impacts of the Project, including potential conflicts with established land uses.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

No significant impacts associated with land use are expected to occur as a result of the Project. Expansion activities would include liner, drainage, and landfill gas control system installation and would occur periodically over the life of the landfill. These activities, in addition to routine waste disposal activities, would involve the use of heavy equipment and trucks. Landfill expansion activities associated with the Project are consistent with the existing land uses (i.e., waste disposal activities) that have occurred at the landfill since its inception. Furthermore, the Project, when combined with reasonably foreseeable projects in the project vicinity, would not

incrementally contribute to cumulative changes to land use, and no cumulative impacts would result.

Additionally, the composting facility, HHWF, and potential future conversion facility would all be co-located with the landfill, and, therefore, future activities associated with the facilities are anticipated to be consistent with the existing land uses (i.e., waste disposal activities) that have occurred and will continue to occur at the landfill. The facilities would maintain the intended land uses of the site and would not conflict with applicable land use plans or adopted policies, and no impacts related to land use are anticipated from these facilities.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on land use resulting in conflicts with established land uses at the project site.

3.2 LAND USE – DISRUPT OR DIVIDE THE PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT OF AN EXISTING COMMUNITY

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 4.0 for an analysis of land use impacts of the Project, including disruption or division of the physical arrangement of an existing community.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Waste disposal activities would continue to occur within the existing site boundary, and would not disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an existing community.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on land use resulting from the disruption or division of the physical arrangement of an existing community.

3.3 LAND USE – CONFLICT WITH APPLICABLE LAND USE PLANS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 4.0 for an analysis of impacts to land use, including conflicts with applicable land use plans.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project is consistent with, or would not conflict with, any applicable local plan or policy including general plans, specific plans, the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP), zoning ordinances, and habitat conservation plans.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on land use resulting from conflicts with applicable land use plans.

3.4 LAND USE – CONFLICT WITH ENVIRONMENTAL GOALS OR POLICIES CONTAINED IN OTHER APPLICABLE PLANS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 4.0 for an analysis of impacts to land use, including conflicts with environmental goals and policies.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The landfill has existed at its current location for more than 40 years. The Project is consistent with applicable local plans and policies including general plans, specific plans, the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP), Zoning Ordinance, and habitat conservation plans. Furthermore, the Project is consistent with, or would not conflict with, environmental goals or policies in other applicable plans.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on land use resulting from conflicts with environmental goals or policies contained in other applicable plans.

3.5 LAND USE - CUMULATIVE

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 4.0 for an analysis of impacts to land use, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The related projects discussed in Chapter 3.0, General Setting and Resource Area Analysis, would likely result in significant changes to land uses in the vicinity of the landfill. A combination of residential, commercial, open space, public, and industrial uses are planned within the vicinity of the Project. However, the Project would maintain the current and planned land use of the site, would not conflict with applicable land use plans or adopted policies, and would not result in impacts related to land use. Therefore, the Project, when combined with reasonably foreseeable projects in the project vicinity, would not incrementally contribute to cumulative changes to land use, and no cumulative impacts would result. No cumulative impacts would result from the implementation of the Project; therefore, no mitigation measures are required.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact on land use.

3.6 GEOLOGY – EXPOSURE OF PEOPLE OR STRUCTURES TO POTENTIAL SUBSTANTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 5.0 for an analysis of impacts to geology, including exposure of people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

There is not a potential for the Project to expose people or structures to substantial geologic hazards from rupture of a known earthquake fault, required design of the facility to meet or exceed the stringent seismic ground shaking regulatory construction standards will mitigate impact related to this issue to a less than-significant level, and the slope stability analysis determined that all of the cut slopes at the Project site are stable. In addition, any unsuitable material identified during excavation by a geotechnical engineer will be overexcavated and replaced with compacted earthfill. Therefore, these impacts would not be significant, and no mitigation measures would be required.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on geology due to exposure of people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects.

3.7 GEOLOGY – SOIL EROSION OR LOSS OF TOPSOIL

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 5.0 for an analysis of impacts to geology, including soil erosion or loss of topsoil.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Erosion will be controlled during implementation of the Project as required by regulatory criteria. The potential soil loss was estimated to be less than 2 tons per acre per year, which is the maximum annual soil loss recommended by EPA. Therefore, these impacts would not be significant, and no mitigation measures would be required.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on geology due to substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil.

3.8 GEOLOGY – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 5.0 for an analysis of impacts to geology, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The potential for cumulative impacts related to geologic resources would be limited to the removal of native topsoil and the potential export of some excavated soil. Similar effects may be associated with other local development; however, most projects typically strive for soil balance in their cut and fill grading. The Project is not expected to significantly contribute to cumulative depletion of native soils. Potential impacts such as landslides and seismic hazards must be mitigated on a project-by-project basis using project design to satisfy regulatory requirements. The Project, in conjunction with other related projects, would not produce cumulatively significant effects associated with geology and hydrogeology.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on geology due to substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil

3.9 HYDROLOGY – DEPLETION OF GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES OR INTERFERENCE WITH GROUNDWATER RECHARGE

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 5.0 for an analysis of impacts to hydrology, including depletion of groundwater supplies or interference with groundwater recharge.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The volume of decreased recharge or potential groundwater extraction related to the Project would not be measurable compared to the recharge that occurs from precipitation over the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin and runoff from the surrounding Santa Clara River Valley watershed. The Project would extend the current waste footprint by approximately 143 acres, less than 0.1 percent of the area of the Santa Clara River Valley East Subbasin, which is over 200 square miles in size. In addition, stormwater runoff discharged from the site would flow into the Santa Clara River, where it could recharge the groundwater system. Therefore, these impacts would not be significant and no mitigation measures would be required.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on hydrology due to depletion of groundwater supplies or interference with groundwater recharge..

3.10 HYDROLOGY – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Draft EIR, Chapter 5.0 for an analysis of impacts to hydrology, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The potential for cumulative impacts related to geologic resources and hydrology would be limited to the removal of native topsoil and the potential export of some excavated soil. Similar effects may be associated with other local development; however, most projects typically strive for soil balance in their cut and fill grading. The Project is not expected to significantly contribute to cumulative depletion of native soils. Potential impacts such as landslides and seismic hazards must be mitigated on a project-by-project basis using project design to satisfy regulatory requirements. The Project, in conjunction with other related projects, would not produce cumulatively significant effects associated with geology and hydrogeology.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact to hydrology

3.11 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE – ALTERATION OF EXISTING DRAINAGE PATTERNS

Please refer to Draft EIR, Chapter 6.0 for an analysis of impacts to surface water drainages, including surface water damage.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Although existing drainage patterns will be altered within the landfill during implementation of the Project, a precipitation drainage and control system will prevent substantial erosion of surface runoff and will not cause flooding. Drainage patterns will not be altered downstream of the two discharge points from the Project site. Therefore, no mitigation measures would be required, because all onsite drainage patterns will be altered in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, and offsite drainages will not be altered.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on surface water damage due to alteration of existing drainage patterns.

3.12 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE – INCREASE EROSION OF SURFACE RUNOFF AND FLOODING

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 6.0 for an analysis of surface water drainage, including increased erosion of surface runoff and flooding.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The existing drainage patterns will be altered within the Project site during implementation of the Project. This will include constructing, operating, and maintaining a precipitation drainage and control system in accordance with regulatory criteria. As required, this system will be designed and constructed to carry the peak discharge resulting from the 100-year, 24-hour storm event, as required by Title 27, and the stormwater runoff volume resulting from the Capital Flood event (50-year, 24-hour storm), as required by LACDPW. In addition, the system will limit, to the greatest extent possible, ponding, infiltration, inundation, erosion, slope failure, washout, and overtopping under the required design storms (100-year, 24-hour) for Class III as required by Title 27, and the Capital Flood event (50-year, 24-hour storm), as required by the County Department of Public Works.

This drainage and control system will prevent substantial erosion of surface runoff and will not cause flooding. Drainage patterns will not be altered downstream of the two discharge points from the Project site. Therefore, no mitigation measures would be required, because all onsite drainage patterns will be altered in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, and offsite drainages will not be altered.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on surface water drainage due to increased erosion of surface runoff and flooding.

3.13 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE – RUNOFF EXCEEDING DRAINAGE SYSTEM CAPACITY

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 6.0 for an analysis of surface water drainages, including runoff exceeding drainage system capacity.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Although existing drainage patterns will be altered within the landfill during implementation of the Project, a precipitation drainage and control system will prevent substantial erosion of surface runoff and will not cause flooding. Drainage patterns will not be altered downstream of the two discharge points from the Project site. Therefore, no mitigation measures would be required, because all onsite drainage patterns will be altered in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, and offsite drainages will not be altered.

Finding: For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on surface water drainage due to runoff exceeding drainage system capacity.

3.14 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE – HOUSING WITHIN A 100-YEAR FLOOD AREA

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 6.0 for an analysis of surface water drainages, including housing within a 100-year flood area.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project does not propose housing and will not place housing within a 100-year flood area. The landfill site is above the 100-year floodplain of the Santa Clara River, as identified by FEMA. No elements of the Project will be located within the 100-year flood area.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on surface water drainage due to placement within a 100-year flood area.

3.15 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE – INTERFERENCE WITH FLOOD FLOWS WITHIN A 100-YEAR FLOOD HAZARD AREA

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 6.0 for an analysis of surface water drainage, including interference with flood flows within a 100-year flood hazard area.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The landfill site is above the 100-year floodplain of the Santa Clara River, as identified by

FEMA. No elements of the Project will be located within the 100-year flood area. Stormwater at the landfill site is controlled by diversion berms, drainage channels, oversize drains, and sedimentation basins. Exposed soil and interim and final covers are vegetated to control erosion. All surface drainage from the landfill property flows through one or more sedimentation ponds before discharging from the site.

These controls, together with the landfill site being located above the 100-year floodplain, ensure that the Project will not impede or redirect flood flows within a 100-year flood hazard area. Therefore, no mitigation measures would be required.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on surface water drainage due to interference with flood flows within a 100-year flood hazard area.

3.16 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE – EXPOSURE OF PEOPLE OR STRUCTURES TO RISK FROM FLOODING OR CONTRIBUTING TO INUNDATION BY SEICHE OR TSUNAMI

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 6.0 for an analysis of surface water drainage, including exposure of people or structures to risk from flooding and contribution to inundation by seiche or tsunami.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

There is no potential for the Project to contribute to inundation by tsunami or seiche. The Project site is too far inland (approximately 30 to 40 miles) and high in elevation (greater than 900 feet above mean sea level) to be significantly threatened by tsunami. Because there are no enclosed water bodies at or in the vicinity of the landfill, seiche is not a threat to the Project site. Therefore, no mitigation measures would be required.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on surface water drainage due to exposure of people or structures to significant risk of loss, injury, or death from flooding, or contribution to inundation by seiche or tsunami.

3.17 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 6.0 for an analysis of surface water drainage, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Increased runoff from development of previously undisturbed land has the potential to add incrementally to flooding impacts. However, the proponents of other developments within the immediate watershed would be required to provide engineered drainage facilities and coordinate with appropriate permitting agencies, including the County Department of Public Works. These

requirements would mitigate these potential impacts to below a level of significance. Each project must demonstrate to the County that floodwaters will be accommodated by onsite drainage facilities so that there is no negative impact off-site; therefore, no significant cumulative surface water runoff/flooding impacts are expected from the Project.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact on surface water drainage.

3.18 WATER QUALITY – VIOLATION OF SURFACE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 7.0 for an analysis of water quality, including surface water quality standards.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

These impacts would be less than significant because the Project would be in compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements, CCR Title 27 requirements, and Orders and Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Project will include preparing and implementing a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program and Stormwater Management Plan in accordance with a General Permit issued under State Water Resources Control Board Order No. 97-03-DWQ, in accordance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements, and in accordance with Regional Water Quality Control Board Order No. R4-2011-0052. The Project will meet or incorporate the following siting and design features:

- Liner system with hydraulic conductivity of 1×10^{-6} centimeters per second or less to ensure protection of the quality of groundwater and surface water
- Design and construction of liner system to contain the fluid, including landfill gas, waste, and leachate. Leachate collection and removal systems Precipitation and drainage control structures designed and constructed to limit ponding, infiltration, inundation, erosion, slope failure, washout, and overtopping

Additionally, the Project will comply with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance. The Project will implement the required water quality monitoring and response programs for detecting, characterizing, and responding to releases to surface water. The Regional Water Quality Control Board will specify, in facility-specific Waste Discharge Requirements, the type or types of monitoring programs required and the specific elements of each monitoring and response program. Monitoring programs will ensure no impairment of beneficial use of surface water or groundwater beneath or adjacent to the landfill.

3.19 WATER QUALITY – VIOLATION OF GROUNDWATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 7.0 for an analysis of water quality, including groundwater

quality standards.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project would be in compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements, CCR Title 27, and Orders and Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Project will meet or incorporate the following siting and design features:

- Minimum 5-foot separation between waste above the highest anticipated elevation of underlying groundwater (Section 20240[c])
- Liner system with hydraulic conductivity of 1×10^{-6} centimeters per second or less to ensure protection of the quality of groundwater and surface water (Section 20260)
- Design and construction of liner system to contain the fluid, including LFG, waste, and leachate (Section 20330)
- Leachate collection and removal systems (Section 20340)
- Precipitation and drainage control structures designed and constructed to limit ponding, infiltration, inundation, erosion, slope failure, washout, and overtopping (Section 20365)

Additionally, the Project will comply with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance. The Project will implement the required water quality monitoring and response programs for detecting, characterizing, and responding to releases to groundwater. RWQCB will specify, in facility-specific WDRs, the type or types of monitoring programs required and the specific elements of each monitoring and response program. These type(s) of monitoring programs will include a DMP (Section 20420) and, if necessary, an Evaluation Monitoring Program (Section 20425), and/or CAP (Section 20430) to ensure no impairment of beneficial use of surface water or groundwater beneath or adjacent to the landfill.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on water quality due to violation of groundwater quality standards or waste discharge requirements.

3.20 WATER QUALITY – CONTAMINATION OF PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 7.0 for an analysis of water quality, including contamination of public water supply.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project would be in compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements, CCR Title 27, and Orders and Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Project will meet or incorporate the following siting and design features:

- Minimum 5-foot separation between waste above the highest anticipated elevation of underlying groundwater
- Liner system with hydraulic conductivity of 1×10^{-6} centimeters per second or less to ensure protection of the quality of groundwater and surface water
- Design and construction of liner system to contain the fluid, including LFG, waste, and leachate
- Leachate collection and removal systems
- Precipitation and drainage control structures designed and constructed to limit ponding, infiltration, inundation, erosion, slope failure, washout, and overtopping

Additionally, the Project will comply with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance. The Project will implement the required water quality monitoring and response programs for detecting, characterizing, and responding to releases to groundwater. The Regional Water Quality Control Board will specify, in facility-specific Waste Discharge Requirements, the type or types of monitoring programs required and the specific elements of each monitoring and response program. Monitoring programs will ensure no impairment of beneficial use of surface water or groundwater beneath or adjacent to the landfill.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on water quality due to contamination of public water supply.

3.21 WATER QUALITY – DEGRADATION OF WATER QUALITY

Please refer to EIR Section 7.7.1.1 for an analysis of water quality.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project would be in compliance with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System requirements, CCR Title 27, and Orders and Waste Discharge Requirements issued by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. The Project will meet or incorporate the following siting and design features:

- Minimum 5-foot separation between waste above the highest anticipated elevation of underlying groundwater
- Liner system with hydraulic conductivity of 1×10^{-6} centimeters per second or less to ensure protection of the quality of groundwater and surface water
- Design and construction of liner system to contain the fluid, including LFG, waste, and leachate
- Leachate collection and removal systems

- Precipitation and drainage control structures designed and constructed to limit ponding, infiltration, inundation, erosion, slope failure, washout, and overtopping

Additionally, the Project will comply with the Los Angeles County Low Impact Development Ordinance. The Project will implement the required water quality monitoring and response programs for detecting, characterizing, and responding to releases to groundwater. The Regional Water Quality Control Board will specify, in facility-specific Waste Discharge Requirements, the type or types of monitoring programs required and the specific elements of each monitoring and response program. Monitoring programs will ensure no impairment of beneficial use of surface water or groundwater beneath or adjacent to the landfill.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on water quality relating to degradation of water quality.

3.22 WATER QUALITY – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 7.0 for an analysis of water quality, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Implementation of design features, as well as required implementation of best management practices for stormwater runoff at each specific related project, would mitigate potential cumulative impacts to below a level of significance.

Planned or approved development in the project area is residential, commercial, or industrial park in character; therefore, development of vacant land from other related projects is not expected to affect groundwater quality since these projects are not expected to expose groundwater resources to contaminants. Design features proposed for the Project would all but eliminate the project's potential impact on groundwater quality. Therefore, cumulative projects are not expected to significantly impact the quality of groundwater.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact to water quality.

3.23 BIOLOGY – FORAGING OR TRANSIENT BIRD SPECIES

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Chapter 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including birds.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding::

- Tricolored Blackbird: There is no suitable nesting habitat onsite; therefore, there is no potential for this species to nest onsite. Annual grasslands provide limited foraging

habitat for this species; although in general, it prefers agricultural areas or landfills. The loss of marginal forage habitat for this species is not expected to represent a significant impact. The conversion of shrub and grasslands to active landfill is anticipated to be a beneficial impact and will offset the loss of other less preferred forage habitats.

- Yellow Warbler: Breeding habitat is not present at the landfill for this species. Transient birds may occur in chaparral or mule fat habitats onsite. The loss of this habitat for migrating individuals of this species is not a significant impact as other mule fat and suitable riparian habitat exists in the region.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact to biological resources due to impacts to foraging or transient bird species of special concern (passerines).

3.24 BIOLOGY – SPECIAL STATUS FISH

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Chapter 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including fish.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Potential downstream impacts may occur to arroyo chub, Santa Ana sucker, Southern steelhead trout, and unarmored threespine stickleback. These indirect impacts from changes in water quality have been evaluated to determine if there is a potential for an adverse effect on the habitat and forage of these birds. These potential impacts are addressed with compliance-with-law measures described in the surface water drainage and water quality analyses.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact to biological resources due to impacts to special-status fish.

3.25 BIOLOGY – CONFLICT WITH ADOPTED PLANS

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Chapter 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including consistency with adopted plans.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

No federal Habitat Conservation Plans or state Natural Community Conservation Plans would be affected by the Project. Other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plans in the vicinity of the landfill were identified in the Santa Clara River Enhancement Management Plan, which addresses management of the Santa Clara River. The Santa Clara River is approximately 0.4 mile south of the landfill. No significant impacts related to biological resources or water quality in the Santa Clara River ecosystem are anticipated.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact to biological resources due to conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state Habitat Conservation Plan.

3.26 CULTURAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES – ARTIFICIAL FILL EARTH MOVEMENT

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 9.0 for an analysis of cultural and paleontological resources, including artificial fill.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

There will be no impact on paleontological resources associated with earth moving in the artificial fill, which is unfossiliferous.

Finding: For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact to cultural and paleontological resources due to earth moving in artificial fill.

3.27 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION – SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN TRAFFIC IN RELATION TO EXISTING TRAFFIC LOAD OR STREET SYSTEM CAPACITY

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 10.0 for an analysis of traffic and transportation, including traffic increases in relation to the existing traffic load or street system capacity.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project would not cause an increase in traffic that is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system. All of the study intersections will operate at LOS D or better in Existing plus Growth plus Project conditions and will not exceed the Los Angeles County traffic impact thresholds. Review of the queue lengths at the northbound and southbound I-5 off-ramps shows that the peak-hour queue lengths do not exceed the available off-ramp storage in Existing plus Growth plus Project conditions. There would be no impact.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on traffic and transportation due to an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections).

3.28 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION – EXCEEDANCE OF LOS STANDARD

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 10.0 for an analysis of traffic and transportation.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

All of the study intersections will operate at Level of Service (LOS) D or better in Existing plus Growth plus Project conditions and will not exceed the Los Angeles County traffic impact thresholds. Review of the queue lengths at the northbound and southbound I-5 off-ramps shows that the peak-hour queue lengths do not exceed the available off-ramp storage in Existing plus Growth plus Project conditions. There would be no impact.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on traffic and transportation due to an exceedance, either individually or cumulatively, of an LOS standard established by the County congestion management agency for designated roads or highways.

3.29 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION – INCREASE HAZARDS DUE TO DESIGN FEATURES

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 10.0 for an analysis of traffic and transportation, including potential hazards due to design features.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The project entrance is proposed to improve access to the site and will not substantially increase hazards due to a design feature or affect emergency access to the site or any other property. The queuing analysis shows that the storage provided at the landfill's main entrance will be able to accommodate the projected number of vehicles arriving to the site throughout the day and will provide enough storage to accommodate projected Project traffic without queuing onto public roadways.

The queuing analysis for the household hazardous waste collection facility driveway shows that the facility can accommodate up to 243 vehicles on a typical event day without queuing through the landfill's main entrance driveway.

An evaluation of intersection spacing on Wolcott Way between Franklin Parkway and SR-126 determined that the northbound queue at Wolcott Way/Franklin Parkway and the southbound queue at Wolcott Way/SR-126 will not exceed 100 feet in either peak hour. Adequate storage exists on Wolcott Way to accommodate the increase in traffic due to the proposed landfill entrance.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on traffic and transportation relating to any potential substantial increase in hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incomplete uses (e.g., farm equipment).

3.30 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION – EMERGENCY ACCESS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 10.0 for an analysis of traffic and transportation, including

emergency access.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The queuing analysis shows that the storage provided at the landfill's main entrance will be able to accommodate the projected number of vehicles arriving to the site throughout the day and will provide enough storage to accommodate projected Project traffic without queuing onto public roadways. Queuing calculations were also done for the household hazardous waste collection facility driveway. The analysis shows that the facility can accommodate up to 243 vehicles on a typical event day without queuing through the landfill's main entrance driveway.

Intersection spacing on Wolcott Way between Franklin Parkway and SR-126 was also evaluated and it was determined that the northbound queue at Wolcott Way/Franklin Parkway and the southbound queue at Wolcott Way/SR-126 will not exceed 100 feet in either peak hour. Adequate storage exists on Wolcott Way to accommodate the increase in traffic due to the proposed landfill entrance.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the operation of the Project will have a less than significant impact on traffic and transportation relating to emergency access.

3.31 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION – CONFLICT WITH ADOPTED POLICIES, PLANS OR PROGRAMS SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 10.0 for an analysis of traffic and transportation, including adopted policies, plans and programs supporting alternative transportation.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project will not conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation as there will be no changes related to alternative transportation. Construction of the Project will occur entirely on-site and will not affect transit, bicycle facilities or other forms of alternative transportation.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on traffic and transportation due to any potential conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation.

3.32 TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 10.0 for an analysis of traffic and transportation, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

For the purposes of long-term cumulative impact analysis, the subset of the nearby related projects identified in Chapter 3.0, General Setting and Resource Area Analysis, excludes any project that has already been approved but is not yet constructed, or any project that is in the application process and is a reasonably foreseeable development, as those projects are accounted for in Section 10.6, Interim Condition. The most notable of the currently planned or proposed projects in the cumulative impact area of the Project are the Newhall Ranch developments, located immediately south, east, and west of the Project and the Caltrans SR-126/Commerce Center Drive Interchange Improvements Project (SR-126 Improvements Project), located approximately 1 mile east of the Project.

The SR-126 Improvements Project began construction in late 2012 and is now complete. The SR-126 Improvements Project improves local access and traffic circulation; incorporates planned infrastructure improvements consistent with local and regional planning efforts; enhances driver safety; and accommodates planned growth within the study area. Specifically, the SR-126 Improvements Project will prevent deficient roadway and intersection operations that would result from the build-out of planned development in the area.

Operation of the Project will continue for an additional 20 to 40 years depending on when the landfill reaches final grade, thus overlapping with construction and operation of the surrounding cumulative projects. The SR-126 Improvements Project was designed to accommodate growth in the local area and will improve traffic conditions at the SR 126/Commerce Center Drive intersection over existing conditions. Furthermore, the Newhall Ranch developments would require detailed CEQA analysis and adequate mitigation measures (including roadway and intersection improvements) to reduce any cumulative traffic impacts on the surrounding road network to a less-than-significant level. Therefore, the long-term cumulative impact that would result from the combination of the Project's incremental impact and the effects of other projects is not considered to be significant.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact on traffic and transportation.

3.33 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND CLIMATE CHANGE – CONSISTENCY WITH 2020 EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Chapter 12.0 for an analysis of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Landfill gas capture is anticipated to achieve an 85% capture rate with implementation of the BMP described in Section 11.5.1.1 of Chapter 11.0 the FEIR and greater than 99% destruction efficiency, which is greater than the statewide 15.3 percent reduction and waste sector 19.1 percent reduction of emissions compared to the Business as Usual scenario. The Project will result in less-than-significant GHG impacts up to 2020. In addition, the Project furthers

important policies in the County's adopted Community Climate Action Plan and the Project will comply with all laws and regulatory standards with the purpose of reducing greenhouse gas emissions for the waste management sector.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change due to conflicts with 2020 emissions reductions targets.

3.34 NOISE – EXPOSURE TO OR GENERATION OF NOISE LEVELS EXCEEDING COUNTY STANDARDS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 13.0 for an analysis of noise, including exposure to or generation of noise exceeding County standards.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Noise levels during construction will comply with the Los Angeles County daytime sound requirements of 60 dBA for construction activities lasting 10 or more days. Noise levels during operation will comply with the Los Angeles County requirements of 50 dBA for sounds emanating from an industrial source and received by residential properties and are less than the measured existing levels. In addition, truck and other vehicular traffic to and from the landfill will use SR-126. Landfill-generated traffic is, and will continue to be, a small percentage of total vehicle volume on SR-126; therefore, the traffic generated by the Project would result in negligible changes to traffic noise levels along SR-126.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on noise due to exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established by the County.

3.35 NOISE – EXPOSURE TO OR GENERATION OF EXCESSIVE GROUND BORNE VIBRATION OR NOISE LEVELS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 13.0 for an analysis of noise, including generation of excessive groundborne vibration or noise levels.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project will be constructed and operated in a manner to ensure the County of Los Angeles noise requirements are satisfied.

Finding: For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on noise due to exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels

3.36 NOISE – PERMANENT INCREASE IN AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 13.0 for an analysis of noise, including increases in ambient noise levels.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project will be constructed and operated in a manner to ensure the County of Los Angeles noise requirements are satisfied.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on noise due to a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the Project site above levels existing without the Project.

3.37 NOISE – TEMPORARY OR PERIODIC INCREASE IN AMBIENT NOISE LEVELS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 13.0 for an analysis of noise, including increases in ambient noise levels.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Construction activities would result in a temporary direct increase in ambient noise levels around the construction area. However, the Project will be constructed and operated in a manner to ensure the County of Los Angeles noise requirements are satisfied.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on noise due to a substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the Project site above noise levels existing without the Project.

3.38 NOISE – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 13.0 for an analysis of noise, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The estimated construction noise level for the Project will be below the statutory requirement of Noise Control Ordinance of Los Angeles County. During construction, the maximum noise level is estimated to be 59 dBA at the nearest residential property. Construction of the Newhall Ranch project is not expected to influence the sound levels at the nearest homes in Val Verde or those located northeast of the landfill because of large distances and shielding provided by intervening topography. Therefore, the cumulative construction noise from simultaneous construction of the Project and Newhall Ranch would result in noise levels consistent with the County's requirement. Therefore, the Project would result in no significant cumulative impact during

construction.

The operational noise from the Project at all the noise-sensitive areas will comply with the Noise Control Ordinance of Los Angeles County. Landfill-generated traffic will continue to be a small percentage of total vehicle volume on SR-126; therefore, the traffic generated by the Project would result in negligible changes to traffic noise levels in the area.

The SR-126 Improvements Project may result in traffic noise level conditions that exceed their noise abatement guidelines (generally 66 dBA in residential areas). If this occurs, Caltrans would require the evaluation and likely construction of sound walls as a part of the SR-126 Improvements Project. Therefore, the cumulative impact that will result from the combination of the Project's incremental impact and the effects of other projects is not significant.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact on noise.

3.39 PUBLIC SERVICES – INTERFERENCE WITH EXISTING OR PLANNED EMERGENCY RESPONSE OR EVACUATION PLANS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 14.0 for an analysis of public services, including emergency plans.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Site security would continue to be provided by Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The Project would not interfere with emergency response plans nor diminish the ability of police service personnel to respond to emergencies because the facility would be serviced and maintained by existing staff. Consistent with the existing landfill operation, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would be called on in case of a security emergency. Therefore, potential impacts resulting from the Project, related to police protection services, would be less than significant.

Consistent with the existing landfill operation, fire protection would be provided by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department and would not require additional personnel. The Project would not interfere with existing or planned emergency response plans nor diminish the ability of fire service. Therefore, because the Project would not directly or indirectly affect existing County of Los Angeles Fire Department facilities and personnel, potential impacts are considered less than significant.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on public services due to interference with existing or planned emergency response plans or emergency evacuation plans.

3.40 PUBLIC SERVICES – ADDITIONAL STAFFING OR EQUIPMENT TO MAINTAIN PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 14.0 for an analysis of public services, including staffing and equipment.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Site security would continue to be provided by Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The Project would not interfere with emergency response plans nor diminish the ability of police service personnel to respond to emergencies because the facility would be serviced and maintained by existing staff. Consistent with the existing landfill operation, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would be called on in case of a security emergency. Therefore, potential impacts resulting from the Project, related to police protection services, would be less than significant.

Consistent with the existing landfill operation, fire protection would be provided by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department and would not require additional personnel. The Project would not interfere with existing or planned emergency response plans nor diminish the ability of fire service. Therefore, because the Project would not directly or indirectly affect existing County of Los Angeles Fire Department facilities and personnel, potential impacts are considered less than significant.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on public services due to a need for additional staffing or equipment to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives.

3.41 PUBLIC SERVICES – LEVELS OF SERVICE

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 14.0 for an analysis of public services, including levels of service.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting

Site security would continue to be provided by Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The Project would not interfere with emergency response plans nor diminish the ability of police service personnel to respond to emergencies because the facility would be serviced and maintained by existing staff. Consistent with the existing landfill operation, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department would be called on in case of a security emergency.

Fire protection would be provided by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department and would not require additional personnel. The Project would not interfere with existing or planned emergency response plans nor diminish the ability of fire service. The Project would add approximately 25 full-time staff at the landfill. The increase in staff is expected to be met by local persons and would not induce population growth. Consequently, the Project would not require additional facilities or staffing of existing community facilities, nor would it interfere with existing or planned emergency response plans or diminish the level of service for existing community

facilities.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on public services due to substantial degradation of the level of service of existing fire protection, police protection, and schools, parks, or other public facilities.

3.42 PUBLIC SERVICES – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 14.0 for an analysis of public services, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

A combination of residential, commercial, open space, public, and industrial uses are planned within the vicinity of the Project. However, it is anticipated that each of the identified projects would incorporate mitigation measures to ensure that impacts to public services and utilities are less than significant. The Project would not result in a significant impact to public services and utilities. The Project, when combined with reasonably foreseeable projects in the project vicinity, is not expected to incrementally contribute to cumulative impacts to public services and utilities.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact on public services.

3.43 UTILITIES – EXANSION OF EXISTING UTILITIES

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 14.0 for an analysis of utilities, including expansion of existing utilities.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project would utilize existing electrical supplies available from existing transmission lines. Therefore, the Project would result in no impact to energy systems at or in the vicinity of the landfill.

Total existing and projected water supplies will meet the water demands associated with the Project in combination with existing and other planned uses within the service area.

The landfill utilizes a septic tank to manage domestic waste. There would be no discharge to existing sewer systems associated with the Project. Portable toilets would be used throughout the site, and the sanitary wastes would be hauled from the Project site for disposal. Sanitary wastes generated by the portable toilets would have a negligible effect to a sanitary disposal system.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on utilities due to a need for expansion of existing utility (e.g., water, sewer, electrical, natural gas, telephone) infrastructure or additional staff to maintain acceptable levels of service.

3.44 UTILITIES –LEVELS OF SERVICE

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 14.0 for an analysis of utilities, including levels of service.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project would utilize existing electrical supplies available from existing transmission lines. Therefore, the Project would result in no impact to energy systems at or in the vicinity of the landfill.

Total existing and projected water supplies will meet the water demands associated with the Project in combination with existing and other planned uses within the service area.

The landfill utilizes a septic tank to manage domestic waste. There would be no discharge to existing sewer systems associated with the Project. Portable toilets would be used throughout the site, and the sanitary wastes would be hauled from the Project site for disposal. Sanitary wastes generated by the portable toilets would have a negligible effect to a sanitary disposal system.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on utilities due to substantial degradation of the level of service for utilities below established or acceptable levels.

3.45 UTILITIES – SUFFICIENCY OF WATER SUPPLIES DEPLETION OF GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES OR RECHARGE

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 14.0 for an analysis of utilities, including sufficiency of water supplies and recharge.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Total existing and projected water supplies will meet the water demands associated with the Project in combination with existing and other planned uses within the service area. The 73-acre-foot increase in water for the Project is approximately ten hundredths of a percent of the total municipal water demand. This minor increase would not substantially deplete the groundwater supply, should that be the source, and any impacts on water supplies would be less than significant. The Water Supply Assessment and Addendum thereto, approved by the Valencia Water District, find that sufficient water supplies exist to serve the Project.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on public services due to sufficiency of water supplies available to serve the project from existing and planned entitlements such that new or expanded entitlements would be needed.

3.46 UTILITIES –DEPLETION OF GROUNDWATER SUPPLIES OR RECHARGE INTERFERENCE

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 14.0 for an analysis of utilities, including groundwater supplies and recharge.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Total existing and projected water supplies will meet the water demands associated with the Project in combination with existing and other planned uses within the service area. The 73-acre-foot increase in water for the Project is approximately ten hundredths of a percent of the total municipal water demand. This minor increase would not substantially deplete the groundwater supply, should that be the source, and any impacts on water supplies would be less than significant.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on public services due to depletion of groundwater supplies or interference substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted).

3.47 UTILITIES – CUMULATIVE

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 14.0 for an analysis of utilities, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

A combination of residential, commercial, open space, public, and industrial uses are planned in the vicinity of the Project. However, it is anticipated that each of the identified projects would incorporate mitigation measures to ensure that impacts to public services and utilities are less than significant. The Project would not result in a significant impact to public services and utilities. The Project, when combined with reasonably foreseeable projects in the project vicinity, is not expected to incrementally contribute to cumulative impacts to public services and utilities.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact on utilities.

3.48 AIR QUALITY – CONSISTENCY WITH APPLICABLE PLANS (CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION)

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Chapter 11.0 for an analysis of air quality, including consistency with plans.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project would comply with applicable South Coast Air Quality Management District rules and regulations and would not impair the region's ability to achieve the District's goals for attainment of national and state air standards. The Project would also be consistent with the applicable Countywide Air Quality Element Goals and Policies related to air quality in the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Circulation and Conservation and Open Space Elements. The Project would also be consistent with the County Community Climate Action Plan.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project construction and operation will have a less than significant impact on air quality due to consistency with applicable air quality plans.

3.49 AIR QUALITY – VIOLATION OF AIR QUALITY STANDARD (OPERATION)

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Chapter 11.0 for an analysis of air quality, including air quality standards.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Operation of the Project would not violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation for carbon monoxide.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the operation of the Project will have a less than significant impact on air quality due to violation of any air quality standard or contribution substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation for carbon monoxide.

3.50 AIR QUALITY – EXPOSURE OF SENSITIVE RECEPTORS TO SUBSTANTIAL POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS (CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION)

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Chapter 11.0 for an analysis of air quality, including sensitive receptor exposure.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Health Risk Assessment also showed that maximum impacts predicted for sensitive receptor locations using 2015 Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment guidance would not exceed the South Coast Air Quality Management District cancer risk significance threshold. The Health Risk Assessment determined that the chronic and acute non-carcinogenic impacts

predicted for exposure to estimated Project emissions would be below the District's significance threshold for all receptors.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact to air quality due to exposure of sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.

3.51 AIR QUALITY – ODORS (NON-COMPOST)

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Chapter 11.0 for an analysis of air quality, including odors.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

An Odor Survey performed at the site demonstrates that landfill odors are rarely detected in surrounding areas. In addition, the landfill will prevent odor through its waste exclusion program and best management practices for odor prevention. Wind patterns and analysis of anticipated odors that would emanate from a taller landfill demonstrate that the Project will have less than significant odor impacts.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on air quality due to creation of objectionable odors associated with expanded landfill operation affecting a substantial number of people.

3.52 VISUAL RESOURCES – SCENIC VISTAS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 15.0 for an analysis of visual resources, including scenic vistas.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

There are no formally or informally designated scenic vistas within the Project area or with a view of the area.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on visual resources due to a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista.

3.53 VISUAL RESOURCES – SCENIC RESOURCES ON SCENIC HIGHWAYS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 15.0 for an analysis of visual resources, including scenic highways.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

There are no designated state scenic highways within the Project area. Consequently, the

Proposed Project would not have the potential to substantially damage scenic resources (including trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings) within a state scenic highway.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on visual resources due to substantial damage to scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway.

3.54 VISUAL RESOURCES – EXISTING VISUAL CHARACTER

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 15.0 and Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision Visual Resources Supplement included in the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR for an analysis to visual resources, including visual character.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Visual resources impacts associated with the Project from all of the key observation points studied are anticipated to be less than significant. Views and changes to the existing landscape are limited due to intervening topography. In addition, the Project will revegetate the landfill site to mimic adjacent natural habitat.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on visual resources due to degradation of the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings.

3.55 VISUAL RESOURCES – LIGHT OR GLARE

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 15.0 for an analysis to visual resources, including light and glare.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Because the lighting of the Project would not create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area, the Project's potential light impacts would be less than significant.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on visual resources due to a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area.

3.56 VISUAL RESOURCES – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 15.0 for an analysis to visual resources, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

While the Project would incrementally contribute to substantial changes to the landscape in the vicinity of the landfill, these changes would not substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact on visual resources.

3.57 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE– DISPROPORTIONATE AFFECT TO A MINORITY OR LOW-INCOME POPULATION

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 16.0 for an analysis of environmental justice, including disproportionate impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The percent of the 2010 Census Bureau population classified as minority in Los Angeles County is 72.2, and in Val Verde it is 70.1. The minority population of Val Verde does not exceed the minority population of Los Angeles County. Thus, the Project would not disproportionately affect a minority population, and potential environmental justice impacts, if present, would be less than significant.

The proportion of persons living below the poverty level in Los Angeles County is 15.7 percent and in Val Verde it is 9.1 percent. The portion of the population of Val Verde living below poverty level is less than that of Los Angeles County. Therefore, the Proposed Project would not disproportionately affect a low-income population, and no potential impacts associated with environmental justice are anticipated.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on environmental justice due to adverse impacts that disproportionately affect a minority population or a low-income population.

3.58 DISPLACEMENT OF HOUSING

Please refer to Draft EIR Section 16.5.2.2 for an analysis of housing displacement.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project would increase by approximately 25 full-time staff. The increase in staff at the landfill is expected to be met by local persons and would not induce population growth in the area. Existing housing and school facilities are adequate to meet current demand. The Project would not directly or indirectly induce population growth because the landfill is an existing operating facility. The Project would not induce population growth and would not displace

existing housing,

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact on housing displacement due to displacement of substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

3.59 DISPLACEMENT OF PEOPLE

Please refer to Draft EIR Section 16.5.2.2 for an analysis of displacement of people.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The Project would increase by approximately 25 full-time staff. The increase in staff at the landfill is expected to be met by local persons and would not induce population growth in the area. Existing housing and school facilities are adequate to meet current demand. The Project would not directly or indirectly induce population growth because the landfill is an existing operating facility. The Project would not induce population growth and would not displace people.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant impact due to displacement of substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere.

3.60 ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND SOCIOECONOMICS – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 16 for an analysis to environmental justice and socioeconomics, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

The cumulative projects in the vicinity of the landfill would add a combination of residential, commercial, open space, public, and industrial uses. However, because the area surrounding the landfill does not have disproportionately minority or low-income populations, the cumulative projects are not anticipated to result in socioeconomic or environmental justice impacts. The Project would not result in a significant impact related to socioeconomics or environmental justice. The Project, combined with reasonably foreseeable projects in its vicinity, is not expected to incrementally contribute to cumulative impacts related to socioeconomics or environmental justice.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Project will have a less than significant cumulative impact on environmental justice and socioeconomics.

SECTION 4 POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT HAVE BEEN MITIGATED TO A LEVEL OF INSIGNIFICANCE

4.1 GEOLOGY AND HYDROLOGY –LOCATION ON A GEOLOGIC UNIT OR SOIL THAT IS OR THAT WOULD BECOME UNSTABLE

Please refer to Draft EIR Section 5.0 for an analysis of impacts to geology and hydrogeology, including analysis of geologic units or soils that could become unstable.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

The Project has the potential to be located on a geologic unit or soil that is or that would become unstable. The potential for debris flows exists within the natural drainages and slopes along the north side of the future entrance road, specifically where the entrance road will cross in front of three significant drainage gullies. There is a potential for debris flow along the perimeter of the development of the Project area. The proposed design will manage debris flow. The potential impact would be mitigated to below a level of significance by allowing for the control of any debris flow (see Mitigation Measure GH-1).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measure will reduce impacts associated with the Project to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure GH-1:** Debris flow is a rapid and fluid type of downhill mass wasting, consisting of heterogeneous debris lubricated with water caused by heavy rainfall. Similar terms for debris flow are mudflow and mudslide. There is a potential for debris flow occurring at the site during heavy rains within existing drainage areas at the subject site. The proposed design shall include provisions for control and cleanup of debris flows that may encroach into the landfill cell, perimeter maintenance road, and proposed development areas. Potential mitigation measures could consist of combinations of the following mitigation measures such as elevated development areas, drainage devices, impact walls, debris basins, and avoidance. Additional debris flow evaluation and mitigation should be performed as part of future development of rough grading plans for the entrance road.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.2 GEOLOGY AND HYDROGEOLOGY –EXPANSIVE SOILS

Please refer to Draft EIR Section 5.0 for an analysis of impacts to geology and hydrogeology, including expansive soils.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

There is a potential for buildings and/or structures related to the Project to be located on expansive soil, creating substantial risks to life or property, because the site is underlain by bedrock of the Pico and Saugus formations, both of which contain expansive clay-rich strata. This potential impact would be mitigated by performing additional testing of the expansive properties of the soils if buildings and/or other structures sensitive to expansive soils are planned for the site (Mitigation Measure GH-2).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measure will reduce impacts associated with the Project to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure GH-2:** There is a potential for buildings and/or other structures to be located on expansive soil, because the site is underlain by bedrock of the Pico and Saugus formations, both of which contain potentially expansive clay-rich strata. Additional testing of the expansive properties of the soils may be required if buildings and/or other structures sensitive to expansive soils are planned for the site. Additional testing should be completed during the grading plan review if deemed necessary by the project geotechnical and civil engineers.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.3 SURFACE WATER DRAINAGE - CONTRIBUTION TO INUNDATION BY MUDFLOW

Please refer to Draft EIR Section 6.0 for an analysis of impacts to surface water drainage, including inundation by mudflow.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

The Project has the potential to contribute to inundation by mudflow. There is a potential for debris flow (including mudflow) during repeated heavy rains, within the natural drainages above the proposed natural slopes. As described in Mitigation Measure GH-1, the proposed design would control of any debris flows (including mudflow) that may encroach into the landfill cell and perimeter maintenance road from the natural drainages and slopes that are not included in the proposed grading and construction of drainage/debris basins. The potential to expose people to risk of injury or death from this debris flow would be mitigated to below a level of significance by requiring operations staff to avoid the potential debris flow areas after an appropriate amount of waiting time following heavy and sustained precipitation events (Mitigation Measure SW-1).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measure will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure SW-1:** There is a potential for mudflow (i.e., debris flow) during repeated heavy rains within existing drainage areas at the subject site. The proposed design should evaluate and specify an appropriate amount of waiting time following heavy and sustained precipitation events before Chiquita Canyon Landfill staff occupy the area, to avoid the potential to expose people to the risk of injury or death from this debris. This would supplement Mitigation Measure GH-1, which specifies that the proposed design should allow for the cleanup or control of any debris flows that may encroach into the landfill cell and perimeter maintenance road from the natural drainages and slopes that are not included in the proposed grading and construction of drainage/debris basins.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.4 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - IMPACT VEGETATION COMMUNITIES.

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including vegetation communities.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

The Project would result in direct impacts to approximately 171.75 acres of natural vegetation alliances, 138.85 acres of non-native vegetation alliances, and 68.92 acres of previously revegetated alliances. Native vegetation communities have a relatively high biological value, and along with naturalized and/or non-native habitats on the site, provide nesting, foraging, roosting, and denning opportunities for many species of wildlife. The impact of loss of these habitats is anticipated to be significant. However, these impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance through the implementation of a Closure Revegetation Plan (Mitigation Measure BR-1).

Additional impacts may occur during construction or operation of the landfill on areas of adjacent habitat, including unauthorized vehicle travel or material storage outside of construction limits. This has the potential to result in significant impacts to vegetation communities. However, these impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance by ensuring that construction activities would be confined to authorized areas (Mitigation Measure BR-2).

Ground-disturbing activities may also promote the establishment of invasive plant species and noxious weeds and potentially degrade surrounding communities, including introduction of weed seed to the site from construction equipment or personnel. If invasive weeds become established on the site, they could provide a reservoir for invasive weed seed to surrounding intact habitats. In addition, small, existing tamarisk (*Tamarix* spp.) stands on the site could spread as well as contribute to spread of tamarisk to downstream waterways, also a significant impact. However, impacts associated with invasive plant species and noxious weeds would be mitigated to below a

level of significance by requiring inspection and cleaning of equipment prior to site entry, and by identifying and removing invasive tamarisk completely and re-planting the area with appropriate riparian vegetation (Mitigation Measure BR-3).

Impacts to intact vegetation communities could result from fires started during or from construction activities on the site. This could result in significant impacts to adjacent habitats. However, impacts resulting from construction related fires would be mitigated to below a level of significance reducing the risk of construction-related fires (Mitigation Measure BR-4).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure BR-1:** The applicant shall develop a Closure Revegetation Plan for the Project in consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (LADRP), consistent with the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of this Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. The Plan would require approval prior to authorization of land disturbance under the Proposed Project. The Plan shall require that Chiquita Canyon Landfill be revegetated to offset permanent impacts to native and naturalized habitats, in accordance with the following criteria:
 - Native vegetation shall be used under the direction of specialists in restoration plantings. Native revegetation shall achieve a 1:1 ratio of impacted native, revegetated, and semi-natural habitat to revegetated mitigation land. Non-native grassland habitats would be initially seeded with native grassland species.
 - Revegetation types, monitoring requirements, and success criteria including milestones, along with proposed remedial actions should vegetation alliances not achieve success criteria shall be included in the Closure Revegetation Plan, in accordance with the preliminary approach outlined in the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of this Partially Recirculated Draft EIR.
 - In order to replicate and potentially expand the available amount of native shrubland on the site, the Closure Revegetation Plan shall include a final soil cover of approximately 5 feet, or alternatively a depth approved by regulatory agencies and suitable to allow for proper root growth.
 - The Closure Revegetation Plan shall be developed and implemented by an ecological restoration specialist familiar with restoration of native and naturalized Southern California plant alliances, and shall specify that revegetation will be done with locally native plants, and that revegetation will not include plant species on Los Angeles County's list of invasive species nor invasive species on the lists of the California Invasive Plant Council (Cal IPC) nor invasive species listed by the CNPS.

- If success criteria for vegetation alliances are not met, remedial actions will be performed onsite consistent with the Closure Revegetation Plan.
- If success criteria for native shrub or forest alliances are not met even after remedial actions are performed, offsite mitigation land shall be purchased to offset the loss of the portion of the alliance vegetation that does not meet the success criteria at a 1:1 ratio (impacted:mitigation land). The acreage acquired shall, if feasible, be generally local to the site or the general site area, ideally situated adjacent to or in the general proximity of the Santa Clara River, Hasley Canyon, or Angeles National Forest, and will connect with other protected open space. First priority would be given to lands that contribute to connecting the wildlife movement between the Santa Clara River through Chiquita Canyon Landfill to Hasley Canyon and to the Angeles National Forest.
- Any purchased mitigation land shall be protected by fee simple deed to a conservation organization experienced in management of natural lands.
- Additional mitigation for vegetation communities is included in Mitigation Measure BR 5 (vegetation associated with jurisdictional waters), Mitigation Measure BR 9 (rare plant communities), and Mitigation Measure BR 15 (oaks and oak woodlands). Mitigation ratios for replacement of these vegetation communities may be greater than the 1:1 ratio specified above, in coordination with CDFW for jurisdictional waters and rare plant communities and in coordination with LADRP for compliance with the County Oak Woodland Conservation and Management Plan.
- Mitigation Measure BR-2: The construction area boundaries shall be delineated clearly. No construction activities, vehicular access, equipment storage, stockpiling, or significant human intrusion shall occur outside of the designated construction area. In addition, Chiquita Canyon Landfill ingress and egress routes shall be marked, and vehicle traffic outside these routes shall be prohibited. Vehicular traffic shall adhere to a speed limit of 15 miles per hour on non-public access roads during construction to ensure avoidance of impacts to sensitive biological resources.
- Mitigation Measure BR-3: Soil or invasive plant seed transfer from clothing, shoes, or equipment shall be minimized through cleaning and monitoring of personnel or equipment transfers between sites, or prior to initial entry at Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Contract requirements to ensure vehicles are pressure washed and/or clean and free of soil or invasive weed seeds and other plant parts prior to entering the site will be implemented. Contracts will specify that pressure-washing of construction vehicles is to take place immediately before bringing the vehicle to Chiquita Canyon Landfill. The contractor will provide written documentation that the vehicles have been pressure washed or otherwise free of plant material that is checked by both Chiquita Canyon Landfill management and the biological monitor, who will jointly assure that this mitigation is implemented. The biological monitoring report will include a record of compliance with this measure.

Within 1 year of project approval invasive tamarisk (*Tamarix* spp.) located onsite will be identified and removed completely. All parts of removed tamarisk will be disposed of in a landfill.

- **Mitigation Measure BR-4:** On-road vehicles on the construction sites will be equipped with spark arresters on exhaust equipment. Camp fires, trash-burning fires, and warming fires shall be prohibited in the construction area.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.5 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE AND UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS. OF ENGINEERS JURISDICTIONAL AREAS.

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of biological resources impacts, including impacts to jurisdictional areas.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

The Project has the potential to impact California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) jurisdictional areas. USACE and CDFW jurisdictional areas (waters of the United States and stream bed and bank, respectively) could potentially be permanently impacted from grading and filling activities. The permanent loss of CDFW and USACE jurisdictional areas would be considered a significant impact. Impacts would be quantified at the time of final design and mitigation for potential impacts would be required as a part of the permitting process, which would mitigate impacts to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-5).

Potential indirect impacts to on-site jurisdictional waterways not otherwise directly impacted by grading and filling activities may occur during construction or operation of the Project. Impacts from sediment, fuel discharges, pesticides, or other contaminants, if entering waterways, could result in potential significant impacts to jurisdictional waterways, requiring mitigation. However, these potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance through the implementation of best management practices for equipment operation and fueling, stormwater management, and pesticide use (Mitigation Measure BR-6 and BR-7).

Additional indirect impacts may potentially occur in waterways from construction or operational changes to water quality on areas downstream from Chiquita Canyon Landfill. These impacts are addressed under surface water drainage and water quality. The Project's adherence to the mitigation measures (Mitigation Measures BR-5, BR-6, and BR-7) will reduce the potential impact of this significant effect to a less-than-significant level.

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce the biological resources impacts to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure BR-5:** For potential impacts to jurisdictional waters, permits shall be obtained for the Proposed Project from USACE (Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act) and CDFW (Streambed Alteration Agreement under Fish & Game Code Section 1603); and the Proposed Project shall comply with the conditions of these permits. The terms and conditions of these permits are anticipated to require mitigation consistent with “Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final Rule” (USACE and, EPA, 2008), and with CDFW requirements for SAAs. A mitigation plan may be required prior to permit issuance. If a mitigation plan is required, ratios of waters impacted to waters mitigated would be negotiated with the regulatory agencies and the results of that negotiation included in the plan.
- **Mitigation Measure BR-6:** Stationary equipment such as motors, pumps, generators, and welders shall be located a minimum of 50 feet outside CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages where impacts have not been permitted. Construction staging areas, stockpiling, and equipment storage shall be located a minimum of 50 feet outside non-permitted CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages. Construction vehicles and equipment shall be checked periodically to ensure they are in proper working condition, including regular inspections for leaks, which would require immediate repair. Refueling or lubrication of vehicles and cleaning of equipment, or other activities that involve open use of fuels, lubricants, or solvents, shall occur at least 100 feet away from CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages where impacts have not been permitted, and at least 50 feet from other flagged, sensitive biological resources.
- **Mitigation Measure BR-7:** Only pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, dust suppressants, or other potentially harmful materials approved by EPA and/or the California Department of Toxic Substance Control shall be applied at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, in accordance with relevant state and federal regulations. Rodenticides will not be used. Instead, methods that do not persist and infiltrate the natural food chain will be used for pest elimination such as trapping, gassing, etc. Sediment basins are present along all drainages at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, which capture runoff prior to discharging offsite. Sediment basins will continue to be regularly maintained.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.6 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - NUISANCE WILDLIFE

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of Project impacts to biological resources, including potential attraction of nuisance wildlife.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Landfill operation may result in the introduction and success of nuisance wildlife, including gulls, ravens, brown-headed cowbirds, common starlings, and rats (*Rattus* spp.). These species can displace native wildlife, with potentially significant impacts. However, negative impacts from vectors and nuisance wildlife would be mitigated to below a level of significance through

appropriate handling of trash and litter, revegetation areas, and artificial water sources (Mitigation Measure BR-8).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measure will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure BR-8:** Construction sites and landfill operation shall be kept free of trash and litter. Food-related trash and litter shall be placed in closed containers and disposed of daily. Nuisance wildlife breeding will be discouraged at Chiquita Canyon Landfill by excluding cavities in buildings and/or equipment or facilities left idle for more than 6 months. To reduce risk of infestation by the non-native Argentine ant (*Linepithema humile*), a 500-foot buffer will be established adjacent to uninfested habitats at Chiquita Canyon Landfill within which no permanent, artificial water sources will be applied, and inspections for exotic ant infestations will be required for any landscape or restoration container-stock plants proposed for installation. Landfill operations require daily covering of all portions of the active landfill; this practice would be continued, further reducing risk of nuisance wildlife.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.7 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - SPECIAL-STATUS PLANT SPECIES.

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of Project impacts to biological resources, including special-status plant species.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Federal- and state-listed plant species, including Braunter's milk-vetch, Nevin's barberry, San Fernando Valley spineflower, and slender-horned spineflower, could occur in the vicinity of the landfill. Database analyses indicate limited distribution of these species in the vicinity of the landfill, and none of these species were identified in 2016 rare plant surveys. However, there is a limited potential for occurrence of some of the federal- and state-listed plants at Chiquita Canyon landfill, based on the presence of suitable habitat. If individual federal- and state-listed plant species are present at the landfill, they may be lost as a result of the Project, including construction-related impacts from grading and filling activities. This would represent a significant impact. However, potential impacts to special-status plant species would be mitigated to below a level of significance through preconstruction surveys and relocation (Mitigation Measure BR-9).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measure will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure BR-9:** Preconstruction surveys by qualified botanists shall be conducted for special-status plant species in impact areas prior to ground-disturbing

activities, and if necessary and feasible, resource relocation or exclusion shall be implemented. Resource relocation will be to a location deemed suitable for successful relocation by a qualified biologist and conducted in coordination with CDFW. Exclusion zones shall be implemented with fencing and/or signage that restricts access.

- For rare plants, this shall include focused surveys by a qualified botanist conducted during the appropriate season for detection (generally during flowering period) prior to ground-disturbing activities over the entire disturbance area proposed for the project, and then again the first season prior to disturbance over the area proposed to be disturbed for each phase (cell) of landfill development. If suitable transplant areas for rare plants exist at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, surveys will also include potential areas for relocation onsite in order to provide background data for determining transplant success. If no suitable relocation areas exist at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, potential mitigation areas in conserved areas within the local watersheds will be identified and surveyed at the same time in order to have background data. Surveys shall follow standard survey protocol for rare plants outlined in Guidelines for Conducting and Reporting Botanical Inventories for Federally Listed, Proposed and Candidate Plants (USFWS, 1996) and/or Protocols for Surveying and Evaluation Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities (CDFW, 2009).
- If special-status plants are found at Chiquita Canyon Landfill they shall be field marked and mapped with global positioning system units to evaluate potential for impacts from proposed grading. Where feasible, special-status plants will be avoided; protective measures to exclude area shall be implemented. Exclusion zones adjacent to active construction or active landfill will be protected with permanent fencing. More remote exclusion zones not accessible by construction equipment or near adjacent road access points shall be protected by temporary fencing (e.g., orange construction fencing) when road access is within 100 feet. If road access becomes immediately available to the area, permanent fencing will be installed. Fencing shall be maintained and construction crews informed about avoidance during construction. The site biological monitor will continue to monitor compliance with exclusion zones.
- Rare plants have been identified within construction limits during 2016 surveys. For these, and any additional rare plants identified prior to ground disturbance that are within the grading footprint or other areas identified for unavoidable disturbance (including species of CNPS Rare Plant Ranks 1-4 or Locally Rare), a Rare Plant Relocation Plan will be developed in consultation with CDFW. Plant salvage for transplanting shall take place before any clearing or grading of the sensitive plant occurs. Preliminary performance criteria, general methods of transplanting, and other anticipated components of this plan are provided in the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of this Partially Recirculated Draft EIR.
- The Rare Plant Relocation Plan shall address mitigation for special-status plants, including topsoil salvage to preserve seed bank and management of salvaged

topsoil; seed collection, storage, possible nursery propagation, and planting; salvage and planting of other plant propagules (e.g., rhizomes, bulbs) as feasible; location of receptor sites to include on- or offsite property that could serve as permanent open space areas; land protection instruments for receptor areas; and funding mechanisms. The Rare Plant Relocation Plan shall include methods, monitoring, reporting, success criteria, adaptive management, and contingencies for achieving success. Where feasible, background data for up to 3 years will be collected on receptor sites.

- If rare plant relocation cannot be achieved, through lack of receptor sites, or lack of success during the monitoring period, then purchase of mitigation credits or offsite property with known populations of the affected species for inclusion in permanent open space areas or a conservation easement would be implemented, with priority given to acquisition of offsite property.
- Locations within Chiquita Canyon Landfill that will not be developed are present adjacent to existing population of these species that may serve as receptor sites, and would be investigated for additional data. If found suitable, topsoil from impacted sites may be conserved and placed on these sites, seeds, bulbs (ex. *Calochortus* spp.), rhizomes (ex. *Calystegia peirsonii*), and entire plants and pads (ex. *Opuntia basilaris* var. *basilaris*), may be collected/salvaged and planted on these sites, and ongoing monitoring and maintenance of plantings implemented. The Rare Plant Relocation Plan shall have the final details of plant transplant methods.
- The onsite receptor/mitigation sites would be monitored for a minimum of 5 years to determine mitigation success or failure, consistent with the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of this Partially Recirculated Draft EIR and the Rare Plant Relocation Plan. If necessary, remedial measures consistent with the approved plan would be implemented to satisfy mitigation objectives.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.8 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - SPECIAL-STATUS WILDLIFE SPECIES.

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including special-status wildlife species.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Habitat loss, from direct mortality during construction from equipment or land clearing, or from construction activity, noise, or dust adjacent to wildlife denning or nesting sites. However, potential impacts to special-status wildlife species would be mitigated to below a level of

significance through revegetation, preconstruction surveys, and disturbance buffers/relocation (Mitigation Measure BR-1 and BR 10).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure BR-1:** (See Section 3.4 of this document.)
- **Mitigation Measure BR-10:** Preconstruction surveys by qualified biologists shall be conducted for special-status wildlife species in impact areas prior to ground-disturbing activities, and if necessary and feasible, resource relocation or exclusion for special-status species shall be implemented. Wherever practical, relocation shall be passive, allowing animals to exit the area on their own. Any grubbing, grading or other ground disturbing activities at Chiquita Canyon Landfill would be done in a manner that encourages mobile wildlife species to leave the project area to escape safely into immediately adjacent undisturbed habitat, wherever feasible. For low mobility species, salvage and relocation by a qualified biological monitor would be implemented. Resource relocation shall be to a location deemed suitable for successful relocation by a qualified biologist and conducted by individuals with appropriate handling permits as required by CDFW or USFWS. Where practical, exclusion zones shall be implemented in lieu of relocation with fencing and/or signage that restricts access. Construction and construction monitoring for animals will occur at discrete time periods. Construction monitoring shall be conducted in areas containing native vegetation at the time of construction activity within the limit of active construction disturbance. Within areas containing native vegetation, ground-disturbing activities shall be prohibited until the area is cleared by a qualified biological monitor during a preconstruction survey within 7 days prior to the beginning of construction activities. Biological monitors shall also monitor construction activities within 100 feet of avoided CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages.
- For burrowing owl, suitable burrows will be identified during surveys and if feasible, excluded from disturbance during construction. If avoidance is not feasible, burrows will be scoped during the non-breeding season (September 1 to January 31) to determine if they are occupied. If unoccupied, burrows will be collapsed. If burrows are occupied, burrow exclusion will be implemented with one-way doors in burrow openings during the non-breeding season to exclude burrowing owls. After exclusion, burrows will be collapsed. If feasible, alternative manmade burrows will be installed on lands not subjected to construction disturbance, and within 300 feet of excluded burrows. Surveys would be consistent with the CDFW requirements for burrowing owl survey; mitigation measures presented here are consistent with CDFW (2012), and details of how mitigation would be implemented would be consistent with this document.
- For special-status reptiles (coast patch-nosed snake, coastal western whiptail, California legless lizard, San Diego horned lizard), preconstruction surveys in areas where land clearing will occur shall consist of gently raking areas of soft soils, sand, and dense leaf litter to identify individuals burrowed or buried in leaf

litter. Individuals encountered will be captured and translocated to an area of undisturbed, intact habitat nearby deemed suitable for successful translocation by a qualified biologist. Translocation will be performed by biologists with appropriate handling permits by CDFW.

- Special-status land mammals (San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit, San Diego desert woodrat, American badger): preconstruction surveys will consist of surveying and identifying evidence of occupancy and use, including rabbit forms, woodrat nests, and badger natal dens. If located during the breeding season for these species, features will be surveyed or scoped to determine occupancy if possible. If unoccupied, they will be dismantled or collapsed. If occupied, or if occupancy cannot be determined, exclusion zones will be established until occupancy can be determined or until the breeding season concludes. If features are identified during the non-breeding season, they will be gently dismantled or collapsed, allowing any occupants if present to disperse. Where habitat must be dismantled, alternative habitat features will be established in nearby undisturbed areas, including creating specific conditions suitable for the species if necessary, such as downed wood structures in shade suitable for woodrat.
- For western spadefoot, if ground-disturbing activities will be conducted within 1,000 feet of the sedimentation basins at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, preconstruction ground surveys shall occur within 1,000 feet of potential breeding ponds (sediment basins). The top 6 inches of soft soils and leaf litter shall be gently raked and small mammal burrows and soil cracks will be inspected or scoped for aestivating spadefoot. In addition, silt fencing will be installed between upland habitat slated for vegetation removal and grading, and potential breeding ponds (detention basins) if the basins are holding water at the time of construction, with pitfall traps located along the silt fence. Depending on proposed scheduling of upland habitat disturbance (relative to spadefoot breeding season), fence and pitfall traps will target spadefoot moving from or to the upland habitat. Pitfall traps will be inspected daily when active, which will be during periods of likely spadefoot emergence or movement (during early season rainfall and pool formation and during late season drawdown of the basins). If found or trapped, western spadefoot will be relocated to suitable natural or artificial burrows immediately adjacent to a proposed western spadefoot mitigation pond (BR-16). This pond will serve as an alternative habitat for spadefoot found on Chiquita Canyon Landfill, and will be set aside to support spadefoot breeding with adjacent upland habitat for aestivation. Any aestivating western spadefoot encountered during construction within 1,000 feet of sedimentation basins would be relocated to the spadefoot mitigation pond, and placed in similar habitat and conditions. Details of spadefoot mitigation, to include components described above including the spadefoot mitigation pond, will be documented in a Spadefoot Mitigation Plan, to be reviewed by CDFW and LADRP.
- Bird nests: Preconstruction surveys for nesting pairs, nests, and eggs shall occur in areas proposed for vegetation removal and in surrounding areas, including cliff

sites, and active nesting areas flagged. Mitigation shall be implemented as described below under BR-13.

- **Bat Roosts:** Where bat roosting habitat cannot be avoided, preconstruction surveys consisting of exit surveys, roost surveys of potential roost sites, and evidence of bat sign (guano) shall occur to identify bat species, as feasible, and active roosts. Mitigation shall be implemented as described below under BR-14.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.9 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES – SPECIAL-STATUS SPECIES (DOWNSTREAM WATER QUALITY)

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including impacts to special-status species from downstream water quality..

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Additional indirect impacts may potentially occur in waterways from construction or operational changes to water quality on areas downstream from the landfill. These potential impacts are addressed under compliance with law measures described in the surface water drainage and water quality analyses. Potential impacts to special-status species from downstream water quality would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-7).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measure will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-7: (See Section 3.5 of this document.)

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.10 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES—SPECIAL-STATUS AMPHIBIANS.

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including special-status amphibians.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Potentially significant impacts to downstream amphibians, including arroyo toad, California red-legged frog, and coast range newt could occur. These indirect impacts may potentially occur in waterways from construction or operational changes to water quality on areas downstream from the landfill. These potential impacts are addressed under surface water drainage and water quality.

Potential aquatic habitat/seasonal pools are present at Chiquita Canyon landfill that could support western spadefoot, and western spadefoot has been observed within the East Canyon detention basin. Detention basins are not anticipated to be disturbed during construction, and no other aquatic habitat for spadefoot is present on-site; however, impacts from construction adjacent to breeding pools for this species could result in direct mortality to aestivating adults in adjacent upland habitat, a significant impact. However, potential impacts to western spadefoot would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measures BR-10 and BR-16).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-10: (See Section 3.8 of this document)
- Mitigation Measure BR-16: To avoid operational impacts to western spadefoot which may occur during intentional draining of detention basins, or sediment removal from detention basins, the following protocol would be implemented, under an approach coordinated with CDFW: (1) All drainage equipment would be new or used exclusively for detention basins on Chiquita Canyon Landfill to avoid transfer of Chytridiomycosis (i.e., chytrid fungus) or any other amphibian diseases or pathogens to detention basins on Chiquita Canyon Landfill from other sites; (2) pumping equipment intakes would be screened with fine mesh and would pump from deeper portions of the detention ponds to ensure that eggs, larvae, or adults of western spadefoot would not be entrained in pump apparatus; (3) if a biological monitor determines that spadefoot adults, larvae, or egg masses are present during pumping, a secondary pump enclosure with maximum pore size of 0.125-inches will be utilized if determined necessary by the biological monitor; (4) at any given pumping event, only 80 percent of the volume (measured as depth at the deepest point of the detention basin) would be pumped, leaving pooled water of at least a 5-inch depth for any potential western spadefoot to complete its life cycle; however, the biological monitor would evaluate remaining pooled water volume and spadefoot development stage and make a determination if the remaining water was sufficient for spadefoot to complete life cycle; and (5) sediment removal would only occur during the dry season, when ponded water is not present. A Spadefoot Mitigation Plan will be developed in consultation with CDFW, to incorporate the above measures and other measures in BR-10 to protect spadefoot. The Mitigation Plan will include design and development of a spadefoot breeding pond on Chiquita Canyon Landfill property in a relatively undisturbed location where adjacent uplands are present, including 1,000 feet of undeveloped land as feasible. This pond will be suitable for establishment of a western spadefoot breeding pond, and will not undergo the regular maintenance that is necessary for the onsite stormwater detention basins. Relocation of western spadefoot will be to the mitigation pond.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.11 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES— SPECIAL-STATUS REPTILE SPECIES

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including special-status reptile species.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

San Diego horned lizard, silvery legless lizard, western pond turtle, coast patch-nosed snake and two striped garter snake have potential to occur on-site. The western pond turtle and two striped garter snake have no suitable aquatic habitat on-site; therefore, no direct impacts to these species would occur and no mitigation measures are necessary. Indirect impacts may potentially occur in waterways from construction or operational changes to water quality on areas downstream from the landfill. These potential impacts are addressed under surface water drainage and water quality.

At Chiquita Canyon, California Slivery Legless Lizard and Cost Patch-Nosed Snake are likely to be associated with shrublands. Direct, permanent loss of this habitat would occur from grading and filling activities. Heavy vehicle traffic and other associated construction impacts could also result in direct mortality or injury of the species. These impacts are considered to be adverse and potentially significant. However, potential impacts to California Slivery Legless Lizard and Cost Patch-Nosed Snake would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-1 and BR-10).

San Diego Horned-Lizard may be associated with dry wash, coastal scrub, or chaparral habitats at the landfill site, although focused surveys did not identify individuals or sign of this species. However, extensive harvester ant mounds are present that provide good forage for this species. Direct, permanent loss of habitat for this species would occur from grading and filling activities. Heavy vehicle traffic and other associated construction impacts could also result in direct mortality or injury of the species. These impacts are considered to be adverse and potentially significant. In addition, because introduction of the non-native Argentine ant (*Linepithema humile*) can outcompete the native harvester ant species that are forage for this species, landfill operation may reduce habitat quality for horned lizards, representing a significant adverse impact. However, potential impacts to San Diego Horned-Lizard would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-1, BR-8, and BR-10).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-1: (See Section 3.4 of this document.)
- Mitigation Measure BR-8: (See Section 3.6 of this document.)
- Mitigation Measure BR-10: (See Section 3.8 of this document)

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.12 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES—FEDERAL- AND STATE-LISTED BIRD SPECIES

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including federal- and state-listed birds.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

California gnatcatcher, least Bell's vireo, southwestern willow flycatcher, and California condor are all federal- and state-listed species with potential to occur in the general vicinity of Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

Marginal, potential nesting habitat for California gnatcatcher occurs in the form of *Artemisia californica*-*Eriogonum fasciculatum* Shrubland Alliance and other similar habitats on the site with *Artemisia californica* present. If gnatcatcher are present at the landfill, the loss of occupied habitat, individuals, or nests of this species would represent a significant adverse impact. However, potential impacts to California gnatcatcher would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-11). Designated critical habitat for gnatcatcher occurs over five miles south and southeast of Chiquita Canyon; however, no impacts to designated critical habitat would occur from the Project.

The landfill does not support lowland riparian habitats that are suitable nesting and breeding habitat for least Bell's vireo and southwestern willow flycatcher. Individual least Bell's vireo sightings have been documented in the Santa Clara River between I-5 and its confluence with Castaic Creek near the landfill. Critical habitat for this species exists 0.3 mile south of the landfill in the Santa Clara River. Southwestern willow flycatcher was also detected along the Santa Clara River in 1995. However, no physical impacts to downstream riparian habitat would occur from the Project. Indirect impacts from changes in water quality could adversely affect the habitat and forage of these birds. These potential impacts are addressed under surface water drainage and water quality. Lighting impacts to nearby riparian areas from night lighting during nighttime operations would potentially result in a significant impact by increasing risk of predation or other negative effects. This would represent a significant impact on these riparian bird species. However, potential impacts to these riparian bird species would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-12).

Chiquita Canyon Landfill does not support nesting habitat but does support potential forage habitat for California condors. The Project may render the site unsuitable for condor foraging due to construction and/or operation activities; in general, condors are expected to avoid the area due to current operational activities. Given the large extent of foraging habitat in the region and the wide-ranging nature of the species, the loss of this area as potential forage would not represent a significant impact. Because the active surface of the landfill is covered on a daily basis, it is not anticipated to attract foraging California condors (should suitable carrion forage be present), which could put individuals at risk. As such, no impact is anticipated. Perimeter fencing design, power poles, and other man made features can be a risk to condors and/or other raptors. To avoid this risk, only CDFW-recommended designs for lighting, fences, power poles, or other manmade features would be implemented, where available, as indicated in Mitigation Measure BR-12.

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure BR-11:** USFWS protocol-level surveys shall be conducted for all coastal California gnatcatcher habitat well in advance of any ground-disturbing activities. If surveys are negative, the species shall be presumed absent, and no further impacts shall be anticipated or mitigation measures required.
 - If the surveys are positive (i.e., coastal California gnatcatcher is present), then coordination shall be initiated with USFWS on required measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate take of this species. These are anticipated to include:
 - Construction activities in the vicinity of active gnatcatcher nests shall be prohibited within a specified distance of nests (500 feet unless otherwise agreed to by USFWS) until after the young have fledged and the nesting is complete.
 - Clearing of occupied habitat shall be avoided if possible or practicable. If it is not practicable, clearing shall be prohibited during the nesting season (February to August).
- **Mitigation Measure BR-12:** Although no nighttime construction is anticipated, lighting for construction activities conducted during early morning or early evening hours shall be minimized to the extent possible through the use of directional shading to minimize impacts to nocturnal or crepuscular wildlife. Only CDFW-recommended designs for lighting, fences, power poles, or other manmade features would be implemented where available.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.13 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES—NESTING BIRD SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including nesting birds.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Yellow-breasted chat, yellow warbler, turkey vulture, loggerhead shrike, tricolored blackbird, California horned lark, golden eagle, white-tailed kite, prairie falcon, Cooper's hawk, northern harrier, burrowing owl, short-eared owl, Southern California rufous-crowned sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, and Bell's sage sparrow are federal Species of Concern, state Species of Special Concern, state Watch List, or County Sensitive Bird Species known to breed in the vicinity of the landfill. Of these, only loggerhead shrike, California horned lark, short-eared owl, turkey vulture, burrowing owl, Southern California rufous-crowned sparrow, grasshopper sparrow, and Bell's sage sparrow have the potential to nest directly on the landfill, and only

yellow-breasted chat, tricolor blackbird and yellow warbler might nest in downstream riparian habitats.

Suitable breeding habitat for yellow-breasted chat, which requires dense riparian thickets of willows and other brushy tangles near watercourses, and yellow warbler, which prefers similar riparian areas, is present a considerable distance downstream of the landfill, along the Santa Clara River. Suitable breeding habitat for tricolored blackbird, which includes emergent wetlands, is also present further downstream of the landfill, along the Santa Clara River. Suitable foraging habitat includes areas with abundant insects, such as grasslands, and landfills. No physical impacts to downstream riparian habitat would occur from the Project. Indirect impacts from changes in water quality have been evaluated to determine if there is a potential for an adverse effect on the habitat and forage of these birds. These potential impacts are addressed under surface water drainage and water quality. Lighting impacts to nearby riparian areas from night lighting during nighttime operations would potentially result in a significant impact by increasing risk of predation or other negative effects. This would represent a significant impact on these riparian bird species. However, potential impacts to these riparian bird species would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-12).

The dry, open grassland areas at the landfill provide a suitable foraging and breeding habitat for the California horned lark, short-eared owl, loggerhead shrike, and grasshopper sparrow. These species may occur in appropriate habitat throughout their range in Southern California. Potential for these species to occur and breed at Chiquita Canyon Landfill is moderate to high. Construction activities involving grading and filling of the annual grasslands and the mixed grassland/shrub habitats would result in direct permanent loss of nesting and foraging habitat. Any removal of inhabited area could affect these species adversely. However, potential impacts from loss of habitat for these species would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-1). Direct loss of nesting individuals of these species may also occur during construction activities, a significant impact. However, potential impacts to nesting individuals of these species would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-13).

Shrub areas at the landfill include *Artemisia californica*-*Eriogonum fasciculatum* Shrubland Alliance and *Eriogonum fasciculatum* Shrubland Alliance may provide a suitable foraging and breeding habitat for the Southern California rufous-crowned sparrow and Bell's sage sparrow. These species may occur in appropriate habitat throughout their range in Southern California. Potential for these species to occur and breed at the landfill is moderate. Construction activities involving grading and filling of the shrublands and mixed grassland/shrub habitats would result in direct permanent loss of nesting and foraging habitat. Any removal of inhabited area could affect these species adversely. However, potential impacts from loss of habitat for these species would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-1). Direct loss of nesting individuals of these species may also occur during construction activities, a significant impact. However, potential impacts to nesting individuals of these species would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-13).

Shrub or grassland areas at the landfill may provide a suitable foraging habitat for turkey vulture, golden eagle, and prairie falcon species, and rocky escarpments including the base, ledges, or cavities in cliffs or rocky outcrops at Chiquita Canyon Landfill may provide nesting

opportunities for turkey vulture, and cliff ledges or cavities may provide nesting opportunities for golden eagle and prairie falcon. The loss of habitat for turkey vulture resulting from the Proposed Project is not likely to be significant given its wide-ranging habits and lack of selectivity in foraging habitats. The loss of active nests and/or individuals for these species would be potentially significant. Permanent loss of cliff-nesting habitat at Chiquita Canyon would be minimal because it is anticipated most rocky escarpments will not be filled or otherwise directly affected by the Project. Indirect impacts may occur from construction activity disturbance near cliff-nesting sites. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-10).

Grassland habitat at Chiquita Canyon provides limited potential breeding and foraging habitat for burrowing owl in isolated, open areas of small grasslands, previously developed lands, and disturbed roadsides. The burrowing owl is known from the Sterling Gateway property just north of the Proposed Project site, so it does occur in the vicinity. The species was not observed during field surveys on the Proposed Project site, and if present, is present in a small, unobserved population. If the species is present, the Project would result in loss of burrowing owl habitat, and construction clearing could result in loss of individuals. The loss of habitat for this species resulting from the Project is not likely to be significant given the limited extent of habitat consisting of small, isolated areas. This loss, and the lack of effect on the regional owl population resulting from a limited loss of burrowing owl habitat, is not anticipated to be significant. However, the loss of active nests and/or individuals or small colonies of this species would be potentially significant. Potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-10).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-1: (See Section 3.4 of this document.)
- Mitigation Measure BR-10: (See Section 3.8 of this document.)
- Mitigation Measure BR-12: (See Section 3.12 of this document.)
- Mitigation Measure BR-13: In habitats where nesting birds might occur, vegetation removal shall be avoided when feasible during the nesting season (December through August); winter months are included because this area has potential for owls and hummingbirds, which may breed during this period. In addition, raptor nesting may be initiated by early January. Where this is not feasible, preconstruction surveys for nesting pairs, nests, and eggs shall occur in areas proposed for vegetation removal, and in buffer areas affected by construction, and active nesting areas flagged. The biological monitor shall assign a buffer around active nesting areas (typically 300 feet for songbirds, 500 feet for raptors, and 1,000 feet for sensitive cliff-nesting raptors – golden eagle, prairie falcon, and turkey vulture). The biological monitor will also clearly communicate the limits of buffers to the contractor and crew, and post and maintain, throughout the time of nest use, flagging, fencing, staking, or signs as otherwise needed. Construction activities shall be prohibited within the buffer until the nesting pair and young have vacated the

nests, unless it can be demonstrated through biological monitoring that the construction activity is not hindering the nesting effort. Alternatively, if unused nests are identified in the disturbance area during preconstruction surveys, nests may be destroyed or excluded prior to active nesting. Rocky escarpments that may support cliff-nesting raptors not proposed for current construction activity at Chiquita Canyon Landfill would not be disturbed for the duration of the construction activity.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.14 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES—FORAGING OR TRANSIENT BIRD SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN (RAPTORS).

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including foraging and transient birds.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Golden eagle, white-tailed kite, and prairie falcon occur in the region and have the potential to forage over grasslands and open country at the landfill site. Over the life of the Project, a total of 60.3 acres of Brassica nigra and Other Mustards Herbaceous Semi-Natural Alliance and 46.3 acres of Avena (barbata, fatua) Herbaceous Semi-natural Alliance would be lost. These vegetation types represent potential forage habitat for these species. The loss of this additional raptor foraging habitat would represent a significant adverse impact to these species. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance through revegetation of the site (Mitigation Measure BR-1).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-1: (See Section 3.4 of this document.)

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.15 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES—SPECIAL-STATUS MAMMALS (EXCLUDING BATS)

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including special-status mammals.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit has a high potential for occurrence in upland areas at the landfill site. Grading and filling activities from the Project would result in direct, permanent loss

of habitat, a significant impact since the coastal population of this subspecies is diminished. Some direct mortality of these species may also occur during construction, also a significant impact. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance through revegetation and preconstruction surveys (Mitigation Measure BR-1 and BR-10).

Chiquita Canyon Landfill provides a moderate potential for occurrence of the San Diego desert woodrat in chaparral and other scrub habitats. Grading and filling activities from the Project would result in direct, permanent loss of habitat. Some direct mortality of these species also might occur during construction. The loss of San Diego desert woodrat habitat and potential loss of individuals would represent an adverse, significant impact, requiring mitigation. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance through revegetation and preconstruction surveys (Mitigation Measure BR-1 and BR-10).

Grassland and open scrubland at the landfill site has potential to support American badger. Grading and filling activities from the Project would result in direct, permanent loss of habitat. Some direct mortality of these species also might occur during construction. The loss of American badger habitat and potential loss of individuals would represent an adverse, significant impact, requiring mitigation. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance through revegetation and preconstruction surveys (Mitigation Measure BR-1 and BR-10).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-1: (See Section 3.4 of this document.)
- Mitigation Measure BR-10: (See Section 3.8 of this document)

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.16 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES—SPECIAL-STATUS MAMMALS (BATS)

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including bats.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Long-eared myotis, long-legged myotis, Yuma myotis, federal Species of Concern, forage over scrub, chaparral, water, and other open habitats, and may roost in crevices or small caves on rocky cliffs or outcrops. As such, suitable habitat is present at the landfill for both roosting and foraging, and the species may occur. The crevice habitat at the landfill is potentially suitable for bat roosting, and the effect of filling an occupied roost site would be a significant direct impact. However, the permanent loss of cliff-roosting habitat at the landfill would be minimal because it is anticipated that the majority of rocky escarpments will not be filled or otherwise directly affected by the Project. The Project would also result in the loss of potential forage habitat as the

landfill is developed. Indirect impacts may also result from active roost disturbance or abandonment of cliff-roosting sites from construction or operation activities. The loss of foraging habitat would not be considered a significant impact because abundant similar foraging habitat occurs in the region. However, direct or indirect impacts to occupied roost sites would be significant. Potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-14).

California leaf-nosed bat, Pallid bat, Western Mastiff bat, big free-tailed bat, cave myotis, Mexican long-tongued bat, pocketed free-tailed bat, and spotted bat, California Species of Special Concern, forage over desert, scrub, chaparral, and other open habitats, and may roost in caves, crevices on low to high cliffs, buildings, or in rocky outcrops. As such, habitat is present at the landfill for both roosting and foraging, and the species are likely to occur. The crevice habitat at Chiquita Canyon is potentially suitable for bat roosting, and the effect of filling an occupied roost site would be a significant direct impact. However, the permanent loss of cliff-roosting habitat at the site would be minimal because it is anticipated that the majority of rocky escarpments will not be filled or otherwise directly affected by the Project. The Project would also result in the loss of potential forage habitat as the landfill is developed. Indirect impacts may also result from active roost disturbance or abandonment of cliff-roosting sites from construction or operation activities. The loss of foraging habitat would not be considered a significant impact, because abundant similar forage habitat occurs in the region. However, direct or indirect impacts to occupied roost sites would be significant. Potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-14).

Species of bats not otherwise designated with special-status may also be present on-site. Bats are non-game animals and are protected as such by Fish and Game Code Section 4150, California Code of Regulations, Section 251.1. Potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-14).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure BR-14:** A qualified bat biologist acceptable to CDFW shall be employed to supervise and report on construction activities with respect to bats. In habitats where roosting bats may occur, ground disturbance and roost destruction shall be scheduled, as feasible, during October 1 through February 28 or 29. Ground disturbance and roost destruction shall be avoided during the parturition period (generally March through August). Where this is not feasible, a qualified bat biologist shall conduct exit surveys, roost surveys of potential roost sites, or surveys for bat sign (e.g., guano) to identify bat species, if feasible, and active roosts. Construction activity within 300 feet of identified active roosts shall be prohibited until the completion of parturition (end of August), unless it can be demonstrated through biological monitoring that the construction activity is not affecting the active roost. Alternatively, if potential roosts are identified prior to onset of parturition, with concurrence from CDFW, roosts may be excluded during the evening forage period (within 4 hours after dark) or fitted with one-way exit doors to effectively eliminate and exclude roost. If tree roosts are identified that require disturbance, and which can't be excluded, they would be initially disturbed by

cutting small branches (less than 2 inches) to encourage habitat abandonment, prior to full tree removal (implemented the following day). Roost exclusion will be conducted by a qualified bat biologist. Exclusion shall be preferentially done before March or after September for eviction of a maternity colony, and only with concurrence from CDFW. If exclusion is necessary, the bat biologist shall identify the bat species to be excluded, as feasible, and roost sites appropriate to the species to be displaced in the vicinity (within 1 mile) prior to any bat exclusion. Alternative active roost areas, including rock escarpments at Chiquita Canyon Landfill that are not proposed to be disturbed by current construction activity would be avoided for the duration of the construction activity. If no alternative roost sites are identified, Chiquita Canyon Landfill shall provide artificial roost construction appropriate to the bat species to be displaced to offset loss of active roosts. Artificial roost construction would follow industry standard design, be sized to offset impacted roost(s), and be located greater than 300 feet from the active construction area, but within Chiquita Canyon Landfill property. A report will be prepared for submittal to CDFW and copied to LADRP on activities related to bat surveys and exclusion, including survey methods, findings including species and size of roosts if available, alternative roost locations and characteristics, and constructed roosts.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.17 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES— WILDLIFE MOVEMENT CORRIDORS

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including wildlife movement corridors.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Some local wildlife movement may occur along ridgelines or valleys within the general vicinity of the landfill site. Two major wildlife corridors are known in the general vicinity of the landfill, the Santa Clara River and the Santa Monica-Sierra Madre Connection, as identified in the Missing Linkages Report (South Coast Wildlands, 2008). The landfill could contribute to movement along both these pathways. Impacts to the Santa Clara River corridor, which may include water quality effects, would be less than significant through implementation of all required water quality monitoring and response programs. Although the landfill is outside the mapped boundary of this corridor, movement through the landfill could contribute or be a part of this corridor. Whether this occurs, or the extent the landfill could contribute to this corridor, is unknown. Many of the steeper ridgelines will be generally left undisturbed by the Project, and the existing landfill may currently constrain wildlife movement through the heart of the site. Alternatively, some wildlife may move through the site at night. If the Project were to limit wildlife movement associated with wildlife linkages in the region, it would be a significant impact. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-1 and BR-12).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-1: (See Section 3.4 of this document.)
- Mitigation Measure BR-12: (See Section 3.12 of this document.)

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.18 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES— LOCAL POLICIES AND ORDINANCES

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including local policies and ordinances.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

There is potential for downstream changes in water quality that could affect a Los Angeles County designated significant ecological area, located along the Santa Clara River, approximately 0.3 mile south of the landfill site. Indirect impacts from changes in water quality could adversely affect this significant ecological area. These potential impacts are addressed by compliance-with-law measures in the surface water drainage and water quality analyses.

The Oak Tree Report for the project identified a total of three coast live oaks and one valley oak that qualify for protection under the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance. One former heritage coast live oak was identified as deceased. The Project has generally avoided impacts to protected trees, but would require the removal of four protected oak trees because of their location in the landfill development area. This would represent a significant impact. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-15).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measure will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-15: For unavoidable impacts to qualifying oak trees, an Oak Tree Permit application shall be submitted to the LADRP. All permit terms and conditions shall be complied with from the final permit issuance, including planting of replacement trees. An Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan which identifies the mitigation area shall be submitted to LADRP and approved prior to issuance of a grading permit for the Proposed Project that would disturb areas within the protected zone of any oak trees regulated by the County Oak Tree Ordinance. The site shall be assessed for oak woodlands, including scrub oaks, at the time of disturbance according to the County Oak Woodland Conservation and Management Plan, and the Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan would also address mitigation for oak woodland impacts, including scrub oaks. As appropriate, potential impacts to oak woodlands shall be mitigated by planting understory plants in the same area identified onsite for mitigation oaks pursuant to the Oak Tree Permit and Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan for the Proposed Project.

- Chiquita Canyon Landfill will coordinate with Tataviam to provide a monitor during the removal or disturbance of native oak trees at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, if desired.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.19 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES—WESTERN SPADEFOOT

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of impacts to biological resources, including western spadefoot.

Potential Effects And Rationale Supporting Finding:

Basins at Chiquita Canyon Landfill have the potential to support western spadefoot breeding. Because ongoing water and sediment removal is necessary to maintain detention capacity of basins, potential impacts could occur to western spadefoot eggs, tadpoles, or adults if present in detention basins during draining or cleanout operations. Loss of individuals or egg masses of this species from draining operations would represent a significant adverse impact, requiring mitigation. Take of adult or subadults during sediment removal would also represent a significant adverse impact. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure BR-16).

Required Mitigation Measures

The following required mitigation measure will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-16: (See Section 3.10 of this document.)

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.20 BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES—CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 8.0 for an analysis of biological impacts, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Cumulative projects in the region could eventually sever wildlife habitat connectivity. Streamside development along the majority of the drainages in the region could limit wildlife access to water sources, and development along the sections of the Santa Clara River could eventually block north-south movement between the Santa Susana Mountains south of the river and the Castaic Lake region to the north. Major movement corridors are known in the vicinity of the landfill, the Santa Clara River and the Santa Monica-Sierra Madre Connection. The contribution of Chiquita Canyon Landfill land to these corridor movement and linkage areas is unknown but could eventually be substantial following completion of the Project when the site is

revegetated. Mitigation Measures BR-1 through BR-12 would ensure that the Project's potential contribution to impacts associated with corridor movement and linkage areas are less than significant.

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure BR-1 through BR-16: (See Sections 3.4 through 3.8, 3.10, 3.12, 3.13, 3.16, and 3.18 of this document.)

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.21 CULTURAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES - PREHISTORIC AND HISTORIC ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 9.0 for an analysis of cultural and paleontological impacts, including impacts to prehistoric and historic archaeological and cultural resources.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

An archaeological survey conducted in 2010 confirms the presence of CA-LAN-36 (i.e. Bowers Cave; a recorded archaeological site) within the Project site. In addition, the current inventory has demonstrated that the survey area contains prehistoric and historical archaeological resources. Further, the geomorphological environment of the Project site is one of alluvial deposition. As with any ground-disturbing project, there remains a potential for the accidental discovery of buried cultural resources not detected through a surface inventory. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance through avoidance of Bowers Cave and monitoring of cultural resources during construction (Mitigation Measure CR-1 through CR-3).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure CR-1: A qualified archaeologist will flag off the area around Bowers Cave and establish a buffer in consultation with the Permittee to ensure avoidance of grading of the cave site. Grading plans will clearly depict the sensitive area and state that grading must not occur beyond the established buffer. The qualified archeologist will monitor earth-moving activities that would occur within 100 feet of the established buffer.
- Mitigation Measure CR-2: Prior to the start of monitoring activities, a Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan (CRMP) will be developed. The CRMP will include, at a minimum: 1) the location of areas to be monitored, 2) frequency of monitoring, 3) description of resources expected to be encountered, 4) description of circumstances that

would result in a construction halt, 5) description of monitoring reporting requirements, and 6) disposition of found/collected materials.

- **Mitigation Measure CR-3:** Native American consultation has indicated that Bowers Cave and the surrounding region may be important to local Native Americans, specifically Tataviam. Provisions will be made to provide cave access to Tataviam, and Tataviam will have the option to provide a construction oversight monitor during ground-disturbing activities. The Tataviam monitor will act as a liaison between archaeologists, the permittee, contractors, and public agencies to ensure that cultural features are treated appropriately from the Tataviam point of view. All artifacts that may be found will be returned to the Tataviam or reinterred into the earth

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.22 CULTURAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES—UNIQUE PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES OR SITES

Please refer to Draft EIR Chapter 9.0 for an analysis of cultural and paleontological resources, including unique resources or sites.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

The Project (excavation of new cells) and the landfill operation (acquisition of daily cover) could adversely affect presently undetermined/unrecorded fossil sites. Direct impacts would result mostly from earth moving in previously undisturbed strata, but also from any earth-moving activity that buried previously undisturbed strata, making the strata and their paleontological resources unavailable for future scientific investigation. As with any ground-disturbing project, there remains a potential for the accidental discovery of buried paleontological resources. The possible loss of some fossil remains, unrecorded fossil sites, associated specimen data and corresponding geologic and geographic site data, and the fossil-bearing strata is a potentially significant long-term environmental impact. Easier access to fresh exposures of fossiliferous strata and the potential for unauthorized collecting by landfill personnel, rock hounds, and amateur and commercial fossil collectors could result in the loss of some additional fossil remains, unrecorded fossil sites, and associated specimen data and corresponding geologic and geographic site data. The loss of these additional paleontological resources is another potentially significant long-term environmental impact. However, potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure CR-4 through CR-9).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- **Mitigation Measure CR-4:** Prior to construction, the services of a qualified vertebrate paleontologist shall be retained to develop and implement a Paleontological Resources Mitigation Plan prior to earth moving activities. The Plan will include the following elements:

- Development of agreement with a recognized museum repository;
 - Identification of final disposition, permanent storage, and maintenance of any fossil remains and associated specimen data and corresponding geologic and geographic site data that might be recovered; and
 - Determination of level of treatment (preparation, curation, cataloguing) of the remains that would be required before the mitigation program fossil collection would be accepted for storage.
- Mitigation Measure CR-5: The paleontologist and/or monitor shall conduct a preconstruction survey of the project site prior to the start of any earth moving associated with the landfill expansion.
 - Mitigation Measure CR-6: The paleontologist or monitor shall coordinate with landfill personnel to provide information regarding regulatory agency requirements for the protection of paleontological resources. Landfill personnel also will be briefed on procedures to be followed in the event that a fossil site or fossil occurrence is encountered during construction, particularly when the monitor is not onsite. The briefing will be presented to new landfill personnel as necessary. Names and telephone numbers of the monitor and other appropriate mitigation program personnel shall be provided to the landfill manager.
 - Mitigation Measure CR-7: Earth-moving activities shall be monitored by the paleontologist only in those areas of the project site where these activities would disturb previously undisturbed strata in the Saugus and upper Pico Formations (not in areas underlain by artificial fill or younger alluvium). With concurrence from the project paleontologist, if no fossil remains are found once 50 percent of earth moving has been completed in an area underlain by a particular rock unit, monitoring can be reduced or suspended in that area.
 - Mitigation Measure CR-8: All diagnostic fossil specimens recovered from the project site shall be treated (prepared, curated, catalogued) in accordance with designated museum repository requirements.
 - Mitigation Measure CR-9: The monitor shall maintain daily monitoring logs. A final technical report of results and findings shall be prepared by the paleontologist and included with the material submitted for curation (see above).

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.23 CULTURAL AND PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES—CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to EIR Section 9.0 for an analysis of cultural and paleontological impacts.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Project proponents for this and future projects in the area can mitigate impacts to known significant and as yet undiscovered subsurface archaeological sites by implementing mitigation measures. If a large, stratified, buried prehistoric archaeological site or discrete filled-in historic period features were encountered during the Project, the possibility of cumulative impacts would arise, because such sites might be highly significant, and in the past, others have been destroyed or damaged by agricultural activity and/or commercial/industrial/residential development near the Project. However, given the relative low level of impact to such a site that the Project would cause, it is also possible, but unlikely, that Project activities would lead to significant cumulative impacts. The potential impact will depend on the extent of any discovered archaeological deposits. The Project's contribution to this cumulative impact is considered adverse but not significant. Furthermore, proposed mitigation measures (Mitigation Measures CR-1 through BR-9) would ensure that the Proposed Project's potential contribution to impacts associated cultural and paleontological resources are less than significant.

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure CR-1 through CR-9: (See Sections 3.22 and 3.23 of this document.)

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

4.24 AIR QUALITY—COMPOST FACILITY ODORS

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 11.0 for an analysis of air quality, including odors.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

The Project would include a maximum 560 tons per day mixed organics composting facility. Because the compost facility is evaluated as a new use (the previous compost facility ceased operation in 2009), odors associated with the facility would be potentially significant without processes in place to minimize odor. Potential impacts would be mitigated to below a level of significance (Mitigation Measure AQ-4 and ORM 1).

Required Mitigation Measures:

The following required mitigation measures will reduce impacts to less than significant levels:

- Mitigation Measure AQ-4: Prior to operation of the composting facility, the applicant shall develop an OIMP pursuant to the requirements of the CCR, Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 3.1, Article 3, and Section 17863.4. The OIMP shall include design considerations and operating strategies to control compost facility odors, up to and

including facility enclosure. Chiquita Canyon Landfill shall comply with the OIMP during compost facility operation.

- **Mitigation Measure ORM-1:** For landfill operation, Chiquita Canyon Landfill shall develop an OIMP. The OIMP will describe an odor monitoring protocol, a description of meteorological conditions that affect migration of odors, a complaint response protocol, a description of design considerations for minimizing odors, and a description of operating procedures for minimizing odors.

Finding:

For the foregoing reasons, the Commission adopts Finding 1.

SECTION 5 UNAVOIDABLE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED TO A LESS THAN SIGNIFICANT LEVEL

5.1 AIR QUALITY - CRITERIA POLLUTANTS

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 11.0 for an analysis of impacts to air quality, including criteria pollutants.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Impacts that would be associated with construction and operation of the Project were evaluated based on the estimated and combined construction- and operation-related emissions of the pollutants CO, NO_x, ROG, CO, SO₂, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}. Emissions from construction of the proposed new entrance, landfill modules, and compost facility would result from on-road vehicle exhaust, off-road equipment exhaust, and fugitive dust. Operation-related emissions would result from on-road vehicle exhaust, off-road equipment exhaust, fugitive dust, flare operation, fugitive LFG, and composting. As described in Section 11.2 and Appendix H-1 of the Final EIR, on-site and off-site vehicle exhaust emissions from waste and compost haul truck trips, for both transfer trucks and direct collection trucks, were calculated and included in the operational emissions totals. Emissions were not calculated for the landfill gas-to-energy plant, because operations associated with this facility were assumed to be included with existing conditions and would not change with the Project.

The impact analysis conservatively summed the emissions that would be generated from anticipated construction activities with the emissions that would be generated from annual operation of the Project to identify the future project year with the highest potential combined emissions. Through this process, the years identified to be the project year with the highest potential combined emissions varied by pollutant. Year 2041 was identified to be the project year with the highest potential combined emissions of ROG, CO, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}, while 2037 was the worst-case year for NO_x, and 2039 the worst-case year for SO₂. Landfill operation and compost facility operation are scheduled to occur in each of the three worst-case years, while module construction is only expected to occur in 2037 and 2041. Year 2039 represents the maximum year of landfill gas generation, and therefore, maximum fugitive landfill gas and flare emissions. The daily emission rates estimated for each of the pollutants in their worst-case year

were compared to the daily mass emission operation thresholds established as CEQA significance criteria by the South Coast Air Management Control District (SCAQMD).

The highest estimated combined daily construction and operation emission totals for each pollutant are presented in Table 11-8. The combined worst-case daily construction and operation emissions for the Proposed Project would exceed the SCAQMD's mass daily operational thresholds for NOx, ROG, PM10, and PM2.5. These estimated increases in maximum daily emissions represent worst-case daily emission estimates, given the conservative approach of combining operation and construction emission estimates for the highest emission year to determine maximum daily emissions, and the variability of facility operation and construction activities on a day-to-day basis. Days when construction activities would not occur would result in lower emissions.

The potential impacts on ambient air quality associated with the combined construction and operational emissions from onsite sources for the Proposed Project were further analyzed using the AERMOD dispersion modeling system. Results of the modeling were added to representative background levels and compared to the ambient air quality concentrations listed as significance thresholds in Table 11-6 of the Final EIR, which includes both SCAQMD Localized Significance Thresholds and some of the federal and state ambient air quality standards.

Consistent with the SCAQMD Localized Significance Thresholds methodology, the potential impacts from the combined worst-case construction and operation emissions from on-site sources for the Project were evaluated for the nearest receptor locations. Predicted worst-case emissions of CO, PM10, and PM2.5 from on-site sources would occur during the year 2041, predicted worst-case on-site emissions of SO2 would occur during 2039, and predicted worst-case onsite emissions of NOx would occur during the year 2037. Activities associated with operation and construction would generate emissions of each pollutant at different rates, resulting in different maximum emission years. The dispersion modeling for the impact analysis used the combined emissions estimated from onsite construction and operation sources in the maximum year for each pollutant. The sources included in the modeling impact assessment include activities associated with the construction of Module 12, operation of Module 11, flare operation, composting operation, and onsite vehicle trips associated with operation.

Table 11-9 of the Final EIR provides a summary of the modeled results for combined worst-case on-site construction and operation emissions, background levels, and total predicted concentrations, with comparisons to the applicable ambient air quality thresholds. PM2.5 and PM10 concentrations would be above the Localized Significance Thresholds for each of the applicable averaging periods. Concentrations of all other pollutants would be below the ambient standards listed as significance thresholds in Table 11-6.

Implementation of Mitigation Measures AQ-1 through AQ-3 will reduce these construction and operation impacts to the extent feasible. However, impacts are considered significant and unavoidable, even after implementation of these feasible mitigation measures.

Required Mitigation Measures:

Impacts will be reduced to the extent feasible by the following measures:

- **Mitigation Measure AQ-1:** The applicant shall use certified street sweepers that comply with SCAQMD Rule 1186.1.
- **Mitigation Measure AQ-2:** The applicant shall use innovative approaches to reducing potential air emissions from construction of buildings, such as modular building products, where prefabricated portions of structures are assembled elsewhere and are erected at the construction site, as feasible. This would eliminate the need for onsite painting, a majority of the plumbing, and other consumer product usage.
- **Mitigation Measure AQ-3:** The applicant shall provide offsetting emission reduction credits for predicted net emission increases from sources requiring permitting under New Source Review regulations.

Finding:

Mitigation measures AQ-1 through AQ-3 would reduce air quality impacts to the extent feasible, but not necessarily to levels below the significance criterion. Therefore, after mitigation, these impacts will remain significant and unavoidable.

5.2 AIR QUALITY – CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 11.0 for an analysis of impacts to air quality, including cumulative impacts.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

Potential cumulative criteria pollutant emission impacts resulting from operation and construction of the Project were assessed in conjunction with emissions from other reasonably foreseeable projects proposed in the area. These additional foreseeable projects consist of 13 residential developments, 3 commercial developments, 5 industrial developments, and 1 transportation improvement project. Table 11-8 of the Final EIR presents the operation and construction emissions associated with the Project in the project year 2041 (the year with the highest potential combined emissions). These combined emissions would exceed the SCAQMD daily mass emission thresholds for NO_x, ROG, PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}. Criteria pollutant emissions resulting from residential and commercial expansion near the Proposed Project site would result primarily from increased motor vehicle travel and off-road equipment use.

The proposed additional development in the area would not only increase emissions of criteria air pollutants generated, but would also add new residential, commercial, and sensitive receptors. Because the landfill is currently operating, it is reasonably assumed that future projects would consider the landfill when building future homes, businesses, and schools. Cumulative increases in maximum daily emissions would result in a significant cumulative impact on air quality for NO_x, ROG, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5}.

The Project's adherence to the Mitigation Measures AQ-1 through AQ-3 will reduce the potential cumulative impacts of Project construction and operation. However, these impacts will remain significant and unavoidable, even after implementation of these mitigation measures.

Required Mitigation Measures:

Impacts will be reduced to the extent feasible by the following measures:

- Mitigation Measure AQ-1, AQ-2, and AQ-3: (See Section 4.1 of this document.)

Finding:

Mitigation measures AQ-1 through AQ-3 would reduce cumulative air quality impacts to the extent feasible, but not necessarily to levels below the significance criterion. Therefore, after mitigation, these impacts will remain significant and unavoidable.

5.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND CLIMATE CHANGE – POST-2020 IMPACTS (PROJECT-LEVEL AND CUMULATIVE IMPACTS)

Please refer to Partially Recirculated Draft EIR Section 12.0 for an analysis of impacts to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

Potential Effect and Rationale for Finding:

No approved thresholds or methodologies are currently available for determining the significance of a project's potential contribution to global climate change in CEQA documents. An individual project (unless it is a large-scale construction project, such as a dam or new freeway project, or a large fossil –fuel-fired power plant) is unlikely to generate sufficient greenhouse emissions to directly influence global climate change; therefore, analysis of a project's contribution to global climate change is inherently cumulative and to a considerable degree speculative. The following is a good faith effort at disclosing and evaluating the Project's potential impact as a portion of climate change impacts associated with build-out in the context of the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan adopted in November 2012.

Cumulative build out of the Santa Clarita Valley area would increase greenhouse gas emissions by increasing overall population, square footage of commercial, industrial, and other supplementary uses, and by increasing traffic and the associated transportation emissions that make up 38 percent of statewide greenhouse gas emissions. Without corresponding greenhouse gas emission reduction strategies across all new projects and development, significant impacts would occur.

The analysis of the Project demonstrates that potential greenhouse gas emissions impacts are less-than-significant up to and including 2020, and therefore would not hinder or delay California's attainment of AB 32 objectives. The greenhouse gas effects of the Project are therefore not a significant cumulative impact up to and including 2020. However, because the State intends to prepare future plans and policies to attain further emissions reductions beyond 2020 and it is impossible to assess the consistency of the Project with those future plans, the analysis of the Project finds conservatively that the impacts beyond 2020 are significant and unavoidable. Accordingly, the Project plus cumulative projects are likewise conservatively found to be cumulatively considerable.

Implementation of the Mitigation Measures GHG-1 and GHG-2 will reduce the potential cumulative impacts of the Project. However, these impacts will remain significant and unavoidable after 2020, even after implementation of these mitigation measures.

Required Mitigation Measures:

Impacts will be reduced to the extent feasible by the following measures:

- **Mitigation Measure GHG-1:** Beginning in 2020, the applicant shall provide the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (LADRP) with reports every 5 years, which shall evaluate consistency of landfill operations with current state and county GHG emission reduction plans. If LADRP finds that a report demonstrates that landfill operations do not meet the GHG emission reduction targets of then-current state and county GHG emission reduction plans, the applicant shall develop and within 1 year submit to LADRP for review and approval a GHG Emissions Reduction Plan, which shall require implementation of additional feasible GHG emissions reduction measures within the waste management sector to further reduce GHG emissions in accordance with then-current state and county goals. The GHG Emissions Reduction Plan may incorporate some or all of the following measures:
 - Further or additional composting;
 - Further or additional recycling;
 - Upgrades or enhancements to the existing gas collection system;
 - Development of alternative energy, including additional landfill gas-to-energy production capacity and/or development of other onsite renewable energy generation capacity;
 - Use of alternative fuels in onsite equipment; or some combination of the listed strategies; and/or
 - Other waste management sector strategies developed by CalRecycle and CARB addressing GHG emissions from waste management
- **Mitigation Measure GHG-2:** Following closure of the landfill, the applicant shall continue to operate, maintain, and monitor the landfill gas collection and control system as long as the landfill continues to produce landfill gas, or until emissions no longer constitute a considerable contribution to GHG emissions, whichever comes first.

Finding:

Mitigation measures GHG-1 and GHG-2 would reduce greenhouse gas emissions and climate change impacts to the extent feasible, but not necessarily to levels below the significance criterion. Therefore, after mitigation, these impacts will remain significant and unavoidable.

SECTION 6 GROWTH-INDUCING IMPACTS OF THE ACTION

Section 15126.2(d) of the State CEQA Guidelines requires that an EIR “discuss the ways in which the Project could foster economic or population growth, or the construction of additional housing, either directly or indirectly, in the surrounding environment.” Please refer to Draft EIR Section 17.4 for an analysis of the potential growth-inducing impacts of the project.

In general terms, a project may induce spatial, economic or population growth in a geographic area if it meets any one of the four criteria: (1) removal of an impediment to growth (e.g., establishment of an essential public service or the provisions of new access to an area); (2) economic expansion or growth (e.g., changes in revenue base, employment expansion, etc.); (3) establishment of a precedent setting action (e.g., an innovation, a change in zoning or general plan amendment approval); or (4) development or encroachment in an isolated area or one adjacent to open space (being different from an “infill” type of project).

The Project would not introduce features such as other public infrastructure that draw other developments into an area. The Project would not encourage growth in the area; growth would occur consistent with the County of Los Angeles General Plan. Additionally, no significant infrastructure that could serve other development would be developed as part of the Project.

The Project would provide for ongoing waste disposal operations and would not significantly increase local employment or create other effects that could indirectly encourage growth. The addition of disposal capacity is a response to the demand for responsible solid waste management in Los Angeles County. In this regard, the continuation of waste disposal at the Project site neither restricts nor promotes new growth, it merely accommodates it.

Based upon these considerations, the Proposed Project will not result in significant growth-inducing impacts.

SECTION 7 FINDINGS REGARDING ALTERNATIVES TO THE PROJECT

Public Resources Code Section 21002 provides that public agencies should not approve projects as proposed if there are feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures available which would substantially lessen the significant environmental effects of such projects. The same statute states that the procedures required by CEQA are intended to assist public agencies in systematically identifying both the significant effects of projects and the feasible alternatives or feasible mitigation measures which will avoid or substantially lessen such significant effects.

Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6, an EIR must set forth a description of a range of reasonable alternatives to the Project or location of the Project, which would feasibly attain most of the objectives of the Project, but would avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant effects of the Project, and the EIR must also evaluate the comparative merits of the alternatives. The EIR must also evaluate a no project alternative. Based on the requirements of CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6 and the Project objectives identified below, the following alternatives were included in Chapter 18.0 of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR: (A) No Project Alternative; (B) Continued (Status Quo) Operation with 0% Increase of Daily Waste Disposal Tonnage; (C) 50% Reduction of Proposed Additional Daily Waste Disposal Tonnage;

(D) Waste Reduction and Alternative Technologies; (E) Alternative New Site in Northern Los Angeles County; and (F) Rail Haul Transport to Out-of-County Landfills.

The Final EIR identifies the No Project Alternative as the environmentally superior alternative to the Project. Pursuant to the CEQA requirement that, when an EIR identifies the no project alternative as environmentally superior, the EIR must identify a superior alternative among the other alternatives, the EIR concludes that Alternative D, the Waste Reduction and Alternative Technologies Alternative, would have lower overall adverse environmental effects compared to the rest of the build alternatives.

The Commission finds that a good faith effort was made to evaluate all feasible alternatives in the EIR that are reasonable alternatives to the Project and could feasibly obtain the basic objectives of the Project, even when alternatives might impede attainment of the Project objectives and might be more costly. As a result, the scope of alternatives analyzed in the Final EIR is not unduly limited or narrow. The Commission also finds that all reasonable alternatives were reviewed, analyzed, and discussed in the review process of the EIR and the ultimate decision on the Project.

Project Objectives

In identifying potentially feasible alternatives to the Project, the following Project objectives were considered:

- To support the County's goal of maintaining adequate reserve (excess) landfill capacity to ensure the disposal needs of the County are met (LACDPW, 2015)
- To support the County's goal of managing the County's waste disposal needs, which specifically includes expansion of existing in-County landfills (such as Chiquita Canyon Landfill) (LACDPW, 2015)
- To support the County's goal to provide solid waste disposal without interruption to protect the public health and safety as well as the environment (LACDPW, 2015)
- To mitigate constraints that may limit the accessibility of Class III landfill capacity within the planning period of the most current CIWMP (LACDPW, 2015)
- To provide environmentally sound, safe, commercially and technically feasible, and cost-effective solid waste management solutions through continued operation and development of the existing Chiquita Canyon Landfill facility
- To prevent premature closure of the landfill with underutilized remaining airspace capacity
- To provide a site that could accommodate future waste conversion technology solutions
- To provide a site to accommodate processing of organic waste
- To provide a site for a permanent Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility

- To continue to provide landfill waste diversion programs that are relied upon by many local cities and communities in achieving state mandates for waste diversion

7.1 ALTERNATIVE A: NO PROJECT ALTERNATIVE

Description: Under this alternative, the existing landfill would cease to receive waste. The approved Conditional Use Permit (CUP) closure date is 2019, however the facility reached its permit-based disposal limitation of 23 million tons established in the current CUP in July 2016. The landfill is currently operating under a limited operational waiver issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, described in 1.2.2 of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. The limited waiver allows CCL to continue operation under the current CUP as long as the landfill and County are actively engaged in pursuit of a new Conditional Use Permit. The limited waiver is scheduled to expire on July 31, 2017. Under the No Project Alternative, operation of the landfill will continue (e.g. no changes to the existing daily operations, including hours of operation, wastes accepted, etc.) until the limited waiver expires, after which time the landfill would close.

With the No Project Alternative, no horizontal or vertical extension of the landfill footprint would occur. The final elevation of the landfill units would not reach the permitted maximum of 1,430 feet above mean sea level, except in one area. This is a result of the effect of the 23-million-ton cap (amended to 29.4 million tons in the limited waiver), which eliminates a substantial amount of available capacity within the existing approved landfill footprint. A final grading plan for the No Project Alternative is provided in Figure 18-1.

Communities that currently rely on Chiquita Canyon Landfill for waste diversion would not have access to that activity and the composting operation and household hazardous waste collection facility would not be developed. The set-aside of land for potential future conversion technology would not be established and site features, such as free cleanup days for the Val Verde community, would no longer be held with the closure of the facility. Operation of the landfill gas-to-energy plant would continue many years beyond site closure.

Under the closure plan requirements, closure activities would include the placement of final cover, revegetation of the closed areas, construction of permanent drainage features, removal of landfill structures (e.g., scale house, office), and provisions for site security. Closure activities would begin in accordance with the schedule in the approved Final Closure and Postclosure Maintenance Plan. The facility owner and operator would continue to operate the existing groundwater monitoring network and landfill gas collection system during the closure and post-closure maintenance periods.

Finding: For the reasons stated below, and each of them independently of the others, the County finds that the No Project Alternative is not feasible, and rejects that alternative.

Facts Supporting the Finding: The No Project Alternative is a continuation of the existing landfill operations only through July 31, 2017. This alternative avoids some of the potentially significant environmental impacts of the Project, but does not feasibly achieve any of the primary purposes and objectives of the Project.

To the extent that the system is able to absorb the wastes currently disposed at Chiquita Canyon Landfill, many of the daily operational impacts would be simply transferred from one facility to another. For example, the existing traffic associated with the currently permitted operations

would be redirected to other landfills. This would result in additional traffic traveling on state highways and county roads, which may be experiencing congested conditions unlike the roadways serving the Project site.

None of the basic Project objectives would be achieved, such as supporting the County's goals of maintaining adequate reserve landfill capacity; managing the County's waste disposal needs, which specifically includes expansion of Chiquita Canyon Landfill; and providing solid waste disposal without interruption to protect the public health and safety as well as the environment. Other Project objectives, such as providing a site that could accommodate future waste conversion technology solutions and providing a location for a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility would not be achieved. The No Project Alternative would result in the premature closure of the landfill with underutilized remaining airspace capacity, thereby not maximizing the value of the site.

7.2 ALTERNATIVE B: CONTINUED (STATUS QUO) OPERATION WITH 0% INCREASE OF DAILY WASTE DISPOSAL TONNAGE

Description: Under Alternative B, the existing landfill operation would continue at 6,000 tons per day, with a maximum of 30,000 tons per week. Alternative B would increase the permitted waste footprint by approximately 116 acres, 27 acres fewer than the Project. Alternative B would result in a maximum elevation of approximately 1,495 feet, 78 feet lower than the Project. Alternative B would add approximately 24 years of life to the existing landfill. Because Alternative B assumes no change in operation, the alternative does not relocate the site entrance, and does not include development of a household hazardous waste collection facility, public drop-off area, or set-aside area for a waste conversion facility. No improvements would be made to the site at the intersection of SR-126 and Wolcott Way, including new lighting and landscaping. Alternative B may include a composting facility consistent with the approved CUP.

Finding: For the reasons stated below, and each of them independently of the others, the County finds that the Alternative B is feasible, and that it is a viable alternative.

Facts Supporting the Finding: Although Alternative B neither avoids nor lessens the effects associated with air quality or greenhouse gases and climate change to a level which is less than significant, it does lessen those impacts, and other potential environmental impacts, when compared to the Project, and it does generally reduce the intensity of impacts to the area immediately around the landfill in comparison to the Project. This alternative only partially meets the objectives of the Project.

Alternative B would not be as effective at meeting the long term disposal needs of the County as the Project because the Alternative does not take full advantage of the site and existing infrastructure to provide excess waste capacity or the reliability and certainty associated with the daily and overall waste disposal capacity provided by the Project. Some impacts will be spread out over the region, as trucks haul waste to more distant landfills, but impacts will be more dispersed rather than concentrated in one area. Localized impacts would generally be less in the area surrounding the landfill. Other Project objectives, such as providing a site that could accommodate future waste conversion technology solutions and providing a location for a permanent household hazardous waste collection facility would not be achieved. If some other

Project elements were included in Alternative B, such as relocating the entrance facilities, adding a household hazardous waste collection facility, and an area reserved for a future waste conversion technology facility, this alternative would better meet the disposal needs of the County while minimizing traffic and other impacts.

7.3 ALTERNATIVE C: 50% REDUCTION OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL DAILY WASTE DISPOSAL TONNAGE

Description: Alternative C would reduce the proposed amount of increased daily waste disposal tonnage by 50%, from 6,000 tons per day to 3,000 tons per day, for a total of 9,000 tons per day. This is equivalent to 45,000 tons per week of municipal solid waste. Alternative C would increase the permitted waste footprint by approximately 143 acres, the same as the Project. Alternative C would result in a maximum elevation of approximately 1,500 feet, 73 feet lower than the Project. Alternative C would add approximately 27 years of life to the existing landfill. Alternative C would include the proposed new entrance and entrance support facilities at the intersection of SR-126 and Wolcott Way that are included with the Project.

Finding: For the reasons stated below, and each of them independently of the others, the County finds that the Alternative C is not feasible, and rejects that alternative.

Facts in Support of Finding: Alternative C neither avoids nor substantially lessens other potentially significant environmental impacts. Because there would be no significant difference in the way in which any sized landfill alternative would be constructed or operated, overall impacts would be generally the same regardless of whether 12,000 tons per day are received or whether 9,000 tons per day are received. While this alternative would result in fewer truck trips, it does not reduce the level of significance of any of the impacts below that of the Project. Alternative C would meet some of the objectives of the Project, but to a lesser extent as compared to the Project.

Alternative C would not be as effective at meeting the long term disposal needs of the County as compared to the Project because the Alternative does not take advantage of the site and existing infrastructure to provide excess waste capacity or the reliability and certainty associated with the daily and overall waste disposal capacity provided by the Project.

7.4 ALTERNATIVE D: WASTE REDUCTION AND ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Description: Alternative D consists of waste reduction techniques and alternative technologies that could potentially be applied to the solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, including source reduction, mechanical volume reduction, resource recovery, and conversion technologies. Given the large diversity of existing conversion technologies, it is not practical to provide an exhaustive description and analysis of these systems, or their many variants. The Partially Recirculated Draft EIR summarizes the primary technological, economic, and environmental advantages and disadvantages of waste reduction and conversions technologies as a whole. Alternative D assumes that Chiquita Canyon Landfill closes after July 31, 2017. No landfill operations are included in consideration of Alternative D.

Finding: For the reasons stated below, and each of them independently of the others, the County finds that the Alternative D is not feasible, and rejects that alternative.

Facts in Support of Finding: Development hurdles for conversion technologies in California include land acquisition, capital/labor costs (especially when compared to the current, relatively more efficient and thus inexpensive cost of landfill disposal), the lack of a clear permitting and regulatory pathway in California, lack of diversion credit, renewable energy credit, or other incentives for the development of emerging technologies, and potential misconceptions regarding the performance of these technologies. The likely need for long-term contracts to ensure an adequate feedstock waste stream may also limit future flexibility of materials management efforts.

Currently, the largest obstacle is a permitting process that is more costly, time intensive, inconsistent, and confusing than necessary, largely due to out-of-date and even inaccurate language in State statute and regulations. Advancements in clean technology need to be reflected in State statute and regulations to create a level playing field for project developers while protecting public health and safety and the environment.

Another hurdle for development is the active network of well-funded organized opposition to the development of conversion facilities, which has fought and blocked development of facilities throughout the state. Given the lack of experience in the United States with conversion technology facilities and the expense of building them, conversion technologies for solid waste carry higher uncertainty and risk. While conversion technology facilities can fulfill needs in the current waste recovery infrastructure, locking in the use of waste for energy production may create barriers to expanded recycling or composting in the future, thereby negating the greater environmental benefit from recycling or composting.

Accordingly, Alternative D alone cannot completely accomplish the primary purposes and objectives of the Project. Alternative waste reduction technologies will be employed as required by AB 939 and County policy; however, their implementation (alone or in combination) does not completely offset the ultimate need for the expansion of landfill facilities, including Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Without additional landfill capacity, Chiquita Canyon Landfill would not maximize the value of the site or afford the County the opportunity to use its location as a potential expansion site to develop needed landfill disposal capacity.

The two existing waste-to-energy facilities within the greater Los Angeles region have insufficient capacity to handle the existing 6,000 tons per day for the existing landfill, and cannot handle the 12,000 tons per day proposed for the Project. Thus, conversion technology alternatives would necessitate construction of one or more large, significant new waste-to-energy facilities in the region capable of handling up to 10,000 tons per day or more (10,000 tons per day is the daily average of the Project). The feasibility of siting such a facility is highly uncertain, as only three such facilities have been completed in California and none in the last 25 years.

7.5 ALTERNATIVE E: ALTERNATIVE NEW SITE IN NORTHERN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

Description: Under Alternative E, a new landfill would be sited an alternative off-site location somewhere in Northern Los Angeles County. Alternative E assumes that Chiquita Canyon Landfill closes after July 31, 2017. Note that CEQA does not require the study of an alternative location to a project proposed by a private applicant.

Finding: For the reasons stated below, and each of them independently of the others, the County finds that the Alternative E is not feasible, and rejects that alternative.

Facts in Support of Finding: Alternative E neither accomplishes the primary purposes and objectives of the Project nor avoids or substantially lessens the significant impacts associated with the Project. A new landfill at a new location would take 10 to 15 years to ultimately permit and develop, and there is no certainty that such a site would be approved. Assured waste disposal capacity is required now and in the foreseeable future.

Alternative E would not achieve most of the basic project objectives, such as expanding Chiquita Canyon Landfill with additional capacity and resource recovery operations and maximizing the value of the site. Alternative E would not provide cost-effective disposal capacity through continued operation and development of the existing facility; nor prevent premature closure of the landfill with underutilized remaining permitted airspace capacity. Alternative E would not continue to provide landfill waste diversion programs that are relied upon by many local cities and communities in achieving state-mandated goals.

Alternative E would result in potentially more environmental impacts associated with constructing an entirely new facility, including potential impacts to land use, biological resources, cultural resources, air quality, and greenhouse gas emissions and climate change.

ALTERNATIVE F: RAIL HAUL TRANSPORT TO OUT-OF-COUNTY LANDFILLS

Description: The County Department of Public Works and the Los Angeles County Sanitation District have continued to pursue the development of out of county disposal through waste-by-rail systems as a partial source of long-term disposal capacity for the greater metropolitan Los Angeles regional system. Under Alternative F, Chiquita Canyon Landfill would close after July 31, 2017 and it is assumed that waste that would otherwise be disposed at Chiquita Canyon Landfill would instead be disposed via the waste-by-rail system.

The waste-by-rail system is comprised of a remote intermodal yard and disposal facility, local materials recovery facilities/transfer stations, a local intermodal rail yard, and rail transportation. The starting point of the system for Los Angeles County is the Puente Hills Intermodal Facility, located approximately 55 miles southeast of Chiquita Canyon Landfill in the City of Industry. Residual waste from materials recovery facilities and transfer stations located throughout the County will be loaded onto rail carts at the Puente Hills facility, and then transported for disposal via rail to the Mesquite Regional Landfill in Imperial County, near the borders of Arizona and Mexico. There are currently no intermodal yards in the Santa Clarita Valley with rail-haul capabilities, nor are there rail lines connecting the Santa Clarita Valley to the Mesquite Regional Landfill site.

The Sanitation Districts have completed planning and development of all of the waste-by-rail system components except for the local intermodal facility, which is currently under construction. Upon completion, the Puente Hills facility will facilitate intermodal transfer of containers up to two trains per day, or approximately 8,000 tons per day of municipal solid waste.

Finding: For the reasons stated below, and each of them independently of the others, the County finds that the Alternative F is not feasible, and rejects that alternative.

Facts in Support of Finding: Alternative F neither avoids nor substantially lessens the effects associated with air quality, or other potential environmental impacts, when compared to the Project. This alternative also, only partially meets the objectives of the Project.

The Mesquite Regional Landfill is a remote desert landfill, located over 200 miles from the Santa Clarita Valley. Currently there is no transfer station in northern Los Angeles County and no rail loading facility to accommodate the consolidation and transportation of waste. Furthermore, population projections have indicated that Los Angeles County and the area surrounding Chiquita Canyon will continue to grow and generate more refuse in the future. The waste generated in the Chiquita Canyon waste-shed would be transported over a much farther distance for disposal, thus potentially resulting in increased air emissions over those anticipated for the Project. Waste transport by train also has impacts on noise levels, vibration, traffic, and air quality, unlike those associated with truck transport.

The waste-by-rail system is also not yet operational and would begin operation only when found to be technically and economically feasible. Alternative F would be subject to out-of-county host fees and taxes, further contributing to the uncertainty of the economic competitiveness of this alternative. Thus, the waste-by-rail system would not provide the short-term disposal capacity needs of the County.

7.6 ENVIRONMENTALLY SUPERIOR ALTERNATIVE

State CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.6(e)(2) requires the designation of an environmentally superior alternative to the Project and, if the environmentally superior alternative is the No Project Alternative, selection of an environmentally superior alternative from among the remaining alternatives.

Of the alternatives listed above, Alternative A: No Project Alternative was found to be the environmentally superior alternative. Based on the qualitative analysis of the remaining alternatives, it anticipated that Alternative D: Waste Reduction and Alternative Technologies Alternative would have lower overall adverse environmental effects compared to the rest of the build alternatives.

Anaerobic Digestion facilities associated with this alternative would likely be co-located at existing or new permitted solid waste facilities or as stand-alone facilities in areas zoned for industrial or solid waste handling activities, thus minimizing potential impacts. The Statewide Anaerobic Digester Facilities for the Treatment of Municipal Organic Solid Waste Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (CalRecycle, 2011) determined that all of the potential environmental impacts from construction of an Anaerobic Digestion facility could be mitigated

to a less-than significant level. The Programmatic EIR also noted that the development of Anaerobic Digestion facilities would have substantial benefits in regards to diverting organic material from landfills and reducing greenhouse gas emissions in comparison to existing practices.

Alternative waste reduction technologies will be employed as required by AB 939 and County policy; however, their implementation (alone or in combination) does not offset the need for the expansion of landfill facilities, including Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Alternative D only partially meets the objectives of the Project, and, as the County notes in its' 2014 Annual Report, a multi-faceted approach is needed to meet the future disposal needs of the County. Because Alternative D does not eliminate the need for additional landfill capacity, the Alternative, in conjunction with municipal solid waste disposal, may reduce but will not eliminate potentially significant impacts associated with the Project. Alternative waste reduction technologies are, however, capable of extending the operational capacity of landfills and are complementary activities to traditional municipal solid waste disposal.

SECTION 8 FINDINGS REGARDING MONITORING PROGRAM

Section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code requires that when a public agency is making the finding required by Section 21081(a)(1) of the Public Resources Code, the public agency shall adopt a reporting or monitoring program for the changes made to the Project or conditions of project approval adopted in order to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment.

The Commission hereby finds that the Mitigation Monitoring Program, which is presented as a separate document, meets the requirements of Section 21081.6 of the Public Resources Code.

SECTION 9 LOCATION AND CUSTODIAN OF RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

In accordance with Public Resources Code Section 21167.6(e), the record of proceedings for the County's decision on the Project includes the following documents:

- The 1997 Final EIR for the prior expansion of Chiquita Canyon Landfill and all appendices;
- The 2016 Addendum to the 1997 Final EIR for the limited waiver granted pursuant to County Code Section 22.04.110;
- The Notice of Preparation and all other public notices issued by the County in conjunction with the Project;
- The Draft EIR for the Project (2014), including Appendices;
- The Partially Recirculated Draft EIR for the Project (2016), including Appendices;
- All comments submitted by agencies or members of the public during the comment period on the Draft EIR and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR;

- Documents cited or referenced in the Draft EIR, Partially Recirculated Draft EIR, and Final EIR;
- The mitigation monitoring and reporting program for the Project;
- All findings and resolutions adopted by the Commission in connection with the Project and all documents cited or referred to therein;
- All reports, studies, memoranda, maps, staff reports, or other planning documents relating to the Project prepared by the County, consultants to the County, or responsible or trustee agencies with respect to the County's compliance with requirements of CEQA and with respect to the County's action on the Project;
- All documents submitted to the County by other public agencies or members of the public in connection with the Project, up through the close of the Commission's decision on the Project;
- Any minutes and/or transcripts of all information sessions, public meetings, and public hearings held by the County in connection with the Project;
- Any documentary or other evidence submitted to the County at such information sessions, public meetings, and public hearings;
- The Los Angeles County General Plan and all environmental documents prepared in connection with its adoption;
- The Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan and all environmental documents prepared in connection with its adoption;
- Any documents expressly cited in these findings, in addition to those cited above; and
- Any other materials required for the record of proceedings by Public Resources Code Section 21167.6(e).

The custodian of the documents and other materials that constitute the record upon which these findings are based is the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. The record is available for public review at the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning, located at 320 West Temple Street, 13th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012.

SECTION 10 COUNTY'S INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21082.1(c), the Commission hereby finds that the lead agency (County) has independently reviewed and analyzed the Final EIR, and that the Final EIR reflects the independent judgment of the lead agency.

SECTION 11 NATURE OF FINDINGS

Any finding made by this Commission shall be deemed made, regardless of where it appears in this document. All of the language included in this document constitutes findings by this Commission, whether or not any particular sentence or clause includes a statement to that effect. This Commission intends that these findings be considered as an integrated whole, and, whether or not any part of these findings fail to cross reference or incorporate by reference any other part of these findings, that any finding required or committed to be made by this Commission with respect to any particular subject matter of the Final EIR, shall be deemed to be made if it appears in any portion of these findings.

SECTION 12 RELIANCE ON RECORD

Each and all of the findings and determinations contained herein are based on substantial evidence, both oral and written, contained within the entire administrative record of proceedings relating to the Project. The findings and determinations constitute the independent findings and determination of this Commission in all respects and are fully and completely supported by substantial evidence in the record as a whole.

SECTION 13 STATEMENT OF OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS

The Final EIR has identified and discussed significant environmental effects that will occur as a result of implementation of the Project. With implementation of the mitigation measures and project design features, discussed in the Final EIR, these effects can be mitigated to levels considered less than significant except for significant, unavoidable adverse impacts in the areas of air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and climate change (post-2020), as described in Section 5 of this document. Specifically, implementation of the Project would result in the following significant impacts even after imposition of all feasible mitigation measures and would require adoption of a Statement of Overriding Considerations.

Alternative B, or a combination of elements of the Project and Alternative B would still result in significant and unavoidable adverse impacts in the areas of air quality and greenhouse gas emissions and climate change (post-2020), although these impacts would be lessened in comparison with the Project, particularly in the areas adjacent to the landfill.

Air Quality (Project-Level and Cumulative): The air quality analysis included in the Draft EIR was conducted consistent with published South Coast Air Quality Management District CEQA guidance, which requires comparison of construction emissions to construction thresholds and operation emissions to operation thresholds. After review of the Draft EIR, the District requested an alternate methodology, which required the analysis to combine the previously analyzed potential construction and operation emissions, to compare those combined emissions against operation thresholds, and to make a determination of potential project significance based on those combined emissions. In response, Chapter 11.0 was revised to include the District's new methodology and the chapter was recirculated for public review in the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. Based on the District's new methodology, the Final EIR found that the combined emissions of NO_x, ROG, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5} would exceed the District's mass daily operational

thresholds for the Project and also cumulatively with related projects. Accordingly, air quality impacts of the Project remain significant and unavoidable.

Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change (Post-2020) (Project-Level and Cumulative): The state is currently developing new plans and policies to attain further greenhouse gas emissions after 2020. Because these plans have not yet been prepared and are in the early stages of development, it is not possible to assess the Project's consistency with those future plans. For this reason, the Final EIR conservatively finds that Project-level and cumulative impacts to greenhouse gas emissions and climate change would be significant and unavoidable.

Public Resources Code Section 21081 provides that no public agency shall approve or carry out a project for which an EIR has been certified, which identifies one or more significant effects on the environment that would occur if the project were carried out, unless the agency makes specific findings with respect to those significant environmental effects. Where a public agency finds that economic, legal, social, technological, or other considerations makes infeasible the mitigation measures or alternatives identified in the EIR, and thereby leave significant unavoidable effects, the public agency must also find that "specific overriding economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits of the project outweigh the significant effects on the environment.

In making this determination, the Lead Agency is guided by CEQA Guidelines Section 15093, which provides as follows:

a) CEQA requires the decision-making agency to balance, as applicable, the economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits, including region-wide or statewide environmental benefits, of a proposed project against its unavoidable environmental risks when determining whether to approve the project. If the specific economic, legal, social, technological, or other benefits, including region-wide or statewide environmental benefits, of a proposal project outweigh the unavoidable adverse environmental effects, the adverse environmental effects may be considered "acceptable."

(b) When the lead agency approves a project which will result in the occurrence of significant effects which are identified in the final EIR but are not avoided or substantially lessened, the agency shall state in writing the specific reasons to support its action based on the final EIR and/or other information in the record. The statement of overriding considerations shall be supported by substantial evidence in the record.

(c) If an agency makes a statement of overriding considerations, the statement should be included in the record of the project approval and should be mentioned in the notice of determination. This statement does not substitute for, and shall be in addition to, findings required pursuant to Section 15091.

Having considered the unavoidable adverse significant impacts of the Project, the Commission hereby determines that all feasible mitigation measures have been adopted to minimize, substantially reduce, or avoid the significant impacts identified in the Final EIR, and that no additional feasible mitigation is available to further reduce significant impacts. Further, the Commission finds that economic, social and other considerations of the Project outweigh the

significant and unavoidable impacts described above, and adopts the following Statement of Overriding Considerations. In making this Finding, the Commission has balanced the benefits of the Project against its significant and unavoidable environmental impacts and has indicated its willingness to accept those risks. The following statements are in support of the Commission's action based on the Final EIR and/or other information in the administrative record. Any one of these overriding considerations, in itself and independently of the other listed considerations, is sufficient to support the Commission's determinations herein.

- The Project addresses immediate needs for increased landfill capacity, proposes dedicated sites for conversion technologies and organics processing, and includes multiple components that transform waste from a liability to a resource.
- The Project will assist the County in achieving its sustainable waste management goals. The County's most recent 2015 Annual Report on the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan finds that, in order to maintain adequate disposal capacity, jurisdictions in the County must continue to pursue multiple strategies, including expanding existing landfills.
- The Project will assist the County in maintaining adequate reserve (excess) disposal capacity to ensure that the disposal needs of the County are met for the next 15 years.
- The Project will assist the County in achieving its waste diversion targets, as Chiquita Canyon Landfill is an important in-County option for local jurisdictions to obtain waste diversion credits.
- The Project will further the goals of the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan, which finds that diversion programs do not eliminate the need for new landfill space and includes Policy LU-9.1.6 to coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure that landfill expansion needs are met while minimizing adverse impacts to Valley residents.
- The Project will continue to provide in-County waste disposal options for the many jurisdictions within Los Angeles County that rely currently on Chiquita Canyon Landfill for disposal services, and the many jurisdictions within Los Angeles County that rely on Chiquita Canyon Landfill for diversion credits necessary to comply with state law. Without the Project, the bulk of Chiquita Canyon Landfill's current customers would be forced to find an alternative disposal site outside of Los Angeles County because in-County disposal and diversion options are severely limited due to the closure of Puente Hills Landfill and current permitting restrictions for other in-County landfills. The hauling of waste to more distant landfills would increase truck traffic and emissions.
- The Project will support the local economy by providing approximately 25 new jobs, in addition to maintaining current employees. Without the Project, many long-term and second-generation employees would be laid off, placing a severe hardship on their families.
- The Project will generate increased tax revenues that will help fund important public services in the community. The County receives more than \$5.5 million in taxes and fees

from Chiquita Canyon Landfill each year and would be expected to receive even more with the expansion authorized by the Project.

- The Project will assist the County and other jurisdictions within the County in providing trash collection services at a reasonable price to County residents. Without the Project, demand for in-County landfill services would rise while the supply would shrink, thereby increasing prices.
- The Project will extend the useful life of the landfill gas-to-energy plant on-site, which provides an important source of green energy approximately equivalent to the amount of power needed for nearly 7,000 homes.
- By providing land for a potential future conversion technology facility, the Project assists the County in its plans to encourage the development of commercial-scale conversion technologies within the County.
- By designing and constructing a household hazardous waste collection facility for the County, the Project assists the County with its goal of providing new permanent household hazardous waste collection centers for County residents, as outlined in the County's Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future plan.



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January 24, 2017

Iris Chi, Planner
Department of Regional Planning
Zoning Permits Section
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Chi:

OAK TREE PERMIT NUMBER 2015-00007
PROJECT NUMBER R2004-00559-(5)
29201 HENRY MAYO DRIVE, CASTAIC

We have reviewed the "Request for Oak Tree Permit #2015-00007." The project is located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive in the unincorporated area of Castaic. The Oak Tree Report is accurate and complete as to the location, size, condition and species of the Oak trees on the site. The term "Oak Tree Report" refers to the document on file by sb horticulture, the consulting arborist, dated June 6, 2014.

We recommend the following as conditions of approval:

OAK TREE PERMIT REQUIREMENTS:

1. This grant shall not be effective until the permittee and the owner of the property involved (if other than the permittee), have filed at the office of the Department of Regional Planning their affidavit stating that they are aware of and agree to accept all conditions of this grant. Unless otherwise apparent from the context, the term "permittee" shall include the applicant and any other person, corporation or other entity making use of this grant.
2. The permittee shall, prior to commencement of the use authorized by this grant, deposit with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department a sum of \$300. Such fees shall be used to compensate the County Forester \$100 per inspection to cover expenses incurred while inspecting the project to determine the permittee's compliance with the conditions of

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approval. The above fees provide for one (1) initial inspection prior to the commencement of construction and two (2) subsequent inspections until the conditions of approval have been met. The Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester shall retain the right to make regular and unannounced site inspections.

3. Before commencing work authorized or required by this grant, the consulting arborist shall submit a letter to the Director of Regional Planning and the County of Los Angeles Fire Department's Forestry Division stating that he or she has been retained by the permittee to perform or supervise the work, and that he or she agrees to report to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester, any failure to fully comply with the conditions of the grant. The arborist shall also submit a written report on permit compliance upon completion of the work required by this grant. The report shall include a diagram showing the exact number and location of all mitigation trees planted as well as planting dates.
4. The permittee shall arrange for the consulting arborist or a similarly qualified person to maintain all remaining Oak trees on the subject property that are within the zone of impact as determined by the County Forester for the life of the Oak Tree Permit or the Conditional Use Permit.
5. The permittee shall install temporary chainlink fencing, not less than four (4) feet in height, to secure the protected zone of all remaining Oak trees on site as necessary. The fencing shall be installed prior to grading or tree removal, and shall not be removed without approval of the County Forester. The term "protected zone" refers to the area extending five (5) feet beyond the dripline of the Oak tree (before pruning), or fifteen (15) feet from the trunk, whichever is greater.
6. Copies of the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval shall be kept on the project site and available for review. All individuals associated with the project as it relates to the Oak resource shall be familiar with the Oak Tree Report, Oak tree map, mitigation planting plan and conditions of approval.

PERMITTED OAK TREE REMOVAL:

7. This grant allows the removal of four trees the Oak genus, three (3) (*Quercus agrifolia*) and one (1) *Quercus lobata* identified as Tree Number 1, 2, 3, and 89 on the applicant's site plan and Oak Tree Report. Trenching, excavation, or clearance of vegetation within the protected zone of an Oak tree shall be accomplished by the use of hand tools or small hand-held power tools. Any major roots encountered shall be conserved and treated as recommended by the consulting arborist.
8. In addition to the work expressly allowed by this permit, remedial pruning intended to ensure the continued health of a protected Oak tree or to improve its appearance or structure may be performed. Such pruning shall include the removal of deadwood and stubs and medium pruning of branches two-inches in diameter or less in accordance with the guidelines published by the National Arborist Association. Copies of these guidelines

are available from the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. In no case shall more than 20% of the tree canopy of any one tree be removed.

9. Except as otherwise expressly authorized by this grant, the remaining Oak trees shall be maintained in accordance with the principles set forth in the publication, "Oak Trees: Care and Maintenance," prepared by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division. A copy of the publication is enclosed with these conditions.

MITIGATION TREES:

10. The permittee shall provide mitigation trees of the Oak genus at a rate of two to one (2:1) for each tree removed, Six (6) Quercus agrifolia, and two (2) Quercus lobata, for a total of eight (8) mitigation trees.
11. Each mitigation tree shall be at least a 15-gallon specimen in size and measure one (1) inch or more in diameter one (1) foot above the base. Free form trees with multiple stems are permissible provided the combined diameter of the two (2) largest stems of such trees measure a minimum of one (1) inch in diameter one (1) foot above the base.
12. Mitigation trees shall consist of indigenous varieties of Quercus agrifolia and Quercus lobata, grown from a local seed source.
13. Mitigation trees shall be planted within one (1) year of the permitted Oak tree removals. Mitigation trees shall be planted either on site or at an off-site location approved by the County Forester. Alternatively, a contribution to the County of Los Angeles Oak Forest Special Fund may be made in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource loss. The contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."
14. The permittee shall properly maintain each mitigation tree and shall replace any tree failing to survive due to a lack of proper care and maintenance with a tree meeting the specifications set forth above. The two-year maintenance period will begin upon receipt of a letter from the permittee or consulting arborist to the Director of Regional Planning and the County Forester, indicating that the mitigation trees have been planted. The maintenance period of the trees failing to survive two (2) years will start anew with the new replacement trees. Subsequently, additional monitoring fees shall be required.
15. All mitigation Oak trees planted as a condition of this permit shall be protected in perpetuity by the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance once they have survived the required maintenance period.

NON-PERMITTED ACTIONS AND VIOLATIONS:

16. Encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site is prohibited.
17. Should encroachment within the protected zone of any additional tree of the Oak genus on the project site not permitted by this grant result in its injury or death within two (2) years, the permittee shall be required to make a contribution to the Los Angeles County Oak Forest Special Fund in the amount equivalent to the Oak resource damage/loss. Said contribution shall be calculated by the consulting arborist and approved by the County Forester according to the most current edition of the International Society of Arboriculture's "Guide for Plant Appraisal."
18. No planting or irrigation system shall be installed within the dripline of any Oak tree that will be retained.
19. Utility trenches shall not be routed within the protected zone of an Oak tree unless the serving utility requires such locations.
20. Equipment, materials and vehicles shall not be stored, parked, or operated within the protected zone of any Oak tree. No temporary structures shall be placed within the protected zone of any Oak tree.
21. Violations of the conditions of this grant shall result in immediate work stoppage or in a notice of correction depending on the nature of the violation. A time frame within which deficiencies must be corrected will be indicated on the notice of correction.
22. Should any future inspection disclose that the subject property is being used in violation of any one of the conditions of this grant, the permittee shall be held financially responsible and shall reimburse the County of Los Angeles Fire Department, Forestry Division, for all enforcement efforts necessary to bring the subject property into compliance.

To schedule a County Forester inspection, please contact the Environmental Review Unit at (818) 890-5719.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office at (818) 890-5758.

Very truly yours,


J. LOPEZ, ASSISTANT CHIEF, FORESTRY DIVISION
PREVENTION SERVICES BUREAU

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Enclosure



MARK PESTRELLA, Acting Director

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February 1, 2017

IN REPLY PLEASE
REFER TO FILE **EP-5**

TO: Sam Dea
Department of Regional Planning

Attention Richard Claghorn

FROM: Daniel J. Lafferty 
Department of Public Works

**CHIKUITA CANYON LANDFILL MASTER PLAN REVISION
PLAN TYPE: PERMITS AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
PROJECT NO. R2004-00559-(5)
29201 HENRY MAYO DRIVE, CASTAIC, CALIFORNIA, 91384**

Thank you for the opportunity to review the permit application and the draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision dated July 10, 2014, and the subsequently revised DEIR chapters released on November 10, 2016.

The proposed project, located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic, California, 91384, consists of increasing the permitted daily disposal limit from 6,000 to 12,000 tons per day; increasing the permitted weekly disposal limit from 30,000 to 60,000 tons per week; increasing the disposal footprint laterally by 143 acres; increasing the maximum elevation by 143 feet; and relocating the site entrance from Henry Mayo Drive (SR-126) to Wolcott Way. The DEIR indicates this Project would extend the Landfill's life by an additional 21 to 38 years depending upon the daily disposal rate. The Project also provides for the development of an on-site household hazardous waste collection facility and an open mixed organics composting operation as well as sets aside a 5-acre site for the potential development of a conversion technology facility.

- ☒ Public Works recommends that this Conditions of Approval dated January 26, 2017, and discussed on January 25, 2017, be applied to the Project if ultimately approved by the Regional Planning Commission.
- ☐ Public Works does not recommend approval of this Conditions of Approval.
- ☐ Public Works has comments on the submitted documents; therefore, a Public Hearing is **NOT** recommended to be scheduled until the comments have been addressed.

Sam Dea
February 1, 2017
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For questions regarding Environmental Programs Division, Landfills Section, please contact Martin Aiyetiwa at (626) 458-3521 or maiye@dpw.lacounty.gov.

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PROJECT: R2004-00559

MAP DATE: 05/01/2015

LOCATION: 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Castaic

PLANNER: Richard Claghorn

REVISED CONDITIONS: Supersedes Fire Dept. Conditions Dated 08/26/2014

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS THAT THIS PROJECT NOT TO BE APPROVED AT THIS TIME AND NOT TO PROCEED WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING PROCESS. THIS RECOMMENDATION MAYBE CHANGED WHEN ITEMS BELOW HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT - CORRECTIONS

1. Access Requirements for the new landfill entrance road, new entrance to the facilities area, the new site entrance and access to proposed and existing buildings/ structures.
 - a. The Fire Apparatus Access Road shall be cross-hatch on the site plan, and the width shall be clearly noted.
 - b. Provide a minimum unobstructed width of 26 feet, exclusive of shoulders and an unobstructed vertical clearance "clear to sky" Fire Department vehicular access to within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building.
 - c. If the Fire Apparatus Access Road is separated by an island, provide a minimum unobstructed width of 20 feet on each side of the island.
 - d. Fire Apparatus Access Road shall be provided with a 32 foot centerline turning radius.
 - e. A minimum 5 foot wide approved firefighter access walkway leading from the fire department access road to all required openings in the building's exterior walls shall be provided for firefighting and rescue purposes.
2. Indicate the location of all existing public and on-site fire hydrants. Verify the location, and flow test all existing public fire hydrants within the lot frontage of the site.

Reviewed by: Wally Collins

Date: January 12, 2017



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3. The required fire flow for the public fire hydrants and on-site fire hydrants will be addressed with the submittal of the revised site plan. Provide the following information to determine the exact fire flow (and access width) for this project for each proposed and existing building on-site: the square footage, the number of stories and height, and the type of construction.
 4. This property is located within the area described by the Fire Department as "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone" (formerly Fire Zone 4). A preliminary "Fuel Modification Plan" shall be submitted and approved prior to clearance to proceed to public hearing.
 5. The proposed expansion of the "landfill" area shall comply with Fire Department's Regulation 10 – Combustible Waste Sites. The requirements are listed within this response letter.

Submittals to the Fire Department:

1. Submit a minimum of four copies of the engineer scale site plan indicating the new landfill entrance road, new entrance to the facilities area, the new site entrance and access to proposed and existing buildings/ structures to determine specific Fire Department requirements. Additional access requirements may need to be addressed. Indicate all existing fire hydrants on the site plan.
2. Provide gate detail prior to clearance for public hearing. The gated entrance design with a single access point (ingress and egress) shall provide for a minimum width of 26 feet, clear-to-sky, with all gate hardware is clear of the access way.
3. Submit the completed original copy of the Fire Flow Availability Form (Form 196). The fire flow data shall be submitted to the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Land Development Unit prior to the issuance for clearance to proceed to public hearing. A fire hydrant upgrade is not necessary if existing hydrant(s) meet(s) fire flow requirements.

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CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL - ACCESS

1. The site plan as submitted does not meet current Fire Department requirements for access.
2. Fire Apparatus Access Road must be installed and maintained in a serviceable manner prior to and during the time of construction. Fire Code 501.4
3. All fire lanes shall be clear of all encroachments, and shall be maintained in accordance with the Title 32, County of Los Angeles Fire Code.
4. The Fire Apparatus Access Roads and designated fire lanes shall be measured from flow line to flow line.
5. Provide a minimum unobstructed width of 26 feet, exclusive of shoulders and an unobstructed vertical clearance "clear to sky" Fire Apparatus Access Road to within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building. Fire Code 503.1.1 & 503.2.2
6. If the Fire Apparatus Access Road is separated by island, provide a minimum unobstructed width of 20 feet, exclusive of shoulders and an unobstructed vertical clearance "clear to sky" Fire Department vehicular access to within 150 feet of all portions of the exterior walls of the first story of the building, as measured by an approved route around the exterior of the building. Fire Code 503.1.1 & 503.2.2
7. The dimensions of the approved Fire Apparatus Access Roads shall be maintained as originally approved by the fire code official. Fire Code 503.2.2.1
8. Dead-end Fire Apparatus Access Roads in excess of 150 feet in length shall be provided with an approved Fire Department turnaround. Fire Code 503.2.5
9. Fire Apparatus Access Roads shall be provided with a 32 foot centerline turning radius. Fire Code 503.2.4

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10. A minimum 5 foot wide approved firefighter access walkway leading from the fire department access road to all required openings in the building's exterior walls shall be provided for firefighting and rescue purposes. Fire Code 504.1
 11. Fire Apparatus Access Roads shall not be obstructed in any manner, including by the parking of vehicles, or the use of traffic calming devices, including but not limited to, speed bumps or speed humps. The minimum widths and clearances established in Section 503.2.1 shall be maintained at all times. Fire Code 503.4
 12. Traffic Calming Devices, including but not limited to, speed bumps and speed humps, shall be prohibited unless approved by the fire code official. Fire Code 503.4.1
 13. Security barriers, visual screen barriers or other obstructions shall not be installed on the roof of any building in such a manner as to obstruct firefighter access or egress in the event of fire or other emergency. Parapets shall not exceed 48 inches from the top of the parapet to the roof surface on more than two sides. Fire Code 504.5
 14. Approved building address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification shall be provided and maintained so as to be plainly visible and legible from the street fronting the property. The numbers shall contrast with their background, be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters, and be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch. Fire Code 505.1
 15. Gate Requirements:
 - a. When security gates are provided, maintain a minimum access width of 26 feet. The security gate shall be provided with an approved means of emergency operation, and shall be maintained operational at all times and replaced or repaired when defective. Electric gate operators, where provided, shall be listed in accordance with UL 325. Gates intended for automatic operation shall be designed, constructed and installed to comply with the requirements of ASTM F220. Gates shall be of the swinging or sliding type. Construction of gates shall be of materials that allow manual operation by one person. Fire Code 503.6

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- b. The keypad location shall be located a minimum of 50 feet from the public right-of-way.
 - c. Provide a minimum 32-foot turning radius beyond the keypad, prior to the gate entrance at a minimum width of 20' for turnaround purposes.
 - d. Gated entrance design with separate access gates for ingress and egress shall provide minimum width of 20 feet, clear-to-sky, for each side.
 - e. All locking devices shall comply with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Regulation 5, Compliance for Installation of Emergency Access Devices.

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL – WATER

- 1. All fire hydrants shall measure 6"x 4"x 2-1/2" brass or bronze, conforming to current AWWA standard C503 or approved equal, and shall be installed in accordance with the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Regulation 8.
- 2. All required PUBLIC fire hydrants shall be installed, tested and accepted prior to beginning construction. Fire Code 501.4
- 3. All private on-site fire hydrants shall be installed, tested and approved prior to building occupancy. Fire Code 901.5.1
 - a. Plans showing underground piping for private on-site fire hydrants shall be submitted to the Sprinkler Plan Check Unit for review and approval prior to installation. Fire Code 901.2 & County of Los Angeles Fire Department Regulation 7
 - b. All on-site fire hydrants shall be installed a minimum of 25' feet from a structure or protected by a two (2) hour rated firewall. Exception: For fully sprinkled multi-family structures, on-site hydrants may be installed a minimum of 10 feet from the structure. Fire Code Appendix C106

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Date: January 12, 2017



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4. The required fire flow for the public fire hydrants and private on-site fire hydrants for this project is **To Be Determined** gpm at 20 psi residual pressure for **To Be Determined** hours. **To Be Determine** public fire hydrant(s) flowing simultaneously may be used to achieve the required fire flow. Fire Code 507.3 & Appendix B105.1

**CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ACCESS- LANDFILL
(Fire Department Regulation 10)**

1. Approved access roads shall be provided and maintained at all times around the dumping areas, and all existing and proposed buildings to access for firefighting equipment as addressed in the Fire Code Section 503.
2. Fire Apparatus Access Roads shall have an unobstructed width not less than 20 feet and an unobstructed vertical clearance clear to the sky.
3. Fire Apparatus Access Road widths may be increased, in the opinion of the chief, when the widths are not adequate enough to provide fire apparatus access. The increase in the fire apparatus access road width may be applied for future buildings.
4. Entrances to roads, trails or other access ways that have been closed with gates and barriers shall not be obstructed by parked vehicles.
5. Weeds, grass and combustible vegetation shall be removed for a distance of 10 feet on both sides of all access roads by rubbish trucks or the public.

Additional Landfill Requirements:

1. A firebreak or clearance of all dry weeds and grass shall be provided around the dumping areas. Secondary firebreaks, as required by the Fire Department, shall be provided and maintained in order to prevent the spread of the fire beyond the dump facility. The secondary firebreaks shall be not less than 60 feet in width.

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2. The property shall be adequately fenced to prevent entry of unauthorized persons, and gates shall be locked at all times when the facility is not supervised. An attendant shall be on duty when the site is open to the public.
3. **"NO SMOKING"** signs shall be posted on the facility and at all entrances to the facility. Smoking regulations, as required by this Department, will be strictly enforced.
4. Dumping operations shall be carried on in such a manner as to minimize the possibility of fires occurring in the waste material. The waste material which is dumped on the premises shall be immediately mixed with earth, and under no circumstances shall any exposed surface or face of combustible materials be left uncovered at the close of daily operations.
5. Any fire which occurs on the premises shall be reported immediately to the Fire Department and it shall be the responsibility of the operator to immediately extinguish any such fire. A telephone shall be installed for the purpose of notifying the Fire Department in case of fire.
6. Provisions shall be made to control or prevent the blowing of papers or other combustibles water materials into the brush or outside the established dumping areas. The premises shall be kept free of any accumulations of waste combustible materials, which might constitute a fire menace.

**WATER SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS – LANDFILL
(Fire Department Regulation 10)**

1. A water supply shall be provided which meets the Fire Department standards as determined by the Land Development Unit of the Fire Prevention Division.
2. Adequate on-site fire hydrants shall be required per Fire Department standards. The future expansion of the facility should be considered when determining the size and placement of water mains and hydrants.

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3. A Class II Standpipe System shall be provided and located within 200 feet of dumping operations and shall have sufficient 1½ -inch hose with a variable-fog nozzle to reach all portions of such operations.
4. In lieu of a Class II standpipe system, the use of water tender trucks may be permitted, provided each truck is equipped with 2½-inch outlets for fire department use.

FUEL MODIFICATION

1. This property is located within the area described by the Fire Department as the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone. A "Preliminary Fuel Modification Plan" shall be submitted and approved prior to public hearing. For details, please contact the Department's Fuel Modification Unit which is located at Fire Station 32, 605 North Angeleno Avenue in the City of Azusa CA 91702-2904. They may be reached at (626) 969-5205.

For any questions regarding the report, please contact FPEA Wally Collins at (323) 890-4243 or at Wally.Collins@fire.lacounty.gov.



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TO: Richard Claghorn
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FROM: Michelle Tsiebos, REHS, MPA, DPA M.T.
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Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT: CUP CONSULTATION
PROJECT NO. R2004-00559
Chiquita Canyon Landfill
29201 Henry Mayo Drive, Valencia**

- ☐ Public Health recommends approval of this CUP.
☒ Public Health does **NOT** recommend approval of this CUP.

The Department of Public Health has reviewed the information provided for the project identified above. The project proposal is to provide additional disposal capacity to help meet the critical waste management needs of the greater Los Angeles area. Prior to the Department clearing this project for public hearing, the items listed below need to be addressed.

Solid Waste Program

The Solid Waste Management Program acting as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) for Chiquita Canyon Landfill recommends approval of the CUP contingent upon the items in the LEA's CEQA comment letter on the Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report dated 1/9/17 being adequately addressed.

Should you have any questions or comments regarding the above statement, please feel free to contact Jeanne Biehler at 626 430-5540 or at jbiehler@ph.lacounty.gov.

Drinking Water Program

The Drinking Water Program cannot recommend approval of this CUP until the following requirement has been satisfactorily fulfilled:

On September 29, 2015 the Drinking Water Program submitted comments in regard to the CUP Consultation. The following report will reflect information provided pertinent to the past consultation and the present consultation.

Per the September 29 2015 CUP Consultation: If the intent remains to acquire a potable water service connection from the Valencia Water Company,

- Provide a signed will serve letter from the Valencia Water Company that guarantees an uninterrupted supply of potable water to this program for assessment.

The current information provided for the Permit Consultation denotes water to be provided by private wells.

- Provide the construction details of the well(s) in addition to the California State Well Drillers Completion Report(s) for each well. Each well(s) shall be in conformance with the California State Well Standards.
- Indicate well locations and distribution/plumbing system layout in a scaled map form that exhibits well locations, valves, taps, pumps, booster pumps, pressure gauging, backflow valving, reservoirs, building connections, dust control irrigation, vegetation irrigation and treatment-disinfection facilities where applicable. Also provide material detail or schedule for the above mentioned system components.
- Provide information or analysis of the California State Title 22 Code of Regulation regarding Primary and Secondary Drinking Water Standards.
- Provide daily employee, consultant, visitor, customer, contractor, user of the entire facility population numbers.
- Provide the number of buildings that require water service whether for sanitary or potable purpose.

For questions regarding the above requirements, please contact Vincent Gallegos or Lusi Mkhitarian at (626) 430-5420 or e-mail vgallegos@ph.lacounty.gov or lmkhitarian@ph.lacounty.gov.

Land Use Program

The Land Use Program cannot recommend approval of this CUP until the following requirements have been satisfactorily fulfilled:

The Onsite Waste Treatment System (OWTS) serving the sanitary facilities at the landfill office will remain on the project site. Therefore, the applicant shall demonstrate to the satisfaction of Public Health that the existing Onsite Wastewater Treatment System (OWTS) is functional and in good repair. The applicant shall submit to Public Health's Land Use Program, for review and approval, a certified inspection report prepared by a qualified professional attesting to the functionality of the OWTS. The inspection report shall be prepared in conformance with the Public Health's guidelines. As part of demonstrating system competency, the system components including septic tank, plumbing lines, distribution boxes and dispersal systems (leach lines or seepage pits) shall

be inspected and tested by the qualified professional. The applicant/qualified professional is advised to contact the Land Use Program prior to conducting any tests.

Notes:

1. Systems that cannot be certified shall be abandoned, and a complete feasibility report for the installation of a new OWTS shall be submitted to the Land Use Program for review and approval.
2. Future development of building(s) shall be subject to the following requirements:
 - a. A report to determine the feasibility of installing onsite wastewater treatment systems (OWTS) for the new proposed facilities shall be submitted to the DPH's Land Use Program for review and approval. The report shall be prepared in compliance with DPH's "Conventional and Non-Conventional Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems – Requirements and Procedures" dated July 2016. The guideline is available on-line at http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/eh/docs/ep_lu_OWTS_procedures.pdf
 - b. The report shall consist of a soil profile excavation, exploratory boring to determine historic and seasonal high groundwater mark and presence of subsurface water, and percolation testing to confirm that the soil on the property can support the use of OWTS. Testing shall be conducted in an area likely to be utilized as a disposal field.
 - c. The design and installation of OWTS shall conform to the requirements of this Department and other applicable regulatory agencies. The applicant shall contact the Regional Water Quality Control Board and file necessary document for Waste Discharge Requirement permit in order to obtain authorization before proceeding with additional OWTS.
 - d. Note: If a public sewer connection is available within 200 feet any part of the proposed building or exterior drainage, all future drainage and piping shall be connected to such public sewer.
3. The Program authorizes the use of portable toilets on-site at CCL away from the main permanent facilities considering the waste disposal field as a continued construction site. Current permanent facilities must maintain their permanent restrooms, and future permanent facilities must provide permanent restrooms as well.

For questions regarding the above section, please contact Michelle Tsiebos or Vicente Banada at (626) 430-5380 or e-mail mtsiebos@ph.lacounty.gov or vbanada@ph.lacounty.gov.

Toxics Epidemiology Program

The Toxics Epidemiology Program recommends approval of this CUP with the following recommendations and requirements:

Staff from Toxics Epidemiology Program has reviewed the documents and plans provided by the applicant. The following comments are presented after the site visit was conducted:

Noise

The noise that will be generated during construction, according to the environmental assessment section of the Initial Study, will not generate any significant impacts on the surrounding sensitive land use. No operational noise impacts are expected. We agree with the initial assessment.

Air Quality

Regarding fugitive dust emissions it is recommended that during the operational phase of the project, dust suppression engineering techniques be applied in order to minimize temporary increase in dust air emissions. Fugitive dust can result in public exposure to fungal spores such as *Coccidioides immitis*, which can cause Coccidioidomycosis (Valley Fever).

Additional odor mitigation measures should be investigated. Public Health classifies odor complaints as having significant negative health impacts on the public, that is to say that odor is more than a nuisance.

For questions regarding the above section, please contact Robert Vasquez or Evenor Masis at (213) 738-3220 or at rvasquez@ph.lacounty.gov and emasis@ph.lacounty.gov.

For any other questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (626) 430-5380 or at mtsiebos@ph.lacounty.gov.



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**SUBJECT: PARTIALLY RECIRCULATED DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL (SCH 2005081071)**

Dear Mr. Claghorn:

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Solid Waste Management Program, acting as Local Enforcement Agency (LEA), appreciates the opportunity to review and provide comments on the Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Master Plan Revision – Partially Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (PR-DEIR).

Scope of the PR-DEIR

A Draft Environmental Impact Report for Chiquita Canyon Landfill was released for public review and circulated in 2014. With the release of this PR-DEIR (dated November 9, 2016), the lead agency is requesting that reviewers limit comments to the content of the revised/recirculated portions only.

The PR-DEIR includes the following revised/recirculated chapters/sections:

ES – Executive Summary
1 – Introduction
2 – Project Description
8 – Biological Resources
11 – Air Quality
12 – Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change
18 – Project Alternatives
Supplements – Visual Resources, Traffic Supplement
Appendixes – (E) Biological Resources, (H) Air Quality

Tables & Figures in chapters/sections ES, 1, 2, 8, 11, 12, 18

Proposed Project Description

Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) is proposing the following:

1. To develop a new landfill entrance and relocate existing support facilities.
2. To provide a lateral and vertical expansion of the landfill's disposal area. This involves increasing the waste (disposal) footprint by 143 acres (from 257 to 400 acres) within the existing site boundary (specified as 639 acres), and increasing the maximum elevation from 1430 feet mean sea level (MSL) to 1573 feet MSL. This increase would modify the final landfill topography. *See comments, below.*
3. To increase allowable tonnage from 6000 tons per day (TPD) to 12,000 TPD, and from 30,000 tons per week (TPW) to 60,000 TPW. *See comments, below.*
4. To operate a mixed organics processing/composting operation on-site with an allowable tonnage of 560 TPD. The proposed new operation would add pre- and post-consumer food waste as a feedstock. (The site has pre-existing approval to operate a *green waste* composting operation on-site, but is not currently operating the facility.) *See comment, below.*
5. To allow the receipt and disposal of all non-hazardous solid wastes acceptable at a Class III solid waste landfill, exclusive of sludge.
6. To allow continued acceptance of beneficial reuse material. *See comments, below.*
7. To expand on-site environmental control systems as needed to accommodate additional disposal tonnages and volume.
8. To develop a household hazardous waste facility (HHWF).
9. To set aside land for a future waste conversion technology facility.

General Comments

GC-1 – Total Throughput Tonnage for the Proposed Project (PP), and Peak Maximum Tonnages for Disposal, Beneficial Reuse, Mixed Organics Processing/Composting, and Soil/Contaminated Soil.

A revision to the Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) issued by the LEA and concurred with by California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) must be obtained for the proposed project.

Any Revised Solid Waste Facility Permit (R-SWFP) issued for the proposed project will specify a (cumulative) *total throughput tonnage* for the entire site inclusive of the following:

- All in-bound tonnages for the mixed organics processing/composting facility.
- All in-bound tonnages for the landfill inclusive of all solid waste materials for disposal, solid waste materials for beneficial reuse, and both clean and/or contaminated soil imported for onsite use.

In addition, peak maximum tonnages for each of the aforementioned material categories will be specified on the R-SWFP. As such, PR-DEIR should clearly delineate the maximum tonnages analyzed for each.

The proposed analyzed tonnage maximum for all inbound materials need to be clarified throughout the PR-DEIR.

GC-2 – Proposed Peak Maximum Tonnage for Beneficial Reuse.

As stated above in comment GC-1, the R-SWFP will specify a peak maximum tonnage of solid waste for beneficial reuse. As currently written in the PR-DEIR, depending on interpretation, proposed analyzed tonnage maximum for beneficial reuse material to be received (total) could be limited to either 2358 TPD, 622 TPD, or another unspecified amount.

Table 1-2 shows the proposed project (PP) tonnage of 13,182 TPD for all inbound material. The footnote states that the PP is the sum of the operational baseline 6,622 TPD – which according to Table 1-1 is comprised of waste disposed (4,264 TPD) and beneficial reuse material (2,358 TPD) – with the addition of 6,000 TPD of *waste to be disposed* and 560 TPD of mixed organics material. However, the column on the far left-hand side is entitled “Disposal Materials and Beneficial Reuse Materials.” Should the 6,000 TPD of waste be considered as an amount for *waste to be disposed* (only), as stated in the footnote, or does it allow for both waste and beneficial reuse materials (as stated in the column title) up to 6,000 TPD? Depending on how this is interpreted, the proposed analyzed tonnage maximum for beneficial reuse material receipt could be limited to 2,358 TPD (total) or could be 2,358 TPD plus an unspecified portion of the project’s additional 6,000 TPD of waste.

Table 1-4 shows in “Rate of All Inbound Material to Be Received” 6,622 TPD for the baseline and 13,182 TPD for the PP. However, it also states in “Rate of Wastes to Be Received” 6,000 permitted TPD for the baseline and 12,000 permitted TPD for the PP. Does the category “Rate of Wastes to be Received” include beneficial reuse materials to be received, or does it refer only to wastes received for disposal. Depending on how this is interpreted, the proposed analyzed tonnage maximum for beneficial reuse material receipt could be limited to 2,358 TPD or could be limited to as little as 622 TPD. (It should be noted, as well, that the summary table and “Detailed Descriptions” in Section 2.2.4.1 “Wastes to be Disposed” does again indicate that 12,000 permitted TPD under the project does not include beneficial use materials.)

Text in Section 2.2.4.3 “All Inbound Material” states that the PP will increase the rate of all inbound material over the current operational baseline, and that all inbound material consists of waste to be disposed, mixed organics composting material, and beneficial use material. However, Table 2-2 shows “Waste to be Disposed” at 6,000 TPD with “Material to be Diverted from Disposal” at 0 TPD.

GC-3 – Apparent Lack of Increased Beneficial Reuse Material

As stated above, there are discrepancies in the specified (or inferred) amount of beneficial reuse material to be received under the proposed project. However, some of the information in the PR-DEIR does seem to indicate that there is no anticipated increase in the amount of beneficial reuse material to be received for the PP. In fact, Table 18-1, which examines various totals for the PP and two alternative projects (Alt B and Alt C), shows the same beneficial reuse material rates for all projects, 14,148 tons per week (which calculates to 2,358 TPD, the same as the baseline amount shown in Table 1-1). In addition, Table 2-2 clearly shows no increase in TPD of "Material to be Diverted from Disposal." Please clarify why additional beneficial reuse materials would not be utilized for additional waste received for disposal at CCL.

GC-4 – Characterization of Beneficial Reuse and Diverted Materials

The PR-DEIR specifies (Section 1.7.2, and 2.2.3.3) that beneficial reuse refers to solid waste materials, contaminated soil, as well as (imported) clean soil used beneficially on-site.

Neither clean soil nor contaminated soil used "beneficially" onsite can be considered a beneficially reused solid waste material, nor considered a diverted material. Relevant regulations are summarized below:

- 27 CCR 20680 states that earthen material shall include contaminated soil.
- 27 CCR 20686 "Beneficial Reuse" discusses the use of solid waste materials for beneficial use onsite at a solid waste facility. Soil and/or contaminated soil (suitable for use onsite) is not a solid waste material.
- 14 CCR 18801.1
 - (a) & (b) ADC & AIC do not include the use of clean or contaminated soil.
 - (c) Beneficial reuse does not include the use of clean or contaminated soil.
 - (d) Clean and contaminated soil used as cover or for other beneficial reuse do not count as disposal or diversion.

GC-5 – Total Site Acreage and Permitted Boundary

There is a discrepancy between total site acreage (permitted boundary) specified in the PR-DEIR (639 acres) and the current Solid Waste Facility Permit (SWFP) (592 acres). Please explain the 47 acre discrepancy or correct, as appropriate. If it is the intention of this project to expand the permitted boundary of the landfill site, this should be clearly stated, and associated impacts analyzed.

Comments – Chapter 1 – Introduction

1.5, text and Table 1-1 and Chart 1-1: Please refer to comments GC-1 and GC-2, above.

1.6.1, Table 1-2: Please refer to comments GC-1 and GC-2, above.

1.6.3, Table 1-4:

- “Type of Material to be Received”:
 - The receipt of separated organics for processing/composting is proposed. *This is a change* from the receipt of (current permitted) green waste (only) materials for composting. Organic materials separated are highly putrescible and must be managed carefully to avoid odor issues.
 - See GC-4, above. Clean soil (or contaminated soil) should not be described as a beneficial reuse material.
- “Rate of All Inbound Materials to be Received”: Please refer to comments GC-1, GC-2, and GC-3, above.
- “Landfill Operation”: Please refer to comments GC-1, GC-2, and GC-3, above.

1.7.2, text, table and chart:

- The Local Enforcement Agency is Los Angeles County Department of *Public Health*, Solid Waste Management Program.
- See GC-1, GC-2, GC-4, above. Clean and/or contaminated soil imported for onsite “beneficial” use should not be characterized (or counted) as beneficial reuse of solid waste materials, nor as diversion.
- The Chiquita Canyon Landfill Joint Technical Document (1998, revised 9/2003), the currently approved operating document for the site, describes the use of treated auto-shredder waste (TASW) and processed green material for Alternative Daily Cover (ADC). Other materials listed in Section 1.7.2 (and elsewhere in the PR-DEIR) have not been specified in the Joint Technical Document (JTD) for ADC or beneficial reuse, nor are they currently approved for use at CCL.

1.7.3, text, table, and chart: See GC-1, GC-2, and GC-3, above.

1.9.3: The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Solid Waste Management Program acting as the Local Enforcement Agency (LEA) issues the Solid Waste Facilities Permit with concurrence from CalRecycle.

Comments – Chapter 2 – Project Description

2.2.3.3, entire section:

- See GC-1, GC-2, GC-4, above.
- The Chiquita Canyon Landfill Joint Technical Document (1998, revised 9/2003), the currently approved operating document for the site, describes and specifies beneficial

reuse of solid waste materials. Only those materials specified in the JTD are currently approved for use at CCL.

- Table 2-1, under the category "Clean Soil" it states that "...there are no restrictions on the use of clean soil at CCL." The R-SWFP will specify a daily maximum inbound tonnage amount for clean and/or contaminated soil imported for onsite use. See comment GC-1, above.
- Table 2-1, Footnote 3: It is stated here that clean soil is not required to be regulated as a waste by the RWQCB or "Local Oversight Agency." Please define the term Local Oversight Agency. The R-SWFP will specify a daily maximum inbound tonnage amount for clean and/or contaminated soil imported for onsite use. See comment GC-1, above.

2.2.4.1, entire section:

- See comments GC-1, GC-2 and GC-3.
- An estimated closure date and total design capacity of the landfill will be required for the issuance of a R-SWFP.

2.2.4.3, entire section: See comments GC-1, GC-2, and GC-3 re tonnages, above.

2.2.6: Site operations under the proposed project will include the receipt and use of beneficial reuse material and the importation and use of clean/contaminated soil, and as such, should be included.

2.2.6.4: A R-SWFP issued for the proposed project will include provisions for a required load-check ratio of one load check for every 500 tons of solid waste material, or portion thereof, received at the facility during each operating day.

2.2.6.6: Will the receipt of mixed organics materials for the composting facility be limited to the same hours and days as waste receipt for (landfill) disposal? Waste receipt is limited under the current SWFP to 24 hours per day except Sunday 5 p.m. through 4 a.m. Monday.

2.2.6.9:

- RE imported soil: see comment GC-1, above.
- RE ADC materials: The Chiquita Canyon Landfill Joint Technical Document (1998, revised 9/2003), the currently approved operating document for the site, describes the use of treated auto-shredder waste (TASW) and processed green material for Alternative Daily Cover (ADC). Other materials listed have not been specified in the Joint Technical Document (JTD) for ADC, nor are they currently approved for use at CCL.

18.8, Table 18-1:

- RE Beneficial Reuse:
 - Beneficial reuse material type: See GC-4, above.
- Beneficial reuse material rate: See comment GC-3, above.
- Total Volume: Please define this category.
- Total Tonnage: Please define this category.

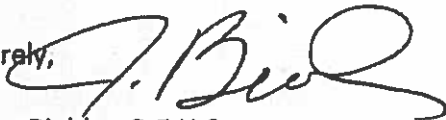
Conclusion

The LEA requests copies of any subsequent and/or related environmental documents, Notices of Determination, etc., for the proposed project. In addition, the LEA requests notification of any public hearings relative to the project at least ten days in advance. Documents/notices may be mailed to the Solid Waste Management Program address shown below, or emailed to Ms. Dorcas Hanson-Lugo, Supervisor, LEA Permitting Unit at dlugo@ph.lacounty.gov.

Again, the LEA thanks you for the opportunity to comment on this project.

Should you have any questions regarding the comments or information contained in this letter, please feel free to contact me via email at jbiehler@ph.lacounty.gov or by telephone at (626) 430-5540.

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Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision Project
Conditional Use Permit No. 200400042
Burden of Proof

Updated February 2017

This project proposes to continue and expand the existing Chiquita Canyon Landfill located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive in Castaic. Chiquita Canyon Landfill is an existing Class III (municipal solid waste) facility comprising 257 acres on a 639-acre site. The landfill has operated at this location for more than 50 years and provides vital waste disposal and diversion services to residents, businesses, and approximately 77 cities throughout Los Angeles County. It is one of the few remaining landfills in Los Angeles County with sufficient physical space remaining in the canyon for disposal to meet the continuing solid waste disposal needs of the County.

The project proposes to expand and extend the life of the landfill, to better utilize Chiquita Canyon's potential disposal capacity through the following:

- Lateral extension of the existing waste footprint to the south, north, and east;
- Increased daily waste to be disposed to a maximum limit of 12,000 tons (currently 6,000 tons);
- Increased permitted height to a maximum elevation of 1,573 feet (143-foot increase);
- Increased life of the landfill by approximately 21 to 38 years, depending on the actual disposal rate achieved;
- Acceptance of all nonhazardous wastes permitted at a Class III landfill, excluding sewage sludge;
- Development of a new household hazardous waste collection center to be operated by the County or third party contracted by the County on-site;
- Development of a mixed organics processing/composting facility on-site (composting was previously conducted and is permitted under the current conditional use permit, but the operation and permitting is limited to green waste); and
- Set-aside of land that could accommodate a waste conversion technology facility on-site in the future.

In addition, the Project proposes the following improvements:

- New entrance and support facilities to improve traffic circulation and safety;
- New design features; and
- Enhanced environmental monitoring.

I. The requested use at the location will not adversely affect the health, peace, comfort, or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area because:

A. The project continues the long-term use of the site as a landfill.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill has been in operation at its current location for over 50 years. The project would continue and expand the current use, and add other complementary activities needed by the County to support its plans for integrated solid waste management (e.g., composting, a County-operated household hazardous waste collection facility, site for a future waste conversion technology).

The County Board of Supervisors found in 1997 that the landfill is consistent and compatible with surrounding land uses. Additionally, the project is consistent with the currently applicable General Plan and zoning designations and continued and expanded landfill operations would not conflict with applicable land use criteria.

B. The landfill is appropriately located and buffered from surrounding development.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill is surrounded by steep topography and California State Route 126. To a greater extent than at most landfills, this buffers potential view, noise and odor impacts from surrounding lands. The increased surface area proposed by the project will maintain setbacks from the property line, further buffered by terrain.

Surrounding land uses include primarily open lands to the north, with the Valencia Commerce Center beyond. The United States Postal Service has a large general mail facility adjacent to the eastern edge of the landfill's property boundary and just south of the Valencia Commerce Center.

Rural residential development exists to the west and northwest of the landfill property, along Chiquito Canyon Road and in the Val Verde neighborhood. The closest residence is located approximately 500 feet from the northwest site boundary and 1,200 feet from the landfill footprint. Intervening topography prevents residential views of the operating landfill from these locations.

The property immediately west and south of the landfill is owned by Newhall Land and Farming, and it is used currently for agriculture or remains vacant. Residential and commercial development is proposed by Newhall for these lands. The approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan proposes a business park and mixed use development to the west. To the south, on the opposite side of State Route 126 and the Santa Clara River, commercial, mixed use and residential development is proposed.

Also to the west is the County Fire Department's Del Valle Training Center, which includes facilities for hazardous materials scenarios.

C. The landfill provides an essential public service; this project would enable the landfill to continue to meet the need for that service.

The County's unincorporated communities have already achieved and surpassed California's 50 percent waste diversion mandate. Nevertheless, landfill space in Los Angeles County is decreasing and approximately 4.1 million tons of waste was exported to out-of-County landfills in 2015.

There are approximately 77 jurisdictions in Los Angeles County that rely on Chiquita Canyon Landfill for disposal. Without Chiquita Canyon Landfill, communities throughout Los Angeles County would be forced to locate an alternative waste disposal site. Such alternatives may not be available within Los Angeles County, especially with the closure of Puente Hills Landfill and current permitting restrictions for other County landfills. Eliminating Chiquita Canyon Landfill as an option for these jurisdictions will decrease competition and increase costs for County residents, as well as require haul trucks to travel farther to reach their ultimate destination. Closure would also be disruptive to commercial waste haulers, and in particular, small independent commercial waste haulers who rely upon Chiquita Canyon as cost-effective local and regional disposal location within the County.

D. The project helps the County of Los Angeles achieve its sustainable waste management goals.

Increasing permitted landfill capacity within the County is a key component of the County's plans for a sustainable waste management future. The County's most recent 2015 Annual Report on the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan finds that, in order to maintain adequate disposal capacity, jurisdictions in the County must continue to pursue multiple strategies, including expanding existing landfills. The 2015 Annual Report also includes a description of the current update to the Countywide Siting Element (CSE), a component of the County General Plan covering a 15-year planning period. The current CSE revision includes the proposed expansion of two in-County Class III landfills – Chiquita Canyon and Scholl Canyon Landfills – in order to increase landfill capacities within the County.

The 2015 Annual Report specifically identifies several areas in which the expansion of Chiquita Canyon Landfill supports the waste management needs of Los Angeles County, including:

- “Expanded landfill capacity is necessary, provided it can be done in a technically feasible and environmentally safe manner.”
- “The County acknowledges that although all the scenarios assume an increase in diversion rate, there will be significant challenges in developing the processing capacity needed by the 2020 deadline. Therefore, maintaining adequate reserve (excess) capacity will be essential in ensuring that the disposal needs of the County are met throughout the 15-year planning period.”

In addition, the continued and expanded operation of Chiquita Canyon Landfill assists the County in achieving its ambitious waste diversion targets, as described in the Department of Public Works' Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future (“Roadmap”). Chiquita Canyon Landfill is actively involved in waste diversion activities, providing an important service to the

County and to cities within the County that rely on Chiquita Canyon Landfill for diversion credits necessary for these jurisdictions to comply with state law requirements for waste diversion.

The Project addresses immediate needs for increased landfill capacity, proposes a dedicated site for conversion technologies and organics processing, and includes multiple components that transform waste from a liability to a resource.

1. The project meets immediate needs for increased landfill disposal capacity.

The County of Los Angeles currently disposes of about 9.5 million tons of solid waste per year, with approximately 4.8 million tons disposed in 2015 at in-County landfills. In 2015, Chiquita Canyon Landfill met over one million tons of that demand for solid waste disposal (2015 Annual Report, pages 25 & 27). The remaining permitted capacity at in-County Class III landfills is estimated at only 114 million tons (2015 Annual Plan, page 32).

Accordingly, the County determined in its most recent 2015 Annual Report on the Integrated Waste Management Plan that jurisdictions in the County must continue to pursue multiple strategies, including expanding existing landfills.

2. The project meets immediate needs for waste diversion.

Approximately 46 jurisdictions in Los Angeles County currently rely on Chiquita Canyon Landfill for diversion credits necessary for these jurisdictions to comply with state law requirements.

3. The project will further the development of conversion technologies.

Conversion refers to a wide array of technologies capable of converting post-recycled or residual solid waste into useful products, green fuels, and renewable energy. County waste management plans encourage the development of commercial-scale conversion technologies within the County.

The Project includes a set-aside of existing unused Chiquita Canyon Landfill property for development of a potential waste conversion facility.

4. The project will establish a household hazardous waste collection center.

The County's "Roadmap" Plan provides that new permanent household hazardous waste collection centers are a high priority for County residents. Household hazardous wastes are toxic, difficult to manage, and currently not accepted at many landfills. A collection center can receive many types of household hazardous waste including but not limited to paint and solvents; used motor oil and filters; anti-freeze and other automotive fluids; cleaning products; pool and garden chemicals; aerosol cans; all medicine except controlled substances; auto batteries; and household batteries.

The Project includes a proposal to design and construct a collection center at Chiquita Canyon Landfill's expense.

E. The landfill employs an effective beneficial use program to maximize environmental compliance.

Beneficial use materials include all material diverted from disposal that is used beneficially at the landfill site. Beneficial use materials may include concrete/asphalt, asphalt grindings, processed construction and demolition material, treated auto shredder waste, shredded tires, shredded green waste, and materials recovery facility/construction and demolition fines.

Beneficial use materials may be used for a variety of landfill uses, including:

- **Concrete/Asphalt.** Concrete and asphalt are used at the landfill in both a crushed and uncrushed state. If crushed, concrete/asphalt may be used to build all-weather surfaces on-site, such as roads and tipping pads at the working face. Concrete/asphalt may also be used for landfill gas trench construction. If not crushed, concrete/asphalt may be used for erosion control and energy dissipaters, as rip-rap and check dams.
- **Processed Construction and Demolition Material.** Processed construction and demolition material is used at the landfill similarly to concrete and asphalt. Processed construction and demolition material may be used for construction of wet weather pads, road base, roads and ramps, and pipe crossings.
- **Treated Auto Shredder Waste.** Treated Auto Shredder Waste is used at the landfill as alternative daily cover, as it is an allowable use of this material, consistent with Title 27 of the California Code of Regulations.
- **Shredded Tires.** Shredded tires are used at the landfill to protect the methane gas pipeline system and as trench backfill in construction of the landfill gas system.
- **Shredded Green Waste.** Shredded green waste is used at the landfill for temporary slope stabilization, erosion control, fugitive dust control, and as alternative daily cover.
- **Materials Recovery Facility/Construction and Demolition Fines.** Materials Recovery Facility and Construction and Demolition Processing Facility fines are used at the landfill as an operations layer over the landfill liner before trash is placed on the liner, for protection of the methane gas pipes, in a variety of situations such as well raising, bench transitions, and pipe crossings. These fines may also be used as alternative daily cover.

There are significant environmental benefits, in addition to operational and safety benefits, which result from reusing these otherwise waste materials beneficially on-site.

The beneficial aspects of using these materials include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Dust control – compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 403
- Dust control – compliance with Title 14 CCR, Sections 17407.4

- Preventing track-out of mud onto State Route 126 – being a good neighbor
- Water conservation – minimizes water use consumption for dust control
- Improved air quality – avoided emissions from on-site equipment use, such as water trucks and haul trucks for cover soil
- Improved air quality – reduced landfill gas surface emissions control, compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 1150.1
- Erosion control – compliance with Regional Water Quality Control Board Order R4-2011-052
- Nuisance control- dust, odors, litter, etc.
- Safety – improved driving surfaces for customer access
- Safety – improved walking and driving surfaces for employees
- Odor control – compliance with South Coast Air Quality Management District Rule 402 and Title 14 CCR, Section 17406.2
- Litter control
- Landfill gas control – keeping system components operational thereby minimizing the risk of potential nuisances and Notices of Violation
- Sediment control – minimizing soil erosion and therefore sediment entering the on-site storm water basins

Blue Ridge Services prepared a report on the compliance benefits of beneficial use material at landfills, including Chiquita Canyon Landfill, which report is included in the Environmental Impact Report for the project.

The Blue Ridge Services report reviewed the tonnage of beneficial use materials used at Los Angeles County landfills, reviewed the history of compliance violations at Los Angeles County landfills, and correlated tons of beneficial use material to compliance violations. The report finds a correlation between the quantity of beneficial use materials used and the number of relevant Local Enforcement Agency incidents, including Areas of Concern and Notices of Violation. (Blue Ridge Services considered relevant Local Enforcement Agency incidents to be things that beneficial use would affect, such as daily cover, litter control, drainage and erosion, odor, etc.)

The Blue Ridge Services report found that for all Los Angeles County landfills reviewed, as the number of beneficial use tons increases, the number of Local Enforcement Agency incidents at that site decreases. As noted in the Blue Ridge Services report, Chiquita Canyon Landfill receives the most tons of beneficial use material and has the fewest number violations (Chiquita is the most compliant landfill in the study).

The Blue Ridge Services report concludes that there is a direct correlation between the receipt and use of beneficial use materials in sufficient quantities and improved regulatory compliance.

F. The Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project determined that the project will not have significant health impacts.

Public health concerns with the construction and operation of the landfill were analyzed in a health risk assessment included in the Draft Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project. The health risk assessment was prepared in accordance with California's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment and the South Coast Air Quality Management District guidelines, and it considered potential cancer-causing effects and potential non-cancer effects from facility emissions.

The health risk assessment was prepared in a manner that substantially overstates the risks associated with facility emissions (e.g., estimating "worst-case" pollutant emissions from the facility; estimating the levels of pollutants in air based on worst-case meteorological conditions; and estimating potential human exposure based on a hypothetical maximum exposed individual.) If there is no significant impact associated with concentrations in air at the maximum exposed individual location, it is unlikely that there would be significant impacts in any location in the vicinity of the facility. The results from the health risk assessment are then compared with stringent thresholds to determine if the risks, estimated with these very conservative methods, are considered significant. The cancer burden was predicted to be below the South Coast Air Quality Management District threshold and the health risk assessment conducted to evaluate exposure of sensitive receptors to pollutant concentrations demonstrates that the predicted impacts would be less than significant.

In addition, disease trends such as asthma, lung cancer, and leukemia, which have some potential relationships with contaminants found in landfill emissions, were analyzed to determine if the community surrounding the project site is exposed to any unique health impacts. Based on statistics collected by the Department of Public Health, asthma prevalence in the landfill's planning area is indistinguishable from asthma prevalence elsewhere in the County. Similarly, trends of leukemia and lung cancer mortality are indistinguishable between the landfill's planning area and the rest of the County.

G. The landfill employs a comprehensive odor control management program and the Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project determined that there are no significant impacts relating to odor.

During the past 14 years, under the current management, Chiquita Canyon Landfill has consistently been proactive in addressing potential odors. Chiquita focuses on preventing problems before they occur rather than reacting to problems after they occur. Chiquita can be proactive in addressing issues because its on-site management is empowered by the company to address potential odor problems immediately, in order to stay "ahead of the game". They have full authority to do whatever is needed when there is a need. Other companies do not trust the local management and require lengthy bureaucratic reviews and approvals before problems can be studied, solutions developed, and equipment or changes in policies can be put in place.

Many of the proactive control measures put in place at Chiquita Canyon Landfill have set the standard for measures at other landfills that were dictated by the regulatory agencies in response to their problems.

In 2016, on its own initiative, the landfill hired Soil/Water/Air Protection Enterprise ("SWAPE"), a nationally recognized firm specializing in odor analysis, to conduct an independent

Odor Survey at Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Three trained SWAPE odor specialists collected 2,025 sampling data points over a 25-day period in and around the landfill, including the Val Verde community. Only 5 of the 2,025 data points (only 0.2%) were potentially associated with landfill odors in Val Verde. SWAPE concluded that the landfill does not create significant odor impacts to the surrounding community.

A list of Chiquita Canyon Landfill's best management practices for odor control (many of which were industry firsts in Southern California) follows:

- **Understanding your site-specific conditions**
 - A site-specific meteorological study was commissioned over a decade ago to understand the site topography and meteorological conditions that create potential pathways for odor movement.
- **Source Control**
 - Refusing to do business with potential customers who generate highly odorous trash.
 - Rejecting trucks at the scales when there is an obvious highly odorous load.
 - If a highly odorous load passes the scales undetected at that time and is detected while unloading, protocols require that such waste be buried immediately to control odors.
- **Best Operating Practices - Disposal**
 - The size of the working face expands during the day to accommodate disposal demand peaks but then “shrinks” when demand subsides to minimize odors.
 - The “shrinking” is achieved by covering the working face regularly throughout the day as opposed to once at the end of the day.
 - The landfill routinely exceeds the State minimum standards and text book rules-of-thumb for the use of soil and other beneficial use material to cover the trash and other areas of the landfill. This is done to proactively minimize odors from fresh trash and to prevent landfill gas from escaping through the soil surface on the landfill
 - Over a mile-long perimeter misting system that “neutralizes” odors before they can migrate off-site.
 - The use of large portable fans to control the direction of air flow and to dilute odors generated at the tipping area.
- **Best Operating Practices – Landfill Gas Management**
 - Installation of landfill gas collection wells before they are needed.
 - Most landfills typically install gas collectors in response to either odor or gas monitoring exceedances.

- o Chiquita Canyon Landfill typically installs collectors 6 months to 2 years before they start collecting gas. This early installation removes the guess-work of when to install more wells. When the routine monitoring indicates an approaching need they are simply turned on, proactively controlling odors before they are detected.

Due in large part to these measures, the Draft Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project determined that the project would not have significant odor impacts. This finding was based on careful analysis of the existing odor environment and potential future odor impacts of the project.

H. The project is consistent with the County General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

The landfill property is depicted on the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Generalized Land Use and Limited H5 Districts map as Public/Semi-Public. The Public/Semi-Public planning areas are used for various types of public and community-serving facilities owned and operated by public agencies, special districts, non-profit organizations and other entities, including landfills.

The landfill property is depicted on the County's official zoning maps in the Heavy Agricultural (A-2) zone. Landfills are permitted in the A-2 zone, provided a conditional use permit is approved.

When the Board of Supervisors approved Conditional Use Permit No. 89-081-(5) in 1997, the Board found that the conditional use permit is consistent with the adopted general plan and is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the development features prescribed in the zoning ordinance.

Furthermore, the recently adopted Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan, known as "One Valley One Vision", finds that, with approved expansions, Chiquita Canyon Landfill, Antelope Valley Landfill, and Sunshine Canyon Landfill will have capacity to serve the Santa Clarita Valley beyond the year 2020. Although compatibility of landfills with adjacent development needs to be addressed and the County and City of Santa Clarita manage programs to reduce waste generation, the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan finds that diversion programs "do not eliminate the need for new landfill space" and includes Policy LU-9.1.6 to "coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure that landfill expansion needs are met while minimizing adverse impacts to Valley residents." Accordingly, approval of the proposed conditional use permit is the most efficient method to increase overall landfill capacity within the County of Los Angeles without resulting in impacts to County residents.

II. The requested use at the location will not be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site because:

Landfill operations at Chiquita Canyon Landfill have been permitted by the County since 1965, and housing, industry, and commercial land uses have continued to be built nearby. Since the most recent landfill expansion, the Valencia Commerce Center was developed and numerous other commercial, industrial, and residential developments are proposed surrounding the landfill. Many

local businesses and the local Chambers of Commerce have provided letters of support for the landfill expansion.

As part of the environmental review process for the project, RCLCO conducted a Housing Price Impact Study to evaluate residential pricing trends in Val Verde and similar surrounding areas as compared to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Statistical Area. The study compared the annual rates of change in the average price per square foot for single-family properties in the 91384 zip code located within five miles of Chiquita Canyon Landfill to the Los Angeles Metropolitan Statistical Area. The study concludes that the landfill has not impacted the rate of change in home prices in the area, and that there is no clear relationship between the landfill and changes in home prices in its surrounding residential areas. Further, the study found that from 1997 to 1999, home prices in Val Verde outpaced the Los Angeles Metropolitan Statistical Area by 21.4 to 29.6 percent, and from 2010 to 2014, home prices in Val Verde outpaced the Los Angeles Metropolitan Statistical Area by 4.4 to 17.8 percent. Only from 2005 to 2009 did home prices in Val Verde decline at a faster rate than the broader Los Angeles Metropolitan Statistical Area, by 14.4 to 30.4 percent. Based on this data, there is no basis to conclude that the Landfill has impacted surrounding area home price appreciation.

III. The requested use at the location will not jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare because:

Please see the burdens of proof provided for Section I, above, which apply equally to this Section III.

IV. The proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in Title 22 of the County Code, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate the proposed use in the surrounding area because:

The project site is 639 acres, which is sufficiently large to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features required by the Zoning Code. The project site plan complies with all required development standards required by the Zoning Code.

V. The proposed site is adequately served by highways or streets of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate because:

The current vehicular entrance and exit to the landfill is from State Route 126, a four-lane paved highway running east-west along the southern boundary of the landfill. As part of this project, Chiquita Canyon Landfill proposes to move the primary landfill access point to Wolcott Way, a paved public road. With the new entrance facility, vehicles traveling from the site will access State Route 126 via a signalized intersection. In addition, Caltrans has plans to widen State Route 126 to eight lanes in the future.

VI. The proposed site is adequately served by other public and private service facilities as are required because:

The landfill is served currently by public and private service facilities. In addition, the Environmental Impact Report for the project determined that public services are available to service the project. Private commercial land uses exist near the project site, at the Valencia Commerce Center and along The Old Road and Magic Mountain Parkway nearby.



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CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT BURDEN OF PROOF

Pursuant to Zoning Code Section 22.56.040, the applicant shall substantiate the following:

(Do not repeat the statement or provide Yes/No responses. If necessary, attach additional pages.)

A. That the requested use at the location will not:

1. Adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, or
2. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, or
3. Jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

Please see Attachment E.

B. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.

Please see Attachment E.

C. That the proposed site is adequately served:

1. By highways or streets of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and
2. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

Please see Attachment E.

Attachment E – Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision

Conditional Use Permit Burden of Proof

Pursuant to Zoning Code Section 22.56.040, the applicant shall substantiate the following:

- A. That the requested use at the location will not:
1. Adversely affect the health, peace, comfort or welfare of persons residing or working in the surrounding area, or
 2. Be materially detrimental to the use, enjoyment or valuation of property of other persons located in the vicinity of the site, or
 3. Jeopardize, endanger or otherwise constitute a menace to the public health, safety or general welfare.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill has been in operation at its present location since 1972. An EIR was certified for the site in 1996. The landfill operates under a Conditional Use Permit issued by the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. Other permitting agencies include the Los Angeles County Health Department as the local enforcement agency for the California Integrated Waste Management Board, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. Permit conditions as required by these agencies ensure that the landfill will continue to operate in a safe and environmentally responsible manner. CCL employs a variety of environmental control features, including groundwater monitoring, leachate monitoring, surface water monitoring, air and landfill gas monitoring, and nuisance and health hazard monitoring. These monitoring systems are designed to protect employees working at the site and persons residing in the surrounding area and to protect public health. The environmental control features utilized at CCL, in addition to natural topography that results in a ridgeline between the site and persons that currently reside in the vicinity, ensure that the continued operation of CCL will not be detrimental to the use, enjoyment, or valuation of property in the vicinity of the site.

- B. That the proposed site is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the yards, walls, fences, parking and loading facilities, landscaping and other development features prescribed in this Title 22, or as is otherwise required in order to integrate said use with the uses in the surrounding area.

The proposed site plan for the continued operation of CCL takes into account all needed setbacks from the property line as required by existing local and state regulations.

- C. That the proposed site is adequately served:

1. By highways or streets of sufficient width, and improved as necessary to carry the kind and quantity of traffic such use would generate, and
2. By other public or private service facilities as are required.

CCL is served by a paved highway (State Route 126) that provide adequate access to the site.
The continued operation of CCL will not require an increase in public or private service facilities currently utilized by the landfill.

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Introduction

The *California Environmental Quality Act* (CEQA) requires a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) for projects where mitigation measures are a condition of project approval and development. The Original Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) and Partially Recirculated Draft EIR prepared for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) Master Plan Revision identified mitigation measures, where appropriate, to avoid or substantially reduce the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project. This MMRP is designed to monitor the implementation of those mitigation measures. Accordingly, this MMRP has been prepared in compliance with the requirements of CEQA Section 21081.6 and *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15097.

The MMRP that follows lists each of the proposed mitigation measures and identifies the corresponding action required to document compliance, the mitigation timing, the party responsible for implementation, and the monitoring agency or party responsible for overseeing that each measure is adequately implemented.

In addition to the mitigation measures proposed to avoid or substantially reduce the environmental impacts associated with the Proposed Project, this MMRP also includes construction and operation emission reduction practices and measures used in the analysis of potential air quality impacts. These emission reduction practices and measures are treated the same as Proposed Project mitigation measures.

Table 1. Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Mitigation Measure / Project Design Measure	Action Required	Mitigation Timing	Responsible Party	Monitoring Agency or Party
Geology and Hydrology				
GH-1 Debris Flow: Debris flow is a rapid and fluid type of downhill mass wasting, consisting of heterogeneous debris lubricated with water caused by heavy rainfall. Similar terms for debris flow are mudflow and mudslide. There is a potential for debris flow occurring at the site during heavy rains within existing drainage areas at the subject site. The proposed design shall include provisions for control and cleanup of debris flows that may encroach into the landfill cell, perimeter maintenance road, and proposed development areas. Potential mitigation measures could consist of combinations of the following mitigation measures, such as elevated development areas, drainage devices, impact walls, debris basins, and avoidance. Additional debris flow evaluation and mitigation should be performed as part of future development of rough grading plans for the entrance road.	A. Retain a qualified engineer to evaluate the site's potential for debris flow, identify areas of concern and recommend design provisions for control and cleanup of debris flows should such design provisions be justified based on the evaluation. B. Incorporate provisions, as recommended by a qualified engineer, into the design for control and cleanup of debris flows that may encroach into the landfill cell, perimeter maintenance road, and proposed development areas.	During Project design	CCL / Qualified Engineer	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (LACDPW), Regional Water Quality Control Boards (RWQCB)
	C. Perform additional debris flow evaluation and mitigation as part of future development of rough grading plans for the entrance road.	During future development of rough grading plans for entrance road	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LACDPW, RWQCB
	A. Retain a qualified engineer to perform design-level geotechnical investigations to identify areas with potentially expansive or collapsible soils in relation to buildings and/or other structures. B. Perform additional testing if deemed necessary by the Project geotechnical and civil engineers.	During Project design	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LACDPW
GH-2 Expansive Soil: There is a potential for buildings and/or other structures to be located on expansive soil, because the site is underlain by bedrock of the Pico and Saugus formations, both of which contain potentially expansive clay-rich strata. Additional testing of the expansive properties of the soils may be required if buildings and/or other structures sensitive to expansive soils are planned for the site. Additional testing should be completed during the grading plan review if deemed necessary by the Project geotechnical and civil engineers.		During grading plan review	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LACDPW

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Surface Water Drainage				
SW-1: There is a potential for mudflow (i.e., debris flow) during repeated heavy rains within existing drainage areas at the subject site. The proposed design should evaluate and specify an appropriate amount of waiting time following heavy and sustained precipitation events before CCL staff occupy the area, to avoid the potential to expose people to the risk of injury or death from this debris. This would supplement Mitigation Measure GH-1, which specifies that the proposed design should allow for the cleanup or control of any debris flows that may encroach into the landfill cell and perimeter maintenance road from the natural drainages and slopes that are not included in the proposed grading and construction of drainage/debris basins.	A. Retain a qualified engineer to evaluate and specify an appropriate amount of waiting time following heavy and sustained precipitation events before CCL staff occupy the area.	During Project design	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LACDPW, RWQCB
	B. Implement specified wait time following heavy and sustained precipitation events prior to CCL staff occupying the area.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LACDPW, RWQCB
Biological Resources				
BR-1: The applicant shall develop a Closure Revegetation Plan for the Project in consultation with the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (LADRP), consistent with the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. The Plan would require approval prior to authorization of land disturbance under the Proposed Project. The Plan shall require that CCL be revegetated to offset permanent impacts to native and naturalized habitats, in accordance with the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Native vegetation shall be used under the direction of specialists in restoration plantings. Native revegetation shall achieve a 1:1 ratio of impacted native, revegetated, and semi-native habitat to revegetated mitigation land. Non-native grassland habitats would be initially seeded with native grassland species. 	A. Develop Closure Revegetation Plan consistent with Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR.	Prior to earth-moving activities	CCL / Qualified Ecological Restoration Specialist	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revegetation types, monitoring requirements, and success criteria including milestones, along with proposed remedial actions should vegetation alliances not achieve success criteria shall be included in the Closure Revegetation Plan, in accordance with the preliminary approach outlined in the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. In order to replicate and potentially expand the available amount of native shrubland on the site, the Closure Revegetation Plan shall include a final soil cover of approximately 5 feet, or alternatively a depth approved by regulatory agencies and suitable to allow for proper root growth. The Closure Revegetation Plan shall be developed and implemented by an ecological restoration specialist familiar with restoration of native and naturalized Southern California plant alliances, and shall specify that revegetation will be done with locally native plants, and that revegetation will not include plant species on Los Angeles County's list of Invasive species nor Invasive species on the lists of the California Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) nor invasive species listed by the California Native Plant Society. If success criteria for vegetation alliances are not met, remedial actions will be performed onsite consistent with the Closure Revegetation Plan. If success criteria for native shrub or forest alliances are not met even after remedial actions are performed, offsite mitigation land shall be purchased to offset the loss of the portion of the alliance vegetation that does not meet the success criteria at a 1:1 ratio (Impacted:mitigation land). The acreage acquired shall, if feasible, be generally local to the site or the general site area, ideally situated adjacent to 	<p>B. Implement Closure Revegetation Plan, per specified criteria.</p> <p>C. Perform onsite remedial actions consistent with the Closure Revegetation Plan, if success criteria are not met.</p>	<p>Site closure, or at the time of revegetation</p> <p>Following revegetation, according to the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria included in Appendix D of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR</p>	<p>CCL / Qualified Ecological Restoration Specialist</p> <p>CCL / Qualified Ecological Restoration Specialist</p>	<p>LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist</p> <p>LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist</p>

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<p>or in the general proximity of the Santa Clara River, Hasley Canyon, or Angeles National Forest, and will connect with other protected open space. First priority would be given to lands that contribute to connecting the wildlife movement between the Santa Clara River through CCL to Hasley Canyon and to the Angeles National Forest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any purchased mitigation land shall be protected by fee simple deed which contains a covenant restricting the use of such land for conservation purposes to a conservation organization experienced in management of natural lands. Additional mitigation for vegetation communities is included in Mitigation Measure BR-5 (vegetation associated with jurisdictional waters), Mitigation Measure BR-9 (rare plant communities), and Mitigation Measure BR-15 (oaks and oak woodlands). Mitigation ratios for replacement of these vegetation communities may be greater than the 1:1 ratio specified above, in coordination with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for jurisdictional waters and rare plant communities and in coordination with LADRP for compliance with the County Oak Woodland Conservation and Management Plan. 	<p>D. Purchase offsite mitigation land, if success criteria are not met following onsite remedial actions.</p>	<p>Following revegetation, according to the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria included in Appendix D of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR</p>	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
<p>BR-2: The construction area boundaries shall be delineated clearly. No construction activities, vehicular access, equipment storage, stockpiling, or significant human intrusion shall occur outside of the designated construction areas. In addition, CCL ingress and egress routes shall be marked, and vehicle traffic outside these routes shall be prohibited. Vehicular traffic shall adhere to a speed limit of 15 miles per hour on non-public access roads during construction to ensure avoidance of impacts to sensitive biological resources.</p>	A. Clearly delineate construction area boundaries.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP
	B. Restrict construction activities, vehicular access, equipment storage, stockpiling, or significant human intrusion to within designated construction area.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP
	C. Mark CCL ingress and egress routes and restrict vehicle traffic to these routes.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP
	D. Restrict vehicular traffic to a speed limit of 15 miles per hour on non-public access roads during construction.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP

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<p>BR-3: Soil or invasive plant seed transfer from clothing, shoes, or equipment shall be minimized through cleaning and monitoring of personnel or equipment transfers between sites, or prior to initial entry at CCL. Contract requirements to ensure all construction vehicles, including any vehicles entering areas of site construction, are pressure washed and/or clean and free of soil or invasive weed seeds and other plant parts prior to site construction, are pressure washed and other plant parts prior to entering the site will be implemented. Contracts will specify that pressure-washing of construction vehicles is to take place immediately before bringing the vehicle to CCL. The contractor will provide written documentation that the vehicles have been pressure washed or otherwise free of plant material that is checked by both CCL management and the biological monitor, who will jointly assure that this mitigation is implemented. The biological monitoring report will include a record of compliance with this measure.</p> <p>Within 1 year of Project approval invasive tamarisk (<i>Tamarix spp.</i>) located onsite will be identified and removed completely. All parts of removed tamarisk will be disposed of in a landfill.</p>	A. Specify in contracts that construction vehicles are pressure washed and/or clean and free of soil or invasive weed seeds and other plant parts prior to site entry.	During construction	CCL	LADRP
	B. Provide written documentation that construction vehicles have been pressure washed or otherwise free of plant material.	During construction	Construction Contractor	CCL / Construction Manager / Biological Monitor, LADRP
	C. Identify, remove, and dispose of invasive tamarisk located onsite within 1 year of Project approval. Immediately report any tamarisk that may appear in the future on the site to LADRP biologist if detected and remove from the site.	Within 1 year of Project approval and ongoing before and after construction	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Biologist
<p>BR-4: On-road vehicles on the construction sites will be equipped with spark arresters on exhaust equipment. Camp fires, trash-burning fires, and warming fires shall be prohibited in the construction area.</p>	A. Require on-road vehicles on construction sites to be equipped with spark arresters on exhaust equipment.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP, Fire Marshall
	B. Prohibit camp fires, trash-burning fires, and warming fires in the construction area.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP, Fire Marshall
<p>BR-5: For potential impacts to jurisdictional waters, permits shall be obtained for the Proposed Project from United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE; Section 404, Clean Water Act [CWA]) and CDFW (Streambed Alteration Agreement, Section 1603); conditions of these permits would be complied with for the Proposed Project. The terms and conditions of these permits are anticipated to require mitigation consistent with <i>Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources; Final</i></p>	A. As applicable, obtain permits from USACE and CDFW for potential impacts to jurisdictional waters.	Prior to impacting jurisdictional waters	CCL	USACE and/or CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife (CDFW), LACDPW
	B. Implement mitigation consistent with terms and conditions of permits.	During construction and post construction	CCL	USACE and/or CDFW, LACDPW

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<p><i>Rule</i> (USACE, United States Environmental Protection Agency [EPA], <i>Federal Register</i>, April 10, 2008), and with CDFW requirements for Streambed Alteration Agreements. A mitigation plan may be required prior to permit issuance. If a mitigation plan is required, ratios of waters impacted to waters mitigated would be negotiated with the regulatory agencies and the results of that negotiation included in the plan.</p> <p>BR-6: Stationary equipment such as motors, pumps, generators, and welders shall be located a minimum of 50 feet outside CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages where impacts have not been permitted. Construction staging areas, stockpiling, and equipment storage shall be located a minimum of 50 feet outside non-permitted CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages. Construction vehicles and equipment shall be checked periodically to ensure they are in proper working condition, including regular inspections for leaks, which would require immediate repair. Refueling or lubrication of vehicles and cleaning of equipment, or other activities that involve open use of fuels, lubricants, or solvents, shall occur at least 100 feet away from CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages where impacts have not been permitted, and at least 50 feet from other flagged, sensitive biological resources.</p>	C. Prepare mitigation plan, if required.	Prior to permit issuance, if required	CCL	USACE and/or CDFW, LACDPW
	A. Locate stationary equipment a minimum of 50 feet outside non-permitted CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	CDFW and/or USACE, LACDPW
	B. Locate construction staging areas, stockpiling, and equipment storage a minimum of 50 feet outside non-permitted CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	CDFW and/or USACE, LACDPW
	C. Check construction vehicles and equipment periodically to ensure they are in proper working condition.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	CDFW and/or USACE, LADRP, LACDPW
	D. Locate refueling or lubrication of vehicles and cleaning of equipment, or other activities that involve use of fuels, lubricants, or solvents, a minimum of 100 feet outside non-permitted CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages and at least 50 feet from other flagged, sensitive biological resources.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	CDFW and/or USACE, LADRP, LACDPW

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BR-7: Only pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, dust suppressants, or other potentially harmful materials approved by EPA and/or the California Department of Toxic Substance Control shall be applied at CCL, in accordance with relevant state and federal regulations. Rodenticides will not be used. Instead, methods that do not persist and infiltrate the natural food chain will be used for pest elimination, such as trapping, gassing, etc. Sediment basins are present along all drainages at CCL, which capture runoff prior to discharging offsite. Sediment basins will continue to be regularly maintained.	A. Apply only pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, dust suppressants, or other potentially harmful materials approved by the EPA and/or the California Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), in accordance with state and federal regulations.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, RWQCB
	B. Prohibit use of rodenticides. Instead, use trapping, gassing, or other methods that do not persist and infiltrate the natural food chain.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, RWQCB
	C. Maintain sediment basins regularly.	During operation	CCL / Operations Manager	LADRP, RWQCB, LACDPW
BR-8: Construction sites and landfill operation shall be kept free of trash and litter. Food-related trash and litter shall be placed in closed containers and disposed of daily. Nuisance wildlife breeding will be discouraged at CCL by excluding such species from cavities in buildings and/or equipment or facilities to be left idle for more than 6 months. To reduce risk of infestation by the non-native Argentine ant (<i>Linepithema humile</i>), a 500-foot buffer will be established adjacent to natural habitats at CCL within which no permanent, artificial water sources will be applied, and inspections for exotic ant infestations will be required for any landscape or restoration container-stock plants proposed for installation. Landfill operations require daily covering of all portions of the active landfill; this practice would be continued, further reducing risk of nuisance wildlife.	A. Keep construction sites and landfill operation free of food-related trash and litter.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, Local Enforcement Agency (LEA)
	B. Place food related trash and litter in closed containers and dispose daily.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, LEA
	C. Install exclusionary devices on cavities in buildings and/or equipment or facilities to be left idle for more than 6 months.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, LEA
	D. Establish 500-foot buffer and manage risk of Argentine ant infestation, per measure.	During construction and operation	CCL / Construction Manager / Operations Manager	LADRP, LEA
	E. Provide daily covering of all portions of active working face of the landfill.	During operation	CCL / Operations Manager	LEA, LACDPW

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<p>BR-9: Preconstruction surveys by qualified botanists shall be conducted for special-status plant species in impact areas prior to ground-disturbing activities, and if necessary and feasible, resource relocation or avoidance shall be implemented. Resource relocation will be to a location deemed suitable for successful relocation by a qualified biologist and conducted in coordination with CDFW. Avoidance zones shall be established with fencing and/or signage that restricts access.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For rare plants, this shall include focused surveys by a qualified botanist conducted during the appropriate season for detection (generally during flowering period) prior to ground-disturbing activities over the entire disturbance area proposed for the Project, and then again the first season prior to disturbance over the area proposed to be disturbed for each phase (cell) of landfill development. If suitable transplant areas for rare plants exist at CCL, surveys will also include potential areas for relocation onsite in order to provide background data for determining transplant success. If no suitable relocation areas exist at CCL, potential mitigation areas in conserved areas within the local watersheds will be identified and surveyed at the same time in order to have background data. Surveys shall follow standard survey protocol for rare plants outlined in <i>Guidelines for Conducting and Reporting Botanical Inventories for Federally Listed, Proposed and Candidate Plants</i> (United States Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS], 1996) and/or <i>Protocols for Surveying and Evaluation Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Natural Communities</i> (CDFW, 2009). If special-status plants are found at CCL they shall be field marked and mapped with global positioning system units to evaluate potential for impacts from proposed grading. Where feasible, special-status plants will be avoided; protective measures to avoid adverse impacts to the area shall be implemented. Protected zones adjacent to active construction or active landfill will be demarcated with permanent fencing. More remote protected zones not accessible by construction equipment or near adjacent 	A. Conduct preconstruction special-status plant surveys.	Prior to ground-disturbing activities	CCL / Qualified Botanist	CDFW, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDRP
	B. Implement resource relocation or avoidance (if necessary and feasible) as specified in Mitigation Measure BR-9, including focused surveys, Avoidance zones, implementation of a Rare Plant Relocation Plan, and performance monitoring.	Prior to construction, during construction, and post construction	CCL / Qualified Botanist	CDFW, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDRP

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<p>road access points shall be demarcated by temporary fencing (e.g., orange construction fencing) when road access is within 100 feet. If road access becomes immediately available to the area, permanent fencing will be installed. Fencing shall be maintained and construction crews informed about avoidance during construction. The site biological monitor will continue to monitor compliance with protected zones.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rare plants have been identified within construction limits during 2016 surveys. For these, and any additional rare plants identified prior to ground disturbance that are within the grading footprint or other areas identified for unavoidable disturbance (including species of CNPS Rare Plant Ranks 1-4 or Locally Rare), a Rare Plant Relocation Plan will be developed in consultation with CDFW. Plant salvage for transplanting shall take place before any clearing or grading of the sensitive plant occurs. Preliminary performance criteria, general methods of transplanting, and other anticipated components of this plan are provided in the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. The Rare Plant Relocation Plan shall address mitigation for special-status plants, including topsoil salvage to preserve seed bank and management of salvaged topsoil; seed collection, storage, possible nursery propagation, and planting; salvage and planting of other plant propagules (e.g., rhizomes, bulbs) as feasible; location of receptor sites to include on- or off-site property that could serve as permanent open space areas; land protection instruments for receptor areas; and funding mechanisms. The Rare Plant Relocation Plan shall include methods, monitoring, reporting, success criteria, adaptive management, and contingencies for achieving success. Where feasible, background data for up to 3 years will be collected on receptor sites. If rare plant relocation cannot be achieved, through lack of receptor sites, or lack of success during the monitoring 				

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<p>period, then purchase of mitigation credits or offsite property with known populations of the affected species for inclusion in permanent open space areas or a conservation easement would be implemented, with priority given to acquisition of offsite property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locations within CCL that will not be developed are present adjacent to existing population of these species that may serve as receptor sites, and would be investigated for additional data. If found suitable, topsoil from impacted sites may be conserved and placed on these sites, seeds, bulbs (e.g., <i>Calochortus</i> spp.), rhizomes (e.g., <i>Calystegia peirsonii</i>), and entire plants and pads (e.g., <i>Opuntia basilaris</i> var. <i>basilaris</i>), may be collected/salvaged and planted on these sites, and ongoing monitoring and maintenance of plantings implemented. The Rare Plant Relocation Plan shall have the final details of plant transplant methods. The on-site receptor/mitigation sites would be monitored for a minimum of 5 years to determine mitigation success or failure, consistent with the Draft Revegetation, Rare Plant Relocation, and Oak Tree Performance Criteria provided in Appendix E3 of the Final EIR and the Rare Plant Relocation Plan. If necessary, remedial measures consistent with the approved plan would be implemented to satisfy mitigation objectives. 				

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<p>BR-10: Preconstruction surveys by qualified biologists shall be conducted for special-status wildlife species in impact areas prior to ground-disturbing activities, and if necessary and feasible, resource relocation or avoidance for special-status species shall be implemented. Wherever practical, relocation shall be passive, allowing animals to exit the area on their own. Any grubbing, grading or other ground disturbing activities at CCL would be done in a manner that encourages mobile wildlife species to leave the Project area to escape safely into immediately adjacent undisturbed habitat, wherever feasible. For low mobility species, salvage and relocation by a qualified biological monitor would be implemented. Resource relocation shall be to a location deemed suitable for successful relocation by a qualified biologist and conducted by individuals with appropriate handling permits as required by CDFW or USFWS. Where practical, avoidance zones shall be established in lieu of relocation with fencing and/or signage that restricts access. Construction and construction monitoring for animals will occur at discrete time periods. Construction monitoring shall be conducted in areas containing native vegetation at the time of construction activity within the limit of active construction disturbance. Within areas containing native vegetation, ground-disturbing activities shall be prohibited until the area is cleared by a qualified biological monitor during a preconstruction survey within 7 days prior to the beginning of construction activities. Biological monitors shall also monitor construction activities within 100 feet of avoided CDFW and USACE jurisdictional drainages.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For burrowing owl, suitable burrows will be identified during surveys and if feasible, protected from disturbance during construction. If avoidance is not feasible, burrows will be scoped during the non-breeding season (September 1 to January 31) to determine if they are occupied. If unoccupied, burrows will be collapsed. If burrows are occupied, owls will be evicted by installing one-way doors in burrow openings during the non-breeding season to exclude burrowing owls. After eviction, burrows will be collapsed. If feasible, alternative man-made burrows will be 	A. Conduct preconstruction special-status wildlife species surveys.	Prior to ground-disturbing activities	CCL / Qualified Biologist	CDFW and/or USFWS, Permittees Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDRP
	B. Implement resource relocation or avoidance (if necessary and feasible) as specified in Mitigation Measure BR-10, including agency coordination, acquisition of appropriate handling permits, field monitoring, clearance sweeps, avoidance zones.	Prior to construction, during construction, and post construction	CCL / Qualified Botanist	CDFW and/or USFWS, Permittees Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDRP

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<p>installed on lands not subjected to construction disturbance, and within 300 feet of cleared burrows. Surveys would be consistent with the CDFW requirements for burrowing owl survey; mitigation measures presented here are consistent with CDFW (2012), and details of how mitigation would be implemented would be consistent with this document.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For special-status reptiles (coast patch-nosed snake, coastal western whiptail, California legless lizard, San Diego horned lizard), preconstruction surveys in areas where land clearing will occur shall consist of gently raking areas of soft soils, sand, and dense leaf litter to identify individuals burrowed or buried in leaf litter. Individuals encountered will be captured and translocated to an area of undisturbed, intact habitat nearby deemed suitable for successful translocation by a qualified biologist. Translocation will be performed by biologists with appropriate handling permits by CDFW. Special-status land mammals (San Diego black-tailed jackrabbit, San Diego desert woodrat, American badger): pre-construction surveys will consist of surveying and identifying evidence of occupancy and use, including rabbit forms, woodrat nests, and badger natal dens. If located during the breeding season for these species, features will be surveyed or scoped to determine occupancy if possible. If unoccupied, they will be dismantled or collapsed. If occupied, or if occupancy cannot be determined, avoidance zones will be established until occupancy can be determined or until the breeding season concludes. If features are identified during the non-breeding season, they will be gently dismantled or collapsed, allowing any occupants if present to disperse. Where habitat must be dismantled, alternative habitat features will be established in nearby undisturbed areas, including creating specific conditions suitable for the species if necessary, such as downed wood structures in shade suitable for woodrat. For western spadefoot, if ground-disturbing activities will be conducted within 1,000 feet of the sedimentation basins 				

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<p>at CCL, preconstruction ground surveys shall occur within 1,000 feet of potential breeding ponds (sediment basins). The top 6 inches of soft soils and leaf litter shall be gently raked and small mammal burrows and soil cracks will be inspected or scoped for aestivating spadefoot. In addition, silt fencing will be installed between upland habitat slated for vegetation removal and grading, and potential breeding ponds (detention basins), if the basins are holding water at the time of construction, with pitfall traps located along the silt fence. Depending on proposed scheduling of upland habitat disturbance (relative to spadefoot breeding season), fencing and pitfall traps will target spadefoot moving from or to the upland habitat. Pitfall traps will be inspected daily when active, which will be during periods of likely spadefoot emergence or movement (during early season rainfall and pool formation and during late season drawdown of the basins). If found or trapped, western spadefoot will be relocated to suitable natural or artificial burrows adjacent to a proposed western spadefoot mitigation pond (BR-16). This pond will serve as an alternative habitat for spadefoot found at CCL, and will be set aside to support spadefoot breeding with adjacent upland habitat for aestivation. Any aestivating western spadefoot encountered during construction within 1,000 feet of sedimentation basins would be relocated to the spadefoot mitigation pond, and placed in similar habitat and conditions. Details of spadefoot mitigation, to include components described above including the spadefoot mitigation pond, will be documented in a Spadefoot Mitigation Plan, to be reviewed by CDFW and LADRP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bird nests: Preconstruction surveys for nesting pairs, nests, and eggs shall occur in areas proposed for vegetation removal and in surrounding areas, including cliff sites, and active nesting areas flagged. Mitigation shall be implemented as described below under BR-13. • Bat Roosts: Where bat roosting habitat cannot be avoided, preconstruction surveys consisting of exit surveys, roost surveys of potential roost sites, and evidence of bat sign 				

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(guano) shall occur to identify bat species, as feasible, and active roosts. Mitigation shall be implemented as described below under BR-14.				
BR-11: USFWS protocol-level surveys shall be conducted for all coastal California gnatcatcher habitat well in advance of any ground-disturbing activities. If surveys are negative, the species shall be presumed absent, and no further impacts shall be anticipated or mitigation measures required. If the surveys are positive (i.e., coastal California gnatcatcher is present), then coordination shall be initiated with USFWS on required measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate take of this species. These are anticipated to include:	A. Conduct USFWS protocol-level surveys for coastal California gnatcatcher well in advance of ground-disturbing activities.	Well in advance of ground-disturbing activities	CCL / Qualified Biologist	USFWS, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Construction activities in the vicinity of active gnatcatcher nests shall be prohibited within a specified distance of nests (500 feet unless otherwise agreed to by USFWS) until after the young have fledged and the nesting is complete. Clearing of occupied habitat shall be avoided if possible or practicable. If it is not practicable, clearing shall be prohibited during the nesting season (February to August). 	B. Coordinate with USFWS if surveys are positive and implement required measures to avoid, minimize, or mitigate take.	Prior to and during ground-disturbing activities	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	USFWS, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
BR-12: Although no nighttime construction is anticipated, lighting for construction activities conducted during early morning or early evening hours shall be minimized to the extent possible through the use of directional shading to minimize impacts to nocturnal or crepuscular wildlife. Only CDFW-recommended designs for lighting, fences, power poles, or other man-made features would be implemented where available.	A. Use directional shading for construction lighting to minimize impacts to nocturnal or crepuscular wildlife. B. Implement only CDFW-recommended designs for lighting, fences, power poles, or other man-made features where available.	During construction During Project design	CCL / Construction Manager CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP CDFW

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BR-13: In habitats where nesting birds might occur, vegetation removal shall be avoided when feasible during the nesting season (December through August); winter months are included because this area has potential for owls and hummingbirds, which may breed during this period. In addition, raptor nesting may be initiated by early January. Where this is not feasible, preconstruction surveys for nesting pairs, nests, and eggs shall occur in areas proposed for vegetation removal, and in buffer areas affected by construction, and active nesting areas flagged. The biological monitor shall assign a buffer around active nesting areas (typically 300 feet for songbirds, 500 feet for raptors, and 1,000 feet for sensitive cliff-nesting raptors – golden eagle, prairie falcon, and turkey vulture). The biological monitor will also clearly communicate the limits of buffers to the contractor and crew, and post and maintain, throughout the time of nest use, flagging, fencing, staking, or signs as otherwise needed. Construction activities shall be prohibited within the buffer until the nesting pair and young have vacated the nests, unless it can be demonstrated through biological monitoring that the construction activity is not hindering the nesting effort. Alternatively, if unused nests are identified in the disturbance area during preconstruction surveys, nests may be destroyed prior to active nesting. Rocky escarpments that may support cliff-nesting raptors not proposed for current construction activity at CCL would not be disturbed for the duration of the construction activity.	A. Avoid vegetation removal in nesting bird habitat during the nesting season.	During Project construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LADRP
	B. Conduct preconstruction nesting bird surveys where vegetation avoidance is not feasible and flag active nesting areas.	Prior to vegetation removal in nesting bird habitat	CCL / Qualified Biologist	LADRP, CDFW, USFWS
	C. Assign buffers around active nests, clearly communicate limits to contractor/crew, and post and maintain flagging, fencing, and staking.	During Project construction	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP, CDFW, USFWS
	D. Prohibit construction activities within buffer until nests are vacated, or unless biological monitoring can demonstrate activity is not hindering nesting.	During Project design	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP, CDFW, USFWS, CDFW USFWS
	E. Destroy unused nests in the disturbance area prior to active nesting.	Prior to vegetation removal in nesting bird habitat, and following preconstruction surveys	CCL / Qualified Biologist	LADRP, CDFW, USFWS, CDFW USFWS
BR-14: A qualified bat biologist acceptable to CDFW shall be employed to supervise and report on construction activities with respect to bats. In habitats where roosting bats may occur, ground disturbance and roost destruction shall be scheduled, as feasible, during October 1 through February 28 or 29. Ground disturbance and roost destruction shall be avoided during the parturition period (generally March through August). Where this is not feasible, a qualified bat biologist shall conduct exit	A. Employ qualified bat biologist to supervise and report on construction activities with respect to bats.	During Project construction	CCL / Qualified Biologist	LADRP
	B. Schedule ground disturbance and roost destruction in bat roost habitat to avoid the parturition period.	During Project construction	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP

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<p>surveys, roost surveys of potential roost sites, or surveys for bat sign (e.g., guano) to identify bat species, if feasible, and active roosts. Construction activity within 300 feet of identified active roosts shall be prohibited until the completion of parturition (end of August), unless it can be demonstrated through biological monitoring that the construction activity is not affecting the active roost. Alternatively, if potential roosts are identified prior to onset of parturition, with concurrence from CDFW, roosts may be vacated during the evening forage period (within 4 hours after dark) or fitted with one way exit doors to effectively eliminate and exclude roosting bats. If tree roosts are identified that require disturbance, and from which bats can't be excluded, the trees would be initially disturbed by cutting small branches (less than 2 inches) to encourage habitat abandonment, prior to full tree removal (implemented the following day and supervised by a qualified bat biologist). Roost eviction will be conducted by a qualified bat biologist. Eviction shall be preferentially done before March or after September for eviction of a maternity colony, and only with concurrence from CDFW. If eviction is necessary, the bat biologist shall identify the bat species to be evicted, as feasible, and roost sites appropriate to the species to be displaced in the vicinity (within 1 mile) prior to any bat eviction. Alternative active roost areas, including rock escarpments at CCL that are not proposed to be disturbed by current construction activity would be avoided for the duration of the construction activity. If no alternative roost sites are identified, CCL shall provide artificial roost construction appropriate to the bat species to be displaced to offset loss of active roosts. Artificial roost construction would follow industry standard design, be sized to offset impacted roost(s), and be located greater than 300 feet from the active construction area, but within CCL property. A report will be prepared for submittal to CDFW and copied to LADRP on activities related to bat surveys and eviction, including survey methods, findings including species and size of roosts if available, alternative roost locations and characteristics, and constructed roosts.</p>	C. Conduct exit surveys, roost surveys of potential roost sites, or surveys for bat sign (e.g., guano) to identify bat species and active roosts if ground disturbance cannot be scheduled outside parturition period.	Prior to disturbance activities in active roost areas within the parturition period	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP, CDFW,
	D. Prohibit construction activities within 300 feet of active roosts until completion of parturition, or unless biological monitoring can demonstrate activity is not affecting active roost.	During Project construction	CCL / Qualified Biologist / Construction Manager	LADRP, CDFW,
	E. Exclude roosts (with CDFW concurrence) prior to onset of parturition, as identified in Mitigation Measure BR-14 (including requirements for artificial roost construction and reporting).	Prior to disturbance activities in active roost areas, and following preconstruction surveys	CCL / Qualified Biologist	LADRP, CDFW,

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BR-15: For unavoidable impacts to qualifying oak trees, an Oak Tree Permit application has been submitted to the LADRP. All permit terms and conditions shall be complied with from the final permit issuance, including planting of replacement trees. An Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan which identifies the mitigation area shall be submitted to LADRP for review and approval prior to impacts to any scrub oaks or issuance of a grading permit for the Proposed Project that would disturb areas within the protected zone of any oak trees regulated by the County Oak Tree Ordinance. The site shall be assessed for oak woodlands, including scrub oaks, at the time of disturbance according to the County Oak Woodland Conservation and Management Plan, and the Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan would also address mitigation for oak woodland impacts, including scrub oaks. As appropriate, potential impacts to oak woodlands shall be mitigated by planting understory plants in the same area identified onsite for mitigation oaks pursuant to the Oak Tree Permit and Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan for the Proposed Project. CCL will coordinate with Tataviam to provide a monitor during the removal or disturbance of native oak trees at CCL, if desired by the tribe.	A. Comply with Oak Tree permit terms and conditions, including planting of replacement trees.	During Project construction and post construction	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
	B. Submit Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan.	Prior to any impacts to oak woodlands, including scrub oaks, or issuance of a grading permit where any oaks are to be impacted	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
	C. Implement approved Oak Tree and Woodland Mitigation Plan.	During Project construction and post construction	CCL	LADRP, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist
BR-16: To avoid operational impacts to western spadefoot which may occur during intentional draining of detention basins, or sediment removal from detention basins, the following protocol must be implemented, under an approach coordinated with CDFW: (1) All drainage equipment would be new or used exclusively for detention basins on CCL to avoid transfer of Chytridiomycosis (i.e., chytrid fungus) or any other amphibian diseases or pathogens to detention basins on CCL from other	A. Coordinate approach for draining or removing sediment from detention basins with CDFW.	Prior to draining or removing sediment from detention basins	CCL	CDFW, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDPW

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<p>sites; (2) pumping equipment intakes would be screened with fine mesh and would pump from deeper portions of the detention ponds to ensure that eggs, larvae, or adults of western spadefoot would not be entrained in pump apparatus; (3) if a biological monitor determines that spadefoot adults, larvae, or egg masses are present during pumping, a secondary pump enclosure with maximum pore size of 0.125 inches will be utilized if determined necessary by the biological monitor; (4) at any given pumping event, only 80 percent of the volume (measured as depth at the deepest point of the detention basin) would be pumped, leaving pooled water of at least a 5-inch depth for any potential western spadefoot to complete its life cycle; however, the biological monitor would evaluate remaining pooled water volume and spadefoot development stage and make a determination if the remaining water was sufficient for spadefoot to complete their life cycle; and (5) sediment removal would only occur during the dry season, when ponded water was not present. A Spadefoot Mitigation Plan will be developed in consultation with CDFW, to incorporate the above measures and other measures in BR-10 to protect spadefoot. The Spadefoot Mitigation Plan will include design and development of a spadefoot breeding pond on CCL property in a relatively undisturbed location where adjacent uplands are present, including 1,000 feet of undeveloped land as feasible. This pond will be suitable for establishment of a western spadefoot breeding pond, and will not undergo the regular maintenance that is necessary for the onsite stormwater detention basins. Relocation of western spadefoot will be to the mitigation pond.</p>	<p>B. Implement protocol for draining or removing sediment from detention basins, as coordinated with CDFW and identified in Mitigation Measure BR-16.</p>	<p>During detention basin draining or sediment removal activities</p>	<p>CCL / Operations Manager</p>	<p>CDFW, Permittee's Registered Forester or Biologist, LACDPW</p>
Cultural Resources and Paleontological Resources				
<p>CR-1: A qualified archaeologist will flag off the area around Bowers Cave and establish a buffer in consultation with the Permittee to ensure avoidance of grading of the cave site. Grading plans will clearly depict the sensitive area and state that</p>	<p>A. Flag off the area around Bowers Cave and establish a buffer in consultation with CCL.</p>	<p>Prior to earth-moving activities</p>	<p>CCL / Construction Manager / Qualified Archaeologist</p>	<p>LADRP</p>

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grading must not occur beyond the established buffer. The qualified archeologist will monitor earth-moving activities that would occur within 100 feet of the established buffer.	B. Depict sensitive area on grading plans and state that grading must not occur beyond the established buffer.	During development of grading plans	CCL / Qualified Engineer	LADRP
	C. Archaeological monitoring and reporting.	During earth-moving activities within 100 feet of the established buffer	CCL / Construction Manager / Qualified Archaeologist	LADRP
	Develop a CRMP.	Prior to construction	CCL / Qualified Archaeologist	LADRP
CR-2: Prior to the start of monitoring activities, a Cultural Resources Monitoring Plan (CRMP) will be developed. The CRMP will include, at a minimum: (1) the location of areas to be monitored, (2) frequency of monitoring, (3) description of resources expected to be encountered, (4) description of circumstances that would result in a construction halt, (5) description of monitoring reporting requirements, and (6) disposition of found/collected materials.	A. Make provisions to provide Bower's Cave access to interested Tataviam.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Construction Manager / Tataviam Native American	LADRP Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC)
	B. Tataviam Native American monitoring and reporting and liaison activities, as applicable.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager / Tataviam Native American	LADRP NAHC
	C. Return all artifacts that may be found to the Tataviam or reinterred into the earth.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager / Tataviam Native American	LADRP NAHC
CR-3: Native American consultation has indicated that Bowers Cave and the surrounding region may be important to local Native Americans, specifically Tataviam. Provisions will be made to provide cave access to interested Tataviam, and Tataviam will have the option to provide a construction oversight monitor during ground-disturbing activities. The Tataviam monitor will act as a liaison between archaeologists, the Permittee, contractors, and public agencies to ensure that cultural features are treated appropriately from the Tataviam point of view. All artifacts that may be found will be returned to the Tataviam or reinterred into the earth.				

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<p>CR-4: Prior to construction, the services of a qualified vertebrate paleontologist shall be retained to develop and implement a Paleontological Resources Mitigation Plan prior to earth moving activities. The Plan will include the following elements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of agreement with a recognized museum repository; • identification of final disposition, permanent storage, and maintenance of any fossil remains and associated specimen data and corresponding geologic and geographic site data that might be recovered; and • determination of level of treatment (preparation, curation, cataloging) of the remains that would be required before the mitigation program fossil collection would be accepted for storage. 	Retain a qualified vertebrate paleontologist to develop and implement a Paleontological Resources Mitigation Plan (PRMP).	Prior to earth-moving activities	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP
CR-5: The paleontologist and/or monitor shall conduct a preconstruction survey of the Project site prior to the start of any earth moving associated with the landfill expansion.	Preconstruction survey.	Prior to earth-moving activities	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor	LADRP
CR-6: The paleontologist or monitor shall coordinate with landfill personnel to provide information regarding regulatory requirements for the protection of paleontological resources. Landfill personnel also will be briefed on procedures to be followed in the event that a fossil site or fossil occurrence is encountered during construction, particularly when the monitor is not onsite. The briefing will be presented to new landfill personnel as necessary. Names and telephone numbers of the monitor and other appropriate mitigation program personnel shall be provided to the landfill manager.	<p>A. Coordinate with landfill personnel to provide information regarding regulatory agency requirements and procedures for the protection of paleontological resources.</p> <p>B. Brief landfill personnel on procedures when a fossil site or fossil is encountered during construction.</p>	<p>Prior to and during construction</p> <p>Prior to and during construction</p>	<p>CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor</p> <p>CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor</p>	<p>LADRP</p> <p>LADRP</p>

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	C. Provide monitor and mitigation program contact information to the landfill manager.	Prior to and during construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor	LADRP
CR-7: Earth-moving activities shall be monitored by the paleontologist only in those areas of the Project site where these activities would disturb previously undisturbed strata in the Saugus and upper Pico Formations (not in areas underlain by artificial fill or younger alluvium). With concurrence from the Project paleontologist, if no fossil remains are found once 50 percent of earth moving has been completed in an area underlain by a particular rock unit, monitoring can be reduced or suspended in that area.	A. Paleontological monitoring in areas of the Project site where activities would disturb previously undisturbed strata in the Saugus and upper Pico Formations (not in areas underlain by artificial fill or younger alluvium).	During construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP
	B. Paleontological monitoring and reporting.	During construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP
CR-8: All diagnostic fossil specimens recovered from the Project site shall be treated (prepared, curated, catalogued) in accordance with designated museum repository requirements.	Treat all diagnostic fossil specimens recovered from the Project site in accordance with designated museum repository requirements. Treatment of recovered fossil specimens would be documented in final paleontological technical report prepared by the Project paleontologist.	During and after construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP

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CR-9: The monitor shall maintain daily monitoring logs. A final technical report of results and findings shall be prepared by the paleontologist and included with the material submitted for curation (see above).	A. Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During construction	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist and/or Environmental Monitor	LADRP
	B. Prepare and submit a final paleontological technical report.	Following earth-moving activities within previously undisturbed strata in the Saugus and upper Pico Formations	CCL / Qualified Vertebrate Paleontologist	LADRP
Air Quality				
AQ-1: CCL shall use certified street sweepers that comply with South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Rule 1186.1.	Use certified street sweepers.	During construction	CCL / Construction Manager	LEA
AQ-2: CCL shall use innovative approaches to reducing potential air emissions from construction of buildings, such as modular building products, where prefabricated portions of structures are assembled elsewhere and are erected at the construction site, as feasible. This would eliminate the need for onsite painting, a majority of the plumbing, and other consumer product usage.	Incorporate air emissions reducing provisions for construction of building into the design.	During Project design	CCL	LACDPW
AQ-3: CCL shall provide offsetting emission reduction credits for predicted net emission increases from sources requiring permitting under New Source Review regulations.	Provide offsetting emission reduction credits.	During permitting	CCL	SCAQMD
AQ-4: Prior to operation of the composting facility, CCL shall develop an Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP) pursuant to the requirements of the <i>California Code of Regulations</i> (CCR), Title 14, Division 7, Chapter 3.1, Article 3, and Section 17863.4; CCL shall comply with the OIMP during compost facility operation.	A. Develop OIMP.	Prior to operation of composting facility	CCL	LEA, LACDPW
	B. Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During operation of composting facility	CCL	LEA, LACDPW

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<p>Current Emission Reduction Measures: CCL currently implements the following emission reduction measures on an ongoing basis, and these measures would continue to be implemented during construction and operation of the Proposed Project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Onsite traffic is managed. Engine-powered equipment is properly maintained. Onsite vehicles are routed along the most direct routes. Electrically powered equipment is used to the extent feasible. A 15 mile per hour (mph) speed limit is enforced on paved roads and 10 mph speed limit on unpaved roads. Permanent onsite haul roads are paved, to the extent feasible. Temporary unpaved roads are surfaced with low-dust courses of material. Roads are watered four to seven times daily, dependent on conditions, including weather. Active sites of soil disturbance are watered four to seven times daily, dependent on conditions, including weather. Soil stabilizers are used in areas with long-term exposure of disturbed or un-vegetated surfaces (e.g., stockpiles). Trucks hauling dirt, sand, or other loose materials for site construction projects on public roadways are covered or maintain at least 2 feet of free board in accordance with the requirements of California Vehicle Code Section 23114. Construction access roads are paved at least 100 feet onto the site from the main road. Where feasible, other construction roads not covered by the above measure heaving a daily traffic volume of 50 vehicular trips, are paved; where infeasible, these roads are watered. Disturbed areas are covered with erosion control materials if needed. 	Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	Ongoing	CCL	, LEA, LACDPW

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SCAQMD-approved street sweepers are used on all paved haul roads onsite as needed during rainy periods to reduce mud and during dry periods to reduce dust. 				
Construction Emission Reduction Best Management Practices (BMPs): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The construction equipment, not owned by CCL, would be equipped with engines meeting California Air Resources Board (CARB) requirements for a large fleet at the time of construction (13 CCR 2449). The construction equipment, not owned by CCL, would be equipped with engines meeting Tier 4f emission standards after Project year 2020. Trucks would be prevented from idling longer than 5 minutes, to the extent feasible. Construction equipment idling times and excessive use would be prevented, to the extent feasible. Use of construction equipment would be suspended during Stage 2 and 3 smog alerts. To reduce/minimize construction-related fugitive dust, water would be applied four to seven times daily, dependent on weather, within the construction site. Fugitive dust from vehicle travel on unpaved roads would be controlled through the application of water 4 to 7 times daily, dependent on weather. 	Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During construction	CCL	LEA, LACDPW
Operation Emission Reduction BMPs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Off-road diesel equipment purchased by CCL for operation of the Proposed Project (used for additional waste received) would be equipped with engines meeting Tier 4f emission standards. Unnecessary truck and equipment idling would be limited to less than 5 minutes, to the extent feasible. Use of all off-road diesel equipment would be suspended during Stage 2 and 3 smog alerts (SCAQMD, 1993), to the extent feasible. 	Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During operation	CCL	LEA, LACDPW

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fugitive dust BMPs for vehicle travel on paved roads, vehicle travel on unpaved roads, and soil disturbance would be the same as described above for construction. Operate the landfill to improve landfill gas collection efficiency to a site-wide average of 85 percent through application of a combination of daily cover, intermediate cover, and final cover to provide a beneficial improvement in ongoing landfill gas collection efficiency. The existing, approved landfill gas-to-energy (LFGTE) plant would be optimized to use collected landfill gas (LFG) as fuel to produce electricity and to minimize flaring of collected LFG. 				
Composting Emission Reduction BMPs:	A. Maintain log demonstrating compliance.	During operation of composting facility	CCL	LACDPW, SCAQMD, LEA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green waste composting piles would be covered with at least 6 inches of finished compost within 24 hours of initial pile formation. Piles would not be turned for the first 7 days of active phase composting. For the first 15 days of initial pile formation, and within 6 hours before turning, the top half of the pile would be kept wet to a depth of at least 3 inches. Covered, aerated composting system would be equipped with an SCAQMD-approved emission control system (e.g., thermal oxidizer, bio-filtration) (SCAQMD, 2015). Composting facility would implement a site-specific Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP). 	B. Implement site-specific OIMP.	During operation of composting facility	CCL	LACDPW, SCAQMD, LEA
Landfill Operation Odor Reduction Measure (ORM) ORM-1: For landfill operation, CCL shall develop an Odor Impact Minimization Plan (OIMP). The OIMP will describe an odor monitoring protocol, a description of meteorological conditions that affect migration of odors, a complaint response protocol, a description of design considerations for minimizing odors, and a description of operating procedures for minimizing odors.	A. Develop OIMP For approval by the responsible agencies	Within 3 months of receipt of CUP	CCL	SCAQMD, LEA, LACDPW, LADRP
	B. Maintain log demonstrating compliance and implementing all remedial action as recommended by the responsible agencies	During operation of landfill	CCL	SCAQMD, LEA, LACDPW, LADRP

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Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Climate Change				
<p>GHG-1: Beginning in 2020, the applicant shall provide the Department of Regional Planning with reports every 5 years, which shall evaluate consistency of landfill operations with current State and County greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction plans. If the Department of Regional Planning finds that a report demonstrates that landfill operations do not meet the GHG emission reduction targets of then-current State and County GHG emission reduction plans, the applicant shall develop and within one year submit to the Department of Regional Planning for review and approval of a GHG Emission Reduction Plan, which shall require implementation of additional feasible GHG emission reduction measures within the waste management sector to further reduce GHG emissions in accordance with then-current State and County goals. The GHG Emission Reduction Plan may incorporate some or all of the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further or additional composting; • Further or additional recycling; • Development of alternative energy, including additional landfill gas-to-energy production capacity and/or development of other on-site renewable energy generation capacity; • Use of alternative fuels in on-site equipment; or some combination of the listed strategies; and/or • Other waste management sector strategies developed by California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and CARB addressing GHG emissions from waste management 	<p>A. Provide reports evaluating consistency of landfill operations with current State and County GHG emission reduction plans</p>	Beginning in 2020, and subsequently every 5 years	CCL	LADRP, LACDPW, SCAQMD, LEA
	<p>B. Develop GHG Emission Reduction Plan.</p>	Within one year, if LADRP finds consistency reports demonstrate GHG emission reduction targets of then-current State and County GHG emission reduction plans are not met	CCL	LADRP, LACDPW, SCAQMD, LEA
<p>GHG-2: Following closure of the landfill, the applicant shall continue to operate, maintain, and monitor the landfill gas collection and control system as long as the landfill continues to produce landfill gas, or until it is determined that emissions no longer constitute a considerable contribution to GHG emissions, whichever comes first.</p>	Maintain monitoring log of landfill gas collection and control system.	Following closure of the landfill	CCL / Operations Manager	SCAQMD, LACDPW

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Project No. R2004-00559-(5) SCH No. 2005081071

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Thank you,

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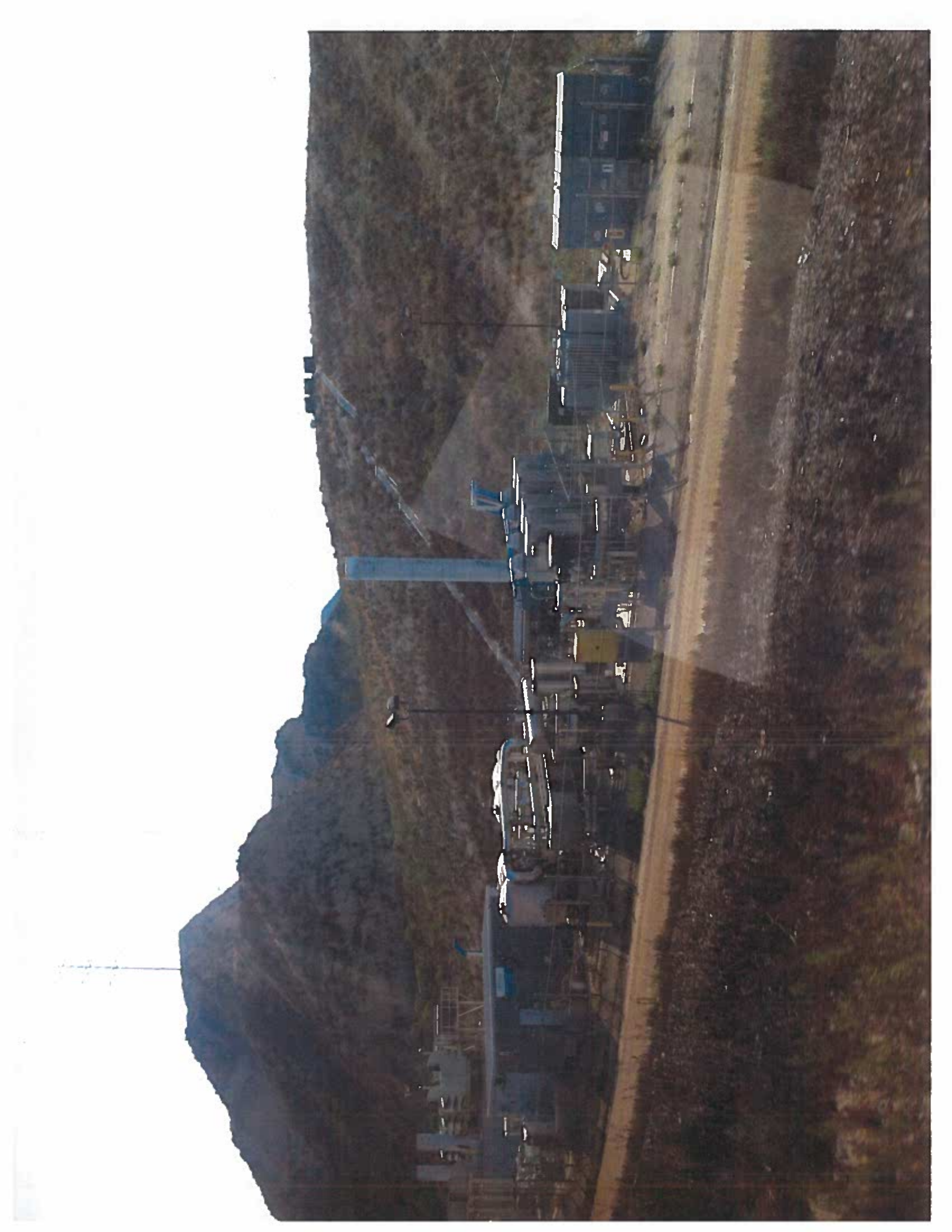
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Subject: Stop the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Expansion

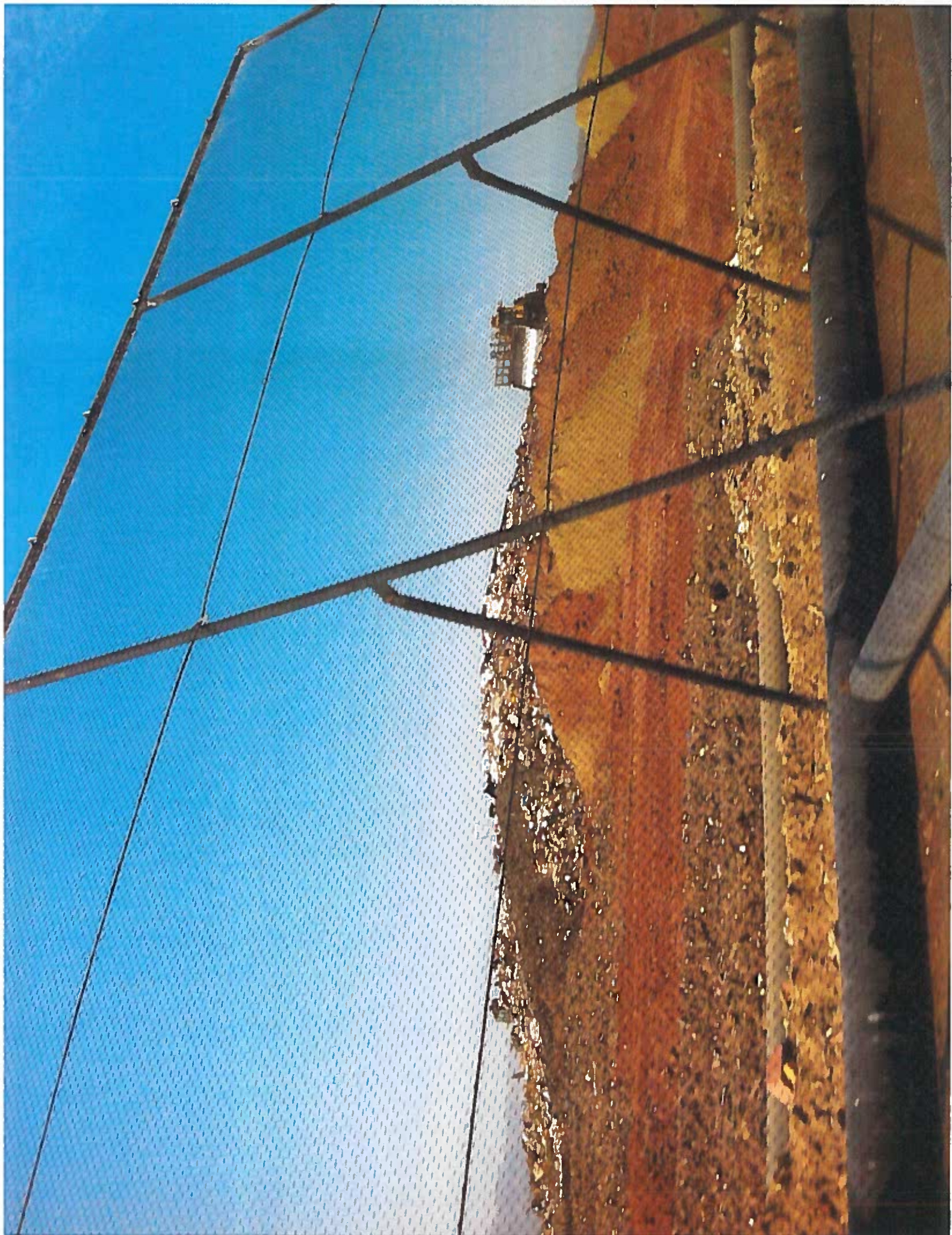
I am greatly disturbed to hear that Los Angeles County supervisors may be planning to greatly increase the volume of trash to the Chiquita Canyon dump site. I strongly oppose the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Expansion!

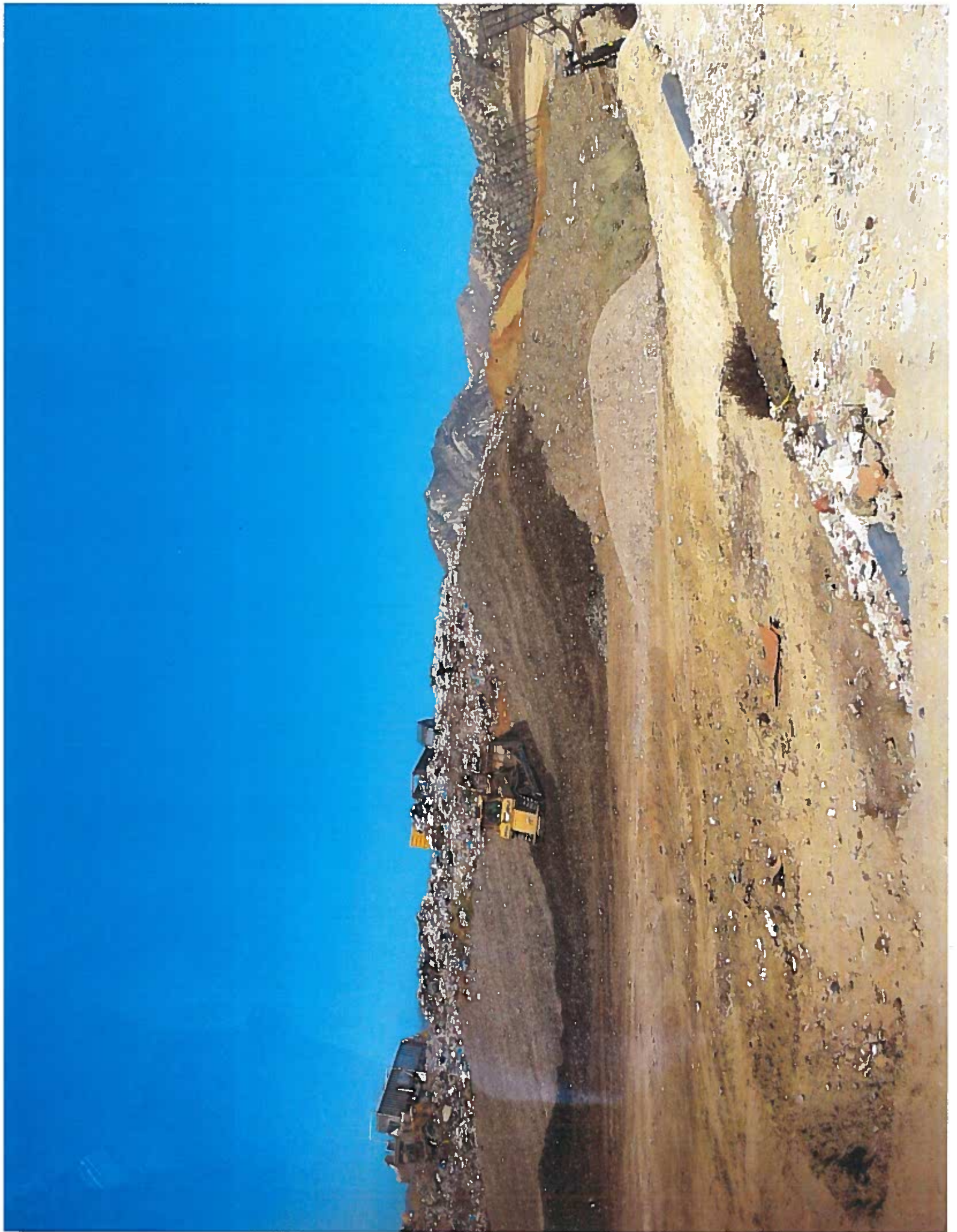
Not only is this planned to be one of the largest dump sites in the world, if approved for the tonnage of trash that is planned, but it will possibly become an environmental disaster. The health of all who live in this valley is at stake.

You need to support our community and stop this illegal expansion from happening. I will be anxiously awaiting your action on our behalf. Please don't let the residents of this community down!

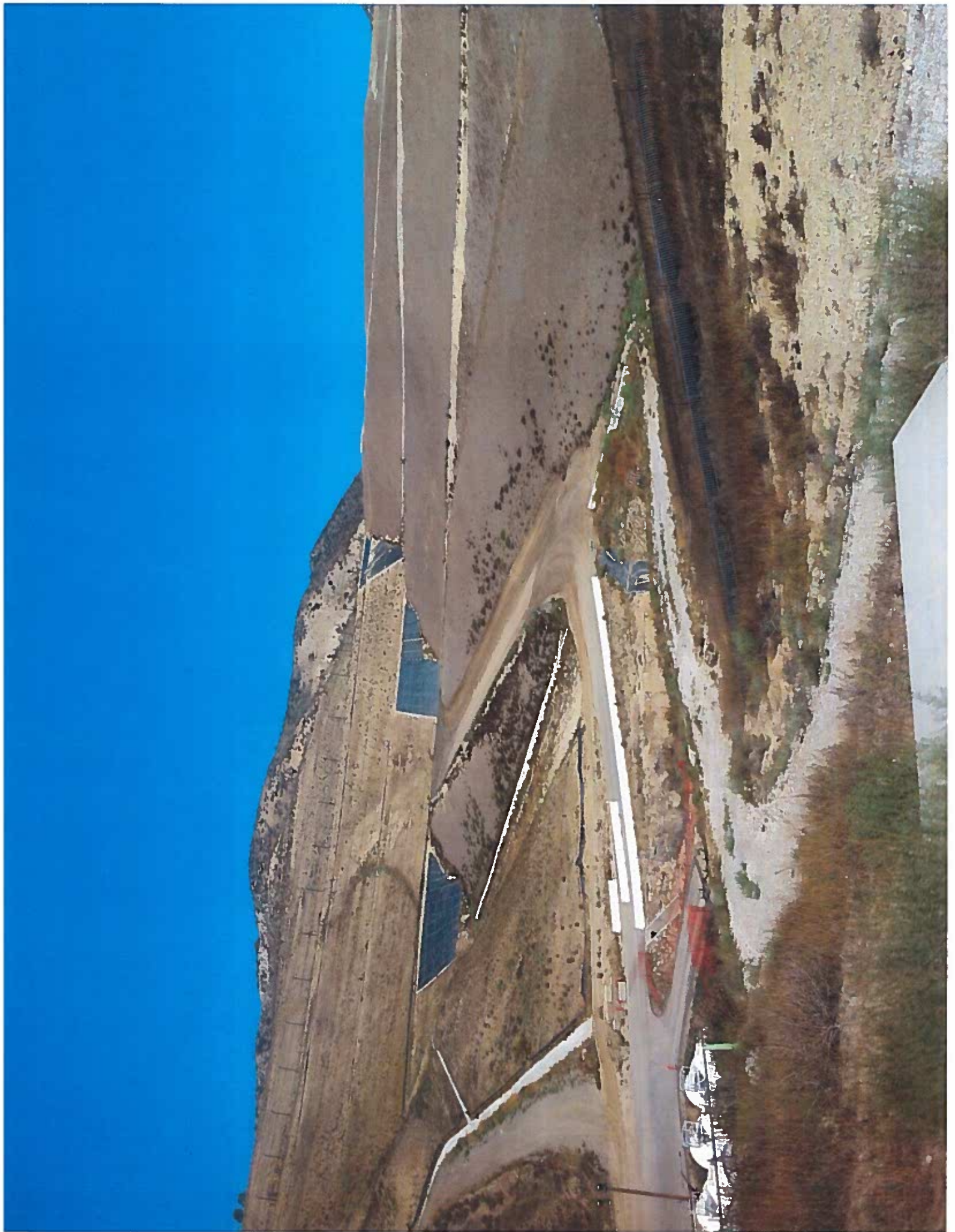
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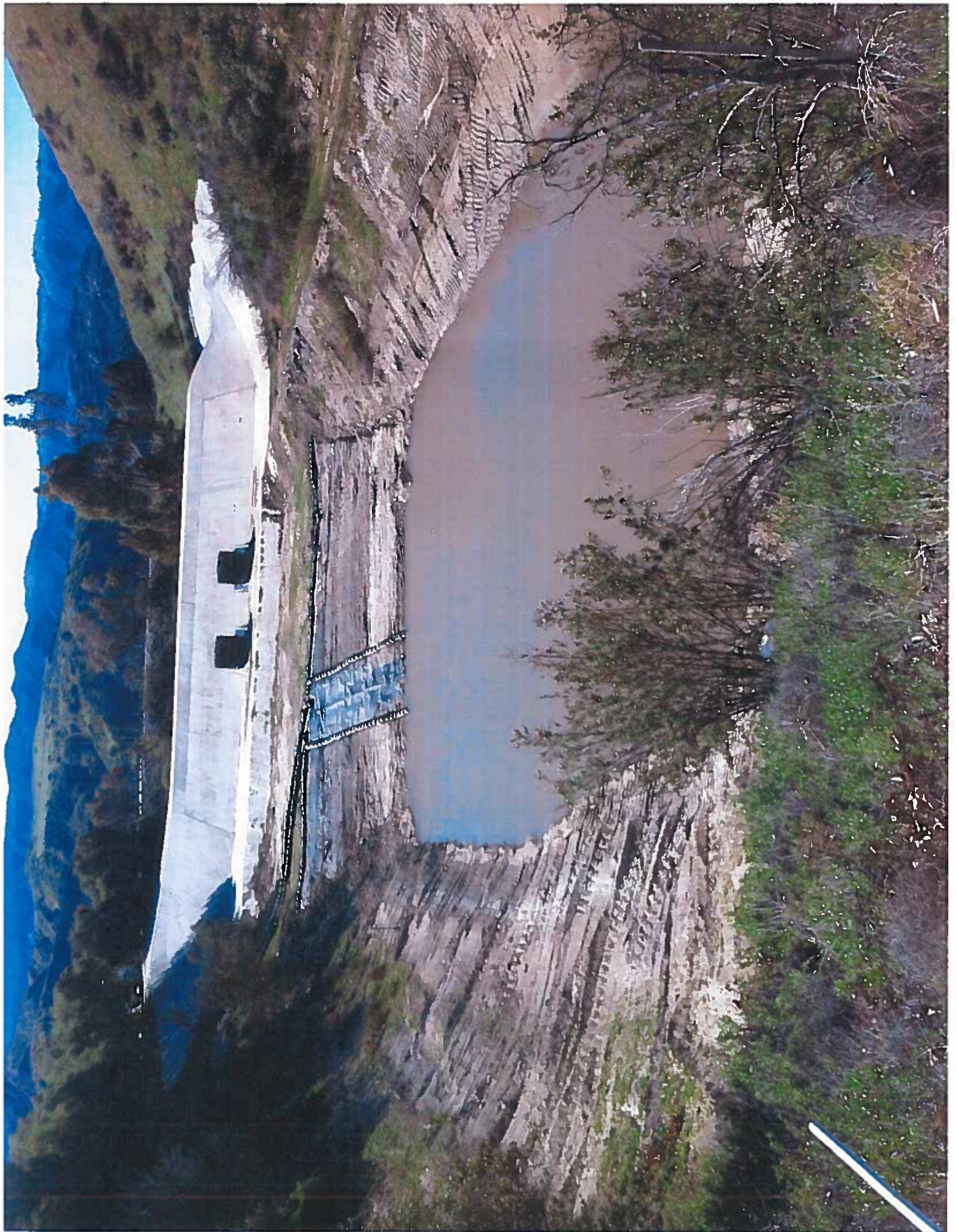














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LAND USE

LAND USE 500 FOOT RADIUS MAP

Proj. R2004-00559 (5)
RCUP 2004-00042
RENV 2004-00039

Legend

- SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENCE
- INSTITUTION / PUBLIC FACILITY
- LIGHT AGRICULTURE
- LIGHT INDUSTRY
- PUBLIC UTILITY
- LANDFILL
- VACANT

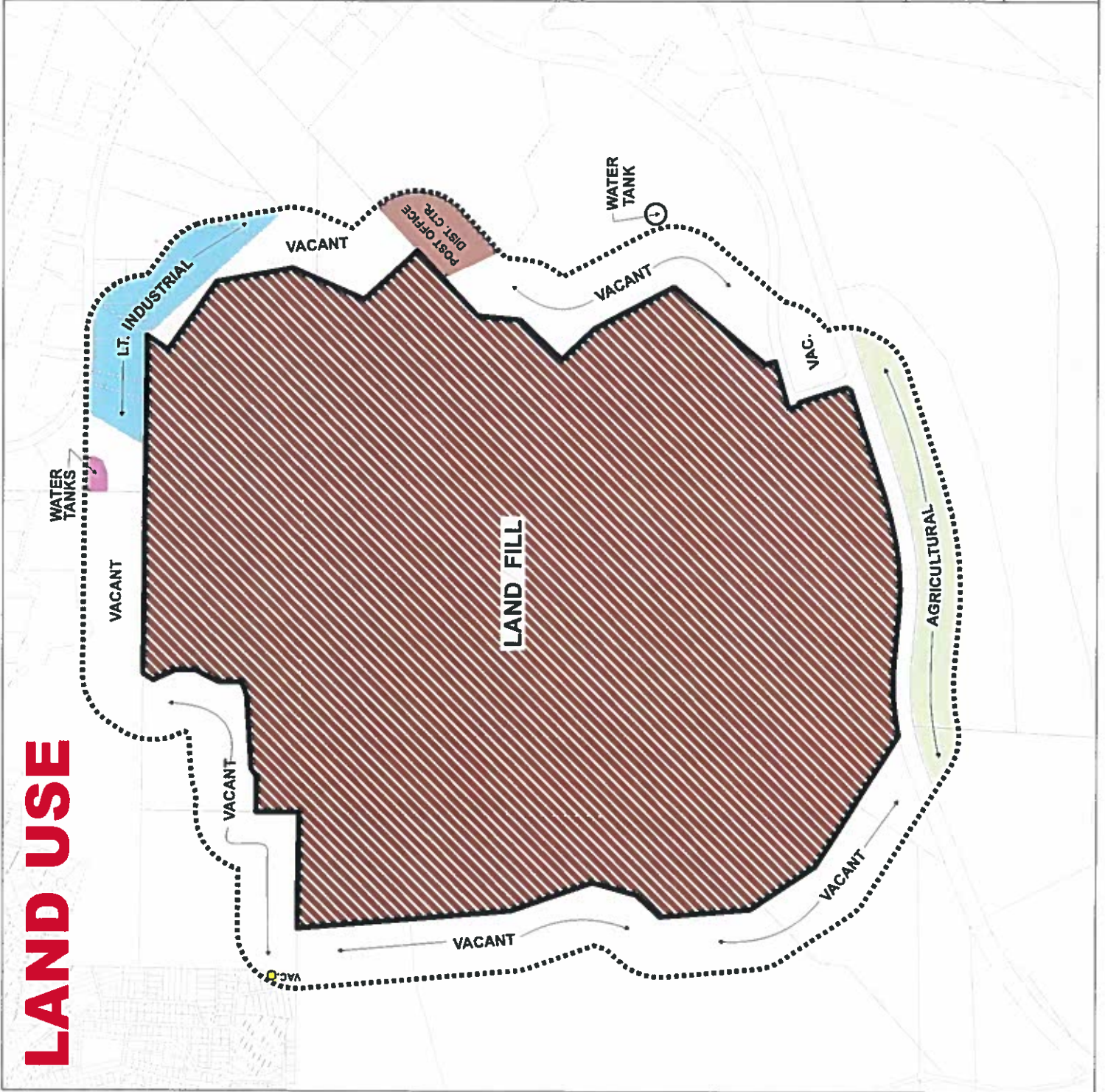
VICINITY MAP



0 1750 700 1050 1400 Feet



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ZONING

Central Valley
Avenue Palme

Taylor St

Madison Way

Chiquito Canyon Rd

Jackson St

Livingston Ave

M-1.5-DP

MPD-DP

R-1

A-2-2

A-2-5

M-1.5

M-1.5-DP

Franklin Pkwy

Henry Mayo Dr

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Seasoned Rd

SP

VICINITY MAP



0 1750 700 1050 1,400 Feet



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R2004-00559 (5)
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Legend

- R-1 - Single-Family Residence
- A-2 - Heavy Agricultural
- M-1.5 - Restricted Heavy Manufacturing
- MPD - Manufacturing-Industrial Planned
- SP - Specific Plan



LEGEND

- 1 NEW SITE ENTRANCE
- 2 EXISTING BORN IN CONFORMANCE WITH PART 10.000 OF TITLE 22 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES
- 3 FUTURE POTENTIAL CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY SET-ASIDE AREA
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- 5 FUTURE POTENTIAL CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY SET-ASIDE AREA
- 6 CONSTRUCTION BUILDING
- 7 BORN WITH EXISTING WALL
- 8 FUTURE WATER BARR
- 9 WALLS
- 10 GATEPOSTS
- 11 RETAINING WALL
- 12 LEACHATE STORAGE / TREATMENT (LANDFILL FACILITY)
- 13 FUTURE POTENTIAL CONVERSION TECHNOLOGY SET-ASIDE AREA
- 14 PROPOSED BORROW AREA
- 15 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDITION EASEMENT
- 16 EXISTING PRIMARY CANTON LANDFILL EASEMENT
- 17 INLAND GATE
- 18 OUTLAND GATE
- 19 ROLLING GATE
- 20 GATES
- 21 CHALKLINE FENCE (TYP.)
- 22 FUTURE FENCE AND GATES

REFERENCES

BASE COMPARED BY PHOTOGRAPHIC METHODS BY CARTWRIGHT AERIAL SURVEYS, INC.
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. DATE OF PHOTOGRAPHY: MARCH 17, 2015


DATE: 01/11/2016

PROJECT: WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.
CHIKUITA CANYON LANDFILL
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

REVISIONS

NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION
1	01/11/2016	ISSUED FOR PERMITTING

PROPOSED PROJECT
ENTRANCE FACILITIES AREA

**Golden Associates**

PROJECT NO.	000017700	FILE NO.	ENTRANCE_FACILITIES_AREA
DESIGN	001	SCALE	AS SHOWN
CADD	001	SCALE	AS SHOWN
CHECKED	001	SCALE	AS SHOWN
REVIEWED	001	SCALE	AS SHOWN

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June 6, 2014

Steve Cassulo
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RE: **Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision**

Dear Mr. Cassulo:

Pursuant to the request of Chiquita Canyon Landfill, an oak tree field study evaluation has been conducted by this office to ascertain base line data in regard to native oak tree resources located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, City of Castaic. This project study is mandated by the Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance.

The field study was conducted by sb horticulture (sbh) in early April 2012 and early June 2014. Specifications and photographs are included in this report related to individual tree species, size and overall condition.

The four oak trees evaluated are proposed for removal at client request due to future grading considerations.

Respectfully submitted by,

Sean Brown

sb horticulture

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Survey Methodology:

- **Reference material used:**
 - Oak tree location map supplied by Pinnacle Land Surveying, Inc.
- Tree diameters were field measured approximately 4.5 feet above grade with a LUFKIN diameter tape measure. This is referred to as DBH (Diameter at Breast Height). Where low branching or other factors interfered with measuring the tree diameter at 4.5 feet the measurement was moved and noted in the report.
- Tree height was field estimated.
- Driplines were measured in a minimum of four (4) compass directions.
- Trees were tagged with metal discs for identification and location purposes.
- The surveyed trees were photographed with a digital camera to facilitate reader ease in identification. These pictures are for reference only and should not be used to ascertain actual condition and size of the surveyed tree specimens.

It is important to note that the information included in this report was collected during an above ground visual observation consistent with professional standards. No extensive internal tree or subsurface investigation was made. Trees are living entities and subject to stress and disease that may not be apparent during cursory inspection. Therefore, no guarantee is given or implied that any of the trees will survive planned construction activity and/or relocation.

Rating Review:

Individual species have been field rated in regard to form and health based on an A, B, C, D, F scale. The letter E is not utilized as a rating classification. Trees were also given a vigor rating as a percentage separate from the overall grade of the tree.

- A** That tree is rated as an excellent specimen and needs no special attention at this time as long as construction and development impacts do not negatively effect its environment.
- B** That condition of tree is average to slightly above average with regard to health and structure. Tree may have indicated possible need for minor pruning (deadwood removal). Implementing reasonable preservation procedures and practices, tree has excellent potential to survive planned development if construction guidelines and post-construction maintenance are followed.
- C** That condition of tree indicates a possible need for moderate corrective maintenance. Tree may be in good physiological condition while displaying one or more structural defects. Tree may display symptoms/signs of stress or decline due to adverse abiotic and/or biotic conditions.
- D** That tree has serious problems in regard to health, disease, or structure that it may not be possible to be remedied through reasonable preservation procedures and practices.

Overall Tree Conditions

Four (4) Los Angeles County ordinance sized oak trees were documented within the proposed project area. Two (2) are native trees- and both are growing adjacent to an abandoned field previously used for agricultural purposes. The other two trees are non native landscape trees growing within landscaped areas of the existing landfill facility.

It should be noted that one (1) heritage sized dead oak tree was observed adjacent to tree # 1. Arborist Sean Brown met onsite with representatives Bill Romo and Joseph Brunet from the Los Angeles County Forestry Division's Environmental Review Unit to confirm this oak tree was dead in late 2011. Because the tree is no longer living, it is not included in this August 2012 report. It is, however, still onsite and still tagged with the #87.

Survey Results:

- 4 Los Angeles County ordinance sized oak trees were documented within the proposed project area.
 - 3 Quercus agrifolia (Coast Live Oak)
 - 1 Quercus lobata (Valley Oak)

Impact summary

	Tree tag #'s
Proposed Removal	1,2,3,89
Encroachment	
No proposed impact	
Total trees in report	four

Oak Tree Data

Tag #	Species	Impact Status	DBH in inches	Grade	Vigor	Structure	Height
1	Valley Oak <i>Quercus lobata</i>	Remove	(10,5)	B	Good	Fair to Good	20'-30'
2	Coast Live Oak <i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Remove	(10,5)	B-	Good	Fair	15'-20'
3	Coast Live Oak <i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Remove	(11.5,6.5)	B-	Good	Fair	15'-20'
89	Coast Live Oak <i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	Remove	(18.5,17,14)	D+	Poor	Poor	25'-30'

Tree Notes

Tag #	Tree comments
1	Tree is a native specimen to the site. Tree is a multi-trunk. Trunk base slightly buried by natural fill from adjacent slope. Growing adjacent to large dead oak tree to west.
2	<u>This tree is non native to the site</u> and was planted as part of the installed landscape. Low branching. Some included bark. Tree is multi trunked. Low branching with canopy in contact with ground. Excessive branch production at point of codominance on larger trunk- may be result of previous damage to trunk.
3	<u>This tree is non native to the site</u> and was planted as part of the installed landscape. Low branching with canopy in contact with ground. Trunk base slightly buried by fill. Multi-trunked. Tree is growing within a partially landscaped area directly adjacent to a paved parking/storage facility.
89	Tree is a native specimen to the site. Multi-trunked. Tree is growing in natural area. Trunk base is heavily buried by adjacent natural slope failure. One dead trunk on ground. Exfoliating bark. Middle trunk lying on west trunk. Multiple broken large limbs. Heavy trunk damage and decay. Poor condition of tree is most likely a result of heavy fire damage and excess soil fill on trunk.

Canopy Measurements

Canopy Dripline From Trunk in Feet

Tag Number	N	E	S	W
1	14	10	14	18
2	9	9	11	11
3	9	10	9	14
89	12	12	18	23

Oak Tree Mitigation

- Required oak tree mitigation per Los Angeles County Oak Tree Ordinance:

- 6 (two) 15 gallon Quercus agrifolia
- 2 (two) 15 gallon Quercus lobata

8 total mitigation trees. (Replacement to removal ratio— 2:1)

- Recommended oak tree mitigation:

- 11 (eleven) 15 gallon Quercus agrifolia
- 5 (five) 15 gallon Quercus lobata

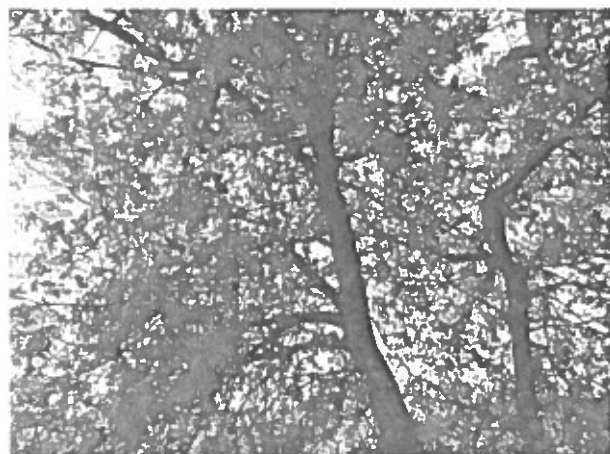
16 total mitigation trees.

This is only a recommendation. The final mitigation requirements will be determined by the Los Angeles County Forestry Department.

Proposed mitigation tree planting site- These mitigation trees are proposed to be within the existing property in a natural area as detailed below (see Appendix B). Other alternative natural areas also exist within the project boundary. These are proposals only. The final mitigation requirements will be determined and approved by the Los Angeles County Forestry Division's Environmental Review Unit.

Tree Photographs

Tree #1



Tree Photographs continued

Tree #2



Tree Photographs continued

Tree #3



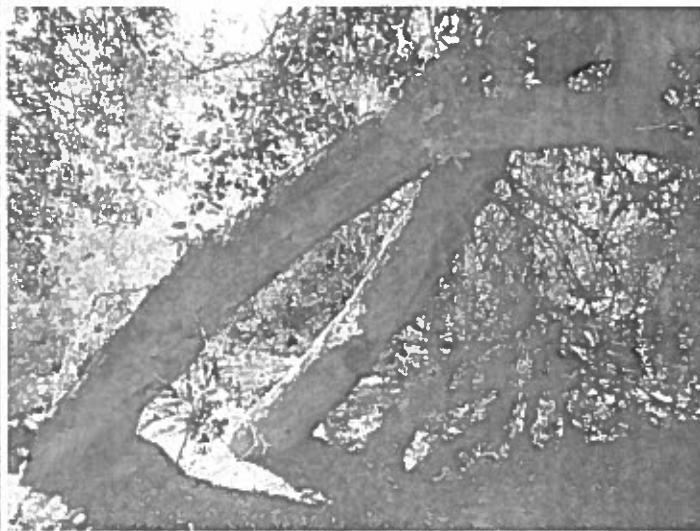
Tree Photographs continued

Tree #89



Tree Photographs continued

Tree #89



Appendix A

Oak Tree Mitigation Proposed Location



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Appendix B

Aerial Photo of Existing Oak Trees Locations



Appendix C

Report Glossary

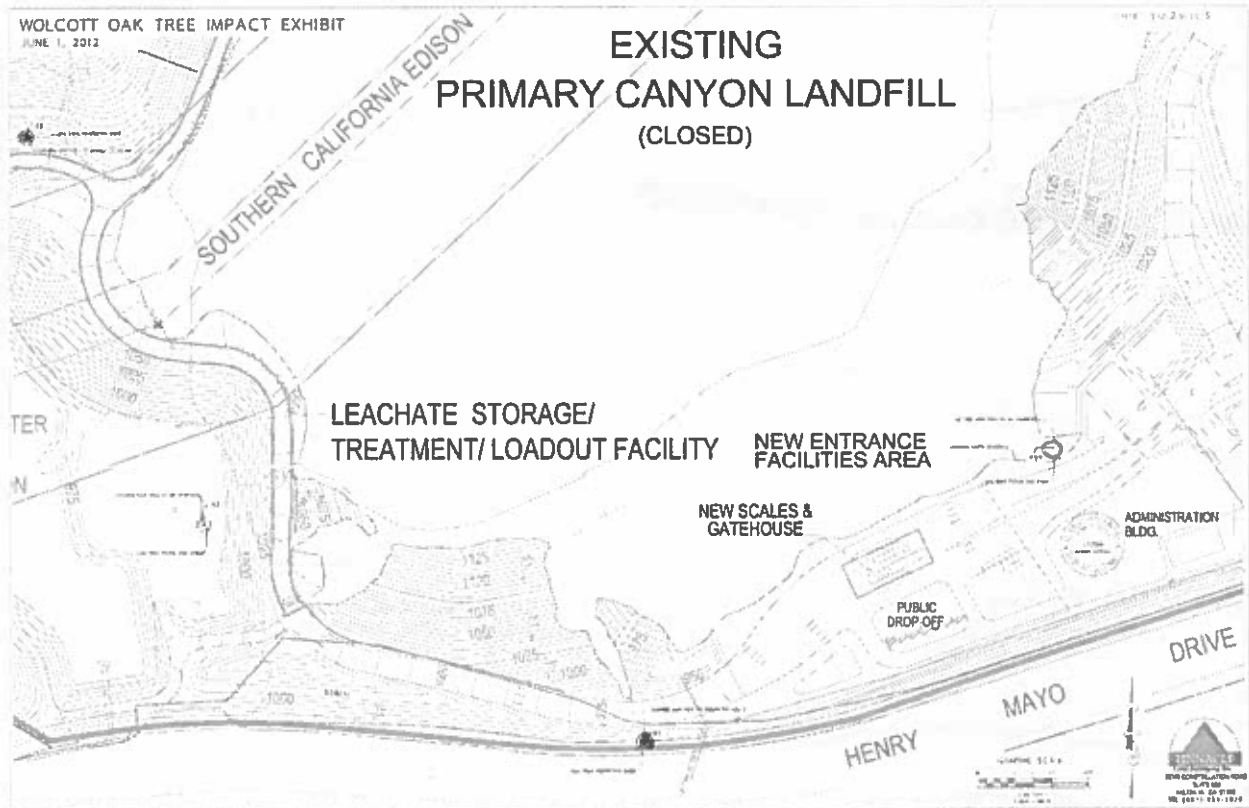
- o **Arboriculture:** The science and art of caring for trees, shrubs and other woody plants.
- o **Arborist:** A person possessing the technical competence through experience and related training to provide for or supervise the management of trees or other woody plants.
- o **Cavity:** An open and exposed area of wood, where the bark is missing and internal wood has been decayed and dissolved.
- o **Codominant:** Equal in size and relative importance, usually associated with either trunks/stems or limbs branches in the crown.
- o **Crotch:** The point or angle at which two branches (or a branch and a leader) meet.
- o **DBH –Diameter Breast Height:** The diameter of the trunk of a tree measured at 4.5 feet above natural grade.
- o **Decay:** Progressive deterioration of organic tissues, usually caused by fungal or bacterial organisms, resulting in loss of cell structure, strength, and function. In wood, the loss of structural strength.
- o **Defoliation:** Loss of leaves.
- o **Dripline:** The width of the crown, as measured by the lateral extent of the foliage.
- o **“Encroachment” as it pertains to the LA County Oak Tree Ordinance:** Proposed construction, excavation, grading and/or landfill within the Protective Zone.
- o **Epicormic growth:** Growth that arises from latent buds that occur on stems, branches, and at the base of trees. This type of growth is more vigorous and weaker than normal growth
- o **Foliage:** The live leaves or needles of the tree; the plant part primarily responsible for photosynthesis.
- o **Heritage Oak Tree:** any oak tree measuring 36” or more in diameter, measured 4½ feet above natural grade.
- o **Mulch:** Any material such as wood chips, straw, sawdust, leaves, and stone that is spread on the surface of the soil to protect the soil and plant roots from the effects of raindrops, soil crusting, freezing, and evaporation.
- o **“Protective Zone” as it pertains to the LA County Oak Tree Ordinance:** “The Protected Zone shall mean that area within the dripline of an oak tree and extending there from to a point at least 5 feet outside the dripline or 15 feet from the trunk, whichever distance is greater.”
- o **Pruning:** Selective removal of woody plant parts of any size, using saws, pruners, clippers, or other pruning tools.
- o **Root ball:** Area containing the main root structure.
- o **Root crown:** Area at the base of a tree where the roots and stem merge.
- o **Root System:** The portion of the tree containing the root organs, including buttress roots, transport roots, and fine absorbing roots; all underground parts of the tree.
- o **Root Zone:** The area and volume of soil around the tree in which roots are normally found. May extend to three or more times the branch spread of the tree, or several times the height of the tree.
- o **Shaded out:** Slower or stunted growth due to lack of sufficient light.
- o **Species:** The main category of taxonomic classification into which living organisms are subdivided, comprising a group of similar individuals having a number of correlated characteristics.
- o **Stress:** Unfavorable deviation from normal. The action on a body of any system of balanced forces whereby strain or deformation results. In arboriculture, the adverse alteration of tree health by abiotic or biotic factors.
- o **Sucker:** Vigorous upright epicormic (Adventitious) shoot rising from the base of the trunk or just below the soil surface.
- o **Re-growth/trunk sprout:** Growth rising from the base of damaged or cut trees/shrubs. Epicormic type growth.
- o **Vigor:** Overall health; the capacity to grow and resist physiological stress.
- o **Visual Tree Assessment:** Method of evaluating structural defects and stability in trees.

Appendix D

Oak Tree Location Plan

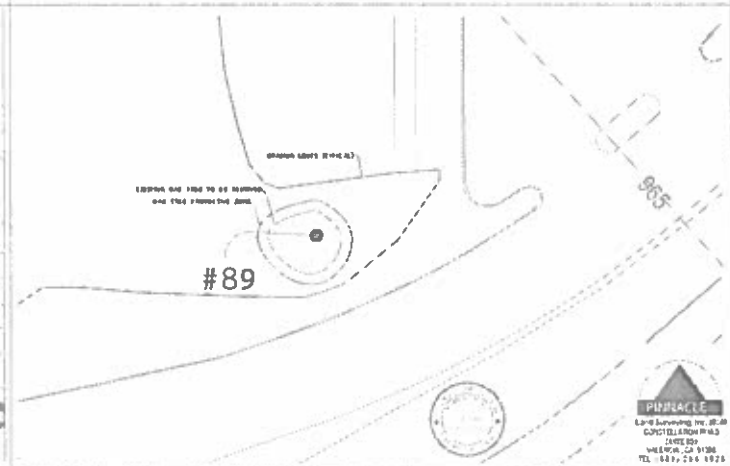
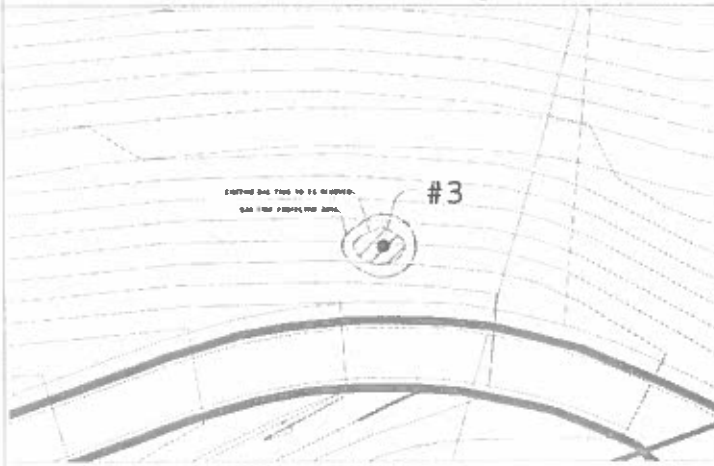
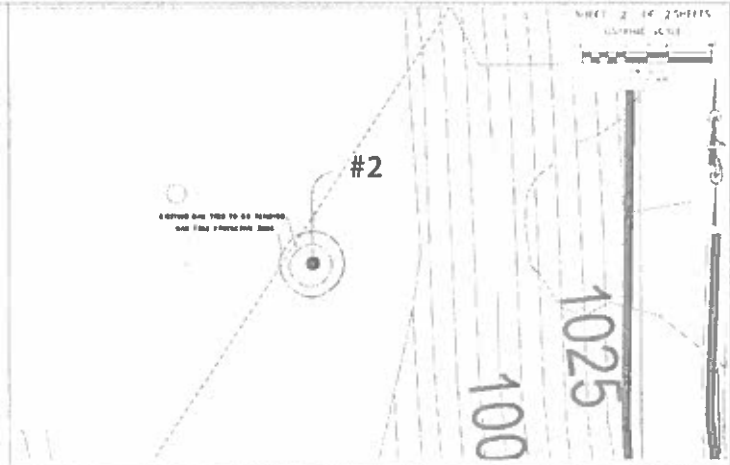
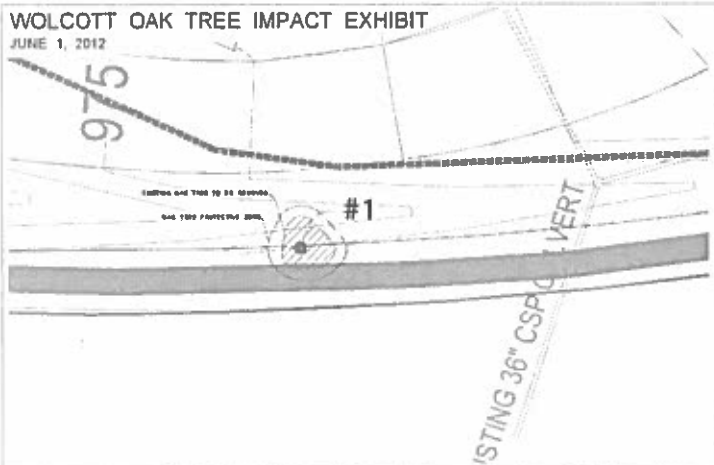
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JUNE 1, 2012

EXISTING PRIMARY CANYON LANDFILL (CLOSED)



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JUNE 1, 2012



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THURSDAY, JULY 31, 2014
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card, and please submit it to Liz Contreras in the back of the room.

The general procedure for tonight's hearing will be as follows: First, staff will make a brief presentation, and then the applicant will make a presentation. There will be a Power Point associated with the applicant's presentation, and that will be shown on the wall; so if you want to move forward to see that Power Point a little better, please feel free to.

Per County Code, the hearing officer makes no decisions. This Draft Environmental Impact Report will not be approved or certified or decided on tonight. The hearing examiner administers the meeting, takes testimony, and then provides a report to the Regional Planning commissioner on the testimony that's been submitted at this time.

Per the public hearing notice for this meeting, this public hearing is to take testimony on the draft EIR for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan. We are not taking testimony on the project itself. That will come at the Regional Planning Commission Hearing, at a date that will be decided at a future date.

Now, if you would like to be on the mailing list to be notified so when the Regional Planning Commission Hearing is scheduled, after tonight's meeting, please see

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Thursday, JULY 31, 2014; CASTAIC, CALIFORNIA
6:01 p.m.
-oOo-

MS. NATOLI: It is Thursday, July 31, 2014, and the Hearing Examiner Meeting is called to order.

At this time, please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

MS. NATOLI: Thank you. You may be seated.

I am Gina Natoli. I am the hearing examiner for tonight's meeting. As the hearing examiner, I will be the hearing examiner on all of the agenda items here tonight.

A few administrative items first. Please turn off or silence all communication devices. Also, anyone who wishes to speak must fill out a speaker card. If you'd like to be called for tonight's proceeding, they are available in the back of the room.

There are established time limits for testimony on hearing examining agenda items. The applicant will have 15 minutes. And, depending on the number of speakers, we can have a maximum of three minutes of comments from the public. There will be no ceding of time.

Anyone wishing to testify today on any agenda item that includes public comment must fill out a speaker

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Ms. Chi, who's the planner for the project, and she'll take your information and put your name and contact information on the contact list.

Now, if you intend to testify on any agenda item -- again, that includes the public comment period -- please stand at this time to be sworn in. Even if you're not sure, you think you might testify. You don't need to testify if you're sworn in. But at this time, please stand to be sworn in.

Do each of you swear or affirm under penalty of perjury that the testimony you may give in this matter now pending before the hearing examiner shall be the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth?

AUDIENCE: I do.

MS. NATOLI: Please, be seated. Thank you.

Now, moving on to Item 2. Project Number R2004-00559-(5). A request to modify the master plan for the Chiquita Canyon landfill.

Ms. Chi, please proceed.

MS. CHI: Good afternoon, Madam Hearing Officer. My name is Iris Chi. The presentation we have for you tonight is the Draft EIR for the Chiquita Canyon landfill located in an unincorporated are of the Santa Clarita Valley, within the Castaic Community Center. The property site is located at 29201 Henry Mayo Drive, approximately 8

1 (Pages 1 to 4)

1 miles west of the 5 Freeway and State Route 126, and 33
2 miles north from Los Angeles.

3 The subject site is zoned 82 Heavy Commercial
4 and the Santa Clarita Valley area Planning Commission
5 (inaudible).

6 The Applicant, Chiquita Canyon Landfill, is
7 requesting a conditional-use permit for the continued
8 needs and expansion of an existing Class III landfill.

9 Landfills are allowed to expand under conditional
10 use permits. The County has determined that environmental
11 impact report is required for the project, and part of the
12 purpose of tonight's hearing is to gather testimony on the
13 draft EIR which was released for public review on July 10,
14 2013. And the original review period was to end on August
15 24th, 2014.

16 A time extension was approved by the Department
17 of Regional Planning, and the public review committee will
18 now extend to September 23, 2014.

19 The existing and proposed land use is a Class III
20 landfill surrounding a land use of agriculture land,
21 single-family residences, and industrial.

22 The proposed project will be to continue
23 operation of the existing Class III landfill. The project
24 includes a lateral extension of 1043 acres and increased
25 lateral expansion of 1,573 feet.

1 The daily receivable tonnage will increase from
2 6,000 to 12,000 tons. The permitted maximum local tonnage
3 will increase from 30,000 to 60,000 tons.

4 A new entranceway and support buildings will be
5 constructed. A new Household Hazardous Waste Facility
6 will be built onsite. Mixed organic composting will be an
7 accessory use. (Inaudible.)

8 A Southern California Edison transmission line
9 will be relocated to provide space for the new entrance.

10 The draft EIR has looked at the following: Land
11 use, geology and hydrology, surface water drainage, water
12 quality, biological resources, cultural and
13 paleontological resources, traffic and transportation, air
14 quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and climate change,
15 noise, public services and utilities, visual resources,
16 and environmental justice and socio-economics.

17 The draft EIR concluded that there are
18 significant and unavoidable impacts regarding air quality
19 and traffic and transportation in that region. Mitigation
20 measures recommended for geology and hydrology, surface
21 water drainage, biological resources, cultural resources,
22 greenhouse gas emissions, and climate change will reduce
23 those factors.

24 At tonight's hearing, testimony will be heard on
25 the project and draft EIR throughout the comment period

1 which will end on September 23, 2014, and will be
2 responded to in the final EIR. The final EIR staff
3 analysis and recommendation will go to the Regional
4 Planning Commission and Hearing. The commission can
5 certify or reject the EIR and project.

6 This concludes my presentation.

7 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

8 At this time, I would like to ask the applicant
9 to come forward and make a presentation.

10 For everyone's information, the meeting tonight
11 and this hearing is being recorded by a court reporter.
12 We also have a translator for available for Spanish. So
13 with both of those pieces of information, I would ask that
14 you keep in mind we have a court reporter who's trying to
15 listen in a room with lots of echoes. We may have a
16 little trouble hearing. Try not to speak too quickly.

17 As for the applicant, also, if you would keep in
18 mind that there may be a Spanish translation and also the
19 court reporter trying to get everything down, just keep
20 that in mind.

21 Thank you. Please proceed.

22 MS. EELLS: Thank you, Madam Hearing Examiner.
23 And good evening everyone. My name is Brenda Eells. I'm
24 with CH2M Hill. We are the consulting firm that was hired
25 to prepare the ground development and land report for the

1 Chiquita Canyon Master Plan Review.

2 I'm going to take just a few minutes this evening
3 to talk about Chiquita Canyon, to talk about what is
4 actually being proposed, and what is described in the
5 draft EIR, and briefly describe some of the potential
6 significant issues discussed in the Draft EIR.

7 Most of you probably know where Chiquita Canyon
8 is located. It is located just north of SR126, about
9 three miles west of I-5. It is located to the east of
10 Chiquita Canyon Road. It's southeast of the community of
11 Val Verde, and to the north and east are a commerce center
12 and the (inaudible).

13 Just a brief history of Chiquita Canyon Landfill.
14 It's been in operation for over 40 years. The landfill
15 serves the Santa Clarita Valley and community. As I just
16 mentioned earlier, it's a landfill that takes trash from
17 households, primarily. No hazardous waste is exposed in
18 the landfill.

19 Chiquita Canyon receives most of its waste from
20 large transfer vehicles. That means that the smaller
21 trash trucks that you see driving around your
22 neighborhoods go to a different location initially where
23 trash is sorted, placed on the transfer trucks, and then
24 hauled to Chiquita Canyon Landfill. That means fewer
25 trucks going to the landfill. Fewer trucks means less air

1 quality impacts. Also, Chiquita Canyon has, for the last
2 four or so years, had a two megawatt clean energy
3 facility. That facility converts naturally occurring
4 methane at the landfill, and generates electricity. And
5 the electricity generated by the plant serves about 7,000
6 homes annually.

7 The landfill has an overload environmental
8 protections in place. One of the biggies is the composite
9 liner. Essentially, as the landfill is developed, dirt is
10 excavated, the composite liner is laid down. It's a very
11 thick, plastic liner that is impermeable. It's welded
12 seams, and it insures that all waste contained inside that
13 liner can't go anywhere.

14 Any liquid generated by the landfill is drained
15 to that liner and is siphoned off and taken off-site for
16 treatment. Also storm water is captured and retained
17 onsite so there's not runoff from the landfill to other
18 areas. Groundwater is tested periodically. And these
19 actions, altogether, ensure that the operation doesn't
20 affect the water quality.

21 The landfill uses best management practices and
22 highly trained employees.

23 It utilizes a small working face, even though the
24 landfill is quite large. For 257 acres, the typical work
25 face is an eighth of that size at any given time. It's

1 report to that plan, there was -- it was stated that there
2 would be a waste disposal shortfall in the County without
3 expansion of the landfills that are still receiving.

4 So the property is 639 acres. Only 257 of those
5 are permitted for waste. What that means is that it --
6 its current conditional use permit does not cover the
7 unused capacity. Essentially, this project is intended to
8 utilize that remaining capacity to benefit LA County.

9 Just a quick project overview. The project
10 involves a new entrance from Wolcott Way, the development
11 of a household hazardous waste facility, and a set aside
12 of land for potential future conversion technology, the
13 lateral extension of the waste footprint; vertical
14 extension of the waste footprint; and new disposal tonnage
15 site capacity and site life.

16 Currently, the entrance to the facilities --
17 right now, the landfill entrance is off of 126. There's
18 no signal there. When trucks leave the landfill, they're
19 typically making a left-hand turn on to 126. This
20 proposal would move the landfill entrance to Wolcott where
21 there will be a signal entrance. Also looking at the
22 entrance is the location of the new household waste
23 facility. This will provide a permanent site to allow the
24 public to drop off their household waste -- paint and oil,
25 electronics -- and then can be taken off-site for

1 covered daily to reduce dust and to reduce odors. It's
2 surrounded by litter fencing, and also it participates in
3 the Adopt-a-Highway program, and they control 126 for the
4 stretch that's in front of the landfill and also Chiquita
5 Canyon Road.

6 One of the most interesting things is they employ
7 mother nature to help control birds at the site. Gulls
8 like trash. And for about 12 years now, Chiquita Canyon
9 has utilized falcons to deter those gulls. Every day, a
10 falconer brings his falcons. The falcons run a set
11 pattern of paths over the landfills to scare off the
12 gulls. And that's good for the landfill, and it's good
13 for the environment.

14 I just want to point out real quickly that the
15 landfill has quite a large regulatory oversight. There
16 are about 25 permits that the landfill is required to
17 obtain. The agencies providing oversight are listed up
18 here above me. A number of these -- Public Works, Public
19 Planning, Public Health -- have all contributed to this
20 EIR. This is their document. So they're insuring that
21 this meets the need of the County and provides information
22 that the public needs.

23 The proposed project is intended to provide
24 additional waste capacity in LA county. Public Works
25 prepares a County-wide Waste Management Plan. In the last

1 disposal.

2 Development of this new landfill entrance would
3 result in the facilities being development at a flat
4 portion at the intersection of 126 and Wolcott Way.

5 The site will be provided with a screening berm
6 and wall and landscaping to ensure all the facilities that
7 are located on 126 would be screened from view.

8 This drawing right here shows the lateral
9 extension of the footprint of the landfill. The yellow
10 areas of the landfill, that's the area currently permitted
11 for waste. To the south, there's a small orange area and
12 to the northeast -- those are the areas proposed for
13 expansion.

14 Additionally, the final elevation of the landfill
15 will increase from its currently permitted elevation by
16 143 feet.

17 The top portion of the landfill would still
18 remain below the bridge line that is along the side of the
19 landfill. It is not visible from the community of Val
20 Verde.

21 As part of the expansion, the landfill would now
22 increase disposal capacity via daily and weekly disposal
23 tonnage from 6,000 tons per day, 30,000 tons per week, to
24 12,000 tons per day, 60,000 tons per week. This capacity
25 increase would result in decreased sight lines, and

<p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p> <p>1 (inaudible) on up from about 21 years. That's described 2 in the EIR.</p> <p>3 Environmental controls will continue as they do 4 now and expand as necessary for the additional waste. 5 These environmental controls include groundwater and 6 surface water monitoring, air and gas monitoring, odor 7 control, vector control, and compliance with all 8 applicable laws and regulations.</p> <p>9 Real quickly I want to repeat what's in the EIR, 10 the areas that were evaluated in the EIR, a number of them 11 were found to be less than significant. These include 12 water quality, air quality except during cumulative 13 project, noise, public services and utilities visual 14 resources, and environmental.</p> <p>15 The other resources areas that will have a 16 significant impact have been found to be reduced with the 17 addition of mitigation. These include geology and 18 hydrology, surface water drainage, biological resources, 19 cultural resources and paleontological resources, traffic 20 transportation, and greenhouse gas emission.</p> <p>21 For biological resources, there are a number of 22 mitigation measure that are in the draft EIR, one is the 23 commitment to work with regional planning to achieve a 24 revegetation plan for the site. This would include 25 requirements to have either a soil cap at project closure</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p> <p>1 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much. At this time 2 we will be open for public hearing. If there's anyone who 3 has come in since the beginning of the meeting and has not 4 yet been sworn in but plans to testify tonight, I'd like 5 to -- before we start testimony -- ask those people to 6 stand and be sworn in. So if you plan on testifying and 7 have not yet been sworn in, please stand at this time to 8 be sworn. Thank you.</p> <p>9 Do each of you swear or affirm under penalty of 10 perjury that the testimony you may give in this matter now 11 pending before this hearing examiner shall be the truth, 12 the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?</p> <p>13 THE AUDIENCE: Yes.</p> <p>14 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. Please be seated.</p> <p>15 What I'm going to ask Mr. McCarthy to do is call 16 two testifiers at a time. I'd like both of you to come up 17 to the seats. Please speak directly into the microphone. 18 As you can tell, we can't really hear you if you move a 19 little bit farther away from the microphone. So please 20 stay close to the microphone. Please state your name for 21 the record so the court reporter can get that down in 22 writing. And, again, please remember we're trying to get 23 all of this down for the court reporter.</p> <p>24 So, Mr. McCarthy, please call the testifiers, 25 please.</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p> <p>1 that would allow for adequate regrowth for planned 2 communities, and if that's not possible, there's a plan 3 for off-site mitigation to offset habitat loss.</p> <p>4 For culture resources -- many of you know that 5 there is a cultural resource in Bowers Cave. We are 6 actively working to insure that that cave is protected.</p> <p>7 A number of key observation points were elevated 8 (inaudible) one of the those points from Hasley Hills. It 9 states in the EIR that a very small portion of the final 10 landfill top would be visible from Hasley Hills. But key 11 observation points were located in Val Verde, and from 12 that community, no view of the landfill was found.</p> <p>13 Thank you very much for coming out tonight. Just 14 a quick recap. You're all here tonight to hear about a 15 project and provide comments on the Draft EIR. In 16 addition, the County is taking comments through September 17 23. And when the county public comment period closes, 18 there's a final EIR of the comments that will be submitted 19 and available for decision making by the Planning 20 Commission and potentially, ultimately the Board of 21 Supervisors.</p> <p>22 That's my presentation. Thank you very much. 23 I will be available after the meeting in the back of the 24 room by the posters if there are any additional questions. 25 Thank you very much.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p> <p>1 MR. MCCARTHY: The first testify is Flo Lawrence. 2 Flo Lawrence.</p> <p>3 MS. NATOLI: You can call the second one.</p> <p>4 MR. MCCARTHY: And Marty Kreisler. Marty 5 Kreisler.</p> <p>6 MS. NATOLI: Please, both come forward. You may 7 sit down and state your name for the record.</p> <p>8 MS. RUIZ: Pull the microphone forward. You can 9 have a seat as well. Come forward.</p> <p>10 MS. NATOLI: If there's an open chair, take it. 11 When you finish your testimony, I'm going to ask you to 12 vacate the seat and get the next group up.</p> <p>13 What I'd like to do is give everybody three 14 minutes to testify, which is the maximum. And if we have 15 lots of interruptions, I may have to cut that down. So 16 I'd like to be able to get through the testimony whether 17 you agree or disagree with the speaker. And what we do 18 is, if you agree, you can do this (indicating). I see it. 19 I understand that you agree with something. If you don't 20 agree, you can give thumbs down. But please keep your 21 comments slow. Again, this is a room with a lot of 22 echoing, and it will be difficult for everyone to hear 23 you.</p> <p>24 So at this time, you may start testimony. Please 25 begin. And please state your name for the record.</p>

1 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Flo Lawrence. I am
2 a resident of Castaic. I have lived here since 1998. For
3 the record, I serve on the Castaic Town Council. But
4 tonight, I'm speaking for me.

5 And I am in favor of this expansion. And I'll
6 give you three reasons. I don't think I'm going to need
7 nearly three minutes. Oh, it started. I won't need that
8 much time.

9 LA County needs a place to put solid waste. We
10 are consuming at a massive rate. We go to Ralphs, we go
11 to McDonald's, we go to Best Buy, we go to Carl's Junior
12 where I just went through the drive through to feed my
13 kid.

14 We have a tremendous amount of waste, and we need
15 somewhere to put it. We can't build any more landfills
16 right now. The number I heard is Chiquita Canyon is 639
17 acres. 257 are permitted for landfill use. That is a lot
18 of unused capacity.

19 So LA County needs someplace to put their trash.
20 It's going to come here. I don't think we're going to be
21 able to do anything about that. It may make sense.

22 My second reason for the trash to come here is
23 because Chiquita Canyon operates an excellent facility.
24 They do everything right. I served on the VVCAC. I saw
25 all the regulatory agencies that regularly check up on

1 Chiquita to make sure they're in compliance not only to do
2 the minimum -- they do the maximum.

3 You heard the report of a small working face.
4 They have mitigation measures for odor and litter control.
5 They do a good job at running a landfill.

6 It's a reality. Until we as a society can learn
7 to do something different about all the things we consume
8 and then all the things that have to go out in the barrel
9 of our driveway, we're going to have to do this. But
10 Chiquita Canyon cares and they do it right.
11 They have a greenhouse water runoff. They burn the
12 methane gas.

13 Again, you may not like landfills, but I don't
14 know what else we're going to do in the near future,
15 because we don't have the technology not to have them.
16 You have to have it.

17 And this is an operation and example that is a
18 leader in the industry. Landfills across the country
19 point to Chiquita and look at the way they run this
20 operation. It is one of the most regulated industries in
21 the land. They do a good job.

22 The third thing I want to say is Chiquita is a
23 good neighbor. They care. They support a lot of the
24 local community organizations. If somebody needs
25 something, Chiquita is there for them. I went to a party

1 at the -- a fund raiser at The Painted Turtle, which is a
2 camp for seriously and terminally ill children. Because
3 of the Station Fire, the camp had to be closed for the
4 summer. Most of the structures survived. But they
5 couldn't have the kids up there because of the
6 particulates because of the fire.

7 When Mike Dean at Chiquita heard about the fire,
8 he called them and said "How can I help?" These are the
9 kinds of neighbors we need in Castaic.

10 It's coming. Let's work with them. And let's
11 get these mitigation measures for my community.

12 And I took the whole time. I apologize. Thank
13 you.

14 MS. NATOLI: That's all right. You're allowed.
15 Thank you.

16 Please proceed and state your name.

17 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Hello, everybody. Marty
18 Kreisler. And for the record, I'm also on the Castaic
19 Town Council, but I'm speaking tonight as an individual.

20 I live in Hasley Hills. And there was a slide up
21 there showing what the view would be from Hasley Hills. I
22 got a CV copy of the EIR, and are these pictures the same
23 ones that were in the slide? From what I can tell, it's
24 about an hour's walk to go to from Hasley Hills to go to
25 the landfill. And when I look at the picture and when I

1 rode the streets, essentially what I saw were roof tops in
2 the industrial center. And I saw some water tanks in the
3 hills. And to my knowledge, the landfill will be on the
4 other side of the ridge. There won't really be any view
5 at all to my knowledge. And if it is, it will be years
6 out. And it will be obstructed. So I see this as a
7 non-issue.

8 As far as views, I don't think most people even
9 know Chiquita Canyon is there or what they do, where the
10 trash goes. As the previous speaker said, we absolutely
11 need landfills. What are people going to do? They can't
12 bury their trash anymore. We have to take it somewhere.
13 And this landfill follows new technologies to eliminate
14 odors, to eliminate noise, to eliminate, you know,
15 anything blowing around. I really feel that we're lucky
16 to have this landfill in our neighborhood.

17 And there's one final point that I'd like to
18 make. And that is there's going to be mitigation fees.
19 Landfills have mitigation fees. Normally those fees would
20 go directly to the County. But we're very lucky here.
21 These mitigation fees are going to go directly into our
22 communities. How fortunate for us. We don't have these
23 in Castaic now. But Val Verde has a mitigation fee, And I
24 don't know how many people that's helped or how many good
25 things will come with this expansion. And I know, again,

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1 it may sound like payola or something, but it's just going
2 to be a wonderful opportunity for this community. And
3 congratulations to the landfill for offering it and
4 hopefully for us to receive it.

5 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Kreisler.

6 Mr. McCarthy, Would you call the next two.

7 MR. MCCARTHY: The next will be Nancy Carder,
8 C-a-r-d-e-r, and Lynne Plambeck. Plambeck.

9 MS. NATOLI: Please, go ahead, Ms. Carder.

10 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Okay. My name is
11 Nancy Carder. I'm a resident. The expansion will double
12 the tonnage, double the amount of waste, double the amount
13 of equipment, plus doubling the landfill operations.

14 How can this be good for the health of people
15 living in Val Verde? This will not only increase asthma
16 for most people with particulate issues, but will also
17 increase asthma in elementary schools and other schools
18 plans. The neighboring community will not only suffer
19 great loss of air quality, but will also suffer a loss of
20 property values, other potential loss of quality of life
21 issues, such as odors coming from the expansion.

22 One of the ways accepted at the landfill is to
23 treat it with auto shredder residue, made from the
24 crushing and shredding of materials. It's called ASR. ASR
25 contains elevated levels of metals, in particular, lead

1 and cadmium.

2 And even at low waste levels, sometimes as seen
3 in the DTSC, in which ASR recycling was caught exposing
4 hazardous waste levels.

5 At Chiquita Canyon landfill, it is used for daily
6 covering of landfill. ASR is reduced to heavy metal dust
7 with equipment operating on top of it. And it can be
8 spread by winds, water falling. And the ecosystem will
9 suffer from storm water runoff. Results from the
10 ASR impact studies are significant.

11 The study in the draft of the EIR shows the view
12 and the analysis of the Newhall Ranch Road 26th bridge on
13 I-5. There you have a good view of the landfill. Post
14 expansion, it will be a giant and slightly looming over
15 the community. The projected uniform view of the landfill
16 with vegetation in the draft of the EIR shows a view that
17 people will not see for several decades. Their view will
18 be the landfill with trash trucks on the top of it.

19 Nor does the draft EIR show the current berms,
20 drains, and ditches that are needed on a closed landfill
21 to keep it structurally sound. It's shows as a pretty
22 hill as projected in the draft EIR under the cultural
23 resources section.

24 The draft EIR states the portions of the ceiling
25 will be (inaudible) to collapse. Aside from earthquakes,

1 degradation of the plain is likely due to the constant
2 operation on the land.

3 If the 1905 goes through, their boundary
4 alignment was apparently destroyed as stated in the draft
5 EIR, how can we trust Chiquita Landfill to protect our
6 environment.

7 Also significant is the increased potential for
8 devastating landslides in El Nino conditions like we had
9 in the winters of 2004 and 2005.

10 MS. NATOLI: Ma'am, I need for you to wrap it up.

11 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Okay. The proposed expansion
12 puts it too close to the Santa Clara River if approved.

13 Also, giving people money in exchange for their
14 health is bad public policy.

15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

16 The longer the wait, the longer it takes for us
17 to get through testimony. So please let's respect the
18 speakers -- all speakers and staff and everyone's opinion.

19 Again, I see this.

20 Please proceed, ma'am.

21 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Lynne Plambeck. I
22 represent (inaudible) For planning and the environment.
23 We provided comments on the notice of preparation. I want
24 to begin by stating several of the requests we made for
25 data to be disclosed were not disclosed. And we find that

1 (inaudible) EIR preparer.

2 MS. NATOLI: Ma'am, just slow down just a little
3 bit.

4 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Well, you say I only have
5 three minutes.

6 MS. NATOLI: We're on pause right now. So just
7 slow down a little so the court reporter can make the
8 record. Thank you.

9 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: We're in the third year of a
10 drought, yet the EIR relied upon the 2011 water supply
11 assessment from the water company that does not serve the
12 landfill. It states in the water supply assessment that
13 it's outside their area.

14 The water company is Valencia Water Company.
15 They have subsequently given a (inaudible) legally by
16 Castaic Water Agency. The water supply assessment states
17 that Valencia is controlled by them. That is not the
18 case. It's -- the PUC found a decision on -- in February
19 of this year that they are no longer regulated by Valencia
20 Water Company.

21 So whether or not Castaic can annex them is the
22 big issue. Water service is an issue. Water supply
23 assessment relies on the 2005 water management plan, which
24 is substantially out of date. And it did not disclose any
25 of the water issues from two closed wells producing the

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1 valley's water supply, or the fact that we have not been
2 able to -- been able to get the 5 percent state water
3 supply to the area.
4 These are major impacts to our water supply and
5 they should have been in the draft. But they depended on
6 the water supply assessment. The water supply assessment
7 must rely on firm contracts, and they must be supplied in
8 that assessment, and they did not do this. It's not a
9 legal water supply assessment because (inaudible)
10 attention of the law to provide us with good information
11 on water supply.

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12 I would also like to state that we asked
13 specifically for -- comment substantially on Chiquita
14 Canyon Landfill. We worked to ensure good water quality
15 and monitoring by asking that there be water monitoring
16 wells with various levels. In the notice of preparation
17 comment letter, we asked that water quality reports be
18 disclosed. But the reports were not made available to the
19 public. That's a substantial failure to provide
20 information of the EIR and its information that everyone
21 should be able to see

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22 They also had a height violation. We would like
23 to know how the County's going to protect the community
24 and residents from any further violations on their part,
25 or let them just go ahead and build, which is what --

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1 essentially what happened. And that should be in the EIR
2 too. It was disclosed.

3 And I would like to quickly say my comment. When
4 I tried to sign up, my card says Number 3. Your staff
5 people in the back insisted that there is no public
6 comment at the hearing. They crossed out the 3 and had
7 the 2. But I -- that is a substantial violation of the
8 policies to tell people they can't make a public comment
9 on a public hearing. And you need to inform your staff
10 people.

11 I was told if I continued to sign up for Number 3
12 for public comment, I would be removed from the
13 proceedings. That is a problem.

14 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

15 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I -- and I do want to be
16 called for public comment when we get to Number 3.

17 MS. NATOLI: I will call you. It is on the
18 agenda. Public comment is on the agenda. Number 3 is
19 public comment for items not on the agenda. So that means
20 --

21 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

22 MS. NATOLI: And you may, ma'am. But I want to
23 make sure that everyone in the audience understands.

24 If you want to speak on the project, sign up for
25 the project. If you want to speak on another item that

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1 the hearing examiner may have jurisdiction over, you can
2 absolutely sign up to speak on another topic, and that
3 will be listened to in public comment as well.

4 Would you call the next two testifying, please.

5 MR. McCARTHY: Lloyd Carder and Ramon Hamilton.

6 MS. NATOLI: Please, go ahead and begin, sir.

7 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Yes. I'd like to start off by
8 speaking on one of the documents that was attributed to --

9 MS. NATOLI: Sir, can you state your name for the
10 record, please.

11 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Lloyd Carder.

12 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

13 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: When I submitted this letter
14 it got attributed to Scott Rodell on the town council, and
15 not myself. All right. Thank you.

16 In that letter, I talked about notifications.

17 Again, you know, we've been hearing that there's been a
18 lot of people have not been notified. I took it upon
19 myself to go in through the businesses along the landfill
20 site, and none of the 22 businesses that I visited had any
21 possible notifications. I can give names and list them to
22 you if you'd like.

23 MS. NATOLI: Can you provide them to Ms. Chi
24 after the meeting? That would be helpful. Thank you.

25 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Also, this -- we -- I asked in

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1 this letter to open up the area to be out in the 1.2 to
2 1.5 miles, and that was not done. And that was something
3 that everyone -- when I met with the staff, they said they
4 would do. So we -- they did not do that.

5 The first thing I'd like to talk about, in 1997,
6 there was an agreement in place signed by the President of
7 Newhall Land and Farm; the landfill representative;
8 Ruth Griffin, who was the president of the Val Verde Civic
9 Association; and a member of the Castaic Town Council.
10 While I was on it for seven years, I was on the land use
11 committee prior to becoming a council member myself. I
12 worked with her on this program.

13 In this document, they -- it was stated that the
14 maximum capacity of the landfill would be 20 million tons,
15 and the closing of the landfill would occur after the
16 capacity was met. This was the contractual agreement by
17 the landfill, and records entered by the people who have
18 signed here.

19 It is -- it is far from me to abrogate a contract
20 such as this. I find it hard to believe that they're
21 operating a landfill in a representative manner to any
22 other agreements done today or tomorrow.

23 You know, when -- when the council -- when I --
24 when -- I was on the town council from 2000 to 2006.
25 During that time, you know, we had multiple projects come

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1 forward to us. Some of the projects were the Homestead
2 Village project. And during that project, we actually
3 built in elementary school that's along 126, the same
4 route that the trucks would be taking with diesel and the
5 trek. I did not see in this draft EIR any of the truck
6 traffic, you know, pollution or any of that data.

7 MS. NATOLI: Sir, I need for you to wrap up your
8 comments.

9 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Okay. The second was we had
10 the Homestead Village, which is the project where we had
11 the junior high, which was within three quarters of a mile
12 of the landfill. All of these projects, when they were
13 proposed to us, it was told to us on the council that the
14 landfill would be closed before they started.

15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. And just let me remind
16 everybody. Tonight doesn't close the comment period. The
17 comment period is open through September 23rd. You can
18 always submit your comments in writing to Ms. Chi. And
19 the comments will be analyzed in the final EIR.

20 Yes, sir.

21 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Ramon Hamilton. I
22 am a member of the Val Verde Civic Association, but I am
23 speaking as an individual.

24 So there's been several residents that are right
25 up to the landfill that mentioned odors coming from the

1 landfill. (Inaudible.) And I'm concerned with the
2 additional 143 feet in elevation. What sort of monitoring
3 will they do in Val Verde to identify odors and potential
4 health risks, and what the landfill will do to reduce
5 those odors. So that's my first concern.

6 So, currently, since this impacts the communities
7 already at issue, I'm wondering if the daily tonnage
8 intake could stay the same, at 6,000 tons per day. So my
9 concern is the maximum is now 6,000 tons per day, is
10 already an issue. With that doubling, you know, it's --
11 that would be even more of an issue.

12 If you just stay at where it currently is, it
13 would stay the same.

14 Additionally --

15 MS. NATOLI: Please, go ahead.

16 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: In 1997, the mutual use permit
17 that was put together, as the gentleman just mentioned,
18 was a provision that no sludge would be taken in. And I
19 know many of the residents are concerned about the sludge,
20 including myself. And I'm wondering if the no sludge
21 provision would also be added in if this new conditional
22 use permit is indeed approved.

23 And staying on that subject, since the current --
24 since the conditional use permit states there is no
25 sludge, this provision was violated. The landfill took in

1 sludge from Santa Barbara, and they were issued a notice
2 of violation from the county.

3 There was no notifying of the community or
4 penalty. I'm hoping that in the provisions of this new
5 conditional use permit, there can be some sort of
6 significant fine that can at least deter that type of
7 behavior.

8 That's it.

9 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much, sir.

10 Call the next group, please.

11 MR. McCARTHY: Paul Saaty, and Cam Noltemeyer.

12 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Paul Saaty
13 I'm a new member of the -- new resident of Castaic. And
14 I'm outraged at such a proposal that would be addressed
15 after the agreements that would have closed the landfill.

16 Someone else said that Castaic is not known for
17 the landfill. They're right. But they will be. The
18 tripling of this landfill is something that, you know, not
19 many people are really aware of. We look at little maps
20 like the one that's on the poster back there where there's
21 the big gray map with a little tiny speck of a proposed
22 landfill. People do not know the size and scope and how
23 this is going to come up against the industrial center and
24 Hasley Hills.

25 You've got residents that are moving here since

1 1997 with the idea that this landfill's going to be
2 closed. They have homes. They have values.

3 Somebody mentioned some ridiculous idea that
4 we're going to get some mitigation money. What is there
5 to mitigate the falling house prices that we have in Val
6 Verde? You can get a house in Val Verde for next to
7 nothing because no one wants to live next to a landfill.
8 Now we all will live next to a landfill.

9 I almost bought a house up in Folsom a few years
10 ago. Beautiful house. No one wanted to live there
11 because it was known as the place where the prison is. We
12 not only have a prison that we're well known for, but now
13 we will be known as the -- as one of the biggest landfills
14 in the area.

15 There are a lot of other places that this
16 landfill could be put. There are -- there's vacant land
17 if you go up the 5 Freeway up in Sacramento. They could
18 put it somewhere else. But it's not easy.

19 Well, they've been good. Of course they've been
20 good. They wanted to put in this expansion, probably, for
21 many, many years. Why make the violations then when they
22 can make the violations now? They have made violations, I
23 hear. Even if they don't, even if they're greet, it's
24 going to at least acknowledge the natural smell, that
25 stigma of being one of the biggest landfills in the area

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1 is going to make our house prices fall.
2 I'm sorry. No amount of giving small amounts of
3 money for a football team to get new shirts is going to
4 make up for my house values plummeting next to nothing.
5 My kids, their asthma is going to get worse.

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6 There is no way that you can have that much stuff
7 -- trash coming into the area without significant
8 environmental impact. And the lady who spoke from the
9 consulting firm even admitted to the fact that there will
10 be significant, if they're going to have to try to
11 mitigate.

12 Here's a good solution: Don't expand it. Keep
13 to your word. Keep to what you signed in '97.

14 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir.

15 Sir.

16 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Akram Dabbagh.
17 To Los Angeles County -- excuse me. Regional
18 Planning Department, we are the community of Lincoln
19 Avenue, addresses 28838, 28848, 28874, Chiquita Canyon
20 Road. We are the second generation who moved in to Val
21 Verde since 30 years ago and bought new houses.

22 We firmly refuse any expansion to Chiquita Canyon
23 landfill for whatever reasons, or to any renewed timing,
24 terms extension, or contract project without acceptance or
25 opinion from the local community.

1 Since the 1972, the Chiquita Canyon landfill
2 exists. And the -- after 40 years, development of a
3 thousand houses in Santa Clarita, the value -- and double
4 population, the official at the Chiquita Canyon, your
5 master plan revision doubling the amount of the trash and
6 the space and the life of the landfill.

7 And you want to continue with this same business.
8 And you see you should close this trash landfill. And you
9 look around, the official people doing the opposite way,
10 neglecting the communities, and the facts is being guilty
11 and must quit.

12 Also we reject any community benefits from fund
13 for help. There is a choice between development for Val
14 Verde, Castaic City, and Hasley Hills residents, and these
15 residential communities throughout the future or the
16 destroy this large communities backward.

17 We decide the hills safe health safety
18 environment, and the property values of our life and
19 interest.

20 Please do not try to enforce the neighborhood
21 communities on the decision not to their interest or
22 desire --

23 MS. NATOLI: Sir?

24 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: -- by priority or lead agency
25 There are another signed or places some of which for

1 landfill. We don't agree or on an extension or expansion
2 to Chiquita Canyon Landfill, and we will fight this plan
3 with whatever means and tell you to your coordination.

4 Sincerely the Dabbagh family, Egram, Enron,
5 Andrew, Jordan. And here my phone number.

6 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much, sir.

7 MR. McCARTHY: And we have Cam Noltemeyer.
8 Michael Mohajer.

9 MS. NATOLI: Take a seat. Please state your name
10 for the record before you begin.

11 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I'm Cam Noltemeyer, and I'm a
12 member of (inaudible) but I'm speaking for myself. I'm
13 opposed to this expansion. This is an expansion of one
14 that they had promised to close. We all live in Santa
15 Clarita Valley, and we're all affected by this. Not just
16 those that are receiving the payoff.

17 This is the Santa Clarita Valley. I'm very
18 disappointed that the planning commissioner for this area
19 is not present. He lives in the Santa Clarita Valley and
20 it wouldn't have been a very long drive.

21 I'm also appalled at the fact that the applicant
22 is not presenting correct information. It's been
23 misleading, and in some places absolutely incorrect.

24 How much of this expansion capacity will be taken
25 up by the Newhall Ranch Development? They should be

1 required to have their own disposable site.

2 We don't have to keep taking trash from outside
3 of our valley. If they want this big expansion, they
4 should do their own dump. We don't have to expand on what
5 we have, the valley of the dumps. We have sunshine on one
6 side. We have Chiquita on the other. There should be
7 enough for the present occupants of this valley.

8 But we shouldn't have to take from the greater LA
9 area. That is not our responsibility. Nor should dumps

10 be in residential areas. We are already suffering in this
11 valley. We have, already, air quality problems that have
12 jumped in our master plans from extreme to severe -- I'm
13 sorry. It's the opposite. Severe to extreme.

14 And they're going to have to meet the limits on
15 that air quality. But just you give them more time, you
16 let it jump up to extreme. And our kids are suffering
17 because of that.

18 Our water supply from the groundwater that
19 supplies half of the water supply for this valley is
20 contaminated by precariate (phonetic). We already have
21 wells that are being treated. There are also VOCs which
22 are cancerous that are showing up in our water supply.

23 Also, we are going to have to be treated
24 according to the most recent department of toxic substance
25 study. Those are things that have been left from the past

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1 generations that we have to deal with from this
2 generation.

3 This dump should not be expanded. The fact that
4 there's -- they're saying they will have a household
5 hazardous waste facility is very, very disturbing.
6 Because just as they are trying to expand this dump after
7 promising to close it, they will come back and try to take
8 other hazardous materials. They do not have any
9 credibility. They've shown that here tonight.

10 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, ma'am.
11 Go ahead sir.

12 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Mike Mahajer. I'm
13 a private citizen, and a resident of the City of San
14 Dimas, about 70 miles from this location. And, again, I'm
15 here simply as a private citizen, not representing anyone
16 else.

17 There's a report that identifies that there will
18 be a shortage of disposable capacity in Los Angeles county
19 by approximately 5 million tons by 2026.

20 MS. NATOLI: Sir, could I ask you speak directly
21 into the microphone? I'm having a little trouble with
22 hearing you. I'm sorry. Thank you.

23 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: The project -- under the
24 section that they talked about the need for the project,
25 it is stated that there will be a shortage of disposal

1 capacity -- landfill capacity by 5 million tons by the
2 year 2026. However, the study doesn't mention whether
3 this landfill -- if its expansion is going to be used only
4 by the jurisdiction that -- the jurisdiction of
5 Los Angeles County, or is it going to be accepting solid
6 waste from out of county?

7 And it's really critical, because you can see it
8 all based on -- all over United States. Based on all over
9 California. So that's a critical mistake.

10 I also found -- found out that the study that
11 they presented is completely out of date. And that is
12 critical. And that is due to some of the legislative
13 action that has taken place after AB99 was enacted.

14 Specifically, Senate bill 1016, and that was
15 enacted in 2008, AB 341 enacted in 2011, is dealing with
16 the same issue. AB32, the California global warming
17 solution act. They're updates to the plan which was
18 adopted by the California Resources Board on May 22nd,
19 2014, approximately 60 days ago.

20 Let me read what the document I said indicates.
21 It says "California Air Resources Board and California
22 Department of Recycling and Recovery believe the
23 development of -- the development of programs to eliminate
24 disposal of materials option to be evaluated include
25 legislation directly in relation and inclusion of landfill

1 in the program."

2 MS. NATOLI: Sir, I need for you to wrap up your
3 comments, please.

4 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Well, then I'll just leave it
5 at this. That the study has to be updated. The plan has
6 to be updated completely for the current project. And the
7 older communication program that I have identified is not
8 doing them any service.

9 Thank you very much.

10 MS. NATOLI: You've submitted your comments in
11 writing?

12 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I have submitted my comments
13 to -- to Iris. And I do want to appreciate your decision
14 for expanding the comment period by 30 days, because it's
15 really the size of this project landfill business of 44
16 years. And it's still not doing it.

17 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir.

18 MR. McCARTHY: And Steven Howse, H-o-w-s-e, and
19 Cynthia Kimura.

20 Steven Howse.

21 MS. NATOLI: Please, go ahead, sir.

22 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Steven Howse, and
23 I'm a resident of Val Verde. I'm one of the closest
24 residents to the landfill. I've lived there for 16 years
25 and had to deal with considerable amount of odors and

1 different things. you know, from the landfill, something
2 that I brought up over the years numerous times. Never
3 have heard any actions on their part. Just, you know,
4 they're going to clean it up, or you're not really
5 smelling anything, or odors coming from somewhere else.

6 After so many years and making complaints and not
7 listening, you start giving up. The consensus that I had
8 was that my hope was in the 1997 expansion that all this
9 would go away on November 24, 2019. If I could just make
10 it that long, then the landfill's going to close, and I --
11 I'm not going to have to do this anymore.

12 And then with the landfill expansion under new
13 condition 46 says the maximum total capacity of the
14 landfill will not exceed 23 million tons. Landfill
15 closure shall occur when this capacity is reached or by
16 November 24, 2019, whichever occurred first.

17 This is a legal document. A legal contract as
18 far as I'm concerned, and as far as legal is concerned. I
19 would think that this contract should be honored. And so
20 I am having trouble understanding why it is that we're
21 even having a meeting on the expansion of the landfill if
22 it's already been stated in the contract and everybody
23 else agreed that it's going to close at this time.

24 You know? a couple of other things that I'm
25 really concerned about is some of the practices of the

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landfill. I know they're trying real hard to do things correctly, but I'm really concerned about the health of my family and my kids and stuff like that.

Some of the things that are happening is we have proof that they've taken in sludge. And under the contract, they're not able to take in sludge. That's a violation of the contract. I guess there was, you know -- nothing was ever done to the landfill as far as a fine or a fee or anything. It seems like it just has gone away. It was extremely difficult for us to find out any information about it. They continue to deny that they even took in sludge.

And so my -- my concern is there just for the health of my family and the odors I'm smelling, which recently -- since the expansion has come up, I've had numerous residents come down to my house and smelling continually what I'm dealing with.

One of the interesting things is some friends that live farther up and they, literally, within a half hour of arriving at my house, have said that they're nauseous and sick to their stomach and head hurts. To me, it was a normal day. It wasn't even one of the bad days.

So my concern is that I'm willing to look at this stuff as bad. So I'm very much against, you know, the expanding landfill. I'd like to see it close by November

24, 2014, as in the original contract.

MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

Ma'am, please proceed.

AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Hello. My name is Cynthia Kimura from Val Verde. We already have one of the largest landfills in the country. If you double the footprint, we will have the equivalent of two of the largest landfills in the country.

We were promised the landfill would close in 2019. Now another expansion is being proposed again. When will this end? An additional 21 years is a long time.

This "good neighbor" took in sludge. This is forbidden by the agreement. Another incident happened where a recycling company dumped hazardous materials in the landfill.

Both times, there was no fine or penalty. I'd like to know what will there be in addition to "I'm sorry"? If they accept sludge or other potentially hazardous materials knowingly or unknowingly, what will be the recourse? Will samples be taken from soil, groundwater, or air? How about will the community be informed?

We would like to make all the findings public. We need to be informed. With both of these incidents, we

were not informed. Residents had to find this information themselves.

Also, the landfill's proposed expansion is going to be 13 stories higher. What will the additional impact for the community be? Additional odors and dust? Trash and sludge over the ridge line?

Also, if the hillsides come down through acts of nature or man, (inaudible). What will be the environmental impact? How will the landfill know what parts are leaking? How will the residents be informed of the leaks and when the liners leak?

I think these are basically my concerns.

MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

MR. McCARTHY: And next we have Emma Johanna Brown. Humberto Paniagua. Emma Brown? Did she leave?

MS. NATOLI: Emma Brown?

We -- we need a translator. And the translator is ready to go. Please, sir, please proceed.

AUDIENCE SPEAKER: (Through interpreter) my name is Humberto --

MS. NATOLI: We can't hear you.

(Brief interruption.)

MS. NATOLI: Just so you know, it's very difficult to keep testimony during a translation to three minutes because there's too much stop for back and forth.

Are you ready?

AUDIENCE SPEAKER: (Through interpreter) good afternoon, my name is Humberto.

MS. RUIZ: You need to come out here.

MS. NATOLI: In case you hadn't noticed, what Rosie says goes.

MS. NATOLI: Okay. Let's try it now.

Please begin again.

AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Humberto. And I'm a resident. I want to speak directly.

MS. RUIZ: Anna, can you also translate that you're going to be translating? We'll work with it.

MS. NATOLI: Okay. I'm sorry.

AUDIENCE SPEAKER: (Through interpreter) what I was saying is that I'm against the expansion.

And you were saying that you were controlling the gasses and water. As -- as a matter of fact, I have a very serious problems with this. I have a backyard and I have roaches, I have squirrels, I have all kinds of pests.

And about two years ago, this -- underneath the house, because they have the lining there, and they broke the pipes because there are so many animals. And the pipes that were broken, and they have to be repaired. I have to pay, like, 1,800 so they can be repaired. And we are always dealing with this issue of why do we have so

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1 many animals and why we have so much clouds. We have to
2 keep the windows closed.

3 The noise -- the noise is also a great deal of
4 problems. I don't have the operating right now, but at
5 5:00 o'clock in the morning, it seems like you can hear
6 the noise of the machinery.

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7 And I don't know -- I'm not certain if they're
8 dumping trash right now, but I live on top of the hill,
9 and from the top of the hill, there is a lot of noise and
10 pollution. And I'm not sure if there's a lot of wind
11 that's picking up all the dust and the noise or the odors
12 but that's what's happening.

13 And that's -- that is what I really have on my
14 mind. A lot -- way too much time of dealing with this.
15 And this is all my comments. Thank you so much.

16 MS. NATOLI: Gracias.

17 MR. MCCARTHY: Darcy Stinson and Erica Larson.

18 MS. NATOLI: Please, go ahead, sir.

19 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Darcy Stinson. I'm
20 a resident of Val Verde. I live on Lincoln Avenue.

21 I have been complaining about the landfill, oh,
22 forever. I moved in in 2008. I have heard many, many
23 many excuses about why it smells. I've had the AQMD out
24 to my house confirming that it smells.

25 Today, we were at a neighbor's house that -- and

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1 we had two LA County Animal Control employees for, you
2 know -- there was a complaint for odor is what the animal
3 control said that they were going to be out there for, and
4 this neighbor has a ranch. And so there was a couple
5 residents. And a few residents with him with these two
6 officers.

7 We went by the horses and cows and everything and
8 they said that, you know, the smell wasn't that bad.
9 And we got up towards the back where there isn't animals,
10 and we were all hit with an odor. Two officers from LA
11 County Animal Control called AQMD today and reported they
12 smelled methane gas and other odors and trash.

13 And this is coming over the -- from over the --
14 over the edge. Over the ridge line. So I ask -- I want
15 to ask, you know, the County, and everybody, actually,
16 that of all these odors that we have, if -- if they're
17 supposed to fix them, why, since I moved in in 2008, am I
18 still dealing with it now? If it's part of the contract
19 or whatever 20, you know, fix the issue, why is it still
20 here now?

21 I mean, we're at the CAC meeting. I was told
22 that they're allowed 6,000 tons as of right now, but they
23 barely take in 3,000. So if you increase it to 12,000,
24 what about me? I mean, I've been inviting people to come
25 to my house, live with me.

1 You know, I deal with this constantly. And I --
2 I just get -- you know. I'm just -- nobody seems to care.
3 Or if they care, to me it looks like greed. You know, I
4 -- if the odors weren't there and the health issues that
5 usually come with odors, I wouldn't have an issue. If
6 they can fix the odor issue and they can make it so I'm
7 not smelling -- you know, I'm not completely against.

8 And the reason why, I just -- it's -- it's --
9 I've had to alter my lifestyle because of it. My
10 daughter, my -- and a lot of the community knows this. My
11 daughter, my wife, and I go to bed super late at night.

12 MS. NATOLI: I need for you to wrap up.

13 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: We wake up early in the
14 morning. And we do this so we don't have to smell the
15 landfill. Why should I alter my life -- and other
16 residents of Val Verde, why should we all have to alter
17 our lives to benefit somebody else's pocket?

18 And that's what I have to say.

19 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir.

20 MR. MCCARTHY: And we have Jeremiah Dockrey and
21 Steve Lee.

22 MS. NATOLI: We may be having a technical
23 difficulty with the timer, so hold on for a second.

24 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Can I ask you a quick
25 question?

1 MS. NATOLI: You can always ask.

2 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Erica Larson, she got called
3 up right before --

4 MS. NATOLI: We'll get to you right after these
5 two.

6 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Okay. I'll --

7 MS. NATOLI: And you are?

8 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Erica Larson.

9 MS. NATOLI: That's okay. We'll get to you.

10 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Jeremiah Dockray,
11 and I have a few things to say about the landfill,
12 obviously.

13 First, for those lack of sufficient mitigation
14 for catastrophic geological soil failure? This is from
15 the geology and mineralogy section of the draft report.
16 It says much of the precipitation at CCL, because of the
17 steep terrain, surface water tends to be directed to the
18 south and east of the site by the steep ridge lines at the
19 site. 3,000 feet away from the site boundary is
20 seasonally dry and flows to the south to the Santa Clara
21 River.

22 Past performance of the landfills ability to
23 withstand a harsh amount of rain fall has been poor. The
24 grading stabilization of the west boundary is of major
25 concern as it collapsed in 1982, and was described to the

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1 press as, by far, the worst case of erosion we have ever
2 seen by Rob Nelson of the groundwater regulatory unit of
3 the California Water Quality Control Board.

4 At the time of the landslide, water covered the
5 landfill, and regardless of mitigation factors, spilled
6 out of the landfill.

7 With the river in close proximity to the
8 landfill, there were concerns that the immediate overflow
9 would make it into the river.

10 The proposed mitigation measures do not address
11 loss of life, property, environmental pollution, reduced
12 access to Chiquita Canyon Road, details about the future
13 structural integrity of previously graded and adjacent
14 areas.

15 Also another point, seismic induced failure. In
16 the draft report, it says "In our opinion, there is little
17 probability of surface rupture due to faulty (inaudible)
18 occurring offsite. The potential for damage of the
19 geo-synthetic liner is great, and is not clearly addressed
20 in the draft report.

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21 In fact, this scenario occurred in 1994 during
22 the Northridge earthquake. Technical observations of the
23 landfill include -- I've lost my page here. I'm sorry.

24 I'm sorry. I feel like I lost all my research here.

25 MS. NATOLI: You could just summarize.

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1 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: All right. Damage of the
2 Chiquita Canyon Landfill located approximately 12.2
3 kilometers estimates bedrock of .33 G may be attributable
4 to a variety of procedures of the landfill, the details of
5 the design, and commonly used construction synthetic
6 liners. The damage sustained in the geo-synthetic liner
7 was significant.

8 In addition, it is concerning that the landfill
9 did not have a back up generator for crucial operational
10 equipment. They had no standard safety measures, and
11 adjusted to meet the current needs of the landfill as they
12 occurred.

13 One of the most important assurances that the
14 local residents of this proposal have, that the
15 conditional use permit will comply with the mitigation.

16 MS. NATOLI: Sir, I need for you to wrap up.

17 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Yeah. One second.

18 The flat disregard of those regulations with
19 little to no County of Los Angeles oversight can be seen
20 with the recent intake of sludge, which has been discussed
21 this evening.

22 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir.

23 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Thank you.

24 MS. NATOLI: Thank you for waiting. Please
25 continue.

1 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Thank you. My name is
2 Steven Lee. I live on 30300 Trellis Road in Val Verde,
3 California. I am concerned about the air quality. I
4 walked the neighborhood of Lincoln, and I knocked on 80
5 doors that opened. Out of 80 doors, 74 of them said they
6 could smell the landfill on a regular basis. They told me
7 they do not barbecue in their yards. Their kids do not
8 play in their yards. They're in their homes. They have
9 become prisoners in their own homes.

10 They do not complain, because they say from years
11 and years and years, even when Laidlaw had it, "No, you
12 don't smell the landfill, it's something else."

13 Another concern I have is the sludge taken in
14 2012. Now it is not in the new draft. I don't want
15 sludge.

16 I have to take new medicine just to sleep at
17 night for my asthma because some nights I wake up and I
18 can't breathe. And I don't live by the landfill. I live
19 up a ways in Val Verde, three regions away from the
20 landfill. And it hits my lungs and wakes me up.

21 There have been violations that have been
22 reported. I have something here to read to you that's in
23 your grievance. (Inaudible.) "That Laidlaw, Newhall, and
24 Val Verde Civic Association participate in good faith on a
25 regular basis with the Community Advisory Committee, and

1 to assist wherever possible in furthering communication
2 between the community of Val Verde and the landfill,
3 including informational sharing, education, understanding,
4 lawful operations, and response calls. Laidlaw further
5 agrees to forward all notices and reports from or to its
6 regulatory agencies to the Community Advisory Committee
7 within five business days."

8 They were never notified for some of these
9 violations. We found them in the newspaper. I find that
10 offensive. Someone should hold them accountable. And
11 they should be fined.

12 Newhall Ranch is going to put 21,000 homes in
13 front of the landfill on the 126. What will their kids
14 suffer? Will they make it through the night? I say, fix
15 the problems. The landfill should work with us
16 diligently, inform us if there's violations, or put it on
17 trains to Sacramento. Let them have it.

18 Thank you.

19 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Lee.

20 Before we get to our next person, I notice that
21 more people have come in.

22 Is there anyone who is planning to testify that
23 has not yet been sworn in? Sir? If there's anyone who's
24 signed up to testify and has not yet been sworn in, would
25 you please stand at this time to be sworn in?

1 Thank you.
2 Do you and each of you swear or affirm under
3 penalty of perjury that the testimony you may give in the
4 matter now pending before this hearing examiner shall be
5 the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth?

6 AUDIENCE: I do.

7 MS. NATOLI: All right. Thank you. Please be
8 seated.

9 Proceed.

10 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Thank you so much. I'm --

11 MS. NATOLI: State your name, please.

12 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Erica Larson. I'm a resident
13 of Val Verde. I focused on the environmental report,
14 especially on the air quality.

15 And there's a couple of things that -- first one
16 was how they're monitoring, and how they're basing their
17 air quality systems. They're saying that they use a
18 premiere monitoring levels of -- let me find it. CO2.
19 And right now they're using stations based in Burbank and
20 Reseda and one in Santa Clarita. The closest one is seven
21 miles away.

22 I -- the main thing that I want is the monitoring
23 data that comes in from the stations with the CO2 data,
24 which is taken from the stations, and were also taken from
25 station. Hydrogen sulfide is not monitored. So later on

1 in the report, they stated that their table shows -- and
2 they are actually getting levels of SO2 from the Santa
3 Clarita monitoring station as well as C10. When they are
4 literally just taking that data from the station.

5 So with a little more research, I looked up what
6 are the effects of hydrogen sulfide in the environment.
7 Hydrogen sulfide -- I got this from the EPA itself --
8 hydrogen sulfide gas has a wide range of health effects.
9 In the short term, effects the gas has when it first is
10 first noticeable to some, odors become more intense at
11 under 1.3 parts per million. Above 1.3 parts per million,
12 odors become sweet or sickly sweet. From two to five
13 parts per million, it can cause nausea, tearing of the
14 eyes, headaches, loss of sleep. And in some asthma
15 patients, possible fatigue, loss of appetite, headache and
16 dizziness. (Inaudible) also has similar effects. This is
17 also from the EPA. It has effects such as dizziness,
18 drowsiness, headaches, and giddiness. It is reported to
19 be slightly irritating to the eyes and respiratory tract
20 in humans. This might sound familiar to you guys.

21 These are two chemicals that they are not
22 monitoring. They're also not monitoring methane gas,
23 ammonia, and other landfill gasses; so I feel that if
24 you're going to move on with this expansion -- I really
25 don't want to move on with this expansion, because clearly

1 things are happening and the citizens are trying to report
2 it and they're being denied. These chemicals must be
3 there in the air.

4 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

5 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I have a copy I can give you.

6 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, that's always helpful.

7 Mr. Sims, please proceed.

8 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Percy Sims. I live
9 at 29285 West Lincoln Avenue, Val Verde. I live right
10 next to the dump on Lincoln Avenue. I living there 17
11 years. And I did not approve the expansion.

12 Can I ask you a question? No? Can I ask you a
13 question or no?

14 MS. NATOLI: You can ask a question.

15 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I have a question and a couple
16 of comments.

17 MS. NATOLI: Your question was?

18 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Are you guys going to approve
19 the expansion?

20 MS. NATOLI: I don't know what the Regional
21 Planning Commission is going to do. We're not making that
22 decision tonight. The decision is not being made tonight.
23 I'm taking testimony.

24 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: That's what I was wondering.
25 Do we get to vote on that?

1 MS. NATOLI: You vote by testifying here. Also
2 at the Regional Planning Commission when that hearing is
3 scheduled. That's where they can vote on it. This is to
4 let the Planning Commission know how you feel about it.

5 And I don't know if you were here earlier, but if
6 you're not on the contact list for the Regional Planning
7 Commission hearing on this, please see Ms. Chi after the
8 meeting and give her your details, and she'll put you on
9 the courtesy mailing list so you'll be informed when the
10 Regional Planning Commission meeting occurs.

11 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My other question is are you
12 -- do any of you guys live in Val Verde?

13 MS. NATOLI: No.

14 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I've been living there 17
15 years. We've called the dump numerous amount of times,
16 and they don't pay much attention when we say there's a
17 smell. I've been smelling it 17 years. I have a wife and
18 two kids, and I don't know what -- but so I don't know
19 what the condition is. But I'm hoping that we're okay.

20 But no way you say that expanding this dump is
21 going to help our health in any kind of way. So I don't
22 know who's benefiting from this. But we're not benefiting
23 at all. And it's killing our offspring. We've been
24 fighting this for 17 years. And it's terrible and nobody
25 listens to us. They're all big billionaires, and we're

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1 small people. But this is wrong, really wrong, that you
2 guys are doing this. It's killing us and taking our
3 health away.
4 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir.
5 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Thank you very much.
6 MR. McCARTHY: And we have Dr. Faye Snyder and
7 Robert Kelly.
8 MS. NATOLI: Dr. Snyder? Please proceed,
9 Dr. Snyder.
10 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Okay. I don't know if this is
11 an exercise in futility, but I --
12 MS. NATOLI: I'm sorry. Just for the record for
13 the court reporter, state your name for the record.
14 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Okay. My name is Faye Snyder.
15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.
16 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I live in Val Verde. I've
17 been living here for 20 years. When we bought our
18 property, we were under the impression that the landfill
19 was going to be done in -- around this time, that we just
20 had to get through this. And in the meantime, I smell bad
21 smells. I feel worse every day. My eyes itch so bad
22 sometimes I'm worried I'm going to harm them, I swipe them
23 so hard. And I feel nausea.
24 I don't really trust the system right now because
25 we've been promised a lot of things, and a lot of promises

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1 have been broken. From whether or not there would be
2 sludge, whether or not there would be water purity tests,
3 whether or not there would be air quality tests.
4 The -- they were supposedly to test the air. The
5 results have never been provided to us.
6 When complaints are made, the community usually
7 experiences that it's something else is being blamed; so
8 our complaints are futile.
9 I believe that we need -- somebody has to do this
10 job. Somebody has to take the landfills, but I think if
11 it stays in one place, then the whole nation is not going
12 to understand how serious recycling and all the other
13 problems of our waste become.
14 I don't think it should be just our job. I think
15 we did our time. And I think it's time to move on. It
16 should be some place else. I think an agreement was made
17 with us. The agreement should be kept.
18 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, ma'am.
19 Mr. Kelly.
20 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Robert Kelly. I'm
21 a resident of Castaic for the last 20 years. I served on
22 the Castaic Council for eight years, (inaudible) the last
23 few years prior to that.
24 I sympathize with all the residents here tonight.
25 It's a public hearing. Opposition shows up more so than

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1 anybody favoring projects.
2 There's been several projects that have come to
3 light in the Castaic area. Whether it's a golf course put
4 in or recreational activities, people always come out to
5 oppose, no matter what it is. If there was going to be a
6 golf course put on a site, there would be people in this
7 room right now opposed to it.
8 So, obviously, opposition always comes out in
9 numbers. I myself have bought and sold houses for over 27
10 years in Castaic, and I'm lucky -- fortunate enough not to
11 lose money on any single one of them.
12 People say their house values have gone down. I
13 don't believe that. The dump has been there -- I use the
14 word "dump," because that's what people like to refer to
15 it as -- 42 years. There isn't a person in this room
16 that's lived in the Castaic or Val Verde area for 42 years
17 when the landfill was originally approved.
18 If the landfill was to go away. Then everybody's
19 trash fees would go up, and I can guarantee you'd have the
20 same people complaining about their trash fees going up
21 and trash getting hauled away.
22 People have made comment about this particular
23 landfill, that we can dump further up towards Sacramento.
24 It's a lot of area between here and Sacramento. The
25 transition of the Grapevine is one of the most dangerous

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1 highways there is, especially in Southern California.
2 They're even working on not letting trucks
3 through there, and rerouting it prior to Santa Clarita and
4 Santa Ana valley through the Barstow area.
5 I sympathize with the people on their health
6 issues, but the dump was here prior to any of them moving
7 in.
8 People complained about the prison we have in our
9 backyard. People complain about the trucking district
10 that is the I-5. but it's always typically something that
11 was there prior to when they moved in.
12 Same thing with the airport. People don't like
13 the pollution. I know what. I had an opportunity to move
14 anywhere I wanted to move within the Southern California
15 area. I chose to continue to live here in Castaic.
16 I sympathize, and I think that the noise, the
17 issue of traffic, the smell -- all these are being
18 mitigated so -- so the residents are happy. And they
19 don't need to come up here and complain about their health
20 issues. And I sympathize with that.
21 Thank you.
22 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir.
23 MR. McCARTHY: And Greg Kimura. Paul Simmonds.
24 MS. NATOLI: Mr. Kimura.
25 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Yes. My name is

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10-50	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Greg Kimura, I live in Val Verde. I'm a member of the Civic Association, and also I'm on the Castaic Town Council as well. I'm going to start by asking if we can get extension on this draft EIR, because there's not enough time for anyone to look over these documents. It's huge. So that's my first comment.		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	plans in place if there's not a controlled fire. And we are talking about methane gas here. Dust control -- no dust should come off-site. It's against the AQMD. We also request that a study be made on flies, roaches, rodents, and birds. Litter issues. The litter has come over the hill. With the landfill rising another 143 feet, the landfill does need to -- MS. NATOLI: I need you to conclude your comments. AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Okay. Sure. The last thing I wanted to bring up is that the landfill show the community the test results from sampling every half hour, which is a requirement of some water agency. What I'd like to do is thank you for coming out here. We really appreciate it. MS. NATOLI: Thank you Mr. Kimura. And let me repeat, in case you weren't here. The comment period for the draft EIR has been extended to 23 September. AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Thank you. MS. NATOLI: 23 September. AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Thank you. MS. NATOLI: You're welcome. Mr. Simmonds.	10-58 cont'd 10-59 10-60 10-61
10-51	8 9 10	I'm going to make some general comments. My first general comment is the odor problems exist. Ask anyone. And they must be controlled.				
10-52	11 12 13 14 15 16 17	Second general comment, Val Verde and the landfill have contractual agreements. The agreement states the landfill shall close when it reaches 23 million tons or November 24, 2019. I request that the extension be put on hold until the community and landfill clear this up. It's a breach in contract if that expansion goes through.				
10-53	18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	Third general comment, the landfill violated the agreement regarding sludge. Val Verde requests that this be resolved prior to the extension. Again, this is a breach of contract. And I'm going to go over to the draft EIR. The community of Val Verde requests that no sludge is allowed. Period. The draft EIR says that there is no view from Val				
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10-54	1 2 3 4	Verde -- or no view of the landfill for Val Verde residents. We don't believe that; so we would like that to be a part of the conditional use permit. That any -- from any of the residences, you will not see the landfill.		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Thank you. Paul Simmonds. I'm a 22-year resident of Val Verde. And I just want to say I was probably -- the original landfill, I was on the provisional board of CVFC, and elected to the CVFC. I Served one term in the Community Advisory Board. Served with (inaudible) Greg Bradley, Joe Landa (phonetic) and a bunch of other folks. And I'm kind of deeply sad to find out in terms of this agreement trying to be extended. And they're outside of our original agreement. One thing I'd like to make a comment to, the person who made the comment that we'd all be out here if it was a golf course. a we're not talking about a lake or a golf course or recreations here. We're talking about trash. We're talking about potentially hazardous waste. You know, 42 years ago, most people that lived here passed away or were living out of the area. So there -- there's very few people left. These people that are here now, they are concerned citizens. When corporations walk over us and every business got their way, that's not much in the way of community support. What we're talking about is what's good for Val Verde. We're hard pressed to find out if any of these residents in Castaic that are not in Val Verde area, what they would think about putting the landfill in the lower Lagoon lake.	10-62
10-55	5 6 7	Figure 1511 in the draft EIR is incorrect. There is an overpass between there. On top of that overpass, we'll see the landfill from there.				
10-56	8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18	Item number 2.3.3, landfill post maintenance must be for 30 years for the entire site. If any area is closed earlier, the maintenance will continue 30 years from the date of the closure of the entire landfill, the last date of which trash comes through the entrance. 2.3.3, also, expands the maximum tonnage to 12,000 tons a day. That will quadruple the current 3,000 tons a day which the landfill's receiving. That's a clarification, and the community of Val Verde is very concerned that that's a lot of trash -- four times as much.				
10-57	19 20 21 22 23	Section 2.2.9.6, request to do testing on the community, since there's currently odors that are daily problems for folks in Val Verde. And we also require that landfill -- request of landfill to find a better method of odor control since it's not working well right now.				
10-58	24 25	Couple of other general statements. Fire -- the draft EIR does not cover fires. We would like emergency				

1 I live a quarter mile from the landfill as the
2 crow flies. I smell the landfill from time to time. Not
3 every day. But these are the people that are living a
4 little bit closer than I am.

5 But sludge is a big no-no. We absolutely opposed
6 that, 100 percent. There was no negotiation in the
7 original agreement. And I think there should be no
8 negotiation of that going forward.

9 Some of the notes that you're looking at,
10 hazardous waste. Hazardous waste? Why put it in our
11 backyard? That's -- that's reprehensible as far as I'm
12 concerned.

13 It seems to me that with all the missteps here,
14 lack of communication from the landfill to the
15 communities, the community members of Val Verde having
16 some of the gasses that were methane, trash blowing over
17 the hill.

18 There was very little respect or responsibility
19 from the landfill to notify that there was a mishap going
20 on. Where was the community advisory committee during all
21 of this? There's supposed to be a Newhall land person on
22 that, a Person from the landfill, as well as a couple of
23 members from the community. Where are they on all of
24 this? Where are the air quality monitors that we were
25 promised? Where are they? I have not once seen one

1 And we all live in Castaic. And the last thing
2 we want is for our kids to grow up where there is a large
3 landfill. And right now, driving down the 126, you look
4 to the right, you can already see that the landfill is
5 almost to the top of the mountain. If they were to expand
6 this, the -- the amount of land, the devastation just on
7 our environment, our health, our air quality -- it's going
8 to be devastating.

9 And if I still lived in the northern half of
10 Castaic, what if I lived in Hillcrest? Areas like this
11 who aren't affected by the landfill. I now am much closer
12 to the landfill than I had ever been. But when I bought
13 my house four years ago, I knew that the landfill was
14 going to be closing.

15 The other thing that I want to address is my
16 generation is not even present here. Nobody reads
17 newspapers nowadays. We are on the Internet a lot. There
18 is not enough information out there. I think that
19 communities out here right now are trying to reach the new
20 families. We all have busy lives. We're working hard.
21 And no one I met walking down the street knew about this.

22 I have a best friend whose family member is very
23 involved in the community. She let me know. And I came
24 here last minute, canceled all of my plans in order to
25 meet here to be able to speak out for my generation and

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1 brought out and used in the community.

2 And as far as -- its far more in contrast, you
3 know, if you look at the EIR document that went around for
4 the Castaic High School, it was far more extensive and
5 involved.

6 MS. NATOLI: Mr. Simmonds, I need for you to wrap
7 it up.

8 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: The residents most impacted by
9 the landfill in Val Verde felt their concerns muted.

10 Thank you.

11 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir.

12 MR. McCARTHY: Jessica Chambers and
13 Stephanie Ebia.

14 MS. NATOLI: Are you Jessica?

15 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I am Jessica Chambers, and I
16 have lived in Castaic my entire life. I was born and
17 raised here. And I lived on the northern side of Castaic.

18 I want to let you know, I had no idea of the dump
19 until I moved to where I recently live in Oak Grove. I'm
20 here because I love Castaic, and I believe it's a great
21 neighborhood. It's a great area for our children to grow
22 up. I just was speaking to -- four of us are best
23 friends. The four of us are all pregnant.

24 MS. NATOLI: Congratulations.

25 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Thank you.

1 the families that are moving into this community.

2 We want to be part of the Santa Clarita Valley
3 because it's a great place to raise our kids, but the last
4 thing we want is to have a landfill that you can see.
5 Even if they say you can't see it, you can.

6 There's a lot they don't do. They don't do the
7 tests. They don't get the community aware. They don't
8 provide the amount of information that they need to.

9 And we need to take make a bigger reach out to
10 other families. The median -- average age in this
11 community is about 26, 27. That's the baby boom of when I
12 grew up here, and nobody knows about it. Nobody knows
13 that this landfill is going to be increased.

14 The fact that we have a lot of people right now
15 opposing this does not mean that it's just this small
16 group of people. If everybody knew about what was going
17 on, I'm sure that you would have a higher number, closer
18 to 70 percent of people who would be opposing this
19 landfill.

20 Thank you for your time.

21 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

22 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Hi. My name is
23 Stephanie Ebia, and I live in Val Verde. I've been there
24 for a number of years.

25 My concern is that the landfill was supposed to

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1 close at the given time in 2019. No other location was
2 actually sought, to find another site, which really upsets
3 most of us, because it's -- in here, it states on page 12
4 of the site to get it ready to close.

5 So why wasn't this being done previously?

6 Another thing is that the -- I have a feeling the
7 expansion is sure to come, regardless of what the
8 community wants, simply because there is -- because the
9 EIR shows no significant impact on any of these subjects.
10 None of them. It all says no significant impact.

11 Therefore, I'm sure it's sure to come.

12 But what worries me is they did take in sludge.
13 They were in violation, and there was no penalization for
14 them. They were not penalized. This is not right. They
15 had taken it in. We just happened to find that. What
16 else are they taking in that we don't know? They have not
17 shown themselves to be trustworthy.

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18 The earthquake dropped a portion of that land on
19 top of the mountain down, and now they're claiming in this
20 draft that there's no potential hazard? Hilarious. Quite
21 disturbing.

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22 The fact that they are already building a new
23 entrance to take the site -- for the site almost assures
24 me that this extension will pass regardless of what the
25 people want.

1 Val Verde does not want the expansion. They were
2 promised it would be closed in 2019. A new site should
3 have been looked into a long time ago.

4 That's all I want to say.

5 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. Thank you very much.

6 At this time, we're going to take a short,
7 ten-minute break for the court reporter and for everybody
8 else. Thank you.

9 (Brief recess.)

10 MS. NATOLI: All right. Let's -- Mr. McCarthy,
11 will you please call the next two speakers?

12 Folks, we are reconvening the meeting. Please
13 take your seats.

14 Mr. McCarthy, please call the next speakers.

15 MR. MCCARTHY: Amber Elton and Tim Patterson.
16 Amber Elton and Tim Patterson.

17 MS. NATOLI: Okay. Let's move on to the next two
18 and we'll call people again before we close the hearing.

19 MR. MCCARTHY: We have Archie Banas and
20 Emma Brown. Emma Brown.

21 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir. Please be seated
22 and state your name for the record. And begin.

23 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: My name is Archie Banas from
24 Val Verde.

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25 And what happened is that, actually, when I was

1 sleeping, it's like I'm a deep sleeper, so no one can
2 bother me. But one time it happens that I wake up 'cause
3 someone's choking me. I open my eyes. Nothing there.
4 But when I went out to my neighborhood -- to my living
5 room, it's still the same. I went out of my house. I
6 thought it was just in my house.

7 When I smell something, okay. Now I know what it
8 is. It's kind of methane with the smell. It's like gas
9 -- kind of something that you -- you need to look for --
10 for air when you -- when you are breathing. Right? And
11 so I just ignore it. I can't sleep. And then after a few
12 weeks, it happened again. It's like someone's choking me.

13 I'm -- I was -- I was, like, on a deep sleep like
14 can't breath, anything. So -- and I really am concerned.
15 I talk with my neighbor. I ask, "It won't happen again?"
16 But when I asked them, it's the same thing.

17 I said -- they asked me, "Do you have asthma?"

18 I said, "I'm -- I don't have asthma. I'm not
19 athletic. I don't know what's going on."

20 And then someone told me there's a landfill close
21 to our place. That's what it is. That's why when my
22 neighbor talked to me I already told him this.

23 And then after a few weeks, it happened to him.
24 And he told me, "Oh, this is unacceptable. And we should
25 do something."

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1 And he helped us. It's what it is. I hope it
2 won't happen to other kids or -- the next generation if
3 they're still going to be opening this thing. I hope if
4 you guys don't stop it, if they can close it at all, it's
5 much better for the neighborhood.

6 That's the only thing I can say. Thank you.

7 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

8 Go ahead, sir. Just state your name for the
9 record.

10 Have you been sworn in, sir?

11 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Yes. Tim Patterson. I've
12 been a resident of Hasley Canyon for 26 years.

13 MS. NATOLI: Sir, could I ask you to speak a
14 little closer to the mike?

15 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Oh, I'm sorry.

16 Tim Patterson, and I've been a resident of Hasley
17 Canyon for 26 years; so I've seen a lot of change.

18 Tonight, I've been talking to a number of people,
19 Archie included, and I'm just amazed the -- the firsthand
20 experience of being able to smell methane gas.

21 I know there's been some accounts in my
22 neighborhood -- as I'm sure you guys know -- there's
23 people in the park who smell methane gas; so it seems to
24 me we're already stuck with the landfill to enforce the
25 situation, but I don't see how any responsible person can

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1 let them expand that when it's already causing health
2 issues, pollution, and there's also a serious concern
3 about our groundwater if they expand that landfill.

4 So I don't know if that was spoken of here
5 because of that echo. I don't know if anybody talked
6 about that or addressed that, but that's a huge issue.

7 And if they get into our aquifer, we've lost
8 that. And that's a big part of our water source.

9 So now I adamantly oppose the expansion. And I
10 also know -- I've seen it via e-mail. Again, the contract

11 was signed by at least four people -- representatives of
12 the landfill, that once they reach their capacity, they
13 would not expand. So I don't understand how this is --
14 why are we even discussing this? But, obviously, they
15 are.

16 So I just want to go on the record that I am
17 adamantly opposed.

18 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir. Thank you, sir.

19 MR. McCARTHY: We have Amber Elton and, once
20 again, Emma Brown? Amber Elton and Emma Brown?

21 MS. NATOLI: Are there any --

22 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: Hello. I'm Amber Elton. I'm
23 a civil engineer, and also I work for the -- the City of
24 Los Angeles, the Department of Public Works. And I'm also
25 a resident of Val Verde. I grew up in Val Verde. I've

1 lived there my whole life. It's a beautiful place to
2 live, great place to raise kids. A landfill is going to
3 displace our beautiful community.

4 I think that the == landfill is unsafe for us.
5 It's too close to our homes. This expansion will bring it
6 too close to our homes. It will be bad for our air
7 quality, for the groundwater, for the soil. And I think

8 the landfill on their original agreement would close it.
9 I'm very opposed to this landfill, and I'd like to see it
10 closed.

11 Thank you.

12 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

13 MR. McCARTHY: And we have one left for public
14 comment.

15 MS. NATOLI: Just one more time. If you could
16 call the other speaker. Hold on. Emma Brown once more?

17 MR. McCARTHY: Emma Brown once again?

18 MS. NATOLI: Okay. With that we've completed
19 testimony on agenda item Number 2.

20 I wanted to say it again, this is not your last
21 opportunity to comment on the Chiquita Canyon Landfill
22 Master Plan Revision Draft EIR, or the project itself.
23 Comments on the draft EIR are being taken through
24 September 23rd, and the contact information is on the --
25 how can they get in touch --

1 MS. CHI: I have business cards in back.

2 MS. NATOLI: Iris Chi, who's the planner for this
3 project has her business cards at the table. Again, if
4 you want to contact Ms. Chi, get on the mailing list, or
5 to find out more information, please pick up a card and do
6 that.

7 The Regional Planning Commission Hearing has not
8 been scheduled yet. But it -- it will be at some point.
9 It takes some time. We'll need to take all the comments
10 from this and all the comments on the draft EIR that come
11 in through September 23rd and respond to those comments.
12 And that takes a little time for them to get that together
13 and get the report together, to submit all this
14 information, all the testimony, all of the comments, all
15 of the reports to the Regional Planning Commission so that
16 they can take an action on the item.

17 So that's why the hearing is not set yet in the
18 Regional Planning Commission.

19 So with that, I'm closing the hearing examiner
20 hearing on the draft EIR.

21 And, actually, I'm not closing the hearing. The
22 hearing needs to be continued to a date not certain. Not
23 certain because they don't know when the Regional Planning
24 Commission will be hearing the item. Depends on when
25 comments of the draft EIR will be complete. And those

1 reports completed for the Regional Planning Commission; so
2 this item is continued to a date not certain.

3 And with that, I am moving on to Part III on the
4 agenda. Public comment.

5 And we have one speaker card -- is that correct?
6 -- for public comment?

7 MR. McCARTHY: Yes. Lynne Plambeck.

8 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: I'm Lynne Plambeck. I'm the
9 president of the Santa Clarita organization for land use.
10 It's an environmental organization that's been active in
11 the Santa Clarita Valley for 26 years. And I would like
12 to make general comments on the hearing officer process
13 with these large --

14 MS. NATOLI: The hearing examiner process?

15 AUDIENCE SPEAKER: The hearing examiner process
16 on these large meetings.

17 I know myself, personally, our organization, and
18 I'm sure the community is very grateful to you for -- and
19 to the County for conducting a hearing on this and for the
20 time that you've all devoted to coming to this area.

21 But it is in our -- our -- we have concerns that
22 this -- there's a failure that we don't have a planning
23 commissioner at these hearings.

24 We have this large project. I guess it's the way
25 of large projects. It happened for the Disney project.

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1 Hopefully, it's not going to be handled this way for
 2 Newhall Ranch. But it's very concerning to us that the
 3 commissioners will not actually read the transcripts.
 4 They have a tremendous amount of reading to do
 5 already, and it's important for them to be able to hear
 6 the public, to be able to hear the community come and say,
 7 you know, "We have smells," and to see body language, and
 8 make their judgments accordingly.
 9 They didn't do that for the Disney project. And
 10 I think that that was a real failure in that process.
 11 And I understand that the County is trying to
 12 streamline and trying to make it convenient. But when we
 13 have Hasley Canyon people out here, you can have three
 14 commissioners. You have a majority of the commissioners.
 15 And then they can actually hear and see the public.
 16 So I would like, again, to register my concern
 17 that we don't even have the commissioner that is
 18 representing this area here at this hearing. And that I
 19 don't know how we are ensuring that the public is actually
 20 being heard by the commission who are, in fact, the
 21 decision makers.
 22 Again, I really appreciate your time. I
 23 appreciate the staff coming out here. I understand it's a
 24 hearing officer -- I don't know what your proper title is.
 25 Coming out -- coming all the way from the west side. But

1 you are not the decision makers. And I think that this
 2 process is really flawed in that communities should be
 3 heard by the people who will be voting on the project.
 4 Thank you so much.
 5 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much. All right. We
 6 have no more public comment forms.
 7 With that, the hearing examiner meeting for July
 8 31, 2014, is adjourned.
 9 Thank you.
 10 (The meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.)
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<p>1 APPEARANCES:</p> <p>2 Rosie O. Ruiz, Commission Secretary</p> <p>3 Richard Claghorn, Staff</p> <p>4 Robert Glaser, Staff</p> <p>5 Sam Dea, Staff</p> <p>6 Gina Natoli, Hearing Examiner</p> <p>7 Public Hearing Speakers:</p> <p>8 1. Andre Hollins</p> <p>9 2. David Bossert</p> <p>10 3. Lois Bajio</p> <p>11 4. Martin Creisler</p> <p>12 5. Barbara Myler</p> <p>13 6. Randy Wrage</p> <p>14 7. David Menchaca</p> <p>15 8. John Paladin</p> <p>16 9. Carl Boyer</p> <p>17 10. Steven Lee</p> <p>18 11. Tanya Hauser</p> <p>19 12. Faye Snyder</p> <p>20 13. Nancy Carder</p> <p>21 14. Lloyd Carder</p> <p>22 15. Carmillis Noltemeyer</p> <p>23 16. Sally White</p> <p>24 17. Susan Evans</p> <p>25 18. Shane Weeks</p> <p>19 19. Sara Sage</p> <p>20 20. Julie Olsen</p> <p>21 21. Lynne Planbeck</p> <p>22 22. Elizabeth Rydall</p> <p>23 23. Kara Wily</p> <p>24 24. Erica Larsen</p> <p>25 25. Suzanne Ridgewell</p> <p>26 Jeremiah Dockray</p> <p>27 Richard Humanic</p> <p>28 Stacy Fortner</p> <p>29 Steven Howse</p> <p>30 Bonnie Nikolai</p> <p>31 Patti Sulpizio</p> <p>32 Logan Smith</p> <p>33 Barbara Wampole</p> <p>34 Thomas Barron</p> <p>Page 2</p>	<p>1 Stevenson Ranch, California, Thursday, December 15, 2016</p> <p>2 6:00 p.m. - 8:42 p.m.</p> <p>3 ***</p> <p>4</p> <p>5 MS. NATOLI: This Thursday, December 15th,</p> <p>6 2016 hearing examiner meeting is called to order. At</p> <p>7 this time please rise if you are able to join me in the</p> <p>8 pledge of allegiance.</p> <p>9</p> <p>10 (Pledge of Allegiance)</p> <p>11</p> <p>12 Good evening. I'm Regional Planning staff</p> <p>13 member Gina Natoli. I will be the hearing examiner on</p> <p>14 all agenda items for tonight's meeting. First a few</p> <p>15 administrative items. Please turn off or silence all</p> <p>16 electronic communication devices. There are agendas of</p> <p>17 today's proceedings available in the lobby.</p> <p>18 And I'd like at this time to point out a</p> <p>19 correction to part 3, which is a public comment period</p> <p>20 that's on page 2 of the agenda, if you have one. Public</p> <p>21 comment in part 3 is any item not on the agenda which is</p> <p>22 within my purview. So if during -- if you plan on</p> <p>23 speaking on a topic related to the project, that's</p> <p>24 during part 2 when the public hearing is open.</p> <p>25 If you want to talk about anything related</p> <p>Page 4</p>
<p>1 35. Darcy Stinson</p> <p>2 36. Bryan Caforio</p> <p>3 37. Alan Ferdman</p> <p>4 38. Joseph Cicero</p> <p>5 39. Rebecca Martens</p> <p>6 40. Paul Simmonds</p> <p>7 41. Merit Migliore</p> <p>8 42. Abigail DeSea</p> <p>9 43. Mai Do</p> <p>10 Public Comment Speakers:</p> <p>11 1. Lynne Planbeck</p> <p>12 2. Lloyd Carder</p> <p>13 3. Carmillis Noltemeyer</p> <p>14 4. Rebecca Martens</p> <p>15 5. Patti Sulpizio</p> <p>16 6. Nell Campbell</p> <p>17 7. Thomas Barron</p> <p>18</p> <p>19</p> <p>20</p> <p>21</p> <p>22</p> <p>23</p> <p>24</p> <p>25</p> <p>Page 3</p>	<p>1 to the project on the agenda tonight, that's during part</p> <p>2 2. Public comment is for things not related to the</p> <p>3 project. So please just keep that in mind, the</p> <p>4 paragraph that's under part 3 should really be any other</p> <p>5 part of the agenda, other part 2 for the public hearing.</p> <p>6 There are established time limits for</p> <p>7 testimony on hearing officer agenda -- hearing</p> <p>8 examiner -- I'm sorry -- hearing officer as well as</p> <p>9 hearing examiner agenda items. The applicant will have</p> <p>10 a two 15 minutes to make their presentation and then</p> <p>11 we'll open it up for public speaking. Given the number</p> <p>12 of people who've signed up I will be limiting testimony</p> <p>13 to two minutes each, please.</p> <p>14 There will be no seeding of time. After the</p> <p>15 public testimony I may call the applicant back up for</p> <p>16 rebuttal. There is up to 10 minutes allowed for</p> <p>17 rebuttal period. The time that I am asking you</p> <p>18 questions does not count toward your 2 minutes or their</p> <p>19 10 minutes or their 15 minutes.</p> <p>20 Anyone wishing to testify today on any</p> <p>21 agenda item that includes the public comment period must</p> <p>22 fill out a speaker card and please turn it in at the</p> <p>23 table in the lobby. There is translation available for</p> <p>24 tonight's hearing. If you need a headset, the Spanish</p> <p>25 translation will be available to you in realtime.</p> <p>Page 5</p>

1 We also have a translator if you need
2 translation services during your testimony. So you can
3 see there are three chairs down here in front. While
4 you are speaking for public testimony -- Mark will move
5 in a few minutes. And the chair that's Mark's and the
6 chair next to Mark are for the testifiers.

7 The big chair here, please leave that open
8 for our translator if we need to call the translator
9 down for someone who would like their testimony
10 translated from Spanish into English.

11 The general procedure for today's hearing is
12 as follows: First our staff will make a brief
13 presentation. The applicant or owner will speak. Then
14 I will open it up for testimony. And then after that,
15 if it's necessary, I will hear rebuttals from the
16 project applicant. I'd like to explain the hearing
17 examiner procedure please to you.

18 Per the county code the hearing examiner
19 makes no decisions. There will not be a decision made
20 tonight. A hearing examiner administers the meeting,
21 takes testimony and reports that testimony to the
22 Regional Planning Commission. Per the public hearing
23 notice that you received, this public hearing is to take
24 testimony on the recirculated chapters of the Draft EIR
25 for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill expansion.

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1 The public hearing on the project and the
2 draft EIR will be scheduled before the Regional Planning
3 Commission at a future date. And that will be noticed
4 in accordance with county regulations. If you would
5 like to receive a notice of the Regional Planning
6 Commission hearing, please see Mr. Claghorn after the
7 meeting to make sure that you are on the list.

8 I wanted to point out that the comment
9 period for the chapters not recirculated closed back in
10 2014. The comment period for this portion of the
11 project, the recirculated chapters of the draft EIR goes
12 through January 9th, I believe it is.

13 MR. GLASER: Yes.

14 MS. NATOLI: Through January 9th. So
15 tonight is testimony on the recirculated chapters. And
16 it would probably be very helpful for staff and perhaps
17 even for the applicant when you come up to speak if you
18 could let us know -- first I'm going to ask that you
19 state your name for the record. We don't need your
20 address. Just your name for the record.

21 Then you state the chapter that you're
22 speaking on. I think that will help staff and the
23 applicant get to where your concerns are in the
24 recirculated chapters. At this time if you intend to
25 testify on any item on the agenda, whether it's the

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1 public hearing or whether it's during the public comment
2 period, I'm going to ask you please to stand at this
3 time, as you are able, to be sworn in by staff.

4 No harm no foul. If you stand up to be
5 sworn in and decide you don't want to testify later,
6 that's fine. But please let's make sure we get you all
7 sworn in.

8 MR. DEA: Please stand and raise your right
9 hand. Do each of you swear or affirm under the penalty
10 of perjury that the testimony you may give in the
11 matters now pending before the hearing examiner shall be
12 the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?
13 If so, please say I do.

14 THE AUDIENCE: I do.

15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much. Mr. Dea
16 is going to call several times at one time. What we
17 want to make sure we do is move this along so everybody
18 who wants to speak gets a chance to speak. Down here in
19 the front row we have five seats. Sam -- Mr. Dea may or
20 may not call five people. But when your name is called
21 please come forward and take a seat.

22 The first two people just come up and take
23 your seats at the testifier's table. The others please
24 take a seat in the -- the yellow tagged seats. When you
25 finish your testimony please vacate the seat and someone

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1 else please come up and take that seat. We want to make
2 sure we give a chance to -- for everybody to speak who
3 would like to speak.

4 At this time I'm going to ask the staff to
5 begin the presentation for item 2, Project
6 R2004-00559-(5), which is a request to expand an
7 existing Class III landfill applied for by Chiquita
8 Canyon Landfill, LLC.

9 Staff, please proceed.

10 I just wanted to say one more thing. We do
11 have two court reporters here. Those -- the proceedings
12 of tonight's meeting will be available in ten business
13 days after tonight's hearing. But when you're speaking,
14 please keep in mind that not only is there Spanish
15 translation occurring, they're trying to catch
16 everything you're saying as well.

17 So if you feel like you're speeding up a
18 little, please slow down. I know you want to get in all
19 of your comments, but let's not burn their fingers down
20 quick tonight if we don't have to. Thank you very much.

21 Mr. Claghorn, please proceed.

22 MR. CLAGHORN: Good evening, madam hearing
23 examiner and good evening everyone. My name is Richard
24 Claghorn. I'm with the Zoning Permits North Section of
25 the Department of Regional Planning. The matter before

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<p>1 you tonight is the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR for 2 Chiquita Canyon Landfill located in the unincorporated 3 community of Santa Clarita Valley, within the Castaic 4 Area Community Standards District.</p> <p>5 The project site is located at 29201 Henry 6 Mayo Drive, approximately three miles west of the 5 7 freeway and State Route 126, and 33 miles northwest of 8 downtown Los Angeles. The subject site is zoned A-2 9 (Heavy agricultural) and the Santa Clarita Valley Area 10 Plan designation is P - Public and Semi-public 11 facilities.</p> <p>12 The applicant, Chiquita Canyon Landfill, is 13 requesting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the 14 continued use and expansion of an existing Class III 15 landfill. Landfills are allowed in the A-2 zone with a 16 CUP. The project includes the removal of four oak 17 trees, which requires an Oak Tree Permit.</p> <p>18 The county has determined that an 19 environmental impact report (EIR) is required for the 20 project. The EIR was released in 2014 and a Hearing 21 Examiner hearing was held in 2014. Six chapters of the 22 EIR have since been modified and are being recirculated.</p> <p>23 The primary purpose of tonight's hearing is 24 to gather testimony of the recirculated chapters of the 25 draft EIR, which were released for the public review on</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 10</p>	<p>1 accessory use to the landfill. There will be land that 2 will be set aside for potential future conversion 3 technology facility. A Southern California Edison 4 subtransmission line will be relocated to provide space 5 for the new entrance facilities.</p> <p>6 Four oak tree removals are also proposed due 7 to the new entrance facilities and related grading. The 8 Partially Recirculated Draft EIR also analyzed six other 9 project alternatives, including no project, status quo, 10 a smaller expansion, waste reduction and alternative 11 technologies, an alternate site in LA County, and rail 12 transport to outside landfills.</p> <p>13 The following chapters of the Draft EIR from 14 2014 have been modified and are included in this 15 Partially Recirculated Draft EIR analyzed the following 16 topics: Introduction, project description, biological 17 resources, air quality, greenhouse gas emissions, and 18 climate change, and project alternatives.</p> <p>19 The draft EIR concluded that the impacts to 20 biological resources can be reduced to a less than 21 significant level through the implementation of 22 mitigation measures, which are included in the 23 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).</p> <p>24 The MMRP also includes mitigation measures 25 to reduce the impacts of the project with respect to air</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 12</p>
<p>1 November 9th, 2016. The public review period will end 2 on January 9th, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>3 Existing and proposed land use is a Class 4 III landfill. Surrounding land uses also consist of 5 vacant land, agricultural land, single family 6 residences, and industrial buildings.</p> <p>7 The project includes a request to increase 8 the maximum height from 1,430 feet up to 1,573 above sea 9 level, an increase of 143 feet. The landfill is 10 currently approved for a waste disposal area of 257 11 acres, of which 251 acres has been used. The total 12 proposed waste disposal area after the expansion will be 13 400 acres, an increase of 143 acres. The overall site 14 area will remain 639 acres.</p> <p>15 The Proposed Project will be -- will be the 16 continued operation of the existing Class III landfill. 17 The proposed daily disposal tonnage will increase from 18 6,000 to 12,000 tons in the applicant's preferred 19 alternative. The permitted maximum weekly disposal 20 tonnage will increase from 30,000 to 60,000 tons for 21 this alternative.</p> <p>22 A new entranceway and new administrative and 23 support buildings will be constructed off of Wolcott 24 Way. A new Household Hazardous Waste Facility will be 25 developed onsite. Mixed organics composting will be an</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 11</p>	<p>1 quality and greenhouse gas emissions/climate change. 2 But the air quality and greenhouse gas impacts will 3 remain significant and unavoidable impacts even with 4 mitigation measures.</p> <p>5 The project analysis concluded the project's 6 greenhouse gas impacts will be less than significant 7 through 2020, but are potentially significant and 8 unavoidable impacts after 2020, due largely to 9 uncertainty over future emission targets and 10 requirements.</p> <p>11 At tonight's hearing testimony will be heard 12 on the recirculated chapters of the Draft EIR. All 13 comments received tonight and throughout the comment 14 period, which will end at 5:00 p.m. on January 9th, 15 2017, will be responded to in the Final EIR. The Final 16 EIR along with staff analysis and recommendation for the 17 CUP and Oak Tree Permit will go to the Regional Planning 18 Commission (RPC) at public hearings.</p> <p>19 It is anticipated that there will be one 20 public hearing of the RPC in the Santa Clarita Valley in 21 probably around March 2017. And it will probably be in 22 the same location as tonight's hearing. And one RPC 23 meeting in downtown Los Angeles, tentatively planned for 24 April of 2017. The Commission can certify or reject the 25 EIR and approve or deny the project, or continue the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 13</p>

<p>1 hearing until a later date and request additional 2 information. And this concludes my presentation. 3 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much. I don't 4 have any questions for you at this time. I'd like to 5 call up the applicant. I'm going to open the public 6 hearing for item 2. Ask the applicant to come forward 7 and make their presentation. And you will have 15 8 minutes for your presentation. Please before you begin 9 speaking just state your name for the record. 10 MS. EELLS: Okay. I'll do a little test. 11 Great. Good evening. My name a Brenda Eells. And good 12 evening ladies and gentlemen, and thank you madam 13 hearing examiner. I'm here tonight representing the 14 applicant. I'm with CH2M, a consulting firm who is 15 preparing the environmental documents for the Chiquita 16 Canyon Landfill master plan revision. 17 We've been working closely with county staff 18 to make sure that all of the requirements and the 19 standards for environmental documents for the county are 20 met. We've also been working with Chiquita Canyon 21 Landfill in order to make sure that all of their aspects 22 of the proposed projects are thoroughly addressed in the 23 environmental documents. 24 I'm here tonight to spend just a few minutes 25 describing the proposed project and talking about the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 14</p>	<p>1 released for public comment is that sometimes the 2 responses to those comments can be complex enough to 3 warrant a recirculation of all or part of a Draft EIR. 4 And that's the case here. 5 So the county has directed us to release for 6 public review 6 of the 18 chapters that were included in 7 the original Draft EIR. Those chapters include the 8 introduction, project description, biological resources, 9 air quality, greenhouse gas emissions and climate 10 change, and project alternatives. 11 The revised introduction chapter updates the 12 project objectives and project need based on the 13 county's most recent annual report to the countywide 14 integrated Waste Management plan. The revised chapter 15 clarifies the operational baseline for the proposed 16 project, which the county defined as the operation of 17 the landfill in 2011, which is the -- here, notice of 18 preparation for the proposed project is released. 19 The revised introduction provides a 20 discussion of that operational baseline compared to the 21 proposed project. And it provides an overview of the 22 recent operation of Chiquita Canyon Landfill from 2011 23 to the present. The revised project description 24 provides some minor updates to the detailed description 25 of the proposed project, but there are no significant</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 16</p>
<p>1 Partially Recirculated Draft EIR. I'll start with a 2 brief project overview. And I was going to point at 3 that screen. I'm afraid I may blind somebody up here on 4 the stage so I won't do that. And Richard gave a pretty 5 good overview of the project anyway so I'll just hit the 6 highlights. 7 The site entrance would move from an 8 unsignalized location on SR-126 to a signalized location 9 off of Wolcott Way. At that new entrance would be the 10 scales, new entrance facilities, support facilities, as 11 well as the publicly accessible household hazardous 12 waste drop off. The landfill footprint would expand, 13 like Richard said, by approximately 143 feet. 14 There's an expansion area to the northeast, 15 there's a smaller expansion area to the south. Those 16 expansion areas are well within the existing property 17 boundary at Chiquita Canyon Landfill. Along with the 18 lateral expansion there is an increase in overall 19 elevation from 1430 above meets sea level for the 20 current permit up to 1573 feet for the proposed project. 21 The daily tonnage limit, waste tonnage limit 22 for the proposed project would increase from 6,000 to 23 12,000 tons per day. And overall site lot would 24 increase to approximately -- an additional 24 years. 25 One of the things that can happen when a draft EIR is</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 15</p>	<p>1 additions or subtractions from the proposed project that 2 was included in the original Draft EIR. 3 Traffic tables in the revised project 4 description have been clarified to be consistent with 5 the operational baseline described in the introduction. 6 And the material types and material quantities for the 7 proposed project are clarified in this proposed project 8 description. 9 The biological resources chapter was revised 10 significantly to add additional information based on 11 additional site surveys that were conducted at the site 12 between the time the Draft EIR was released and the 13 release of the Partially Recirculated Draft. 14 A great deal of detailed vegetation mapping 15 was conducted and new vegetation alliances were 16 identified. Also, protocol level rare plant surveys 17 were conducted at the landfill, and revised biological 18 resources chapters define use of those surveys. 19 The original Draft EIR air quality analysis 20 compared construction related emissions to construction 21 thresholds and operation related emissions to operation 22 thresholds, according to South Coast Air Quality 23 Management District methodology. However, South Coast 24 AQMD requested that the air quality analysis be revised 25 to provide potential periodic construction related and</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 17</p>

<p>1 ongoing ration related images, and compared a combined 2 result to operation thresholds in order to determine 3 project subsidence.</p> <p>4 The air quality analysis and Recirculated 5 Draft EIR does this, and is the result of the emissions 6 result being significant and unavoidable, as Richard 7 indicated in his presentation. The revised air quality 8 chapter also provides a detailed analysis of the mixed 9 organic processing facility in culmination of operation 10 of the landfill.</p> <p>11 Because of the way that South Coast AQMD 12 requested the air quality analysis to be revised, the 13 analysis generally overstates potential air quality 14 impacts because it assumes that construction activities 15 would occur every day that operation occurs.</p> <p>16 When in reality construction at the landfill 17 would occur for the new entrance and for new waste 18 disposal cells, and those construction activities would 19 occur every three to five years for a duration of 20 roughly four to six months each. So the analysis 21 basically models the situation that would occur.</p> <p>22 So when we talk about a conservative air 23 quality analysis, that's what we're talking about. The 24 Draft EIR and the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR both 25 included a health risk assessment, which is used to</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 18</p>	<p>1 the Draft EIR. Alternative A, no project alternatives 2 is required by CEQA and includes if the landfill were 3 closed and no further waste disposal activities would 4 occur. Alternative B is continued operation of the 5 landfill at their current daily maximum waste tonnage of 6 6,000 tons per day.</p> <p>7 Alternative C reduces the proposed increase 8 in daily waste tonnage. And that alternative evaluates 9 9,000 tons per day as a maximum daily tonnage at the 10 landfill. Alternative D, E and F are all non-Chiquita 11 alternatives. They are alternatives to land filling.</p> <p>12 Alternative D evaluates waste reduction and 13 alternative technologies. Alternative E evaluates an 14 alternative use site in northern Los Angeles County. 15 And alternative F evaluates rail haul transport to out 16 of county landfills.</p> <p>17 So here we are in the public review process 18 is the Draft EIR is released for public review in July 19 of 2014. The -- as our hearing examiner mentioned, the 20 public comment period for that closed in 2014. We are 21 currently in the public comment period for the partially 22 recirculated Draft EIR.</p> <p>23 The comment periods ends on January 9th. 24 After that time we'll be working on responses to 25 comments, both on the original Draft EIR, as well as the</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 20</p>
<p>1 predict cancer risks. However, between the Draft EIR 2 and the Partially Recirculated Draft EIR, the 3 methodology for conducting a risk -- a health risk 4 assessment changed.</p> <p>5 Specifically the updated methodology for 6 conducting a health risk assessment is now substantially 7 more conservative and incorporates already conservative 8 emissions as a result of combined construction and 9 operation.</p> <p>10 I want to point out that despite using this 11 more conservative methodology, the health risk 12 assessment prepared for the proposed project that 13 predicts cancer risks for the nearest resident, worker, 14 and sensitive receptor shows that these impacts would be 15 less than significant according to the South Coast AQMD 16 thresholds that are established to be projected of 17 public health.</p> <p>18 The greenhouse gas emissions and climate 19 change chapter was revised because regulations and 20 standards for greenhouse gas reductions in California 21 continue to evolve. The updated chapter reflects new 22 state standards of laws, including longer term statewide 23 goals for emission reductions.</p> <p>24 The project alternatives chapter was revised 25 to fully consider six alternatives, one of which is in</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 19</p>	<p>1 chapters in the Recirculated Draft EIR. We'll prepare a 2 formal response to comments and a Final EIR.</p> <p>3 That package will be available prior to the 4 Regional Planning Commission hearing anticipated for 5 March or April of 2017. Thank you for your time. And I 6 will turn the meeting back over to the hearing examiner.</p> <p>7 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much. We're 8 going to go to public testimony now. I believe there 9 have probably been some individuals who have come in who 10 have signed up to speak who were not sworn in. If 11 that's the case, if you'd like to speak on any agenda 12 item and you have not been sworn in -- you have filled 13 in a speaker card, you have not been sworn in, please 14 stand at this time to be sworn in by staff.</p> <p>15 MR. DEA: Please stand and raise your right 16 hand. Do you each of you swear or affirm under the 17 penalty of perjury that the testimony you may give in 18 the matters now pending before the hearing examiner 19 shall be the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the 20 truth? If so, please say I do.</p> <p>21 THE AUDIENCE: I do.</p> <p>22 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. I'm going to have 23 Mr. Dea start calling speakers. We're going to be 24 calling proponents or supporters of the project first, 25 and then opponents or those opposed to the project will</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 21</p>

1 be called.
2 MR. DEA: Andre Hollins, David Bossert, Lois
3 Bajio, Marty Creisler.
4 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. First two if you
5 could just grab a seat. And if I could ask the others
6 to pick a yellow tagged seat. Either of you can go
7 ahead and start. And again please just state your name
8 for the record. And if you are aware that you have an
9 interesting name, you may want to help the court
10 reporters out and spell that for them.

11 MR. HOLLINS: Good evening. My name is
12 Andre Hollins. And I am a long time resident of the
13 Santa Clarita Valley and I am in full support of the
14 Chiquita Canyon master plan revision. And I'd like to
15 read my comments. The need for and the benefits of
16 expanding the landfill are carefully considered and
17 supported by the conclusion of the studies cited in the
18 Partial Recirculated Draft EIR.
19 Specifically, the Draft EIR chapter on air
20 quality, which is the chapter I will be addressing is
21 what I'd like to focus on. I would like to submit to
22 the county an air sample report that was conducted in
23 July 2015 by the Val Verde Community Advisory Committee.
24 The advisory committee hired an environmental consultant
25 to conduct air sampling to determine the air quality in

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1 Val Verde as it relates to the landfill for which
2 residents are most concerned.
3 I would like to quote from the findings of
4 the report. I have four points to quote. Point No. 1,
5 "There was no indication that odors, chemicals
6 associated with landfills were negatively affecting the
7 Val Verde community. All concentrations were low or not
8 detected." No. 2, "The results for all the chemicals
9 measured or were several orders of magnitude below the
10 occupational safety and health act permissible exposure
11 limit. And all chemicals that had an Office of
12 Environmental Health hazard assessment and air sources
13 board risk assessment held value were well below those
14 values."

15 MS. NATOLI: Mr. Hollins, you're getting
16 close. That yellow light means you're getting close.
17 MR. HOLLINS: I appreciate that. Thank you.
18 "Ammonia and amine compounds were not detected in any of
19 the samples." And lastly, "It is our understanding that
20 the reported odors were intermittent and can be
21 fleeting." One final comment. When this report came
22 back showing the air quality in Val Verde was clean, the
23 advisory committee deliberately failed to publicly
24 release this information to its residents.

25 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much, Mr.

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1 Hollins.
2 MR. HOLLINS: Thank you for your time. Can
3 I have the report --
4 MS. RUIZ: Mark, can you get that for me?
5 Thank you.

6 MR. BOSSERT: Good evening. My name is Dave
7 Bossert, B-o-s-s-e-r-t. I'm president of the West Ranch
8 Town Council. Tonight I come before you as both the
9 president, as well as a long time resident of Stevenson
10 Ranch, who is in full support of the Chiquita Canyon
11 expansion.

12 I believe that there is one thing we can all
13 agree on, our trash needs to go somewhere. And if
14 people don't want the landfill, then people need to stop
15 creating trash. They have been providing an important
16 service to the homes and businesses in the valley, and
17 this expansion will ensure that the landfill continues
18 to responsibly meet solid waste needs.

19 Chiquita Canyon has built the reputation for
20 handling the area's solid waste needs in an
21 environmentally responsible manner, monitoring the
22 environmental and related impacts to ensure the valley's
23 natural resources are protected. Only one acre of the
24 entire landfill is used as to the working face during
25 the day where waste is disposed of, compacted and

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1 covered.
2 That's one acre in the middle of a 649 acres
3 site. I find it really ironic that the complaints for
4 this landfill have only started since 2014. This
5 landfill has been open since 1970, and I've lived up
6 here since 1980 in the Santa Clarita Valley. So for me
7 it's really ironic to see somebody, a resident of Val
8 Verde taking his construction waste up to the landfill,
9 dumping it, and then coming back to his home and filing
10 a complaint about odor. It's ridiculous.

11 I employ the ongoing effort to the Chiquita
12 Canyon Landfill to manage and process the solid waste
13 needs of the region in a responsible and safe manner.
14 Thank you very much.

15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. Before we move on,
16 thank you, Mr. Bossert. Please remember folks, when
17 there's an open seat, come on up. Take that seat. We
18 want to move the meeting along.

19 Please, I'd like to ask that you refrain
20 from outcries and comments. Let's respect everyone,
21 their privilege to speak, just as it will be your
22 privilege to speak when you are here. And I just
23 appreciate you holding your comments. Thank you.
24 Please go ahead.

25 MS. BAJIO: Good evening. My name is

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1 Lois Bajio. And I am the president and CEO of the Santa
2 Clarita Valley Chamber of Commerce, and I'm a more than
3 30 year resident of Santa Clarita Valley. Tonight I
4 come before you to speak in favor of the Chiquita Canyon
5 master plan revision. The responsible management of
6 solid waste is key to our growing region.
7 And the expansion being proposed for
8 Chiquita Canyon will address this issue. Chiquita
9 Canyon Landfill is regulated by over two dozen
10 government agencies. And after reviewing the findings
11 from the Partial Recirculated Draft EIR we can conclude
12 that Chiquita runs a clean and safe operation.
13 Chiquita Canyon is a local business that
14 contributes to the economy and was recognized as the
15 business of the year by the chamber in 2014. Local
16 businesses have located and relocated to the Valencia
17 Commerce Center adjacent to the landfill, knowing that
18 Chiquita Canyon is a neighboring business.
19 We recognize the important role that
20 Chiquita Canyon plays in the Santa Clarita Valley and
21 the region as a whole. The Santa Clarita Valley Chamber
22 of Commerce supports the expansion of the landfill which
23 will continue the region's ongoing partnership with the
24 company, and protect our solid waste needs now and the
25 in future. Thank you.

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1 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

2 MR. CREISLER: Good evening. My name is
3 Martin Creisler, C-r-e-i-s-l-e-r. And I'm a resident of
4 Hasley Hills and formerly a member of the Castaic Area
5 Town Council. For someone who resides about a mile away
6 from the landfill, I can honestly say I've never smelled
7 the landfill at my house, in my neighborhood or even
8 driving around the community.

9 There are two small areas where the sewer is
10 not draining properly, and some claim it has something
11 to do with the landfill. The sewer problem is
12 documented as a sewer problem. I come before you to
13 show my support for the expansion of this project. It's
14 clear that the county is counting on Chiquita for a
15 number of years.

16 Unfortunately there's been a lot of
17 miscommunication being spread about this project. I'm
18 personally a cancer survivor and I was a top fundraiser
19 for the Relay of Life that was in Castaic. The last
20 thing I would do is defend something that would bring
21 cancer to our neighborhood.

22 I personally believe that the residents of
23 Val Verde should be more concerned about unregulated
24 septic tanks that are under all of their homes.
25 Currently the average lot size in Val Verde is about

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1 4,000 square feet. However, in today's county
2 regulations it's required that there be a minimum two
3 acre size lot.

4 The residents' main concern should be about
5 the safety of ground water in Val Verde as a result of
6 the septic tank leeching into the water table and damage
7 their community environment. Giving that -- given that
8 many health concerns are being presented by Val Verde
9 residents, I request the county to investigate the
10 health and safety of Val Verde's ground water as a
11 result of decades of septic tank use.

12 As I mentioned, I'm a previous member of the
13 Castaic Area Town Council. And I just received
14 commendation for serving as effective control trustee
15 for the county.

16 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Creisler.

17 MR. CREISLER: I'm done.

18 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

19 Mr. Dea, will you call the next group of
20 speakers, please.

21 MR. DEA: Barbara Myler, Randy Wrage, David
22 Menchaca, Alan Ferdman, John Paladin, Barbara Myler --
23 oh, that's the same one.

24 MS. NATOLI: You can go ahead.

25 MS. MYLER: Good evening. My name is

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1 Barbara Myler, M-y-l-e-r. I'm a 30 year resident of the
2 Santa Clarita Valley. And I'm get going to get a little
3 personal tonight. I'm also a cancer survivor. I
4 usually don't do this, but I feel compelled to make
5 these comments.

6 I'm fighting against cancer every day and
7 I'm winning. Thankfully I'm still here today to fight
8 for Chiquita Canyon. I've heard a lot of hurtful claims
9 and misleading information from opponents of Chiquita
10 Canyon related to cancer claims. They are taking
11 advantage of a life-threatening disease and using it for
12 their own personal vendetta against the landfill.

13 I am personally heartbroken that people
14 would use a disease I still fight every day to survive
15 as a means to scare others. I wouldn't wish cancer on
16 my worst enemy, and I certainly wouldn't use it to
17 irresponsibly scare the public. It's shameful. I've
18 been to Chiquita Canyon Landfill. I know the operators.

19 And I know people in Castaic and I have many
20 friends in Val Verde and Castaic. And as a cancer
21 survivor I support Chiquita Canyon. As a cancer
22 survivor I can tell you that the trash from our homes
23 going to a landfill to be buried is nothing to be scared
24 about. And I feel that the landfill opponents have
25 stooped to a new low and have shown a total lack of

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1 integrity.
2 As a cancer survivor I implore you to
3 demonstrate to the public that Chiquita is below the
4 safety threshold set by the AQMD for the public's
5 health. Our trash has to go somewhere and Chiquita
6 Canyon is an gold star landfill with an impressive
7 reputation. I ask you to approve the landfill's
8 expansion. Thank you for your time.
9 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Myler

10 MR. WRAGE: Randy Wrage. Last name is
11 W-r-a-g-e. I'm not clear about what's been going on in
12 the background of the project. I figured I'd just talk
13 about the merits or lack of. In review of the project
14 review, changing the entrance to Chiquita Canyon
15 Landfill is just a no-brainer. It makes all the sense
16 in the world. There are traffic accidents that happen
17 there. And it will make for a cleaner and more
18 efficient set of traffic movements out front.
19 And alternatives to Chiquita Canyon Landfill
20 are just unlikely with the amount of oversight and
21 regulatory involvement in a sighting a new landfill
22 site. I think it is just unlikely that a new site
23 either could or should be selected.
24 The merits of the applicant, the Chiquita
25 Canyon Landfill operators are active members of our

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1 business community. They support the Chamber of
2 Commerce, the Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development
3 Corporation, and every charity in town. They have been
4 generous and active and all of those sense. Now that's
5 to me as a resident for 50 years.
6 As a construction professional in a prior
7 life I was a landfill expert. So I built or closed 37
8 landfills in the State of California. The Chiquita
9 Canyon Landfill people are the top of the class. I
10 would say that they even exceed the LA County Sanitation
11 District's professionalism and skill set in operating
12 their landfill. If that was the measure, Chiquita
13 Canyon far exceeds it.
14 This document that you're going to end up
15 approving, putting forward for consideration is going to
16 include numerous mitigation measures. The quality of
17 the applicant is what has to be considered as a critical
18 components of those, the success of those mitigation
19 measures. And I think these folks have that capability.
20 Thank you.

21 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Wrage.

22 MR. MENCHACA: Good evening. My name is
23 David Menchaca. That's M-e-n-c-h-a-c-a. And I'm a
24 current resident of Santa Clarita Valley. And I wanted
25 to speak on behalf of support for Chiquita Canyon, as

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1 they've been serving our region continuously for more
2 than four decades and they play a very important role in
3 the solid waste management process here in Santa Clarita
4 Valley.

5 There are two things I wanted to touch on
6 this evening. And that has to do with first, Chiquita
7 Canyon's role in the community. They are very involved
8 in supporting a number of organizations in the Santa
9 Clarita Valley. The strive to work with the poor and
10 underserved community, as well as help underprivileged
11 children, including providing more than \$36,000 a year
12 to the Val Verde community for scholarships, tutors and
13 youth programs.

14 I think it's clear that Chiquita Canyon is a
15 great community partner and that they respect and
16 appreciate the neighborhoods where they do business, and
17 they do all they can to give back. And that's very
18 generous of them to continue to support children and
19 families in the Val Verde community. It would be a
20 shame to see that go away.

21 Secondly, the clean energy facility that
22 they have established provides environmental protection
23 systems and is responsible for handling incoming solid
24 waste that reflects a commitment to being a good
25 neighbor. They do not have bad habits in their energy

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1 facilities. That they go once again and beyond to make
2 this happen.

3 Currently they're powering over 10,000 homes
4 with this clean energy, and I can only see that number
5 growing through this expansion. After reviewing the
6 partial DEIR, it is clear that Chiquita Canyon is
7 running a clean and safe operation.

8 Finally, I'd like to say that my parents
9 live in the Castaic community. They've been residents
10 there for over ten years. And I've yet to hear one
11 complaint about air, about smell, about anything. And
12 if there was anything that was happening along those
13 lines my dad would be the first to speak up about it.
14 Thank you very much.

15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Menchaca.

16 The next group, please move -- remember to
17 come up in those chairs when they open up.

18 Go ahead, sir.

19 MR. PALADIN: My name my name is John
20 Paladin. And I live in Valencia. My wife owns a house
21 on Jackson at Roosevelt. And we are opposed to
22 expansion. There has been an agreement that it would
23 close at a certain time, and that time has already
24 passed where the agreement could be -- could've been
25 that it would close when it reached a certain capacity.

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1 And that time has also -- probably very close to the end
2 of the life from the original agreement.

3 That it's not reasonable for the operator of
4 the landfill to try to make a profit by expanding the
5 landfill and imposing significantly more trash to be
6 dumped in this neighborhood. The neighborhood is a

7 relatively scenic place, it's near a river, it's near
8 many homes and businesses.

9 There was a proposal to build many more
10 homes and businesses right across the highway from the
11 current landfill. So the landfill is very out of place.
12 And from the point of view of the future up until say
13 when it started, it was probably an okay place. It
14 wasn't near a lot of other homes and schools. But now
15 it is near schools and lot of homes that would be
16 negatively affected.

17 The proposal includes to significantly
18 increase the height, which would be a very negative
19 impact to the view, to put something so much taller.
20 And the nature of the business is just out of place with
21 the neighborhood. Many, many trucks would be coming up
22 the freeway and turning into that landfill, many more
23 than do today under the proposal for expansion.

24 That's far too much traffic to add to this
25 neighborhood when there are other places by rail or more

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1 remote locations. So the -- the best thing for this

2 landfill is to close it and find other places. And the
3 hearing period should be extended.

4 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Paladin.

5 MR. PALADIN: Thank you.

6 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

7 MR. DEA: Carl Boyar, III, Steven Lee, Tanya
8 Hauser, Nancy Carder, Lloyd Carder, Dr. Faye Snyder.

9 MS. NATOLI: Go ahead, sir. You can go
10 ahead.

11 MR. BOYER: Thank you.

12 Ladies and gentleman, my name is Carl Boyer.
13 I'm a 50 year resident of Santa Clarita, a past mayor
14 who spent millions of taxpayer dollars fighting the
15 Elsmere Canyon Landfill which was perpetrated upon us by
16 the County of Los Angeles.

17 I view the extension of this landfill as a
18 bonehead betrayal by the County of Los Angeles. We
19 should have addressed this issue years ago. You know,
20 the Chiquita Canyon people, they're business people,
21 they're going to do what they can. But for a person to
22 sign an extension and sell the entire Santa Clarita
23 Valley down the river with a simple signature to me is
24 absolutely inexcusable.

25 However, I do want to say that I appreciate

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1 the fact that the County of Los Angeles has presented us
2 with another argument for the Division of Los Angeles
3 County.

4 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Boyer.

5 MR. LEE: Steve Lee, Val Verde, California.

6 Thank you, Madam Chairman. First, Bob Bossert, the one
7 who spoke earlier in pro of it was very much against
8 putting the high school in the center of the landfill in
9 his article. You can read it online.

10 I'm concerned about the fatal disregard for
11 human health of the special population. Val Verde is
12 64% Latino, and Val Verde starts 800 feet from the
13 landfill. Cancer rates will arise to above the highest
14 --

15 MS. NATOLI: I'm sorry, sir. Could you slow
16 down?

17 MR. LEE: Slow down. Okay. The cancer
18 rates will rise the level of -- above the highest level
19 on the AQMD chart, according to their Draft EIR. So
20 when they said that it wasn't there, it was.

21 For the next 70 years it's going to be
22 higher. The GHG according to the draft EIR already
23 exceeds healthy levels and it will be even more than
24 significant according to their paperwork. Lead released
25 into the air is now more than significant and above the

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1 federal standards. It will be even more according to
2 the Draft EIR.

3 Particulate matter 2.5 and 10 exceeds the
4 federal and state standards now, and it will do so more
5 in the future. Side effects of all these, irritability,
6 headache, loss of developmental skills in children,
7 sleep problems, respiratory problems, you can hear that
8 in me, aggravated asthma, respiratory disease, increase
9 in hospital admissions, mortality from cardiovascular
10 and respiratory diseases from lung cancer.

11 Mortality from point 2.5 and 10. And I have
12 lost four friends this year to cancer in Val Verde.
13 Facts related to GHG, all government websites, 6,500
14 deaths this year. 4,000 hospital admissions, 3,000 for
15 cardiovascular disease, 350,000 asthma attacks.
16 Elevated school absences due to asthma and reduce in
17 lung function in the growth rate of children.

18 Val Verde has endured these effects and more
19 on the promise of the landfill and the county they will
20 close, and promise the office was in the negotiations.
21 According to their own map here we are the highest
22 cancer rate in the AQMD. Please do not sentence us to
23 even more -- one more day.

24 Buses for the Latinos can't even come here.

25 So they can't come at all. Not one of them can come.

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1 They have no cars. And if they say they say they're
2 going be, they couldn't get home.
3 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Lee.
4 MR. LEE: Thank you.
5 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.
6 MS. HAUSER: Hi. My name is Tanya Hauser,
7 H-a-u-s-e-r. I'm a Val Verde resident. I'm a mother, I
8 am a wife of somebody who works in the Valencia Commerce
9 Center. And I am one of many people who are affected by
10 this project. Last night my family drove to the I-5, I
11 pass and smelled the strong stench of garbage. My
12 husband has smelled this regularly coming in from the
13 Valley at night.
14 It is a smell of Sunshine Canyon Landfill.
15 Sunshine Canyon Landfill has been permitted to expand
16 multiple times over the years since 2009. And as of
17 September 2016, more than 9,000 complaints have been
18 filed. In spite of spending at least \$25 million
19 dollars on odor mitigation, the odors are not still not
20 contained.
21 Students and faculty at schools out by
22 Sunshine have still struggled with odors. It seems
23 impossible to contain. I attended the Val Verde
24 Community Advisory Committee this last November 28th.
25 And after seeing some of these facts about Sunshine, ask

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1 that Chiquita Canyon grant a representative. The
2 Valencia Commerce Center already smells Chiquita, Val
3 Verde already smells Chiquita. How are you going to be
4 able to contain your odors if you're allowed to expand?
5 He said you expect me to answer that? We
6 will do the best we can. Chiquita Canyon Landfill is
7 already doing the best they can, but it isn't good
8 enough. I have smelled the garbage smell of Chiquita at
9 the location of the fire station at Hasley Canyon
10 station 143 at the edge of Hasley Hills. It is garbage,
11 it is not sewer.
12 I smelled a chemical smell of Chiquita in
13 Valencia Commerce Center, as far as down as Harrison
14 Parkway and Commerce Center Drive. Employees who work
15 in that vicinity have smelled the landfill for years. I
16 have smelled both the garbage smell of Chiquita while
17 entering Val Verde, and one time I smelled the chemical
18 odor of Chiquita at my home, wanting to have my house
19 away -- the same odor that I smelled last week in the
20 commerce center.
21 Why should my children, cancer or no cancer,
22 be inhaling the chemicals smells from the Chiquita
23 Canyon Landfill? My kids are two and five. Please,
24 Los Angeles County Commissioner, board of supervisors,
25 don't allow the community surrounding Chiquita to suffer

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1 the same thing as those around Sunshine Canyon. Please
2 protect us. For the sake of my friends, my neighbors,
3 my family, please close the landfill.
4 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Hauser.
5 Before we begin, if any of you have your
6 testimony typed up like Ms. Hauser does, you are more
7 than welcome to submit that. All testimony, written
8 testimony submitted will also be provided to the
9 Regional Planning Commission. And you can summarize
10 your comments and then maybe you wouldn't feel like you
11 need to hurry through it.
12 Just let us know exactly what you're feeling
13 and get to that point. And then our planning
14 commissioners are very good about reading everything
15 that is submitted.
16 MS. HAUSER: Who do we give it to
17 afterwards?
18 MS. NATOLI: Mr. Valdino here will take your
19 testimony.
20 Thank you. Go ahead, ma'am. Please
21 proceed. Thank you.
22 MS. SNYDER: My name is Dr. Faye Snyder,
23 F-a-y-e, S-n-y-d-e-r. I'm a forensic evaluator, a
24 psychologist. I got involved wanting to get clear once
25 and for all whether or not we're making stuff up and

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1 catastrophizing over our septic tanks, and all the
2 different stories that we don't really have a problem
3 with air. So I got involved at the Val Verde Community
4 Advisory Committee to try to find a way to test the air.
5 What I have discovered since I became a
6 member of that community is more and more deception. I
7 am blown away by the politics that are behind all of
8 this, the lack of honesty of the people that recently
9 testified. They had some of the same lines. It was
10 almost like they were paid to say what they said.
11 I want to say that the president of the
12 Val Verde Community Advisory Committee has resigned. He
13 has cancer. A woman just testified saying there is no
14 problem with cancer, that we're throwing the word around
15 recklessly. That's not true. The broken promises that
16 have happened to the residents at Val Verde are -- I --
17 we're supposed to call the AQMD every time we smell the
18 air.
19 But I have learned, you know, from visits
20 from the representatives of an AQMD that nothing really
21 happens. Basically all of this is busy work. Even this
22 meeting right now is busywork. Because the previous CUP
23 has no weight. They were -- we surpassed maximum and
24 nothing happened.
25 I'm just -- I'm just hopeless. I don't

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1 I think you guys care. I don't think this is -- I -- I
2 guess that's it. I don't think you guys care. Every
3 avenue that we've had has been useless.

4 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Snyder.

5 Proceed. Please go ahead.

6 MS. CARDER: My name is Nancy Carder. I am
7 a 32 year resident of Santa Clarita Valley. I live in
8 Hasley Canyon. My daughter and her family and my
9 grandson live in the life of the community. I'm talking
10 about the air quality chapter.

11 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

12 MS. CARDER: I'm concerned about the
13 project's potential impacts to individuals at both of
14 the schools, the day care facilities, the two day care
15 facilities, and residential areas near the landfill, and
16 how the risk was calculated. For example, in the DEIR
17 air quality discussion calculations showed increased
18 cancer risk involves an acute and chronic illness risk,
19 sensitive individuals in Live Oak neighborhood.

20 However, these calculations did not factor
21 an additional emissions from vehicle exhaust from
22 Interstate 5 traffic. Studies have shown a sharp
23 increase in pollutants in and around freeways,
24 especially freeways with a high percentage of diesel
25 vehicles, which includes Interstate 5. This increase in

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1 pollutants raises the rates of asthma in paired lung
2 function, cardiovascular disease and premature death.

3 Accurate air quality data must be obtained
4 from neighborhoods adjacent to Interstate 5, and
5 included in the risk analysis for the project. To
6 calculate the air impact risk without this data is
7 unacceptable. The county needs to find an alternative
8 to this landfill that's not so close to where residents
9 live.

10 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Carder.

11 Go ahead, sir.

12 MR. CARDER: My name is Lloyd Carder. I'm a
13 resident of Castaic. I'm a member of the Castaic Area
14 Town Council. Past member of one of the -- or one of
15 the past members who spoke here tonight was defeated by
16 3/1 margin by one of my fellow members. And I was
17 defeated -- I defeated my member by a three to one
18 margin. And our main differences were that we opposed
19 the landfill and they approved it.

20 You know, many of the people that came here
21 tonight, you know, in favor of the landfill received --
22 their organization received money from the landfill to
23 support their various organizations activities. And I
24 think we should take that into consideration.

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1 The first thing I'd like to talk about is
2 the omission of the Castaic CSD map on this document.
3 The Castaic CSD map is something that was worked really
4 hard to get in place. The hillside protection is an
5 important aspect of the landfill. We have numerous
6 protected hillsides in that area. And we'd like to make
7 sure those are recognized and taken into consideration
8 on any decision.

9 I also have on -- the CSD is not mentioned
10 at all in this document or any of the other documents
11 that have been submitted. This document in section
12 KOP8, the CSD is mentioned because of the fire station,
13 the fire camp road. But that's the only place the CSD
14 comes up.

15 The other thing, the original comments I
16 asked for original comments, the -- this project has
17 significant radial aspects. And I ask that the -- in
18 the previous letters to this board and other members,
19 that we extend the notification radius to the include
20 the Live Oaks, Hasley Hills and District 36.

21 Because of the expansion moving towards the
22 only District 36 water well that we have. And I think,
23 you know, those are some important aspects that we have
24 to consider.

25 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Carder.

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1 MR. CARDER: All right. I have my written.

2 MS. NATOLI: Perfect. Thank you.

3 MR. DEA: Next speakers, Jodi Evans, Sally
4 White, Shane Weeks, Carmillis Noltemeyer, Sara Sage.

5 MS. NATOLI: Go ahead.

6 MS. NOLTEMEYER: Carmillis Noltemeyer. I'm
7 a board member of the Santa Clarita Organization for
8 Planning and the Environment. And we oppose this entire
9 proceeding.

10 MS. NATOLI: I'm sorry, ma'am. Could you
11 spell your name for me, your last name.

12 MS. NOLTEMEYER: N-o-l-t-e-m-e-y-e-r.

13 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

14 MS. NOLTEMEYER: We oppose this. This -- it
15 seems like this staff here is not understanding what is
16 supposed to be going on here. This is supposed to be a
17 closure plan, not a CUP to expand the dump. That is
18 what is in writing, that is what is supposed to be
19 happening. And to play this game with this community is
20 unacceptable.

21 You're supposed to be closing it down,
22 you're supposed to have had a closure plan. We want to
23 know who are the elected officials that are responsible
24 for allowing this to happen. We need to know names.
25 Give us the names of the elected officials that came

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1 forth and allowed this waiver to even happen.
2 And then you sit up there in the most
3 obsolete place for anyone out in Val Verde to get here.
4 I mean could you find a place that is more distant or
5 harder to find? I doubt it. But you seem to have done
6 it. Now we want some explanation as to why this is even
7 happening.
8 Why are you sitting here acting like oh,
9 we're just going to expand this dump? No. We had a
10 dump called Elsmere Dump, and we didn't want it and we
11 defeated it. And we do not want our valley to be the
12 valley of the dumps. And it is time that you start
13 listening to what you're supposed to be doing instead of
14 trying to sit up here and deceive every single person
15 that came here.
16 And by the way, the head of the Chamber of
17 Commerce of Santa Clarita, they just got a years free
18 rent in the city hall in Santa Clarita.

19 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.
20 MS. WHITE: Hello. My name is Sally White.
21 And I come to you as an individual citizen, a member of
22 different committees.
23 MS. NATOLI: Can I ask you to lean forward?
24 I'm having a little trouble hearing you myself. And
25 maybe let's start again. Can you please state your name
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1 again, please.
2 MS. WHITE: Sally White.
3 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.
4 MS. WHITE: W-h-i-t-e. And I come to you as
5 an individual citizen. Also, I'm a member of different
6 committees, environmental committees. And I am a
7 Unitarian. And as a Unitarian I really strive to seek
8 social justice. Social justice for people and social --
9 environmental justice as well.
10 This particular situation seems to be an
11 example of a loss of social justice. The dump started
12 around 1970. By about 1997 the people were upset with
13 what was going on. And they worked an arrangement with
14 the county and the owners of the dump to close it when
15 the landfill reached 23 million tons or November of
16 19- -- of 2019.
17 The maximum capacity was reached last June.
18 But the -- the landfill was not closed. That reminds me
19 of what it would be like to buy a house. You're selling
20 a mortgage and it's going to be paid off in 30 years.
21 But then you pay -- every time you pay with foul smells,
22 with increased illness in your community, and
23 aggravating odors, aggravating pollution.
24 And then at the end of the 20 years you
25 don't own the house. So you're going to still have to
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1 pay after that because the mortgage holder wants to add
2 more payments. So you have to go along many more months
3 and years paying in the same way. It just does not seem
4 right for all the reasons that you've heard already.

5 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. White.

6 MS. EVANS: I think you called my name
7 wrong. I'm Suzy Evans. I think you called Jodi.

8 MR. DEA: I have Jodi Evans.

9 MS. EVANS: That's not me.

10 MR. DEA: Please go ahead and state your
11 name.

12 MS. EVANS: Okay. My name is Susan Evans.
13 I'm a resident of Val Verde. I'm a resident from
14 Santa Clarita since 1986. First few things I want to
15 say are comments about what has been already said
16 tonight. Val Verde became the black Palm Springs in the
17 1920's, long before the dump showed up. I offer an
18 invitation to all of you to come and live with us to see
19 what we're talking about, to smell what we're talking
20 about, and to feel the illnesses.

21 I also suffer from asthma. I don't know if
22 you can tell right now, but I'm not doing so good. My
23 health is not that good. I don't see the money from the
24 dump helping me at all. I have no health insurance
25 whatsoever right now. I am disabled and I am a senior
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1 citizen. I've got nothing. Somebody accused the CATC
2 of not releasing information to the public. Not true.
3 We all knew what it was, and it was not
4 honest information that was given out. There was --
5 mislabeled as being actual results. There were no
6 actual results from that testing. The energy facility
7 they say they have, they sell all that energy to I
8 believe Glendale, Burbank, Pasadena, Arcadia, somewhere
9 around there. So it comes nowhere near us.

10 Mr. Bossert, am I going to get a fight in
11 the parking lot again like you claimed I did before?
12 You should've given the entire area surrounding the dump
13 notification of the expansion for the sake of the health
14 of the employees, businesses and other residents and
15 schools within range.

16 The county only notified the residents of
17 Val Verde within a thousand feet of the dump, but not
18 the businesses, not the schools within 500 feet, as a
19 rule you guys are going by. Am I boring you? The dump

20 is not compiled -- has not compiled -- complied with
21 their own rules, the laws of California. I believe
22 their thought process --

23 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

24 MS. EVANS: Here's the rest of the speech
25 for you.

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1 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.
 2 MR. WEEKS: Hello. My name is Shane. Thank
 3 you for allowing us the chance to speak to you folks. I
 4 represent ten families in the Live Oak community. We
 5 are vehemently against the expansion of the landfill, as
 6 well as all the other members I spoke to at my son's
 7 school, at the grocery store, local businesses and park.
 8 Nobody wants this zone to be expanded in our
 9 community. There's been a lot of focus on Val Verde,
 10 but I feel the Live Oak community has been overlooked.
 11 And we are one of the closer communities to this. A lot
 12 of my neighbors have no idea we can report air quality
 13 issues. We do get the smell from time to time depending
 14 on how the wind is coming up the canyon. We can smell
 15 it. None of my neighbors know to report that.
 16 And this goes for some of the businesses,
 17 commerce center. It gets really strong there from time
 18 to time. You know, air quality reports are all fine and
 19 great, but it's the residents are the ones that have to
 20 live with it, not someone monitoring, get a phone call,
 21 come out two hours later to smell it for themselves.
 22 It's us.
 23 And believe me, we smelled it, we get
 24 industrial fallout, the dust. We find it on our cars as
 25 more wind, prevailing wind is coming from that

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1 direction. It's there. You know, the dump opened in
 2 1972. And there wasn't a big community. The community
 3 has grown by leaps and bounds since then. And it is
 4 common for something to happen because the community
 5 grows around it. It is time to close the dump.
 6 We bought our house predicated on the fact
 7 that the dump would be closing someday. And now it
 8 looks like it is extended another year, possibly another
 9 20 some odd years. How many other landfills in the
 10 country will have this same intake with a community this
 11 large this close to it? I can't find any. Why should
 12 we be forced to be in that situation as well?
 13 So I thank you for your time.
 14 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

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15 MS. SAGE: Hello. My Sara Sage. That's
 16 S-a-r-a, S-a-g-e. I would like to address the air
 17 quality and traffic chapters. I have been a resident of
 18 Val Verde for several years. I moved to Santa Clarita
 19 as a Cal Arts student. And I raised my family in
 20 Val Verde. And like most people, I want clean air and
 21 clean water for my family.
 22 I have a chart that I made. I took data
 23 from 2009 to 2015 from CalRecycle. This is origin of
 24 waste data. One thing I want to say about Chiquita is
 25 that it is in the wrong location to serve LA County's

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1 needs. It is too far. And what is happening is a
 2 disturbing trend of moving waste farther and farther by
 3 road is manifesting. And so this chart is a heat map.
 4 I used Carto for this. And it is a heat --
 5 this blue spot is Chiquita. And this is the heat map of
 6 jurisdictions who send waste to Chiquita. I'm going to
 7 flip it around so people can see. Chiquita is not a
 8 local landfill. What happens is that waste is
 9 transported. The most studied effects of waste are in
 10 transportation of waste.
 11 And what I want to know is why the County of
 12 Los Angeles and the Integrated Waste Management Board is
 13 not more seriously considering waste by rail project
 14 because it is a lot better for greenhouse gas emissions.

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15 And I -- before -- I know my time is up, but I also want
 16 to talk about the issue of no particulate matter
 17 monitoring in our community. And for me that's a very,
 18 very -- it's an issue of concern.

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19 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.
 20 MS. SAGE: Thanks for your time.
 21 MR. DEA: Next group of speakers. Julie
 22 Olsen, Lynne Planbeck, Elizabeth Rydall, Erica Larsen,
 23 Rosella Ungar.
 24 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. Please go ahead.
 25 MS. OLSEN: Good evening. My name is

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1 Julie Olsen. I'm a resident of Valencia. I'm also a
 2 member of the local school board speaking to you this
 3 evening as a private citizen and a mom and a cancer
 4 survivor who has a compromised immune system like some
 5 of the others who reside in our valley.
 6 As I heard the areas of introduction, air
 7 quality, and project alternatives, I am telling you that
 8 I have many concerns, including the negative impact on
 9 our property values and on traffic. But most
 10 importantly I'm concerned about the poor air quality
 11 risks, the risks to our ground water and related health
 12 risks, and impact on residents, and particularly on the
 13 approximately 5100 school children spending several
 14 hours daily within a couple of miles of the landfill.

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15 Probably not including those to be served
 16 once the Newhall Ranch development proceeds to bring
 17 many more homes online. Children are especially
 18 susceptible, per the data we have seen on studies --
 19 from studies on the health impact of children and
 20 schools and homes adjacent to landfills and other parts
 21 of California and throughout the country.

22 So I'm just here tonight to urge you to
 23 please utilize other options such as the Mesquite
 24 Regional Landfill and similar waste streams that end
 25 away from residential communities. And please deny the

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1 expansion request and work to place the waste processing
2 facilities in other areas away from residential
3 communities to protect the health and financial
4 interests of all residents, but particularly for
5 children. Thank you for your consideration.

6 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Olsen.

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7 MS. PLANBECK: Lynne Planbeck, Santa Clarita
8 Organization for Planning and the Environment. I have
9 126 letters in opposition which I will be putting in the
10 mail to you tomorrow. I don't want to turn them in
11 tonight. I'll put them in the mail tomorrow. We've

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12 also been consistently requesting an extension on being
13 able to comment on the EIR. It's over the holidays,
14 there's several other large projects in the area which
15 will be during the Final EIR stage or the draft comment
16 period stage.

17 It's very unfair to the public and it's very
18 unfair to staff because you don't see the people are
19 trying to do their holiday shopping instead of reading
20 EIRs on landfills. It's just not fair. Where is the

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21 closure plan? This landfill was supposed to be closed
22 when it reached 23 million tons. Where is the closure
23 plan? There is no closure plan in this document.

24 I'd like to comment on alternatives. Why is
25 the county not working with the City of Los Angeles to

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1 reduce waste, particularly food waste? The City of
2 Portland and other large cities have been able to reduce
3 their food waste by up to 70 and 80%. Food waste is a
4 big contributor of methane. They're making no concerted
5 effort. You get fees and this passes off on the
6 landfill.

7 So we make no concerted effort to reduce the
8 trash. That's unfair for the community, it's unfair to

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9 our valley. Our valley is burdened by -- we only use
10 about 10% of the landfill and generate 10% of the trash.
11 Most of the trash comes from the county and the City of
12 Los Angeles. That is unfair to our community. We are
13 bearing the burden of dust, gas, and other health
14 impacts.

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15 And I would just like to close by saying
16 that is incredible intimidation by the landfill to be --
17 to use -- to claim people have misrepresented what was
18 in your own document of cancer maps just because they
19 overlay the maps on each other.

20 That is something that the community has
21 consistently done during the EIR comment periods. To
22 point out that the people have maliciously misinformed
23 the public is -- deserves a slap suit to them. This is
24 the most outrageous thing ever.

25 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much. Thank

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1 you.

2 MS. RYDALL: Hello. My name is Elizabeth
3 Rydall. And I'm coming to you this evening as a citizen
4 of Santa Clarita for 20 years, my family for 70 years.
5 I was chosen as the 2016 Sheila Veloz breast cancer
6 testimonial speaker. I underwent my fifth surgery last
7 week, and it was a little bit hard to get here, but it
8 was so important to me and this is why.

9 I work in the area that's almost touching
10 the danger zone around Chiquita Canyon. I work in there
11 at the school with a lot of students who live in
12 Val Verde and Castaic, and my own daughter graduated
13 from SCVi. I want so much to thank Chiquita Canyon for
14 helping our school in so many ways, for doing art
15 projects at COC. They do so many good things in the
16 community.

17 But we can't continue to build Chiquita
18 Landfill and take everyone else's trash. And it will
19 harm us because there will be benzene, beryllium,
20 asbestos. There will be these things in the landfill.

21 We know that. And we know they cause cancer.

22 So while we're finding out exactly what the
23 dangers are, let's move our trash far away from our
24 children and our communities into the desert and use the
25 Mesquite Landfill by rail until we know for sure what is

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1 harming us, what is causing such bad air, bad water
2 quality and so much cancer in our valley. We can
3 continue to change at that point. But we know these
4 things are dangerous. Let's please not allow the
5 landfill to expand.

6 MS. NATOLI: Thanks, Ms. Rydall.

7 MS. WILY: Hi. My name is Kara Wily. You
8 didn't call my name but I need to leave so I came up to
9 speak.

10 MS. NATOLI: Kara?

11 MS. WILY: K-a-r-a, W-i-l-y.

12 MS. NATOLI: And your filled out a speaker
13 card?

14 MR. DEA: You may be later on in the list.

15 We have quite a few speaker cards left.

16 MS. WILY: May I proceed?

17 MR. DEA: Sure.

18 MS. WILY: Thank you. I live in Hasley
19 Hills. I live on Gibraltar Lane right across the new
20 Station 143. I moved there May of 2015. I was
21 immediately struck with the construction of the fire
22 station which was both good and bad news. Now that it
23 is done I was, you know, looking forward to finally
24 enjoying my home without construction right across the
25 street.

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1 I do try to hang my clothes on a dry line
2 outside to conserve energy. And there are many days
3 that I cannot stand outside my home and hang a load of
4 laundry for the smell. I get nauseous. I come inside
5 because I can't stand the smell. And I close my windows
6 to my home so that those noxious odors do not come
7 inside my home.

8 The United States federal
9 anti-discrimination law defines a protected class as a
10 group of people with a common characteristic who are
11 legally protected from discrimination on the basis of
12 that characteristic. Race is one of those
13 characteristics. In this piece of legislation the
14 United States outlawed discrimination.
15 It ended unequal application of facilities
16 that serve the general public based on that
17 characteristic. It prevents discrimination by the
18 government agencies that receive federal funds. If an
19 agency is found in violation of Title 6, that agency may
20 lose federal funding.

21 I don't know how a cancer risk that cannot
22 be measured -- only until 2020 can be considered any
23 measurement whatsoever. My 13-year-old son will be 17
24 in 2020. If we don't know what the risks are at his
25 age, and at that time, I am really sad to hear that you

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1 are willing to make that risk to my family for your
2 benefit.

3 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. Thank you,
4 Ms. Wily. And could I ask you please -- I know you're
5 getting ready to leave, but could you please fill out
6 another speaker card? Apparently it is not in the
7 stack.

8 MS. WILY: Okay.

9 MS. NATOLI: I apologize for that. I'm
10 sorry.

11 MS. WILY: And I don't know. And my son
12 doesn't understand why this is a conversation at all.
13 They are beyond their permit.

14 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

15 MS. WILY: It should close.

16 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

17 MS. LARSEN: Hello. My name is Erica
18 Larsen, E-r-i-c-a, L-a-r-s-e-n. I am the public
19 relations director of the Val Verde Neighborhood
20 Association. I'm also a resident of Val Verde. I'm
21 also a college professor. There's so many issues with
22 this project, and most of them are made by false
23 implications.

24 I'd love talk about the DEIR revision
25 comparisons, but I have only had one month to even begin

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1 to review 1100 pages to bring more to your attention,
2 during the end of school and the holiday season. I
3 personally demand that there be an extension to the
4 comment period of 120 days so the community can properly
5 review this 1100 page report.

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6 I also demand there be an actual
7 commissioner present at our hearing so they can see
8 firsthand the faces of the individuals who are impacted
9 by this project. I also demand that you have these
10 hearings in a place where our community can get to.

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11 Odor reports do not reflect the actuality of
12 the situation. The AQMD agents do not make it out to
13 verify complaints or residents are not even aware there
14 is an odor reporting system available to them. If only
15 one acre is being used how did they fail so poorly at
16 controlling the odors now?

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17 This situation seems to illustrate the major
18 elements of this entire methods practice by the county
19 and the landfill to base their support and create
20 mythological good practice on false facts. Here are
21 some facts. There are families in Val Verde who deal
22 with odors on a nearly daily basis at the current size.

23 The community of Val Verde contracted this
24 landfill close in 1997. This contract has been ignored.

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25 The VVCAT air quality report, that was from one day. It

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1 does not reflect the entire air quality of the area.

2 The landfill's daily 12,000 tons is a near match to the
3 nation's largest landfill Apex in Las Vegas. That
4 landfill is 2200 acres, far bigger than the less than
5 500 acres this landfill will sit down. As well, it sits
6 nearly 20 miles from any resident.

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7 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Larsen.

8 MS. LARSEN: Thank you.

9 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

10 MR. DEA: New speakers. Richard Humanic,
11 Steven Howse, Suzanne Ridgewell, Jeremiah Dockray, Stacy
12 Fortner, Dee Boren.

13 MS. NATOLI: We don't have anybody up at the
14 table, gentleman. Feel free to take some seats. Go
15 ahead.

16 MS. RIDGEWELL: Oh, I see it. Okay. Thank
17 you. My name is Suzanne Ridgewell, and I've lived in
18 the Santa Clarita Valley for eight years and --

19 MS. NATOLI: I'm sorry, Suzanne Ridgewell?

20 MS. RIDGEWELL: Ridgewell, yes.

21 S-u-z-a-n-n-e and R-i-d-g-e-w-e-l-l. I'm just here as a
22 concerned citizen. I'm a member of the community. And
23 I consider the merits or demerits of the Chiquita Canyon
24 Landfill are not what they should be. Many people here
25 have made comments about safety when they may not

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1 recall.
2 If you learn nothing or anything from the
3 natural gas leak in Aliso Canyon, we can be sure -- we
4 can be sure that there's fully -- we're fully informed
5 about the dangers that exist and the environmental
6 impacts the landfill might have. So all I want to say
7 is why wouldn't we consider opportunities offered by
8 rail that would take our growing trash to a region that
9 would have less impact on the community?
10 Whether that impact is known or unknown,
11 it's just a natural thing to do it seems. The decision
12 would not be based on the -- the decision to do so
13 should not be based on the charitable means of the
14 company or the money generated by having the landfill in
15 the Santa Clarita Valley, when the value of our entire
16 community and our property values will be diminished,
17 especially over the long run.
18 There are other options as have been brought
19 to our attention by other people, and I would like them
20 too. Thank you very much.

21 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

22 MR. DOCKRAY: Hi. Jeremiah Dockray. I'm a
23 resident of Val Verde. D-o-c-k-r-a-y, Jeremiah in the
24 Biblical spelling. I'm a SCOPE, Santa Clarita
25 Organization for Planning and the Environment member,

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1 future Castaic Area Town Council member, preschool
2 teacher speaking as staff.
3 I was walking the Live Oak neighborhood this
4 last weekend and meeting some of my neighbors, trying to
5 inform them about this area which the county has not
6 chosen to let people know about. And I had a person
7 that told me that he often puts things in the landfill
8 and was not aware that it was expanding.
9 He said he had a really good friend at Waste
10 Management, a VP there who was telling him that he
11 should really, really try and fight this landfill
12 expansion. He was surprised that there wasn't more heat
13 generated on the audacity of the expansion project. I
14 just thought that would be worth sharing.

15 There is a lack of air quality measurements
16 in the area. The closest air monitoring stations I
17 believe are in Burbank and Reseda that measure anything
18 that's even worth measuring. And I think that I have a

19 lot of scattered thoughts here. But the Mesquite
20 Regional Landfill is an option that I think should be
21 pursued more widely.

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22 It's already been paid for with taxpayer
23 dollars and I think that it needs to be utilized. I
24 think that this community has been paying for the
25 landfill for too long. And in a few years they may --

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1 the landfill may be totally surrounded with new
2 developments. And I think that it's time to close the
3 landfill and make a nice golf course that we can all go
4 play on in 50 or 60 years or whatever it takes. Thank
5 you very much.

6 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Dockray.
7 Go ahead, sir.

8 MR. HUMANIC: Yes. My name is Richard
9 Humanic. I live on Rangewood Road, about a block from
10 the Live Oaks school. I lived there for almost
11 20 years. I am retired from the City of Los Angeles. I
12 worked in sanitation as repair on trash trucks for the
13 City of Los Angeles. And I was also a supervisor there
14 for 10 years.

15 And my main concern is the safety of the
16 public and the community at large due to what the
17 extensive amount of trash truck trips is going to do to
18 this community and the surrounding area. We are already
19 over flooded with traffic, and especially truck traffic
20 on the 5 freeway and 126. And anybody who lives in this
21 community knows how bad that traffic already is.

22 And coming from somebody who spent a
23 lifetime repairing trash trucks, I can tell you very few
24 people really know what goes into these landfills. Very
25 few people know what it's like to stand waste deep in

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1 trash working on trucks. And if you actually knew what
2 went into these landfills you wouldn't want them
3 anywhere, let alone in a community, and my house being
4 two miles from this landfill.

5 And sometimes this kind of stuff just comes
6 down to common sense. You have to ask yourself a
7 question. If it wasn't okay to extend Sunshine Canyon
8 to the City of Los Angeles, if it wasn't okay to build a
9 trash dump in Elsmere Canyon, if it wasn't okay to do a
10 CEMEX mine in Canyon Country, why is it okay to build a
11 trash truck -- a dump expanding the dump and keeping it
12 here for another 20 years in Val Verde or Castaic?

13 Are we on the wrong side of the street here?
14 I mean some of this stuff is just common sense.

15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much, sir.

16 MS. FORTNER: Hi. My name is Stacy Fortner,
17 and I'm going to talk to Sam. Yeah, I -- I've been
18 watching you for a while, and I don't think that you
19 heard anything that the last five speakers have said.
20 So I'm going to speak directly to you and I'm going to
21 make eye contact with you. So my name is Stacy Fortner,
22 and I have lived in Santa Clarita for 18 years.

23 I -- I'm very involved in the community, I
24 track local issues, I monitor local Facebook pages, I'm
25 an administrator of the Santa Clarita Facebook page. I

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1 have over 10,000 users and many, many conversations that
2 take place daily. A lot of them are about Chiquita and
3 other environmental issues that we have in town, and
4 some of them are about people who can't find good
5 nannies or babysitters.
6 So anyway, so I'm here tonight because I
7 want to speak in opposition of the landfill. I -- I
8 went to tour the landfill with another woman named Patty
9 Sulpizio. And I'm going to paraphrase the conversation
10 that we had with John Musella and Mike Dean at that
11 time.
12 They gave us a dog and pony show, a great
13 little PowerPoint presentation about how they create
14 energy from methane gas and they transport that energy
15 and sell it to Burbank and Glendale and Pasadena, and
16 how that was such a great thing for our community.
17 The other thing that they mentioned when I
18 brought up the planned expansion was that Mike Dean kind
19 of chuckled a little bit and he says, you know, we know
20 that we're not going to get all the expansion that we
21 ask for, but we know for a fact that we're going to get
22 some of it. So we're going to maximize our request and
23 we're going to ask for everything including the sun and
24 the moon, knowing that we won't get all of it.

25 But we know that this landfill will not be

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1 closing and we know that we will get some of it. So the
2 other thing I learned tonight sitting here tonight is
3 that we have received trash from Tijuana. How is it
4 that we received garbage from south San Diego County and
5 Tijuana? I don't understand that at all.

6 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Fortner.

7 MS. FORTNER: Okay. Thank you.

8 MS. NATOLI: Okay. Sir?

9 MR. HOWSE: My name is Steven Howse. Last
10 name is spelled H-o-w-s-e. I'm a Val Verde resident,
11 father of four who lived there since 1997. I'm also the
12 president of the VVCA, Civic Association in Val Verde.
13 I just wanted to speak out in proposition of the
14 landfill expansion. When we moved there in 1998 we were
15 under the impression that the landfill was going to be
16 closing.

17 We found out that it was actually extended
18 for another 20 years, figured we could, you know, wait
19 it out. And now it looks like they're asking for
20 another expansion. They've also violated quite a few
21 agreements that they've made with the VVCA that was
22 mentioned in the CUP.

23 Has been stated numerous times that there is
24 a little lawyer clause in there that says that basically
25 null and void of anything that they say. My concern is

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1 if you allow this expansion to go through, let's say you
2 put in some more protections for the community, let's
3 put in some more protections for other people, are they
4 going to have a little lawyer clause in there that
5 allows them to do whatever they want?

6 So basically they just say some stuff to
7 where, you know, okay, yeah, we'll take care of this,
8 this, and this. But there's a clause in there somewhere
9 where it says well, none of that matters, we can do
10 whatever we want. I'm paraphrasing, not using exact
11 lawyer terms. I'm not a lawyer and stuff.

12 But it's a big concern that, you know,
13 they're allowed to say oh yeah, we're not going to
14 change, oh yeah, we're going to close at a certain date,
15 yeah, we're going to close at a certain tonnage. But
16 then say no, we don't have to do that because there's
17 something in there that says nothing can prevent us from
18 expanding or doing what we want. It's extremely
19 frustrating.

20 I also want to mention, to talk about how
21 generous they are in giving money to the Val Verde
22 community. That's part of mitigation, which you guys
23 know. The county said that they are required to give us
24 money. It is not generosity. They give it because of
25 the expansion. So you know, just wanted to clarify that

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1 also.

2 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

3 MR. HOWSE: Thank you.

4 MR. DEA: Next speakers. Bonnie Nikolai,
5 Patti Sulpizio, Richard Drew, Julie Davenport, Barbara
6 Wampole, Logan Smith.

7 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. Please go ahead.

8 MS. NIKOLAI: Good evening. My name is
9 Bonnie Nikolai, and I'll be speaking in opposition of
10 the landfill. I'm one of the Val Verde representatives
11 on the Castaic Area Town Council. I'm here on behalf of
12 my town and my family, not the council. When we moved
13 to Val Verde in 2008 we were under the impression that
14 the Chiquita Canyon Landfill would be closing in 2019.

15 The expansion request came as very unwelcome
16 surprise. I immediately started researching landfill
17 science and reading medical studies from Europe. I was
18 alarmed to find these studies showed a greater risk of
19 asthma, miscarriage, birth defects and cancer. These
20 studies showed that living within a two mile radius
21 increased the risk of ill health.

22 We live nine-tenths of a mile from the
23 border of the landfill. According to the American
24 Cancer Society the cancer rate in the United States in
25 2014 was 1 out of 285 children. That means 1 out of 285

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1 children will get cancer between the time they are born
2 and age 20. Any increase to this risk is abhorrent. I
3 out of 8 children with cancer die.
4 According to a study just two months ago in
5 the National Cancer Institute, childhood cancer rates
6 have risen 27% since 1975. That kind of significant
7 rise in rates points to an environmental factor. I
8 asked for a health study from the LA County in March of
9 this year. I was provided with data from all of the
10 Santa Clarita Valley, including portions of the San
11 Fernando Valley.
12 I asked for Val Verde specific and I was
13 denied. The county should not move forward until they
14 do formal health study of Val Verde. We have the
15 responsibility for the most vulnerable members of our
16 society. How are they going to have life, liberty and
17 the pursuit of happiness if they're worried about
18 chemotherapy, catheters, surgeries, caskets and burial
19 plots?
20 LA County has a responsibility to deny
21 projects that could be detrimental to its citizens'
22 health. This is your call to action. Don't let our
23 children down. We're counting on you.

24 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Nikolai.

25 MS. SULPIZIO: My name is Patty Skinner

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1 Sulpizio. I'm a member of the Los Angeles County
2 Central -- Democratic Party Central Committee
3 representing the 38th Assembly District. I'm also the
4 regional vice chair of Region 1. Los Angeles County
5 Democratic Party Region 1 regional vice chair
6 representing 36 and 38 Assembly District.
7 I'd like to go on the record that the
8 Los Angeles County Democratic Party opposes the Chiquita
9 Canyon Landfill expansion. The Los Angeles County
10 Democratic Party adopted such a resolution on April 4th
11 2015. It is part of the Los Angeles County Democratic
12 Party platform and policies. Four of our elected
13 members of our Los Angeles County board of supervisors
14 are Democrats.

15 We do expect them to take into consideration
16 in their -- when they vote on the platform of their
17 party. It is significant to represent the Democratic
18 Party in Santa Clarita Valley because we have no
19 Democratic representation in this community. I've lived
20 in the Santa Clarita Valley since 1980. We have maybe
21 under ten elected representatives who are Democrats.

22 Those are on water boards and school boards
23 only. Our city council is entirely Democratic, our
24 assembly member and our state senator -- excuse me --
25 are all Republicans. I went to visit assembly member

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1 Scott Wilk with two other women to advocate for him to
2 oppose the landfill. What he did for us was set up a
3 tour of the landfill with Mr. Mike -- with Mr. Dean and
4 Mr. Musella.

5 On December 5th I was at the state capitol
6 for the swearing in of our new state senators. On the
7 senate floor only family members and special guests were
8 permitted with invitation only. And I was watching my
9 sister being sworn into the state legislature.

10 I looked up into the gallery and there I saw
11 Mr. Musella, the lobbyist for the landfill, apparently
12 the special guest of my state senator. Now this is
13 significant because we don't feel represented.

14 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

15 MS. SULPIZIO: And we oppose the landfill.

16 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

17 MS. SULPIZIO: Thank you.

18 MR. SMITH: My name is Logan Smith. I am
19 also here representing the Los Angeles County Democratic
20 Party and the Los -- Santa Clarita Valley Democrats
21 Youth organization here in the Santa Clarita Valley.
22 I'd like to immediately begin by expressing my severe
23 disappointment at the location of this hearing. For any
24 resident of Val Verde to reach this hearing, if they
25 don't have an automobile, they need to take two buses,

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1 walk a significant distance, and can't get return home
2 by bus until tomorrow morning.

3 I'd like to point out that again LA City
4 once again hasn't resolved to oppose the expansion of
5 this landfill. And that is a body representing 2.7
6 million registered voters in Los Angeles County. I
7 would like to point out that the people of this
8 community have been fighting the landfill not since 2014
9 as was indicated in previous testimony, but for decades.

10 In the 1990's when they were fighting the
11 expansion of this landfill they were told it would close
12 at 23 million tons. They exceeded that metric and they
13 are -- now they are trying to expand. The people of
14 this community have been misled and lied to. And it is
15 the responsibility of government to protect the
16 community from predatory business.

17 I'd like to point out finally I just got
18 back from staying in North Dakota where millions of
19 people in the community came together to stand against
20 an environmental health hazard to a community. And
21 that's what we're going to do here because yes, they can
22 say it's not a significant health risk if a single
23 person is affected. To that person it is a significant
24 health risk. Thank you.

25 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Smith.

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1 Please begin, ma'am.

2 MS. WAMPOLE: My name is Barbara Wampole,
3 B-a-r-b-a-r-a, W-a-m-p-o-l-e. Thank you for hearing
4 all of us this evening. I'm a 43 year resident of the
5 Val Verde area. I moved here in 1972 to the Santa
6 Clarita Valley. I was elected to the Val Verde Civic
7 Association when we fought the first expansion in 1997.

8 We believed we had an agreement to close the
9 landfill by or about 2018 or 19 when it met 2.3 metric
10 tons, which it recently reached. They have breached
11 with Val Verde to close the dump. We know when Val
12 Verde community began receiving \$250,000 a year it would
13 seriously compromise the community's ability to advocate
14 in our own best interest. That should never be an
15 issue.

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16 To get up to take a walk on country road
17 where I live on a summer morning at 7:00 or 7:30, I need
18 to be aware that if I don't get home before 8:00
19 o'clock, for years now a stench begins to overtake me
20 and I have to rush home to close my windows. I have
21 been as far away as the historic landmark Rancho Camulos
22 for a community event, and the same stench engulfed us
23 with the prevailing wind from east. This was a regular
24 thing for them too.

25 This all by itself is unacceptable for the

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1 quality of life for the rest of the Santa Clarita
2 Valley. And after that, the reality of cancer and
3 respiratory diseases, we have paid our dues to this
4 valley. There are alternatives. With all due respect,

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5 why aren't our planning commissioners here to hear us,
6 our pleas for our community?

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7 We want a hearing on the Draft EIR, and that
8 all the local communities be notified about this. We
9 want comment period extended to January. Please listen

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10 closely with your heart to our community's pleas and
11 understand and act in accordance. In Val Verde we have
12 paid our dues. It is far past time to shift this burden
13 to the hard work of reducing waste. And please close
14 this dump.

15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

16 MS. WAMPOLE: Thank you.

17 MR. DEA: Thomas Barron, Bryan Caforio,
18 Darcy Stinson.

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19 MR. BARRON: My name is Thomas Barron.
20 Thank you for coming to hear our community -- from our
21 community, and my opposition to the further operation of
22 the landfill. I'm a resident who lives just down past
23 the landfill on 126. And I too have been there for 43
24 years. I've been there since before the landfill was
25 open and have watched it fill year after year.

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1 In 1997 I testified in opposition at a
2 hearing similar to this one. At that hearing I
3 presented an animated movie showing what would become of
4 the site, fearful pocked mountain, not a Magic Mountain.
5 The focus of the issue at that time was described as
6 toxic racism. The siting of landfills near by poor
7 communities who have little or no resources to fight
8 back.

9 Val Verde is precisely one of those
10 communities. It was created because of the growing
11 black population of Los Angeles was not allowed to own
12 property in other desire resort areas like Lake
13 Arrowhead by discriminatory redlining, which is now
14 outlawed. This issue at that hearing held there almost
15 20 years ago was a real challenge to the continued
16 operation of the landfill and its profitable expansion.

17 The operators' answer to the toxic racism
18 charge was to offer money to the locals, basically to
19 bribe. This has created a division of interests. Those
20 with modest means enjoy living in a specific historic
21 rural enclave, but who are very concerned with their
22 health and property. And those that desire to keep the
23 money flowing from off the tipping fees that Val Verde
24 trucks roaring along the 126.

25 I would like to express tonight my specific

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1 opposition to the realignment of the Val Verde entrance
2 and the construction that would be necessary. The
3 landfill is on a section of the road which used to be
4 called Blood Alley.

5 The truck traffic increasing each year has
6 been augmented by the stream of vehicles moving through
7 the post office distribution center. This process is an
8 unsafe condition now and it will only get worse if we
9 keep the project going. Please close the dump.

10 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Barron.

11 MR. BARRON: Thank you.

12 MR. STINSON: Hello. I'm Darcy Stinson. I
13 am here and I am opposing the dump. I am -- to respond
14 to some of the comments made earlier. I'm actually
15 battling cancer right now. I have a couple doctors that
16 have actually said that this landfill may be the cause
17 of my cancer.

18 So to the people that said that they're
19 cancer survivors and that they're in support of the
20 dump, shame on you and for anybody else that thinks that
21 the landfill doesn't or can't spread cancer. It's a
22 joke. I'm -- I'm speechless. I'm angered. I used to
23 be the president of the Val Verde Community Advisory
24 Committee. I had to step down off of that committee
25 because of my health.

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1 I fainted in one of the meetings and had to
2 go to the hospital, and have bill over \$10,000. But you
3 know, it's -- it sickens me that the County of Los
4 Angeles is so greedy that you're willing to look forward
5 and fill your -- line your pockets with money over the
6 health and safety of your own citizens in your area.
7 It's -- it's so wrong when there's other places.
8 You didn't -- the county hasn't to my
9 knowledge had -- made any attempt to find a new place.
10 Was there any actions? Every type -- every meeting that
11 you guys have, it's like you want to do the bare
12 minimum, give the bare minimum stuff. The last time
13 didn't only produce stuff in English. This time it's
14 both.
15 But you give us a comment period for
16 nothing. I am just -- don't have my words right now.
17 I'm not feeling good now and I just -- shame on the
18 county if you're doing this -- the landfill is not
19 willing to uphold their agreements now. Who says they
20 ever will? They don't care except -- well, sorry. We
21 try what we do. And that's it.

22 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

23 MR. CAFORIO: Hello. My name is Bryan
24 Caforio. I'm a Santa Clarita resident. I was the
25 Democratic candidate for congress. I represented this
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1 area. I'll start by saying I'm an attorney and I have
2 real questions as to whether with regards to the 1997
3 agreement that expanding this landfill is legal and
4 appropriate. And I think the county should at least
5 consider possible legal expenses that will come down the
6 road from having to defend a possibly legitimate
7 lawsuit.

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8 Also, as a person who is concerned with
9 social justice, economic justice and environmental
10 justice, I think expanding this landfill is a real
11 concern as this implicates all three of those. I'll

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12 leave it up to the studies which show very clear health
13 risks, the personal stories from people like Darcy whose
14 lives are on the line because of this landfill to deal
15 with those issues.

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16 But I will just say during the course of the
17 campaign traveling throughout Santa Clarita and around
18 the valley I heard from dozens of people how opposed
19 they were to this landfill expansion. It is a
20 significant issue here. I agree with many of the people
21 who have testified that there was a real lack of notice
22 for this hearing in this location, at this time with the
23 holidays.

24 And yet nonetheless even with that
25 circumstance we've heard from I believe only seven

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1 people in favor of this and dozens of people who have
2 come out to testify against this. And I also believe
3 that the notice that would and should be given should be
4 much broader because this doesn't just affect Val Verde.

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5 I can't believe that we're actually
6 considering expanding the number of trucks dramatically
7 that will be traveling through this area. So any person
8 who lives in this valley and who drives on the 5, the
9 14, the 210, 126 is going to be affected by increased
10 traffic. The dangers that come from that, the pollution
11 that comes from that. And that is a serious risk that I
12 don't think is being considered. Thank you.

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13 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Caforio.

14 MR. DEA: Next speakers. Jim Solace, Frank
15 Misioni, Joe Cicero, Alan Ferdman.

16 MR. FERDMAN: Good evening. My name is
17 Alan Ferdman. I am the CEO of the Santa Clarita
18 Community Council and chair of Canyon County Advisory
19 Committee. To me this is really an issue of
20 credibility. If I have an organization who made a
21 commitment to close and signed the contract and then
22 decided at the last minute that they're not going to
23 honor that agreement, how can we trust those same
24 individuals to meet all of their future obligations and
25 the requirements that they are going to need to follow?
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1 So the one thing that I always like to do
2 when there's a situation like this coming along is I
3 follow the money. And when I follow the money I realize
4 that currently there's three quarters of a million of
5 fees going to the county each month for this landfill.

6 And if you double the tonnage, why you'll
7 double the amount to one and a half million dollars a
8 month. And you can't tell me that doesn't have some
9 impact on the decisions being made. Now supposedly we

10 have a One Valley One Vision plan. And the county and
11 city are going -- and last Tuesday night's city council
12 meeting, I heard city council member McLean brag about
13 how they are keeping the environment clean by fighting
14 the Elsmere dump.

15 So why don't we hear about elected officials
16 talking about tackling this problem? Well, could it be
17 because the landfill is a major contributor of this, who
18 established a pact in support of our currently elected
19 both county supervisors and newly elected city council
20 members?

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21 It turns out that the -- when we started
22 hearing organizations like, you know, West Ranch Town
23 Council, Chamber of Commerce, or the economic
24 development board support this proposal, we ought to
25 have them disclose how much funding they received. And

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198-75 cont'd	<p>1 if we turn around, the Santa Clarita Community Council 2 and the Canyon Country Advisory Committee receives no 3 funding from any of these organizations. 4 We urge you to listen to the public and the 5 residents and close the landfill as you agreed to in the 6 first place. Thank you very much.</p> <p>7 MR. DEA: Thank you. All right. I have 8 three names that I called and I don't see anyone up 9 here. So Jim Solace, Frank Misioni, Joe Cicero.</p>	<p>1 Why are our kids breathing in this? You know, I've got 2 children, and my son hopefully will have children as 3 well. Why are you doing this to our atmosphere? Why 4 are we making it like this? 5 I'm opposed to it. I think if we just take 6 a moment to see what other countries are doing we 7 actually can make America great again by doing what 8 other countries are doing. Nobody has even looked at 9 other possibilities. It's just let's keep doing the 10 same old same old. Keep burying it, keep getting cancer 11 from it, keep having pollution. 12 Well, we don't have to do that. Look at 13 what Sweden is doing. They bury 1%. America buries 14 55%. It doesn't have to be like this. We can get 15 energy from it. That's what I want to say.</p>	198-81 cont'd
198-76	<p>10 MR. CICERO: Hi. Name is Joseph Cicero. 11 I'm a resident of Valencia. Thank you for listening to 12 the Santa Clarita citizens on this very important issue. 13 I'll be quick. The reasons I think that we should close 14 this facility is No. 1, because a breach of contract</p>	<p>16 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Martens. 17 Go ahead, sir.</p>	
198-77	<p>15 with Val Verde. By extending the period of time, we 16 need to extend the period of time for comments by 120 17 days. We'd like to have a hearing on the Draft EIR.</p>		
198-78	<p>18 We request that the landfill be closed for 19 health reasons, our neighbors and our children. This 20 project will increase air pollution and dust particles 21 to the entire valley. According from what I have read,</p>	<p>18 MR. SIMMONDS: My name is Paul Simmonds. 19 24 year resident of Val Verde. We moved up to Val Verde 20 because we wanted the country atmosphere, free from the 21 city, free from all the city issues, things that go 22 along with it. I was a member of the Val Verde Civic 23 Association. I was the first on a provisional board 24 community funding committee.</p>	
198-79	<p>22 80% percent of the trash is from outside of Santa 23 Clarita, and only 20% is from Santa Clarita, which is 24 confusing</p>	<p>25 I was also in the negotiations with the</p>	
198-80	<p>25 And if this agreement was made in 1997 for a Page 82</p> <p>1 limited amount of time, my question is why wasn't there 2 a plan to close it? And if there's not a plan, I 3 request that a plan to close it be created as soon as 4 possible. Thank you.</p> <p>5 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Cicero. 6 MR. DEA: All right. I am going to call 7 four more names. Abigail DeSesa, Paul Simmonds, Rebecca 8 Martens, Maria Michiore. Please take a seat. 9 MS. NATOLI: Either of you can begin. 10 MS. MARTENS: I just want to say that -- 11 MS. NATOLI: Ma'am, please state your name 12 for the record just so we can make sure we have your 13 name. 14 MS. MARTENS: Sure. Rebecca Martens. 15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.</p>	<p>25 I was also in the negotiations with the</p>	
198-81	<p>16 MS. MARTENS: We have two residences that 17 are effected by it. One where we have horses near the 18 landfill and we also have one in Castaic that will be 19 effected. And I just think that we're using old 20 technology. Why are we still burying garbage? Sweden 21 doesn't bury garbage. They burn it, they use it in 22 turbines, and they use it for energy. 23 They actually voted in other countries 24 garbage to create energy for their country. Why are we 25 still burying garbage? Why are getting cancer from it?</p>	<p>1 landfill and with Newhall land farm, I think they were 2 also part of it, and also the county when we came to the 3 first agreement. What's come out of this is a lot of 4 broken promises, but not just promises. They were 5 agreements, they were agreements written down and they 6 have broken them. We acted in good faith. They have 7 not acted in good faith. 8 So I ask who is this good for? Is it good 9 for the pocketbooks of some people? Good for the 10 coffers of the landfill? They're going to -- they're 11 going to make some money. It's a cash cow for them. 12 It's good for the county, good for the city. They get 13 tax revenues out of this. Not good for the community. 14 The opponents are overwhelming. You can see 15 them here. I haven't heard from anybody other than 16 maybe a few professional speakers or people that have -- 17 in the pocket of the landfill. But CBFC was not allowed 18 to -- not allowed to vote. And I understand that 19 they're going to vote on the landfill, but they are not 20 allowed to by the bylaw. And that was written into the 21 bylaws. 22 They are not allowed to oppose anything that 23 the landfill does. So their vote is only going to be 24 positive. There was a charge that that should be 25 negated. But I want to charge you to act responsibly to</p>	198-82
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198-83	<p>1 this community. We've asked for 120 days. And Val</p> <p>2 Verde Community Advisory Committee requested 120 days to</p> <p>3 review this Draft EIR. And I would charge you guys to</p> <p>4 look at this responsibility. Thanks.</p> <p>5 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Simmonds.</p> <p>6 Go ahead, sir.</p>	<p>1 businesses to shoulder their trash.</p> <p>2 We are very behind Europe, and Los Angeles</p> <p>3 County should be very embarrassed for not keeping up.</p> <p>4 We used to consider ourselves trendsetters. We're way</p> <p>5 behind. So I ask this version of the commission to</p> <p>6 please go back and think about the burden that we should</p> <p>7 not have to shoulder any longer. We paid for that</p> <p>8 Mesquite Landfill. Use it. Thank you.</p>	198-87 cont'd
198-84	<p>7 MR. MIGLIORE: Thank you for allowing me to</p> <p>8 speak today. I'm here to tell you that I'm not in favor</p> <p>9 of the landfill. Not only for the residents of the</p> <p>10 valley, but because I have recently this year started my</p> <p>11 own business helping handicapped children learn to ride</p> <p>12 horses for the first time. And you know, I've seen</p> <p>13 firsthand the affects of air. I think that the landfill</p> <p>14 will only provide worse air than is already going on at</p> <p>15 the moment.</p> <p>16 And you know, it would -- it would -- I have</p> <p>17 asthma and, you know, I'm looking at the studies. And</p> <p>18 their pollution, like Sweden and others in Europe, it's</p> <p>19 appalling. And that's all I have to say, is to consider</p>	<p>9 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. DeSesa.</p> <p>10 MR. DEA: I have the last speaker card for</p> <p>11 the night. But I also have names that I have called</p> <p>12 that no-show. So I'm going to call those as well.</p> <p>13 Mai Do, Heidi Bunch, Julie Davenport, Richard Drew,</p> <p>14 Dee Porter, Jodi Evans, Rosella Ungar.</p> <p>15 MS. NATOLI: Please, go ahead.</p>	198-88
198-85	<p>20 other alternative options to garbage, burning it, using</p> <p>21 it as energy to power our cities instead of burying into</p> <p>22 our soil and polluting our plants, our food sources that</p> <p>23 are going into our bodies. That's really all I have to</p> <p>24 say on that matter.</p> <p>25 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, sir. Could I ask</p>	<p>16 MS. DO: Hi. My name is Mai Do. I'm a</p> <p>17 resident of Saugus. I have friends that do live in</p> <p>18 Val Verde area and Castaic.</p> <p>19 MS. NATOLI: Ms. Do, I'd like to ask you to</p> <p>20 speak slowly. Thank you.</p> <p>21 MS. DO: As a student here in Santa Clarita,</p> <p>22 going to the College of the Canyons, I have three main</p> <p>23 concerns. My first concern is that the voice of the</p> <p>24 residents here of this valley have not been heard,</p> <p>25 despite the long -- the ongoing process, the ongoing</p>	Page 86 Page 88
198-86	<p>1 you to state your name for us.</p> <p>2 MR. MIGLIORE: Merit Migliore.</p> <p>3 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Merit.</p> <p>4 MS. DeSESA: Good evening. And thank you</p> <p>5 for your inviting us here tonight, even though it is</p> <p>6 nowhere near the neighborhood and most of my neighbors</p> <p>7 could not make it. My name is Abigail DeSesa, and I'm</p> <p>8 here to speak in opposition. I want to thank everyone</p> <p>9 that has come out to discuss the health risks, the</p> <p>10 greenhouse gases, the property values, the loss of life</p> <p>11 that people have experienced living out there, whether</p> <p>12 it's prudent or not to be connected.</p>	<p>1 proposition for decades.</p> <p>2 My parents moved here in '98, and I called</p> <p>3 her yesterday. She said the people here have been</p> <p>4 fighting this landfill since I moved here. So it's</p> <p>5 strange to me that opposition to this landfill and a</p> <p>6 contract that does state that they would be closing or</p> <p>7 would have closed already have not been followed through</p> <p>8 on.</p> <p>9 Secondly, the alternative Mesquite Landfill</p> <p>10 is -- has been sitting there practically unused. And</p> <p>11 that is a perfectly viable -- viable alternative to</p> <p>12 dumping the trash and expanding it, expanding the</p> <p>13 Chiquita Canyon Landfill when there's clearly some</p> <p>14 opposition to it.</p>	198-89
198-87	<p>13 But all of those things have been discussed.</p> <p>14 I kind of want to ask everyone to think about a</p> <p>15 different theory here. Please show me who wants to live</p> <p>16 near a landfill, you know, the good neighbor landfill.</p> <p>17 Have you ever seen a real estate advertisement saying</p> <p>18 what a great, good neighbor, come live by the landfill?</p> <p>19 And people line up and fight to buy that property.</p> <p>20 So we've had barely a handful of people that</p> <p>21 spoke in favor of the landfill. I ask if any one of</p> <p>22 them actually live in the affected areas. No, they</p> <p>23 don't. So why do they even get to speak up about it?</p> <p>24 Seriously, if they don't live there they're not</p> <p>25 affected. They're asking a large group of people and</p>	<p>15 And also, I noticed the other day there was</p> <p>16 an article up on one of the old radio stations, a</p> <p>17 website -- it was actually basically a copy and paste of</p> <p>18 a Chiquita Canyon press release that advocated for --</p> <p>19 that advocated basically for opposition against the</p> <p>20 opposition to the landfill.</p> <p>21 And it's concerning as a student and just as</p> <p>22 a person who is trying to be an informed citizen that</p> <p>23 the Chiquita Canyon administration would have their</p> <p>24 hands in our local media sources. And I am wondering</p> <p>25 how many people are being misinformed and being</p>	198-90 198-91

1 presented with these biased opinions being presented as
2 facts when there really isn't any -- there really needs
3 to be less -- when there really needs to be unbiased
4 opinion in our local media.
5 And when that was brought up a small snippet
6 was added to the end. But originally 100% of the
7 article was a copy paste of that press release. And
8 that is highly concerning both as a student and as
9 someone trying to be an informed resident. Thank you.

10 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Do.

11 MR. DEA: That is our last speaker.

12 MS. NATOLI: All right. Thank you. At this
13 point we're going to take a short break for our court
14 reporters before I ask the applicant to come up for
15 rebuttal. Five minutes. Five minutes. We're on break
16 for five minutes. Thank you.

17 (Recess taken from 8:07 to 8:14.)

18 Okay. Great. Thank you all very much for
19 your patience. We're ready to resume at this point.
20 I'm going to call up the applicant's representative for
21 the rebuttal period.

22 Thank you, Ms. Eells. If you could take a
23 seat and go ahead and address any of the comments that
24 have been made tonight which you'd like to address. And
25 again, please state your name for record.

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1 MS. EELLS: Okay. Certainly. My name is
2 Brenda Eells. I would like to present not so much as a
3 rebuttal because we're here tonight, both you and myself
4 as the document preparer, you know, to the county's
5 requirements as somebody, you know, who's listening who
6 wants to understand what the comments are from the
7 community so we can adequately respond to them in the
8 Final EIR response to comments.

9 I heard a couple of things that I just
10 wanted to point out some information about. One of the
11 comments mentioned that cancer risk wasn't evaluated
12 past 2020. And I just want to indicate that the
13 recirculated air quality chapter as well as the original
14 Draft EIR chapter did evaluate cancer risk for the life
15 of the project.

16 So I think that goes out maybe 30 years, a
17 little bit more. So cancer risk is evaluated out
18 through roughly to 2050 in the EIR. So folks can look
19 in the air quality chapter for that information.
20 Another comment mentioned that there was no discussion
21 of the Castaic Area Community Standards District.
22 That's -- that's not the case.

23 Both the original Draft EIR in the
24 individual resources chapter and the partially
25 recirculated Draft EIR chapter supplement address the

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1 Castaic Area Community Standard District requirements in
2 terms of ridge line protection. And again, the proposed
3 project would not affect the ridge lines that are
4 protected.

5 The other thing I heard was that the
6 landfill height under the proposed project would be
7 visible from Val Verde. Both the original Draft EIR and
8 the additional supplement in the Partially Recirculated
9 Draft EIR indicate that that's not the case. That the
10 landfill footprint at the peak elevation will still be
11 below the north ridge line that protects views from
12 Val Verde and other points north of the landfill.

13 Otherwise, I don't have any further comments
14 to make. Those are just a few things that I heard that
15 I'd like to point out.

16 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. Let me go through
17 my notes really quickly here and see if I have any
18 questions for you. I did have some, but you may have
19 addressed them. Can you respond to comments about air
20 quality and what was evaluated as far as particularly
21 the particulate matter?

22 MS. EELLS: The air quality chapter?

23 MS. NATOLI: Yes.

24 MS. EELLS: Both the original and the
25 Recirculated chapters do address particulate matter. I

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1 I was hoping to divide the air quality chapter into two
2 parts. There was a first part that addresses what we
3 call criteria pollutants of which particulate matter is
4 one that uses ambient air quality information and has
5 project related impacts to that and makes a
6 determination of significance.

7 Because of the way South Coast AQMD
8 requested us to combine construction and operation
9 emissions and compare those emissions to operation only
10 thresholds, the determination of significance for those
11 criteria pollutants for the proposed project would have
12 significant and unavoidable impacts.

13 The second part of the air quality chapter
14 is evaluation in health through the health study survey,
15 the health risk assessment, that is -- that's the cancer
16 risk that's evaluated. And that chapter, the analysis
17 indicates that those impacts would be less than
18 significant.

19 MS. NATOLI: There was a comment about
20 particulate matter from the I-5 not being evaluated, not
21 being included in the evaluation. Is the pollution from
22 the I-5 included? If not, why not?

23 MS. EELLS: Whatever evaluation in EIR is
24 consistent with the requirements or the methodology that
25 we follow that is AQMD's methodology. It may be the

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<p>1 impacts from I-5 are considered background and 2 additional impacts are calculated. I think impacts of 3 the project are calculated from I-5 so along 126 to the 4 landfill. I'm not positive about that. But we do -- 5 the analysis fully follows AQMD methodology. 6 MS. NATOLI: All right. I understand you're 7 following the AQMD in the analysis. Not you 8 specifically, the editorial you. 9 MS. EELLS: Yes. 10 MS. NATOLI: Followed what AQMD directed the 11 county to do. However, if at the hearing, at the 12 Regional Planning Commission where the project and the 13 Draft EIR will be fully considered at a public hearing, 14 I'd like you to at least make a note to comment on that. 15 So if you can get that information and make 16 sure it's disseminated at the Planning Commission 17 hearing I'd appreciate that, since it's a question 18 several people brought up tonight. 19 Are you aware that -- do you know anything 20 about potential trash coming from Tijuana? Is that a 21 possibility? 22 MS. EELLS: I -- that was the first I've 23 heard that. I wasn't aware of that. I know that 24 Chiquita Canyon is a regional landfill. Currently there 25 are no restrictions on the import of waste to Chiquita.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 94</p>	<p>1 is just to take testimony. 2 A report of this testimony will be compiled, 3 responses to the comments and questions raised tonight 4 will be included in the Draft EIR and also in the Final 5 EIR. These issues and your comments will be considered 6 by the Regional Planning Commission. That hearing on 7 the project and the Draft EIR will be sometime at the 8 beginning of next year. 9 If you received the notice for tonight, then 10 you're on the list and you would receive a notice for 11 the Planning Commission hearing. If you did not receive 12 a notice and you heard about this from someone else, see 13 Mr. Claghorn after the meeting tonight and have your 14 name put on the list so that you will receive direct 15 notice about the hearing. 16 Good point. Thank you, Mr. Glaser. This is 17 the end of the comments. Again comment period is open 18 until January 9th. I think the staff heard you tonight 19 that you would like the comment period extended. My 20 experience is that on a recirculated Draft EIR where 21 only certain portions of the Draft EIR are being 22 recirculated, that typically you're not even given 23 45 days, I believe you're given 30 days. 24 I understand even though this is 60 days, 25 it's over the holidays. So I'm hoping staff will go</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 96</p>
<p>1 I don't know why an operator would choose to travel that 2 distance to Chiquita so I don't know about that 3 information. 4 MS. NATOLI: I'm not sure if the issue will 5 come up at the Planning Commission hearing, but it might 6 be helpful if there's an idea of where the trash comes 7 from. I know that's not specifically a CEQA issue, 8 where it comes from, but it might be helpful to have 9 that information for the planning commission. 10 All right. Those are the only questions 11 that I had that I wanted to make sure that you were 12 aware of or that you were able to answer tonight, if you 13 could, you would do that. So I don't have anything else 14 for the applicant at this time. 15 Are there any other comments from staff? I 16 think I had some questions, but I think those were 17 addressed during rebuttal here. Does staff have any 18 other comments or questions? 19 MR. DEA: We don't have any questions. 20 MS. NATOLI: All right. With that I'm going 21 to close the public hearing. The public hearing is 22 closed. I'm going to tell you now what the next steps 23 are. Again tonight was to take testimony -- testimony 24 on the Draft EIR. There is no decision on the Draft 25 EIR. There is no decision on the project tonight. This</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 95</p>	<p>1 back and request that there be an extension on the 2 comment period. But that's not a decision that -- 3 that's not a decision that certainly I can make. It's 4 not in my purview, and it's not a decision that staff 5 can make tonight. That's something that will have to go 6 back to the director of Regional Planning. 7 So if there are no other issues then we are 8 finished with the public hearing. And I appreciate 9 everyone coming out tonight. My personal feeling is 10 this was probably -- this facility was probably chosen 11 because we expected a lot of people to come. I don't 12 know if there's a facility in the area that can 13 accommodate 100 or 125 people. 14 If you know of one, please let staff know 15 after the meeting tonight and they'll research for 16 having it at another location, having a Planning 17 Commission hearing at another location. Whatever 18 information you can provide will be helpful for an 19 additional location. 20 Public comment will be taken through at 21 least January 9th on the Draft EIR. We're not finished. 22 Calm down everybody. We're not finished. But that's 23 still not your last chance to comment. You can always 24 comment at the Regional Planning Commission hearing when 25 it's held. So you have several more opportunities to</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 97</p>

1 make your appeal.
2 So again, thank you very much. I want to
3 thank the court reporters. They were real troopers and
4 we powered through this. And I appreciate your comments
5 and helping me with the hearing tonight. I appreciate
6 that very much. Thank you.

7 All right. Moving on to part 3, public
8 comment. Is there anyone in the audience who wishes to
9 comment on any idea not on today's agenda but which is
10 within my purview? Do we have any speakers signed up
11 for public comment?

12 MR. DEA: We do not.

13 MS. NATOLI: We don't have anyone signed up
14 for public comment period. As I was just getting ready
15 to say, I don't have anyone signed up for public comment
16 period. But if there are people who would like to speak
17 at public comment, again public comment that has nothing
18 to do with Chiquita Canyon Landfill. I'll ask you to
19 come up now and fill out a speaker card for the public
20 comment period.

21 Apparently we don't have it or I would not
22 be asking you to do it. Come up and we'll have you do a
23 public comment. We'll have you do a speaker card
24 afterwards, all right? And then it's really even more
25 important to make sure that you state your name for the

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1 and it's wrong. It's expedited at the -- to the
2 detriment of the public. And we would like a return of
3 the hearing on the draft. If you have just said that
4 there is going to be a hearing on the draft, that is
5 something new because we've been told that there will be
6 a hearing only on the Final EIR.

7 And the final -- and that is the way that
8 these hearing examiner processes are being conducted
9 now. It is being conducted that way for Newhall Ranch.
10 And it's too late at the final. The commissioners don't
11 really have a good opportunity to understand issues and
12 make reasonable -- any changes to the suggestions,
13 changes to the project. It's too late.

14 So this process should go back to the way it
15 was before where there was a hearing on the Draft EIR.
16 Commissioners came here for Elsmere Landfill. It is
17 insulting that they don't come here for Chiquita.

18 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Planbeck.

19 Yes, Mr. Carder.

20 MR. CARDER: Yes. Very good. My name is
21 Lloyd Carder. I'm a member of the staff at Area Town
22 Council. I'm not speaking on their behalf. But I do --
23 have had numerous complaints and people asking me to
24 help in the area of the public storage facilities in
25 Castaic. We've had an exponential increase in public

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1 record.

2 MS. PLANBECK: My name is Lynne Planbeck.
3 I'm with the Santa Clarita Organization for Planning and
4 the Environment. I did fill out two slips, one for
5 public comment, and one for commenting on the landfill.
6 I would like to particularly object to the hearing
7 examiner -- hearing examiner process. Not that we don't
8 greatly appreciate you coming to the Santa Clarita
9 Valley, but we would like the commissioners to come to
10 the Santa Clarita Valley.

11 You are not the decision makers, as you
12 stated at the beginning of this process. Reading from
13 the transcript does not allow commissioners to hear the
14 emotion, make judgments about the veracity, make -- ask
15 questions of the speakers or any of the things. And I
16 would sincerely doubt that they are -- I know you say
17 you're going to read these transcripts.

18 It is very concerning to me that these
19 are -- that they will really use these transcripts or
20 really read them. I sit on a public board. I know how
21 much reading is required and I know that there's a very
22 good chance that they will skim through, maybe to finish
23 it from the 5th District, but not the other districts.

24 So I think this is a process that was
25 changed about two years ago to expedite the EIR process,

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1 storage where it's just behind a simple fence. In one
2 case it's rod iron along the freeway. Another case it's
3 chain link fence. And there's no blockage whatsoever.

4 It's just motor homes, boats, you know,
5 leftovers from storage houses, storage units, diesel
6 trucks, buses. You know, looks like movie sets, that
7 type of thing. And they're quite visible from the
8 freeway and it's been -- I could say this has been
9 happening in the last year and a half. It's like I
10 said, it's are exponential growth.

11 We had a facility put in at the -- right
12 there at the Pitchess onramp entrance. That is an
13 excellent example of what we thought we were going to be
14 getting from now on. It's walled off, it has trees, it
15 has landscaping around it. You would never know it's a
16 storage unit if you saw it.

17 But as you go up past Hillcrest it's just
18 one storage unit after another. They're quite appalling
19 if you -- and we'd like members of this counsel to, you
20 know, go and see, if possible -- I don't know if Bob has
21 been up there yet or not, but we've notified him of
22 that. Council has notified you guys of this, but we
23 have not gotten any response back, and I thought tonight
24 would be a good time to speak up.

25 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Mr. Carder. I will

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<p>1 ask Mr. Dea to get with his colleagues in the north 2 service, the north service area section to see if there 3 is something that zoning enforcement needs to do about 4 that.</p> <p>5 MR. CARDER: Thank you. We are appreciate 6 that.</p> <p>7 MS. NATOLI: Certainly, Mr. Carder. 8 Was there anyone else who had comment? 9 Yes, ma'am.</p> <p>10 MS. NOLTEMEYER: Carmillis Noltemeyer. And 11 since you did not discuss it this evening, I would like 12 to know when you are going to come forth with a closure 13 plan that can be addressed by the area and when -- why 14 haven't you prepared any closure plan. I'd like to know 15 at what point it was dropped. If you want a public 16 records request I will do that.</p> <p>17 But it seems very necessary for this 18 community to know who, what and when and why you are 19 sitting here tonight with a plan for continuing this 20 dump when there was supposed to be a closure plan done 21 by the county for this particular landfill. Now is that 22 clear enough for you or do you need a public records 23 request?</p> <p>24 MS. NATOLI: Are you finished? I just want 25 to make sure you're finished.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 102</p>	<p>1 MS. NATOLI: Rebecca Martens?</p> <p>2 MS. MARTENS: Yes. Sorry. Rebecca Martens. 3 And we live in Castaic. I have a handicapped son. And 4 we lost our Ralphs that is in the Castaic Village. 5 There's very, very little in the Castaic Village 6 actually. But when you try to go ride a bicycle or 7 walking or wheelchair to the other Ralphs on The Old 8 Road, which is the only way you could get there other 9 than the freeway, you don't have a sidewalk to go on. 10 For some reason there's nothing there. 11 There's several people going there by wheelchair. 12 Actually there's a fellow that used to be in the 13 sheriff's department is now in a wheelchair and he 14 travels that route with his dog. And he's almost swiped 15 daily. And I'm wondering why no one has bothered to put 16 in a sidewalk along that road. Is there any reason for 17 that?</p> <p>18 MS. NATOLI: I couldn't tell you off the top 19 of my head for sure, but I do know in other areas where 20 there has always been a history of a more rural -- 21 that's called rural road standards without gutters and 22 sidewalks, that maybe that's what effects that portion 23 of The Old Road. However, this is what I would suggest. 24 Regional Planning does not -- we're not in 25 charge of roads and sidewalks. That's public works.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 104</p>
<p>1 MS. NOLTEMEYER: That's what I'm requesting 2 right now. I want to know the whole process since the 3 time it was processed, to what happened, how it went 4 through the county's system, when -- if it was dropped 5 or if it wasn't dropped. If it was dropped, who's 6 responsible for that.</p> <p>7 MS. NATOLI: Ms. Noltemeyer, I'll ask 8 Mr. Dea again to section his zoning permits north 9 section. I'll ask him to speak with you after the 10 meeting, get some contact information. And hopefully 11 he'll be able to get back to you with an answer. I 12 don't have an answer for you tonight.</p> <p>13 MS. NOLTEMEYER: All right. Does he know 14 where I am?</p> <p>15 MR. DEA: Yes, ma'am. I have your number 16 and contact information.</p> <p>17 MS. NOLTEMEYER: Yes, I will be happy to 18 speak with you.</p> <p>19 MS. NATOLI: Thank you. Please, come on up. 20 If you're -- if you're going to comment during public 21 comment period just like before, come on up, take a 22 seat. If the two seats are already taken, please just 23 grab a yellow tag.</p> <p>24 Go ahead, ma'am.</p> <p>25 MS. MARTENS: I want to talk about --</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 103</p>	<p>1 Your best bet is to contact your supervisor Barger's 2 office, the field office, and start talking about the 3 safety issue. Because when the board office gets 4 involved that they will bring in public works and see 5 how you can move forward, what might be done short term 6 that can make it safer, if there's a need for a 7 sidewalk. But that's really your best place to start.</p> <p>8 MS. MARTENS: Okay. The other issue I have 9 is that when I had an issue with a neighbor with a 10 massive tree that's unattached. I tried to speak with 11 the City of Santa Clarita and they told me that I had to 12 go to LA County. Why are we going to LA County?</p> <p>13 MS. NATOLI: Could you explain the issue a 14 little bit more to me, please?</p> <p>15 MS. MARTENS: Well, my son owns the home due 16 to a settlement, and Los Angeles public guardians office 17 is the trustee. And so I'm not the one that is able to 18 take it civilly. They would have to. And it sort of 19 doesn't behoove themselves to sue themselves. So trying 20 to deal with a neighbor with a massive tree that's 21 putting debris in our yard daily.</p> <p>22 And with a massive winds that goes right 23 through Greenwood Place, we're worried this tree is 24 going to come down on us. And every time I complain to 25 the City of Santa Clarita they tell me no, you got to go</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Page 105</p>

1 to LA County. I go to LA County and they say oh no,
2 it's a civil matter. You know, what are we waiting for?
3 I mean are we -- why can't this area of Santa Clarita be
4 its own area outside of LA County?

5 MS. NATOLI: First of all, the tree itself,
6 is the tree an oak tree?

7 MS. MARTENS: Pine.

8 MS. NATOLI: Okay. That's -- pines are not
9 protected in the county so the county wouldn't get
10 involved in if the tree comes down, you need a permit
11 for it. As far as their tree dropping residue in your
12 yard, that is a civil matter. It's not something that's
13 regulated by land use or by public works, unless the
14 tree is a danger.

15 And as far as the city telling you to come
16 to the county, it's because it's in an unincorporated
17 area and so the city wouldn't -- the city would not get
18 involved. They would leave it up to the county. But
19 even if it was in the city, I would be surprised if it
20 wasn't just a civil matter with that too.

21 We -- I'm sure you appreciate we don't
22 regulate everything, even though it may seem like we do.
23 But debris from one tree being dropped into the yard
24 next door is not an issue unless it's again a safety
25 issue or a hazard.

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1 MS. MARTENS: If it was a fire hazard then
2 it would be something you could get involved with?

3 MS. NATOLI: I'm sure the fire department
4 would come out and maybe cut it off. But until then
5 they don't -- I don't -- I think it is a civil matter.

6 MS. MARTENS: All right. Thank you.

7 MS. NATOLI: You're welcome.

8 Yes, ma'am?

9 MS. SULPIZIO: Patti Sulpizio. I wanted to
10 add my voice to the request that the decision makers are
11 present in taking testimony of planning decisions of
12 this magnitude. And also when the planning decision
13 affects a low income isolated community like Val Verde
14 if there's -- and transportation is a problem, as has
15 been expressed here several times tonight, that if the
16 hearing is not held close enough for the residents to
17 attend, then perhaps the county should provide
18 transportation for them to attend.

19 MS. NATOLI: Thank you.

20 MS. SULPIZIO: Thank you.

21 MS. CAMPBELL: Nell Campbell, Castaic. I
22 would like to support comments of the previous speaker
23 and also go back to a reference, the person who said
24 follow the money. We're apparently getting --

25 MS. NATOLI: Ma'am, if this is a comment on

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1 the landfill itself, that hearing is already closed.

2 MS. CAMPBELL: Well, I just want to state
3 for the record that corporate profits are being put in
4 front of the well-being of individuals and families and
5 the community.

6 MS. NATOLI: Thank you, Ms. Campbell.

7 MS. CAMPBELL: Thank you.

8 MS. NATOLI: Anyone else?

9 MR. BARRON: Hi. This is Tom Barron again.
10 I'm speaking now in relation to bicycles. Totally off
11 the subject. As you know, Santa Clarita, the city has
12 an extensive bicycle infrastructure. Permission of a
13 major study from a Berkeley based planning group, and
14 they laid out a bicycle plan.

15 And Los Angeles County Bicycle Coalition has
16 been very active in setting up a regional division up
17 here called the Santa Clarita Valley Bicycle Coalition.
18 There's also one in Ventura County. I know that public
19 works is in charge of roads. The question that I have
20 is the bike paths that are crossing through Newhall
21 Ranch's plan that are currently as part of the project
22 and the rest, are those under your purview or are those
23 under public works? Where do they fall?

24 MS. NATOLI: That's public works. Public
25 works has actually a master bicycle plan.

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1 MR. BARRON: Right.

2 MS. NATOLI: That's available on their
3 website. Bicycles and bicycle paths and bicycle roads.

4 MR. BARRON: Even within the -- even within
5 the development areas?

6 MS. NATOLI: Yes.

7 MR. BARRON: And you have no authority
8 encouraging them to move forward?

9 MS. NATOLI: No. That is all public works.

10 MR. BARRON: Yeah. Unfortunately they're
11 falling behind because as you're aware, Santa Clarita
12 has infrastructure. And Ventura just went through a
13 lawsuit to make sure their trails business -- well, all
14 right. Too bad.

15 MS. NATOLI: Thank you very much.

16 All right. If there's nothing else, then
17 this hearing examiner meeting is adjourned.

18 Thank you everybody. Please drive safely on
19 your way home.

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21 (WHEREUPON THE PROCEEDINGS CONCLUDED AT 4:42
22 P.M.)

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CHIQUITA CANYON

A Waste Connections Company

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**Re: Chiquita Canyon Landfill; Project No. R2004-00559 – Conditional Use
Permit No. 200400042 and Oak Tree Permit No. 201500007
Regional Planning Commission Hearing Date: March 1, 2017**

Dear Commissioners:

Chiquita Canyon landfill is a 639-acre property located approximately 3 miles west of the Interstate 5 on State Route 126 in the Santa Clarita Valley. It has been in continuous operation for more than 50 years and is owned and operated by Waste Connections, an integrated solid waste services company. Chiquita Canyon has provided the Santa Clarita Valley and surrounding Los Angeles communities with environmentally safe and efficient waste disposal services for decades.

Background and Current Request

Chiquita Canyon landfill was first permitted by the County of Los Angeles in 1965, with the approval of Zone Exception Case 7879. Since that time, it has operated under a series of zoning entitlements, the most recent of which is Conditional Use Permit No. 89-081-(5), approved by the County Board of Supervisors on May 20, 1997 and modified by the Hearing Officer on July 20, 2011.

The current conditional use permit includes several conditions that limit the size and useful life of the landfill without the need for new permits or modification of the approved conditional use permit. There is an approved final grading plan that establishes a physical envelope for the limits of the landfill; a date certain closure date of November 24, 2019; and daily, weekly, and overall waste disposal tonnage limits on the amount of waste that can be placed within the landfill. Chiquita Canyon reached the approved permit's overall waste disposal tonnage restriction of 23 million tons last summer, while the County's environmental review for this permit application was ongoing. However, because the landfill operations were efficient over the past two decades and in fact exceeded the expectations envisioned in the approved conditional use permit, there is unused landfill capacity within the physical envelope of the 1997 approved site plan, thus allowing additional waste to be disposed without exceeding any of the



other parameters of the current permit. Chiquita Canyon is now operating under a waiver granted by the Director pursuant to Section 22.04.110 of the County Code, which prevents a temporary interruption to the County's waste management system while the County considers this permit request. The waiver expires in July 2017, unless it is extended.

This conditional use permit request is intended to continue the longstanding use of the site, at an increased rate of up to 12,000 tons per day of solid waste disposal and 560 tons per day of mixed organics compost. The project would better utilize Chiquita Canyon's potential disposal capacity through a lateral extension of the existing waste footprint to the south, north, and east, increased permitted height to a maximum elevation of 1,573 feet (143-foot increase), and increased life of the landfill by approximately 21 to 38 years, depending on the actual disposal rate achieved. The permit would also authorize construction of a new entrance facility, which would move the primary access point on State Route 126 from the existing unsignalized entrance to the signalized intersection at Wolcott Way and would include a new permanent household hazardous waste collection facility that would greatly assist the County in decreasing its dependence on the weekend "household hazardous waste roundups" that are held throughout the County. Lastly, the project would set aside land for a future waste conversion facility that would greatly assist the County and its municipalities in achieving waste diversion goals for food waste and other organics.

Chiquita Canyon has received substantial public support for the project, including more than 450 letters of support, which are provided under separate cover.

The County General Plan Supports the Landfill Expansion

The landfill property is depicted on the Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan Generalized Land Use Map as Public/Semi-Public. The Public/Semi-Public planning areas are used for various types of public and community-serving facilities owned and operated by public agencies, special districts, non-profit organizations and other entities, including landfills.

The Santa Clarita Valley Area Plan relies upon Chiquita Canyon, Antelope Valley, and Sunshine Canyon landfills, with approved expansions, to serve the Santa Clarita Valley beyond the year 2020. The Plan further acknowledges that, even with the diversion programs employed by the County and the City of Santa Clarita, new landfill space is still needed. Accordingly, the Plan includes land use policies to ensure that landfill expansion needs are met while minimizing adverse impacts to Valley residents.

The County Integrated Waste Management Plan Supports the Landfill Expansion

Increasing the permitted landfill capacity within the County is a key component of the County's plans for a sustainable waste management future. The County's most recent 2015 Annual Report on the Countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan finds that, in order to maintain adequate disposal capacity, jurisdictions in the County must continue to pursue multiple strategies, including expanding existing landfills and maintaining adequate reserve (excess)

capacity will be essential in ensuring that the disposal needs of the County are met throughout the planning period. In addition, the current update to the Countywide Siting Element, a component of the County General Plan covering a 15-year planning period, includes the proposed expansion of Chiquita Canyon and Scholl Canyon landfills in order to increase landfill capacities within the County.

The continued and expanded operation of Chiquita Canyon landfill assists the County in achieving its ambitious waste diversion targets, as described in the Department of Public Works' Roadmap to a Sustainable Waste Management Future plan. Chiquita Canyon landfill is actively involved in waste diversion activities, providing an important service to the County and to cities within the County that rely on Chiquita Canyon landfill for diversion credits necessary for these jurisdictions to comply with state law requirements for waste diversion. In addition, the project includes a composting operation and a land set-aside for a future waste conversion technology facility, both of which are important components of the County's Roadmap plan. Furthermore, the project would meet the existing demand for diversion of organic materials.

The Landfill is Appropriately Located and Buffered from Surrounding Development

Chiquita Canyon landfill is surrounded by steep topography and State Route 126. To a much greater extent than at most landfills, this buffers potential view, noise and odor impacts from surrounding lands. The increased surface area proposed by the project will maintain setbacks from the property line, further buffered by terrain. Please see aerial photographs of the landfill and surrounding areas at **Exhibit 1**.

Surrounding land uses include primarily open lands to the north, with the Valencia Commerce Center beyond. The United States Postal Service has a large general mail facility adjacent to the eastern edge of the landfill's property boundary and just south of the Valencia Commerce Center. Rural residential development exists to the west and northwest of the landfill property, along Chiquita Canyon Road and in the Val Verde neighborhood. Intervening topography prevents residential views of the operating landfill from these locations.

The property immediately west and south of the landfill is owned by Newhall Land and Farming, and it is used currently for agriculture or remains vacant. Residential and commercial development is proposed by Newhall for these lands. The approved Newhall Ranch Specific Plan proposes a business park and mixed use development to the west. To the south, on the opposite side of State Route 126 and the Santa Clara River, commercial, mixed use and residential development is proposed. Also to the west is the County Fire Department's Del Valle Training Center, which includes facilities for hazardous materials scenarios.

The Project Will Allow For the Landfill to Continue Providing an Essential Public Service

The County's unincorporated communities have already achieved and surpassed California's 50 percent waste diversion mandate. Nevertheless, landfill space in Los Angeles County is decreasing and approximately 4,127,261 tons of waste was exported to out-of-County

landfills in 2015 according to the most recent annual update to the County Integrated Waste Management Plan by the Department of Public Works.

As demonstrated by the charts at **Exhibit 2** and **Exhibit 3**, Chiquita Canyon landfill is primarily a Los Angeles County landfill, and it serves many jurisdictions throughout the County. There are approximately 77 jurisdictions in Los Angeles County that have relied on Chiquita Canyon landfill for disposal. Without Chiquita Canyon landfill, communities throughout Los Angeles County would be forced to locate an alternative waste disposal site, which may not be available within the County with the closure of Puente Hills landfill and current permitting restrictions for other County landfills. Eliminating Chiquita Canyon landfill as an option for these jurisdictions will decrease competition and increase costs for County residents, as well as require haul trucks to travel farther to reach their ultimate destination. Closure would also be disruptive to commercial waste haulers, and in particular, small independent commercial waste haulers who rely upon Chiquita Canyon landfill as a cost-effective, non-competing local and regional disposal location within the County.

There are approximately 46 jurisdictions in the County that also have relied on waste diversion activities at Chiquita Canyon landfill for the diversion credits necessary to meet state law. Without Chiquita Canyon landfill as an option, these local jurisdictions could be fined thousands of dollars per day by the State.

The Project Will Extend the Use of an Important Source of Green Energy

Ameresco built a 9.2 megawatt landfill gas-to-energy plant at Chiquita Canyon landfill. The two Solar Mercury 50 Turbines are fueled with methane supplied from the landfill. The output is sold to Southern California Public Power Authority members, specifically the cities of Pasadena and Burbank under a 20-year power purchase agreement. The project will extend the life of this plant, which provides an important source of green energy within the County. Please see **Exhibit 4** for more information on the landfill gas-to-energy plant.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill is Subject to Extensive Regulatory Oversight

Landfills are subject to regular inspections by various state and local agencies and must comply with numerous federal and state laws and regulations. Please see a description of the extensive legal and regulatory environment for Chiquita Canyon landfill at **Exhibit 5**.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill Employs a Comprehensive Odor Management Program

During the past 14 years, under the current management, Chiquita Canyon landfill has consistently been proactive in addressing potential odors. Chiquita focuses on preventing problems before they occur rather than reacting to problems after they occur. Many of the proactive control measures put in place at Chiquita have set the standard for measures at other landfills that were dictated by the regulatory agencies in response to their problems. A list of Chiquita Canyon landfill's best management practices for odor control (many of which were

industry firsts in Southern California) is provided at Exhibit 6. A description of Chiquita Canyon's beneficial use program, which is an important component of the odor management program, is provided at Exhibit 7.

Due in large part to these measures, the Draft Environmental Impact Report prepared for the project determined that the project would not have significant odor impacts. This finding was based on careful analysis of the existing odor environment and potential future odor impacts of the project.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill Maintains Comprehensive Programs to Control Litter and Birds

Chiquita Canyon landfill has aggressive programs to control litter. As a long-time member of the California Adopt-A-Highway Program, the landfill adopted a four-mile stretch of State Route 126 near the landfill. As a community service to Val Verde, Chiquita Canyon also picks up litter along Chiquito Canyon Road. In addition, in order to prevent the release of debris on roadways, Chiquita Canyon landfill requires that all vehicles entering the landfill cover their loads of waste.

Rather than using traditional methods to frighten away birds, such as noise-making devices, the landfill was one of the first to use falcons to chase the birds away. The falcons are trained to make their fly pattern, frighten off the other birds, and return for their food reward.

Expanded Operations Are Needed to Meet County Waste Disposal Demands with In-County Resources

After 56 years of operation, the Puente Hills landfill closed on October 31, 2013. Prior to its closure, it was permitted to accept 13,200 tons per day of waste for disposal.

The closure of Puente Hills landfill is a significant restriction on the County for managing solid waste with in-County resources over which it can assert more control. This project would restore nearly half of the daily waste tonnage capacity that was lost by the closure of Puente Hills landfill, thereby providing the County with added flexibility to in meeting the waste disposal needs of the County with in-County resources.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill is an Important Member of the Santa Clarita Valley Business Community

Chiquita Canyon landfill is an active member of the Santa Clarita Valley, participating in community events and contributing to local organizations and programs. Through the Val Verde Community Benefits Funding Committee Chiquita Canyon landfill has been an active supporter of Val Verde civic programs. Chiquita Canyon landfill supports dozens of organizations through direct contributions, volunteering, fundraising, or sponsoring or participating in educational activities. Please see a description of the important community programs supported by Chiquita Canyon at Exhibit 8.

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Thank you for your consideration of this important matter. We look forward to the public hearing where we will answer any questions that you may have.

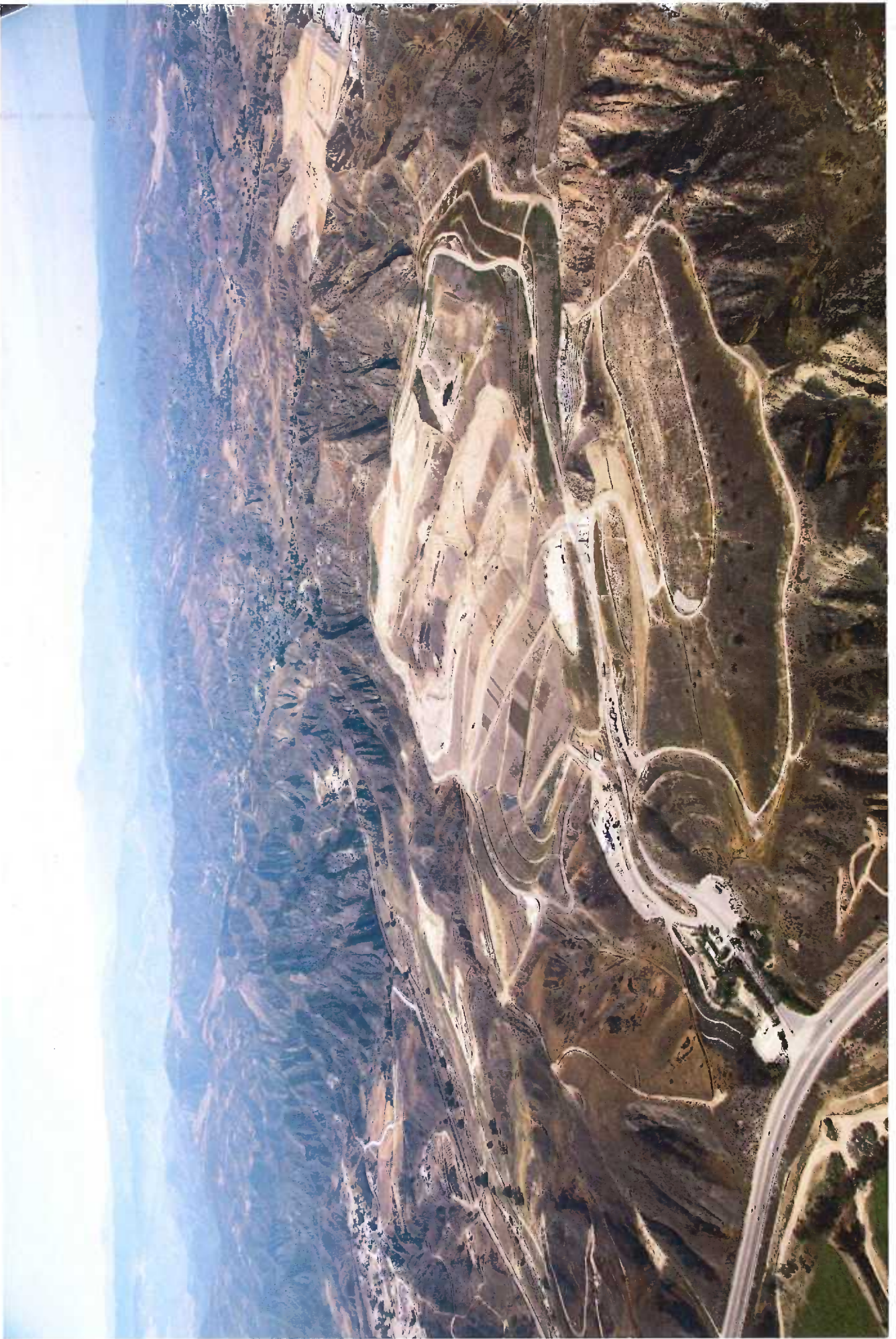
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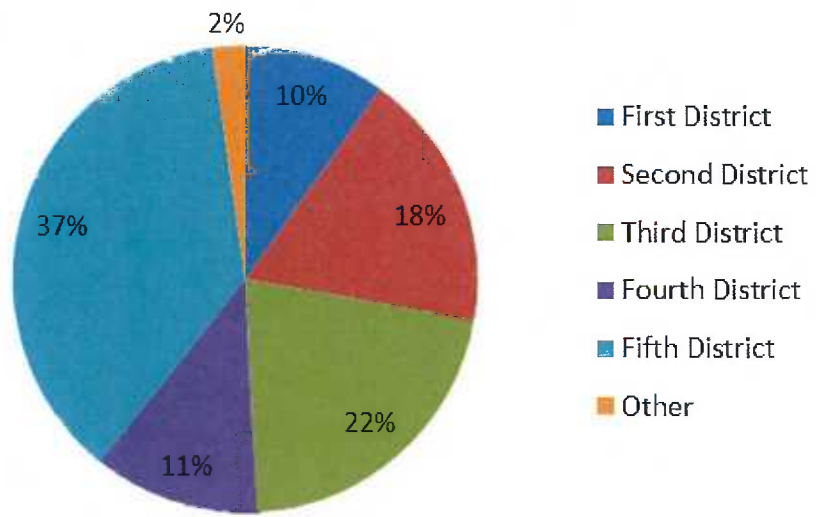






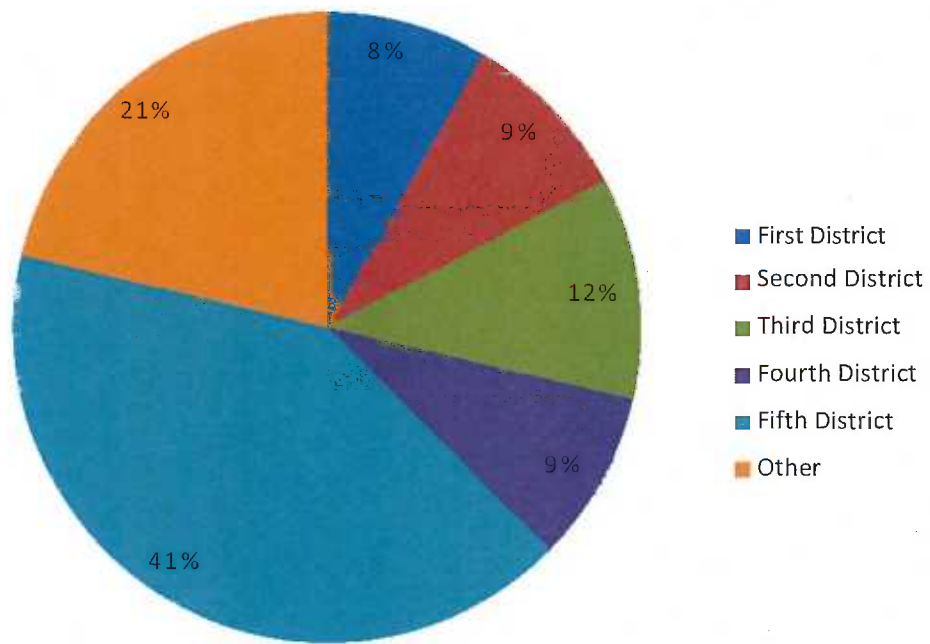


Chiquita Disposal Volume by Supervisorial District



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Chiquita Canyon Landfill Gas-to-Energy Plant

- In 2004, Ameresco began development of a 9.2 Megawatt Renewable Energy Project located at Chiquita Canyon Landfill.
- Due to the complex nature associated with the permitting and implementation requirements, Ameresco completed a tremendous and lengthy effort that required patience and persistence to see the project to completion.
- Working with local subcontractors from the greater Los Angeles area, construction of the landfill gas-to-energy plant began in Spring 2009.
- Now operational, Ameresco owns and operates the landfill gas-to-energy plant, which sells the renewable energy to the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) through a 20-year power purchase agreement. SCPPA is a joint powers agency comprised of the Imperial Irrigation District and the municipal utilities of Anaheim, Azusa, Banning, Burbank, Cerritos, Colton, Glendale, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Riverside and Vernon. The landfill gas, which is a by-product of the natural decomposition of trash in the landfill, was previously burned via on-site flares.
- When operating at maximum capacity, these turbines turn 3,124 standard cubic feet per minute of landfill gas into a renewable energy resource.
- The landfill gas-to-energy plant captures that gas, uses it as fuel to generate power for homes and business, and annually reduces carbon dioxide emissions by 45,212 tons. According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency, 45,212 tons of carbon dioxide emissions is equivalent to the greenhouse gas emissions from 9,550 passenger vehicles driven for one year, or the amount of carbon sequestered by 1,171,721 tree seedlings grown for ten years or 42,798 acres of U.S. forests in one year.
- The landfill gas-to-energy plant generates electricity using two solar M50 turbines, which constitute the best available control technology.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill

Regulatory Agencies and Required Permits and Approvals

Agency	Permit/Approval
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region	Waste Discharge Requirements, Order 98-086
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region	Waste Discharge Requirements, Order 91-93
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region	Waste Discharge Requirements, Order 93-062
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region	Waste Discharge Requirements, Order R4-2006-0007
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region	Waste Discharge Requirements, Order R4-2011-0052
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region	Waste Discharge Requirements, Order 01-031
State Water Resources Control Board	Statewide General Industrial Activities Storm Water Discharge Permit No. CAS000001
Los Angeles County, Department of Environmental Health (Local Enforcement Agency of CalRecycle)	Solid Waste Facility Permit SWIS No. 19-AA-0052
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Permit to Operate G23473
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Permit to Operate F37351
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Permit to Operate F64185
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Rule 431.1 Alternative Compliance Plan
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Rule 403 Fugitive Dust Plan
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Title V Permit
South Coast Air Quality Management District	Permit to Operate – Air Pressure Tanks
Los Angeles County	Conditional Use Permit
Los Angeles County	Indemnity Agreement
Los Angeles County	Waste Plan Conformance Agreement
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force	Finding of Conformance
Los Angeles County Fire Department	Hazardous Material Storage Permit
Los Angeles County, Department of Public Works	Industrial Waste Disposal Permit
California Department of Public Health	Radiation Calibration Permit
Los Angeles County, Department of Agricultural Commissioner	Weights & Measures Registration

Los Angeles County Department of Agricultural Commissioner	Weighmaster License
California Department of Fish & Wildlife	Streambed Alteration Permit – Sedimentation Basin #1
California Department of Fish & Wildlife	Streambed Alteration Permit – Sedimentation Basin #2
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region	Section 401 Water Quality Certification – Sedimentation Basin #1
US Army Corps of Engineers	Permit – Sedimentation Basin #1

Chiquita Canyon Landfill Odor Best Management Practices

Chiquita Canyon landfill's best management practices for odor control (many of which were industry firsts in Southern California) include:

Understanding Site-Specific Conditions

- A site-specific meteorological study was commissioned over a decade ago to understand the site topography and meteorological conditions that create potential pathways for odor movement.

Source Control

- Refusing to do business with potential customers who generate highly odorous trash.
- Rejecting trucks at the scales when there is an obvious highly odorous load.
- If a highly odorous load passes the scales undetected at that time and is detected while unloading, protocols require that such waste be buried immediately to control odors.

Best Operating Practices - Disposal

- The size of the working face expands to accommodate disposal demand peaks but then "shrinks" when demand subsides to minimize odors.
- The "shrinking" is achieved by covering the working face regularly throughout the day as opposed to once at the end of the day.
- The landfill routinely exceeds the State minimum standards and text book rules-of-thumb for the use of soil and other beneficial use material to cover the trash and other areas of the landfill. This is done to proactively minimize odors from fresh trash and to prevent landfill gas from escaping through the soil surface on the landfill
- Over a mile-long perimeter misting system that "neutralizes" odors before they can migrate off-site.
- The use of large portable fans to control the direction of air flow and to dilute odors generated at the tipping area.

Best Operating Practices – Landfill Gas Management

- Installation of landfill gas collection wells before they are needed.

- Most landfills typically install gas collectors in response to either odor or gas monitoring exceedances.
- Chiquita Canyon typically installs collectors 6 months to 2 years before they start collecting gas. This early installation removes the guess-work of when to install more wells. When the routine monitoring indicates an approaching need they are simply turned on, proactively controlling odors before they are detected.

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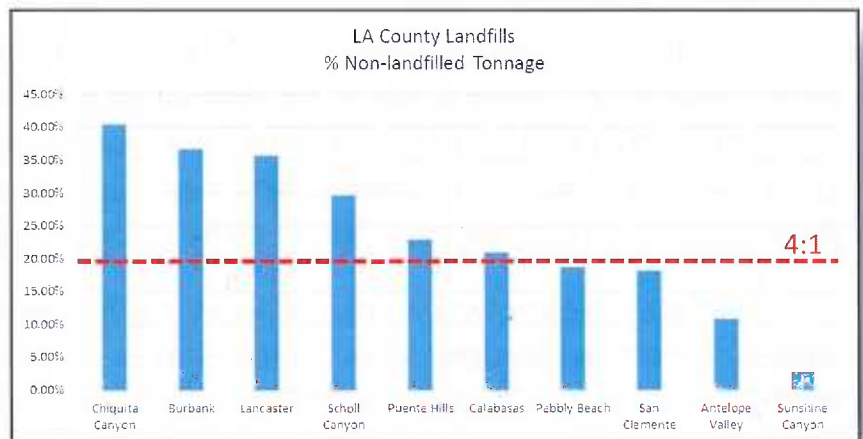
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Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Evaluation of Beneficial Reuse

Introduction

To evaluate Chiquita Canyon's beneficial reuse material, Tom Reilly, California Engineering Manager for Waste Connections, contacted me. Aware of my experience with landfill operations, he asked me to evaluate the landfill's performance, and to develop an opinion regarding their use of the diverted waste (beneficial reuse) material. Over the past 28 years, our company has pioneered the concept of operational efficiency and process improvement for landfill operations – and other types of waste facilities.

I conducted a site visit on October 11th, and for the past 2 ½ weeks, my team and I have been evaluating the performance of the landfill, looking not only at the quantity of material used, but how it is used, and what affect its use has on the landfill's operation and compliance.



Approach

Using a logical, systematic process, we evaluated the key criteria of how materials received at the CCLF are used and classified as beneficial reuse. These 8 steps included:

1. Review regulatory language and intent regarding beneficial re-use materials
2. Review and compare historic tonnage of all material received at CCLF and all active landfills in Los Angeles County (LAC) during the time period in question
3. Review and compare the compliance history of CCLF and all active landfills in LAC for the time period in question
4. Correlate the percentage (of inbound waste) of beneficial re-use material at CCLF and compare to all active landfills in LAC
5. Measure need v. usage of various types of beneficial reuse material at CCLF and compare to inbound quantity of that same material

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6. Conduct visual observations of several landfills in LAC – using aerial photos (i.e., Google Earth) – to identify obvious benefits of beneficial reuse materials
7. Address the *industry standard* cover ratio, in regard to our experience having worked on approximately 500 landfills in the U.S. and Canada
8. Present our findings in a written report

Beneficial Re-use

Landfills have utilized waste material for beneficial uses for more than 40 years. I recall using unprocessed green waste as an alternative daily cover at the Yolo County Central Landfill in the late 1970's. Throughout the day we would set aside loads of green waste, including grass clippings, leaves, straw and yard waste – and then use it at the end of the day to “brush the slopes.” In those days we didn't call it ADC, but it provided much the same benefit.

Beneficial re-use of waste materials that would otherwise be landfilled is an accepted and universal practice throughout the United States. Over the years I have worked at hundreds of landfills, and can recall none that did not utilize wastes for some beneficial purpose.

More than a quarter century ago, the EPA established this precedent in our national landfill rules (Subtitle D), by stating that:

§258.21 Cover Material Requirements¹

“...Alternative materials of an alternative thickness (other than at least six inches of earthen material) may be approved by the Director of an approved State if the owner or operator demonstrates that the alternative material and thickness control disease vectors, fires, odors, blowing litter, and scavenging without presenting a threat to human health and the environment...”

Similarly, CalRecycle acknowledges this same precedent for alternative daily cover by re-stating Subtitle D almost verbatim.

Title 27: 20690 Alternative Daily Cover²

¹ EPA RCRA Subtitle D, Part 258 – Criteria for MSW Landfills

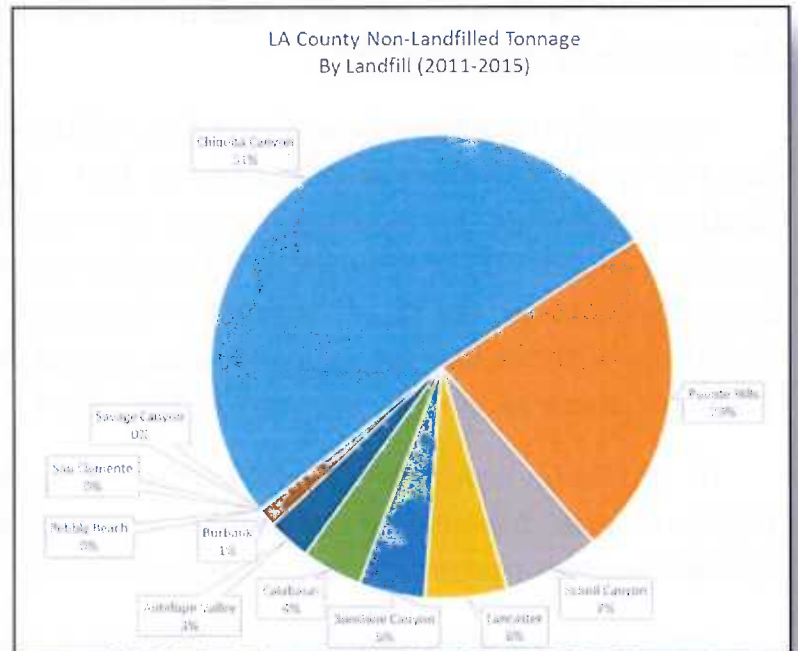
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(1) Alternative materials of alternative thickness for daily cover (other than at least six inches of earthen material) for municipal solid waste landfill units may be approved by the EA with concurrence by the CIWMB, if the owner or operator demonstrates that the alternative material and thickness control vectors, fires, odors, blowing litter, and scavenging without presenting a threat to human health and the environment.

In this regard, CalRecycle goes even further than Subtitle D, specifically listing a number of beneficial uses other than just ADC. In fact, Section 20686 acknowledges 11 other beneficial uses, as listed below:

Title 27: 20686. Beneficial Reuse³

“Beneficial reuse of solid wastes at a solid waste landfill shall include, but not be limited to, the following: alternative daily cover, alternative intermediate cover, final cover foundation layer, liner operations layer, leachate and landfill gas collection system, construction fill, road base, wet weather operations pads and access roads, and soil amendments for erosion control and landscaping.”



While it is true that the CCLF uses more beneficial reuse material than all other landfills in LAC, their regulatory and environmental compliance history clearly show that the landfills' performance is much better for it. Yes, the CCLF and the surrounding environment and

² Title 27, Environmental Protection – Division 2, Solid Waste, Chapter 3, Subchapter 4, Section 20690

³ Title 27, Environmental Protection – Division 2, Solid Waste, Chapter 3, Subchapter 4, Section 20686

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communities are benefiting from its use of beneficial reuse material. The correlation between utilization of beneficial reuse material and regulatory compliance is explained later in this report.

In a 2009 White Paper⁴, CalRecycle (formerly CIWMB) presented the question of how much ADC is appropriate, going so far as recommending that additional research be done to evaluate,

“... The optimum amount, depth, and quality of Board-approved ADC may need to be more fully researched.”

Certainly, there have been situations in California where a landfill has used too much ADC, but this is not occurring at the CCLF. In fact, in 2014 CalRecycle’s Solid Waste Enforcement Section conducted an investigation on use and misuse of Alternative Daily Cover. In the resulting report⁵, CalRecycle listed 13 facilities with the highest ratios of ADC used, compared to waste disposed. Of the 13 highest in the state, 4 were located in Los Angeles County – and 2 of those with the highest ratios (Calabasas and Scholl Canyon) were actually operated by Los Angeles County Sanitation District (LACSD). The CCLF was not on the list.

It should be noted that Title 27 does not define a minimum/maximum ratio of Beneficial Reuse material, but instead states that, “...*Beneficial reuse shall be restricted to quantities of solid wastes no more than necessary to meet the minimum requirements...*”

Title 27 also does not define a maximum/minimum ratio of ADC. This makes sense, because even with a consistent depth, the ratio would change from one landfill to another – even from day to day – depending on inbound waste tonnage, compaction density, cell size/geometry, and a number of other variables.

However, Title 27 does define a minimum/maximum depth of Alternative Daily Cover, which varies depending on the type of material used as ADC. For example, “*Treated auto shredder waste used for alternative daily cover shall be restricted to a minimum*

⁴ *Alternative Daily Cover White Paper*

⁵ *CalRecycle Solid Waste Enforcement Section Alternative Daily Cover 2014 Investigation*

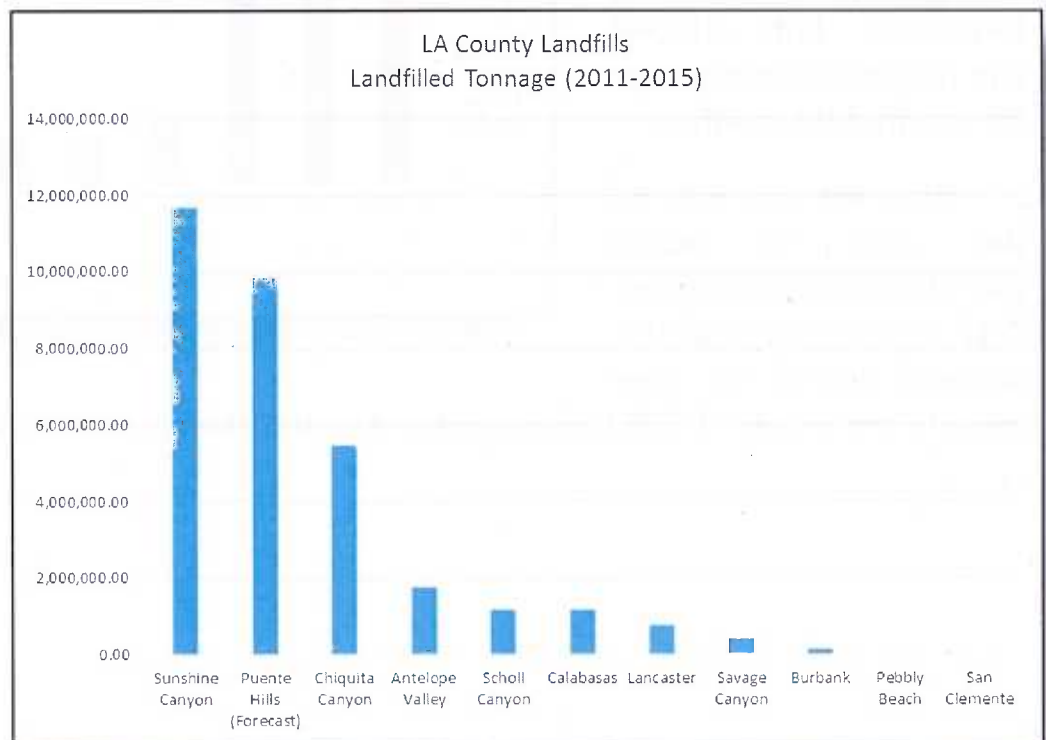
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compacted thickness of 6 inches and average compacted thickness of less than 24 inches.”⁶

Tonnage Comparison

In order to compare inbound tonnage at landfills in Los Angeles County, we reviewed the County’s Solid Waste Information Management System (SWIMS) database⁷. Using that information, we were able to begin comparing the tonnage of various types of materials entering other landfills in LAC.

First we reviewed the total quantity of landfilled (MSW) tonnage received at LAC landfills. Please note that for Puente Hills Landfill, we forecasted the quantity of tonnage it would have received if it had continued operating through 2015. Puente Hills Landfill closed on October 31, 2013.



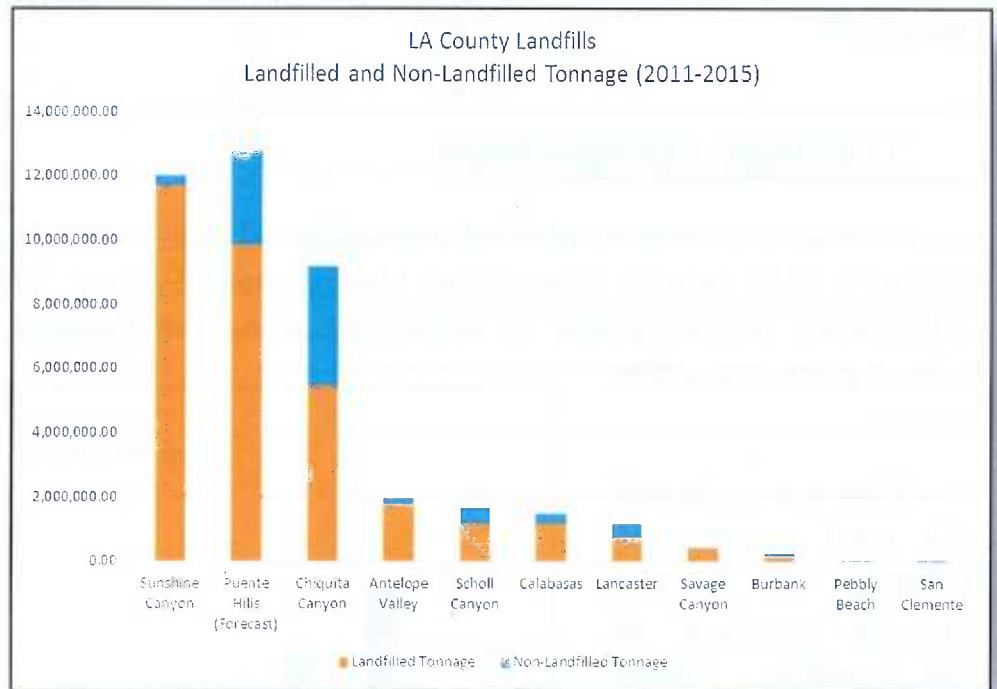
⁶ Title 27, Section 20690,(b)(6)(B)

⁷ <https://dpw.lacounty.gov/epd/swims/OnlineServices/reports.aspx>

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We also looked at the receipt of beneficial reuse material at all landfills in LAC based on both actual (received) tonnage, and as a percentage of total tonnage received. Again, in order to show an apples-to-apples comparison, we forecasted both landfill and non-landfilled tonnage for Puente Hills Landfill.

First, we saw that on the basis of actual (beneficial reuse) tonnage, CCLF received more of this material during the time period from January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2015 than other LAC landfills.

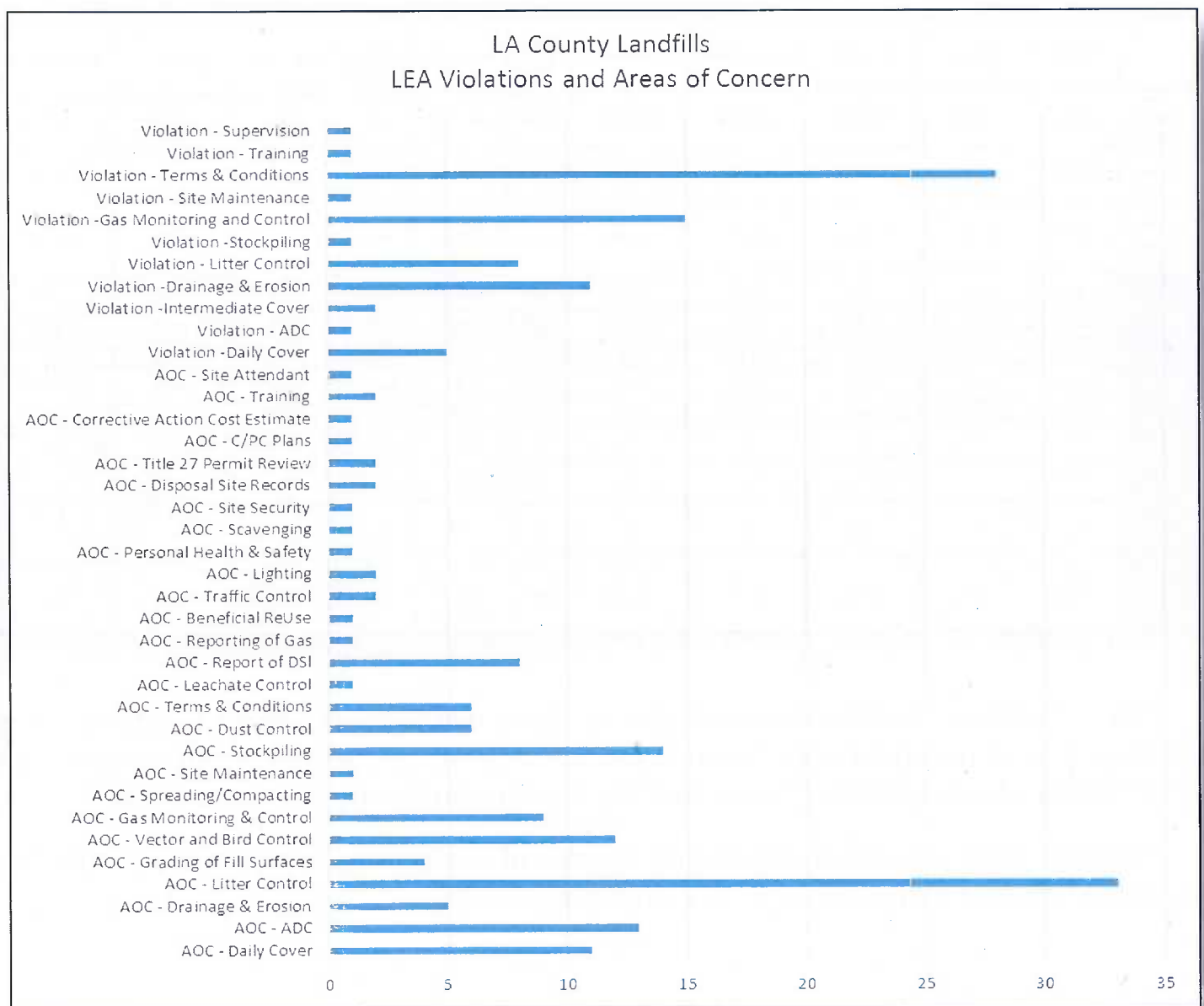


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Compliance Comparison

A number of LEA Notices of Violation (NOV) and Areas of Concern (AOC) have been recorded in LAC during the period 2011-2015.

As presented by CalRecycle’s Title 27; Section 20686 (Beneficial Reuse), ADC is only one of the 12 uses for waste materials. The other 11 *Beneficial Uses* relate to a wide range of processes and activities at landfills – all of which are part of operating a compliant landfill “...*in accordance with engineering, industry guidelines, or other standard practices...*”⁸



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We wanted to determine if these other beneficial uses would translate into an improved and more compliant operation. So we looked for a correlation between the quantity of beneficial reuse used, and the number of relevant LEA incidents, including: Areas of Concern (AOC) and Notices of Violation (NOV). Also, in order to rank facilities on a level playing field, we compared beneficial reuse (non-landfilled) tons to the number of relevant LEA incidents.

We considered relevant LEA incidents to be things that beneficial reuse would affect. Thus, we included things such as daily cover, litter control, drainage and erosion, etc. ...and we excluded things such as terms & conditions, RDSI, and disposal site records.

	Antelope Valley	Burbank	Calabasas	Chiquita Canyon	Lancaster	Pebble Beach	Puente Hills	San Clemente	Savage Canyon	Scholl Canyon	Sunshine Canyon
Total Tonnage (tons)	1,984,258	261,818	1,477,541	9,194,068	1,174,805	19,840	7,211,345	2,450	423,893	1,667,200	12,014,530
Landfilled Tonnage (tons)	1,769,379	165,677	1,167,896	5,471,914	756,108	16,117	5,558,786	2,006	423,893	1,172,560	11,681,376
Non-Landfilled Tonnage (tons)	214,879	96,141	309,646	3,722,154	418,697	3,722	1,652,559	444	0	494,640	333,154
Beneficial Use	1.47%	0.00%	3.34%	35.53%	1.89%	0.20%	12.01%	0.00%	0.00%	2.84%	2.67%
ADC	6.98%	0.00%	17.53%	4.95%	24.00%	18.04%	9.50%	0.00%	0.00%	26.73%	0.00%
AIC	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	1.38%	0.82%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Offsite	2.38%	36.72%	0.08%	0.00%	9.75%	0.52%	0.01%	17.31%	0.00%	0.10%	0.11%
Non-Landfilled	10.83%	36.72%	20.96%	40.48%	35.64%	18.76%	22.92%	18.12%	0.00%	29.67%	2.77%
Landfilled	89.17%	63.28%	79.04%	59.52%	64.36%	81.24%	77.08%	81.88%	100.00%	70.33%	97.23%
Relevant AOCs	5	33	5	3	9	17	6	1	1	5	43
Relevant Violations	3	2	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	33
Relevant Total LEA Incidents	8	35	5	4	13	21	6	1	1	5	76
Non Landfill Tons per Relevant LEA	26,860	2,747	61,929	930,539	32,207	177	275,427	444	0	98,928	4,384

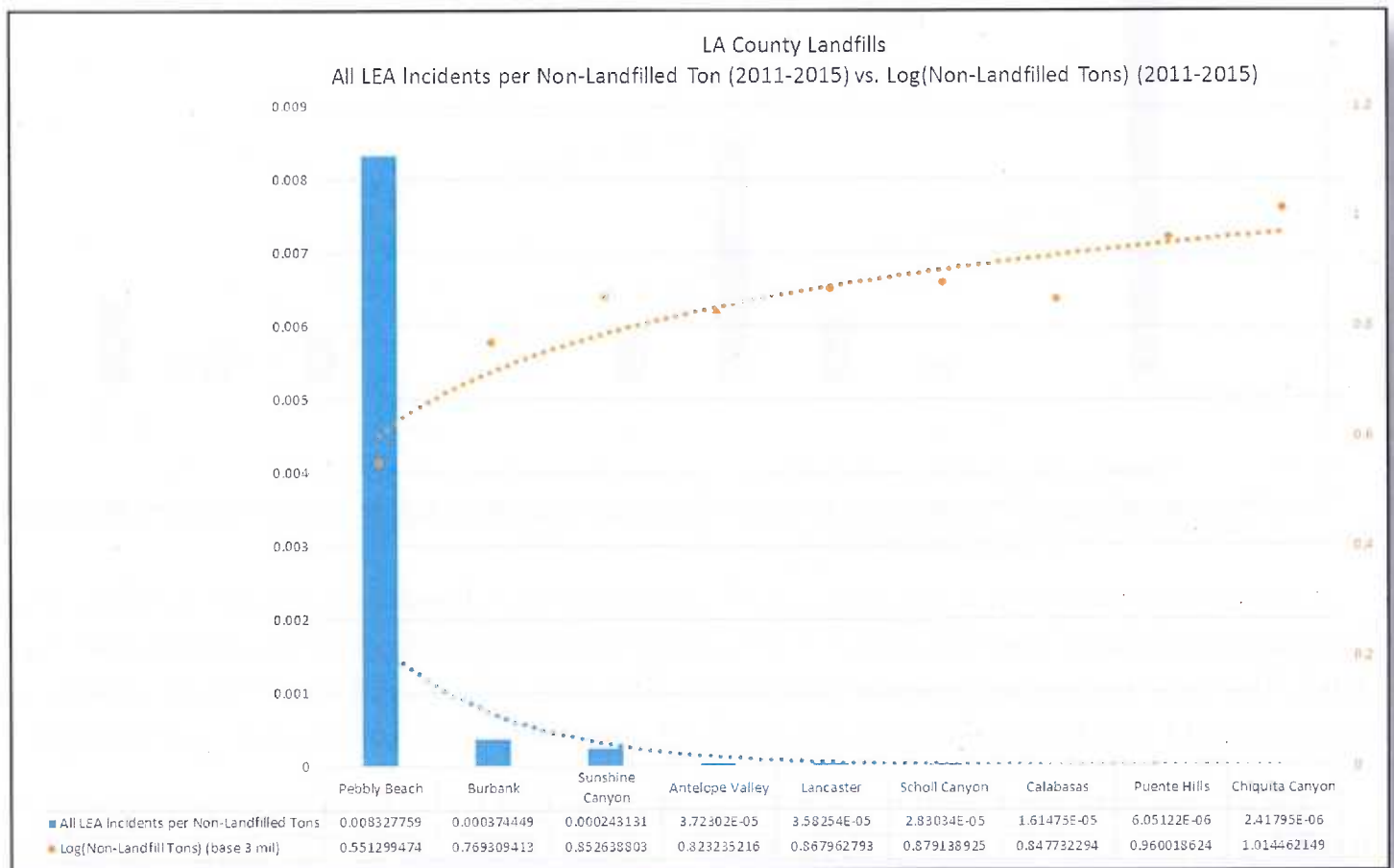
The above table, based on this comparison, shows that Chiquita Canyon Landfill receives the most tons of beneficial reuse material per LEA incident (or the fewest LEA incidents per ton of beneficial reuse material) or any landfill in Los Angeles County (See bottom row).

To better clarify the actual compliance benefits of wisely using beneficial reuse material, we also charted the performance of all landfills in the County.

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Correlated Percentage of Beneficial Reuse to Compliance

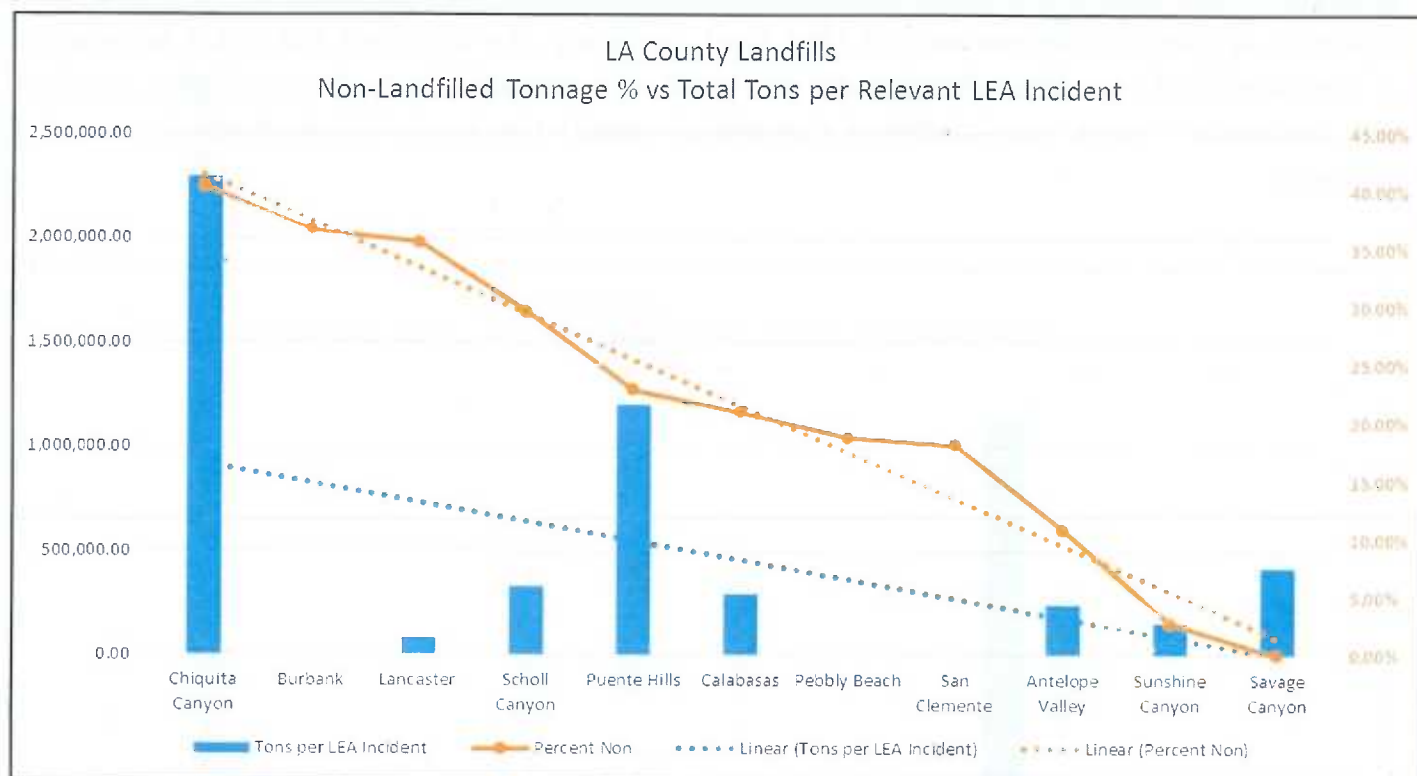
This first chart entitled, “LA County Landfills – All LEA Incidents per Non-Landfilled Ton (2011-2015) vs Log (Non-Landfilled Tons) (2011-2015),” shows that as the number of non-landfilled tons that a site uses beneficially increases (the orange line), the number of LEA incidents at that site decreases (the blue line). Inversely, if a site does not use a large amount of non-landfilled tons (beneficial reuse material), it is more likely to have a higher number of LEA incidents – on a non-landfilled (beneficial reuse) ton basis. BThis chart shows all LEA incidents.



The blue data set in this chart is showing all LEA incidents per non-landfilled ton (2011-2015). The orange data set is showing the logarithm base 3,000,000 of the non-landfilled tons (2011-2015). The logarithm was applied to this data set simply to scale it down to the same magnitude as the comparison data set.

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We also looked for correlation from another perspective, this time considering only the LEA incidents that were relevant to beneficial reuse material. This is shown in the chart titled, “LA County Landfills – Non-Landfilled Tonnage % vs Total Tons per Relevant LEA Incident.”



The orange line graph is showing the percentage of each landfill’s tonnage that is diverted from the landfill and used for some other purpose according to the SWIMS Reports for 2011-2015. The blue bar charts indicate how many total tons of material each facility brought in between 2011 and 2015 per relevant LEA Area of Concern or Violation (as reported on SWIS).

Each set of data has a dotted trend line added. The data is sorted to show decreasing non-landfilled percentage. Burbank, Peobbly Beach, and San Clemente do not appear on the bar chart due to the low value of their total tons per LEA incident.

The chart shows that Chiquita Canyon has the highest percent of “non-landfilled tonnage” and also achieves the highest amount of tonnage per LEA incident. This demonstrates a direct correlation between these two factors, as can be seen by the similar trend lines. The more material a facility diverts from the landfill and uses for beneficial use, the more likely it will be in compliance with Title 27 regulations.

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Again, this chart was based on LEA incidents reported in which were relevant to beneficial use, and included the following:

- Daily Cover
- Alternative Daily Cover
- Intermediate Cover
- Drainage and Erosion
- Grading of Fill Surfaces
- Litter Control
- Vector and Bird Control
- Gas Monitoring and Control
- Dust Control
- Leachate Control
- Nuisance Control
- Stockpiling
- Site Maintenance

In addition to looking at beneficial reuse from the perspective of comparison (to other landfills) and regulatory compliance, we also looked directly at CCLF's need for beneficial reuse material.

Need v. Usage

In this part of our evaluation, we looked at how much beneficial reuse material is needed – and used – at the CCLF. Our findings indicate that all beneficial reuse material is used effectively, and in fact, if more was available, it could be used in a similar manner.

The first step in this analysis was to determine how much surface area the site contains that needs to be covered by beneficial reuse material. Appendix C contains the sample calculations and topographic map with surface area designations.

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This was calculated using the topographic map of the CCLF, the verbiage in the Joint Technical Document (JTD) and data obtained from landfill management. The different uses that were analyzed included:

- Protective Cover Areas
- Unpaved Roads
- Wet Weather Tipping Pad
- Side Slopes
- Flat Areas
- Daily Cover Areas

After surface areas were calculated for these different criteria, they were converted to tons demanded (per year) based on material application frequency, estimated material density and estimated application thickness.

The next step in this analysis was to analyze how much of each material was received in 2015 and where each material was applied onsite:

- Shredded green & wood waste is used for erosion control on slopes and flat areas;
- Treated auto shredder waste (TASW) and contaminated soil are used as ADC;
- Rubble, concrete, asphalt, and rock are used as base for unpaved roads and wet weather tipping pads, and;
- MRF & C&D fines are used as protective cover for the landfill gas system and liner

The following flowcharts show the material criteria, the material application, the estimated material density, the estimated material application thickness, the material supply, the material demand and the corresponding material difference. As can be seen from the flowcharts, the CCLF could actually receive more material for beneficial reuse.

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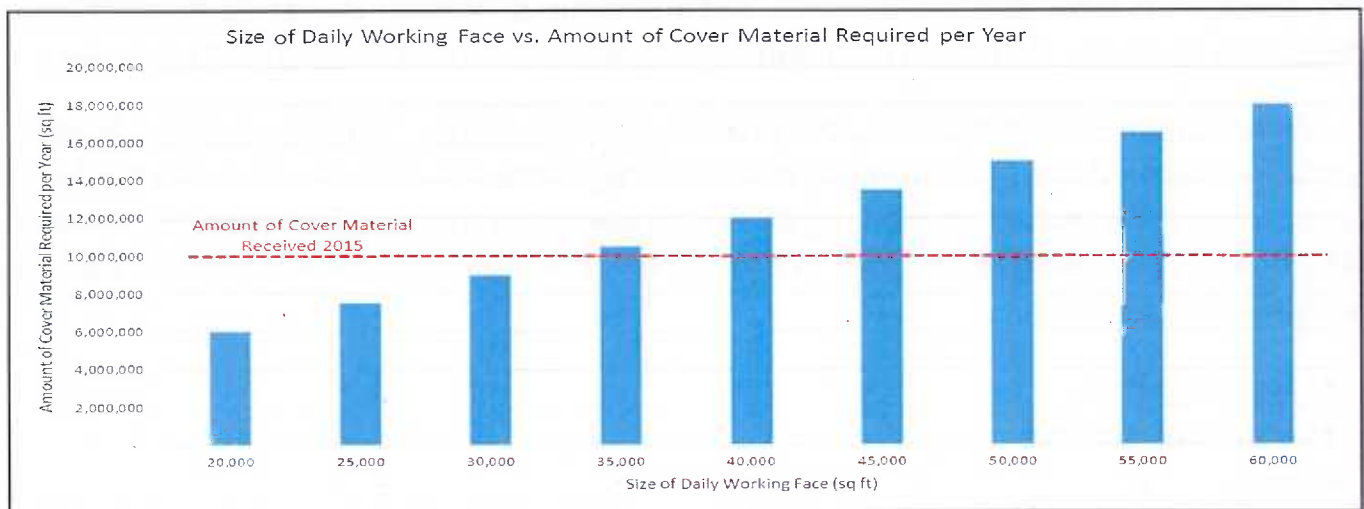


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In order to show how the relationship between the beneficial reuse material that comes in compared to what could be used, consider the example of ADC. The CCLF's JTD describes an active face of 60,000 square feet. Over the course of a year, this works out to 18,000,000 square feet (sf). Covering with what we have found to be a typical (national average) depth of 16", the landfill does not receive enough of this material to cover the face every day. As a result, the landfill is forced to use clean soil, or reduce the overall face size. Based on the latter, the CCLF receives enough ADC material to maintain a face of approximately 35,000 sf ...not the JTD stated 60,000 sf.



Visual Observations

LEA and CalRecycle inspectors are tasked with the difficult job of applying black and white regulations to the gray world of real-life, every time they inspect a landfill. Consider how one should interpret the following:

- "...Litter shall be controlled..."
- "...excessive number of flies..."
- "...do not generate excessive dust..."
- "...Heavy erosion..."

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- “...excessive siltation...”
- “...adequate spreading and compacting...”
- “...adequate personnel...”

The fact is, much of an inspector’s assessment is subjective. I have taught dozens of training courses for landfill inspectors across the U.S., including more than 20 for CalRecycle. In every one of those classes, we’ve discussed the importance of daily cover, and the fact that the rules require a minimum of 6 inches. This is a foundational and universal standard in the U.S., Canada and Australia, yet in those hundreds of participants, I have only met 1 inspector that ever dug a hole to measure the depth of soil. Almost without exception inspectors use the skunk test: if it looks like a skunk and smells like a skunk, it must be a skunk. Applied to daily cover; if it looks like it’s covered, and performs as though it was covered, it must be adequately covered. That same common-sense approach is used by nearly all inspectors.

When it comes to compliance, the proof is in the pudding – in other words, a landfill is in compliance when it does not have the issues the regulations seek to prevent. On the following pages, some of the more common regulatory problems are discussed subjectively, in regard to traditional and aerial (GoogleEarth) photos. The following compliance topics are included in the following discussion:

- Erosion Control
- Landfill Gas Control
- Odors
- Wet Weather
- Dust Control
- Access Roads

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Erosion Control

According to CalRecycle Guidance Document #54, LEA inspectors are to look for erosion that exposes waste, or which could undermine roads, other structures or where excessive sediment problems exist.

These satellite photos from 3 landfills in Los Angeles County show lots of erosion at a landfill that lists very little beneficial reuse material – and two landfills that list more beneficial reuse material ...and show no visible erosion.

Landfill Gas Controls

I am not aware of studies that measured the ability of organic (wood/green waste mulch) to reduce landfill gas/odor emissions. I have, however, visited a number of enclosed MSW composting operations where the inside air passed through a woodchip bio-filter as it was exhausted – in order to minimize odors. In most cases, the depth of wood chips was 3-5 feet. So, while I am not stating that a layer of processed wood/green waste material will work as a bio-filter, it appears reasonable that if 3'-5' of material works as a bio-filter, then 12"-18" would provide a similar – though reduced – benefit.



Sunshine Canyon Landfill –Erosion Control – Apparent Erosion



Chiquita Canyon Landfill –Erosion Control – No apparent erosion



WMI Lancaster Landfill –Erosion Control – No Apparent Erosion

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Wet-weather Tipping Pad

In our experience, approximately 50% of landfills in the U.S. construct and utilize a wet-weather tipping pad. Most of the others have sandy/rocky soil that is drivable while it is wet. Some just fight the mud and endure lots of trucks getting stuck and long wait times for unloading.

No wise and responsible landfill manager would ignore the necessity of all-weather access for customer vehicles. And in situations where a wet weather tipping pad is needed, some form of surface material will be required. Many landfills must purchase stone or aggregate for this purpose. Other landfills are fortunate enough to have usable rubble come in as part of the waste stream. This is an excellent example of beneficial reuse as anticipated by CalRecycle in Title 27, Section 20686.

It should also be noted that when landfills use tippers, the use of a large, all-weather tipping pad becomes mandatory. While self-unloading trucks may be directed to another – more accessible – area on short notice, the large trucks that utilize tippers have no other way to unload. So if they can't access the tippers – they can't dump.



CCLF All Weather Tipping Pad – Constructed with beneficial reuse rubble



CCLF Tipping Pad Showing Tipper

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Dust Control

Dust control is a major issue for many landfills, especially those located in arid climates.

Many landfills have large open areas that continue to pose dust-generating potential – mostly due to unrestricted traffic access. In these photos, we see large open areas with clear evidence of traffic. These areas present large potential for dust. Proper application of mulch or wood waste would help to mitigate the risk.



Scholl Canyon Landfill - Large Disturbed Area-Dust Potential-Some Mulch



WMI Lancaster Landfill–Large Disturbed Area–Dust Potential Some Mulch

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Access Roads

The LEA and CalRecycle inspectors are supposed to evaluate the on-site access roads. Landfills in LAC appear to be doing a good job of maintaining access roads, because no LEA incidents were recorded from 2011 to 2015 on this topic. Title 27 clearly requires well-built and properly maintained access roads.

27 CCR §20540 Roads

Roads within the permitted facility boundary shall be designed to minimize the generation of dust and the tracking of material onto adjacent public roads. Such roads shall be kept in safe condition and maintained such that vehicle access and unloading can be conducted during inclement weather.



Providing this high standard requires – in most cases – that landfills utilize concrete or asphalt rubble, aggregate or some other material that can provide a solid, all-weather surface. Some landfills have adequate on-site soils with these properties, some landfills must purchase aggregate (i.e., road base) and some landfills are fortunate enough to have this type of material come in as beneficial reuse. This photo shows a properly constructed road at the CCLF.

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Odors

Odor complaints at waste facilities are a significant and growing problem within the waste industry – and landfills are not exempt. Within the County are examples of landfills spending tremendous money and effort to mitigate odor problems ...with varying levels of success. Therefore, any prudent landfill will do everything possible to minimize the risk – and potential liability – of generating nuisance odors.

While there are many potential sources of odors at landfills – and even more possible ways to mitigate them – one of the most effective solutions is adequate cover soil. As one of the larger landfills (based on inbound tonnage) in the County, the CCLF is very aware of this potential problem. To mitigate that risk, the staff proactively places adequate cover soil and ADC on the landfill surfaces – including the active face – on a frequent basis. In some cases, the active face may be partially or fully covered more than once per day (especially on windy days to control litter – or to cover odorous loads).

Additionally, the placement of wood chips and/or green waste mulch on the landfill surfaces may help reduce odor emissions by acting as a bio-filter. As previously noted, wood chip bio-filters are commonly used to control odors at MSW and/or organics composting facilities. And while we cannot quantify how effective 18 inches of this material (placed on landfill surfaces) will be compared to a typical bio-filter that uses 3'-5' of this material, we would assume that it has some capacity to act as a bio-filter ...and so would provide some odor-reducing benefit. Clearly its ability to reduce erosion rills goes far toward eliminating exposed waste – a common contributor to landfill odors.



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Conclusions

The CCLF is a well-run facility as evidenced by the cleanliness of the site and its excellent compliance record. It is able to achieve this high standard, in part, by wisely utilizing beneficial reuse materials.

We have identified a direct correlation between the use of beneficial reuse material and improved regulatory compliance.



**Proper Application of
Beneficial Re-use Material**



**Improved Regulatory
Compliance & Operational
Performance**



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Appendix A

Neal Bolton: Resume & Qualifications

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RESUME NEAL BOLTON, P.E.

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Education:

Attended Sacramento State University - Construction Engineering
Attended Montana State University - Construction Engineering

Registration:

Registered Civil Engineer — California (C48062)
Licensed General Engineering Class A Contractor — California (482821)

Work Experience:

General:

Mr. Bolton is a registered civil engineer with nearly 25 years experience in heavy construction and landfill operations. His background in heavy construction includes work in excavating, grading, paving, and underground projects where he worked as a laborer, equipment operator, foreman, superintendent, and estimator. In 1988, Mr. Bolton formed his own consulting company, Blue Ridge Services. As principal of Blue Ridge, he has continued to provide operational consulting services for a wide range of private and municipal landfills and transfer stations.

Landfill Development:

Mr. Bolton has worked on landfill siting, expansion and closure projects. He has prepared dozens of landfill development plans that included: site layout, access roads, waste footprint placement, base grade and final grade design. He has worked on several projects involving airspace enhancement or maximization. Mr. Bolton was involved in with dozens of landfills in Montana and Idaho which were impacted by the EPA's subtitle D rules.

Landfill & Transfer Station Training Programs:

Mr. Bolton has presented training programs for hundreds of people through the dozens of training programs he has taught. He has provided dozens of training courses for the State of Indiana, State of Montana, State of Kansas, State of North Dakota and State of California and hundreds more for other private and municipal clients. These training programs range from generic 1-4 hour sessions, to custom 1-2 day sessions that deal with site-specific operational issues. In particular he has taught more than 20 LEA courses for CalRecycle – many on the topic of ADC and other compliance topics.

As an example, one training program focused directly on maximizing scraper productivity at a 6,000 ton/day landfill where they used three 637 scrapers. Another focused on landfill managers and administrative staff. Other sessions have had a broader scope, addressing the needs of municipalities that operated a variety of landfills. At landfills that were nearing closure, or where airspace was very expensive, other training programs have concentrated on cell construction and efficient cover placement techniques.

Landfill Sequence Plans:

Mr. Bolton has prepared scores of landfill sequence plans and/or excavation plans for landfills. These sequence plans have ranged from simple seasonal plans showing how a landfill will prepare for the wet season, to long-term sequence plans taking the site from start-up through closure. Most sequence plans are based on a combination of economics, aesthetics, and practical judgment in regards to access, drainage, leachate control, and minimized soil handling.

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Expert Witness:

Based on his experience, knowledge and reputation, Mr. Bolton has been hired as an expert witness on numerous cases across the U.S. involving landfill operations.

Research and Development:

Mr. Bolton has designed and implemented various testing procedures for evaluating landfill equipment and operating methods including soil use minimization studies, compaction tests, and productivity analysis. Many of these landfill tests were done in cooperation with Caterpillar, Ingersoll-Rand, Caron Compactor, and Waste Management Inc.

Operational Planning:

Mr. Bolton has provided operational planning for dozens of landfills in several states. These projects include preparation of operating procedures for excavation, refuse placement, load checking, surveying, compaction and other day-to-day landfill tasks. He has also performed compaction/density tests, operational audits and efficiency studies.

Landfill Equipment Planning:

Mr. Bolton has worked with numerous landfills, providing recommendations on equipment selection and utilization. He has developed and performing various equipment productivity analyses for dozers, scrapers, compactors and other landfill equipment.

Employment History:

1988 - Present

Principal - Blue Ridge Services (Atascadero, CA ...formerly Bozeman, MT)

As principal of Blue Ridge Services, a landfill consulting company, Mr. Bolton has personally supervised hundreds of solid waste projects. With a focus on landfill operations, Blue Ridge projects include landfill training programs, fill sequence planning, site budgeting, equipment selection, operations planning, operational audits, compaction/density studies and a wide range of landfill consulting projects.

1987-1988

Field Engineer - Waste Management, Inc. (San Jose, CA)

As a field engineer for Waste Management, Inc., Mr. Bolton was involved in the performance of landfill sequence plans, construction planning, operational audits, compaction/density testing, operator training and budgeting projects. Additionally, he prepared cost estimates for use in competitive bidding for landfill operations.

1983-1987

Field Engineer - Oakland Scavenger Company (Oakland, CA)

As the field engineer for Oakland Scavenger Company/Waste Management from 1983 to 1987 he managed landfill development and construction projects for several sites ranging in size from 200 to 7,000 tons per day.

During his employment with Oakland Scavenger/Waste Management, Mr. Bolton supervised the in-house preparation of operations plans for all of Oakland Scavenger Company's landfills. Additionally, he played a key role in the training of landfill equipment operators to perform all on-site landfill construction projects - virtually eliminating the need to subcontract out heavy construction projects. These projects included liner, leachate collection systems and final cover construction, installation of methane venting systems, road, pond, and ditch construction. These projects were performed in addition to the day-to-day excavation and landfilling at the sites.

1978-1983

Laborer, Operator, Foreman -

Bolton Construction (Woodland, CA)

Bolton Construction is a grading and paving company. During the 5 years he was there, Mr. Bolton worked as a laborer, operator, estimator and foreman. His duties included positions on a grading, paving and underground crew. Additionally he supervised numerous construction projects, did bidding & estimating, and drove dump trucks. His equipment operating experience includes; dozers, backhoes, rollers, motor graders, loaders, water trucks, scrapers and trenching machines.

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Writing & Conference Presentations:

BOOKS

Mr. Bolton has written two books related to landfills:

The Handbook of Landfill Operations, a 500+page text, published by Blue Ridge Services, 1995. Mr. Bolton's book is used by landfills throughout the world. In addition to being used as a college textbook in the U.S. and Canada, it is used as a textbook by the Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA).

The Handbook of Landfill Safety, a 350+page text, published by Blue Ridge Services, 2009. This is the waste industry's most comprehensive book on landfill safety. It is considered a vital reference on landfill safety.

VIDEOS

Mr. Bolton has also developed 125 Safety videos for Landfills and Transfer Stations. Some have been translated into Spanish and Greek. He has also supervised the development of several operational videos for the solid waste industry.

As the author of more than 200 articles and technical papers on solid waste and landfills, Mr. Bolton is one of the industry's best known experts on landfill operations. A partial list of his articles is provided below. He is also the author of, "The Handbook of Landfill" and The Handbook of Landfill Safety."

PARTIAL LIST OF ARTICLES, TECHNICAL PAPERS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Mr. Bolton has written nearly 200 articles for solid waste trade magazines. The following (partial) list includes more than 90 columns for Solid Waste Online (<http://www.solidwasteonline.com>). His column is entitled, "*Bolton on Landfill Management*," verticalnet.com.

Mr. Bolton also writes a regular column in MSW Management Magazine. It is entitled, "*The Landfill Manager's Notebook*," Forester Communications. In addition to his regular column, he has written numerous feature articles for MSW Management Magazine. He also writes an occasional safety column for this magazine.

"Using Compactors for Optimum Density," Solid Waste Technologies magazine, Adams Publishing, May/June, 1997.

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"How to Remain King of the Hill," World Waste Magazine, Intertec Publishing, December, 1996.

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"Landfill Equipment Selection, Operation, Safety and Preventive Maintenance Training Course," A two day course covering the essentials of landfill operations. Sponsored by Montana State University Extension Services, SWANA, and Montana Department of Health and Environmental Sciences. Billings, Montana, June, 1995

"Alternative Daily Cover - What are the Benefits?" A technical paper prepared for Evan Edgar of the California Refuse Removal Council, January, 1995.

"Survival of Subtitle D," Presentation and Panel Discussion, given at the 43rd Annual Environmental Health Educational Conference, sponsored by the Montana Environmental Health Assn., Big Sky, Montana, October 1994.

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"Day-To-Day Landfill Operations," North Dakota Solid Waste Symposium, sponsored by North Dakota Department of Health, Bismarck, North Dakota, October, 1990.

"Landfill Operations and Equipment Selection," Montana Landfill Short Course, sponsored by Blue Ridge Services and Schafer and Associates, Havre, Montana, June, 1989.

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2. Is Your Landfill Secure?
3. A Look at Marginal Costs
4. When You Have To Rip, Use Your Head
5. How to Calculate Ripping Production
6. Prepare Now for Wet Weather
7. Dealing with Offensive Loads
8. Scraper Production: Moving Dirt or Making Dust?
9. Bee Careful - A Buzzword on Landfill Safety
10. What's Black and White Gray All Over?
11. Slope Stability - Excavation Areas
12. Dealing with Slope Erosion
13. Focus for Success
14. Is Overtime Overloading Your Crew?
15. Metal Detector: A Valuable Tool for Landfills
16. Noise
17. So, You Think You're Saving Money with that Old Iron? ...Think Again
18. ADC Regulations - Where Are We Headed?
19. ADC Offers Flexibility to Landfills
20. The ABC's of ADC. What to know about ADC? We've got you covered
21. Landfill Airspace and Waste Density... The Big Picture
22. "Compactonomics"
23. WHAT IS THE OPTIMUM DENSITY?
24. Alternative Daily Cover *Finding the Bottom Line*
25. Valuing Airspace
26. Airspace Management
27. Maximizing Airspace
28. Cell Geometry
29. Alternative Daily Cover (ADC)
30. Soil Conversion
31. Soil Cover
32. Landfill Planning
33. Landfill Safety
34. Fire Safety
35. Landfill Audits
36. Audit Information
37. Site Planning
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2. Equipment Cost and Utilization
3. Reducing Costs
4. Landfill Shortcuts
1. Field Engineer as Liaison
2. Teamwork Works
3. Training for Excellence
4. Time Studies
5. Too Much Dirt
6. Work with Regulators
7. Regulatory Orientation – 1
8. Regulatory Orientation – 2
9. Staff Meetings
10. Landfill Signage
11. Cover Soil – Introduction
12. Soil Stockpiles
13. Competition
14. Track Walking
15. Soil Stripping
16. Soil Techniques
17. Scraper V. Dozer
18. Ready for Winter
19. Cover Soil Budget
20. Tipping Pad Planning
21. Managing Contact Water
22. Wood Waste
23. Commercial and Self-haul Vehicles
24. Public Disposal Facility
25. Dumping Risks
26. Scavenging
27. Landfill Shops
28. Landfills and the Web
29. Surveying Tools
30. Bird Control
31. Equipment Maintenance – Downtime
32. Site Capacity
33. Y2K
34. Small Landfills
35. Time to Split
36. Equipment Selection Criteria
37. Operator as Maintenance Man
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LEA Notice

March 24, 2003

Blue Ridge Services, under contract with the California Integrated Waste Management Board, will be conducting 10 one-day seminars across California on the topic of Alternative Daily Cover (ADC). We are currently scheduled to present three of these in your jurisdiction:

Bradley Landfill, Sun Valley, CA—April 28, 2003
Calabasas Landfill, Agoura, CA—April 30, 2003
Puente Hills Landfill, Whittier, CA—May 2, 2003

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Appendix C

Sample Calculations & Topographic Map

Conversion from Tons to Surface Area

$$\text{Surface Area} = \frac{\left(\frac{\text{Tons} * 2,000 \text{ lb/ton}}{\text{Density}} \right) * 27 \text{ ft}^3/\text{cy}}{\text{Thickness}}$$

Conversion from Surface Area to Tons

$$\text{Tons} = \frac{(\text{Surface Area}) * (\text{Thickness}) * (\text{Density})}{(27 \text{ ft}^3/\text{cy}) * (2,000 \text{ lb/ton})}$$

Calculation of Protective Cover Material on Wells & Headers (*Tons*)

Assumptions:

- *Protective Cover is made up of MRF & C&D Fines*
- *Raise 45 wells two times per year (raise 90 wells per year)*
- *Raise wells 20 feet at a time*
- *Apply 60 tons of material for every 5 feet of vertical raise*

$$\text{Tons}_1 = (\text{Material Application}) * (\text{Vertical Raise per Well}) * (\text{Wells Raised per Year})$$

$$\text{Tons}_1 = \left(\frac{60 \text{ tons}}{5 \text{ feet}} \right) * (20 \text{ feet/well}) * (90 \text{ wells/year})$$

$$\text{Tons}_1 = 21,600 \text{ tons/year}$$

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Calculation of Protective Cover Material on Laterals ($Tons_2$)

Assumptions:

- Protective Cover is made up of MRF & C&D Fines
- Protect laterals with trapezoid of material
- Apply material 400 feet longitudinally at a time
- Apply material 90 times per year
- Material density of 1,600 pcy



$$Area_{trapezoid} = \frac{(Top\ Width + Bottom\ Width)}{2} * (Height)$$

$$Area_{trapezoid} = \frac{(10\ ft + 30\ ft)}{2} * (10\ ft) = 200\ ft^2$$

$$Volume_{trapezoid} = (Area_{trapezoid}) * (Length_{trapezoid})$$

$$Volume_{trapezoid} = (200\ ft^2) * (400\ ft) = 80,000\ ft^3$$

$$Tons_2 = (Volume_{trapezoid}) * (Events\ per\ Year) * (Material\ Density)$$

$$Tons_2 = \frac{(80,000\ ft^3) * (90\ events/year) * (1,600\ lb/cy)}{(27\ ft^3/cy) * (2,000\ lb/ton)}$$

$$Tons_2 = 213,333\ tons/year$$

Calculation of Protective Cover Material on Slope Liner ($Tons_3$)

Assumptions:

- Protective Cover is made up of MRF & C&D Fines
- Material applied on Cell 5 Slope (except bottom 25 feet and top 20 feet)
- Material applied over the course of 3 years
- Material applied at a thickness of 3 feet
- Material density of 1,600 pcy

$$Surface\ Area\ Covered_{per\ year} = \frac{Total\ Surface\ Area\ Covered}{Time\ to\ Cover}$$

$$Surface\ Area\ Covered_{per\ year} = \frac{218,783.97\ ft^2}{3\ years}$$

$$Surface\ Area\ Covered_{per\ year} = 72,928\ ft^2/year$$

$$Tons_3 = (Surface\ Area\ Covered_{per\ year}) * (Thickness) * (Material\ Density)$$

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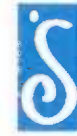
$$Tons_3 = 6,482\ tons/year$$

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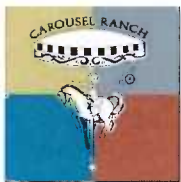
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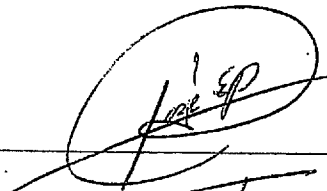
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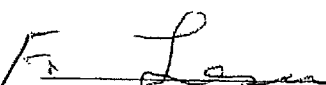
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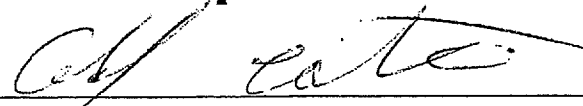
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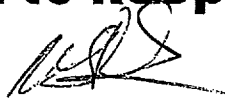
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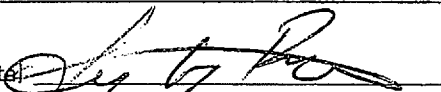
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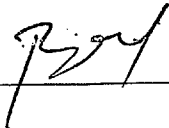
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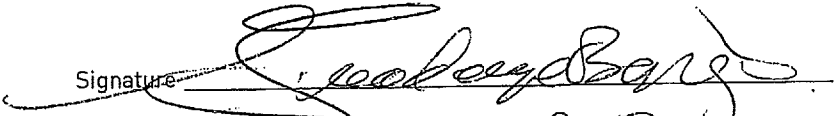
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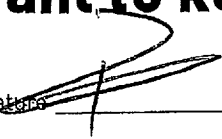
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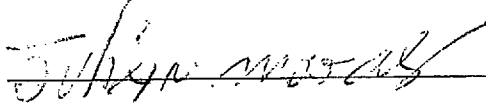
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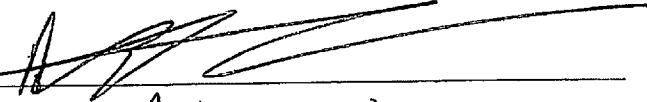
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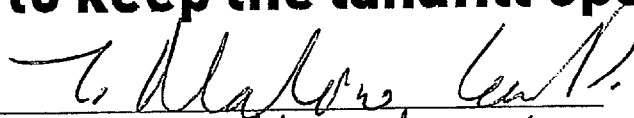
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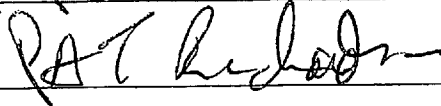
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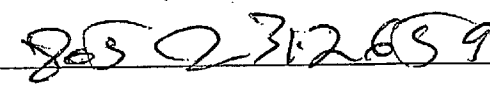
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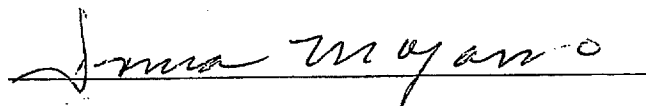
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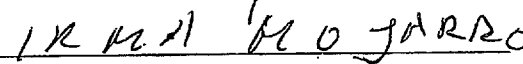
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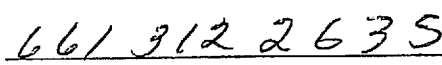
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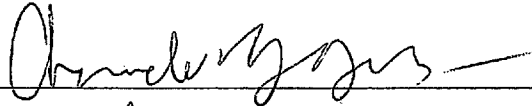
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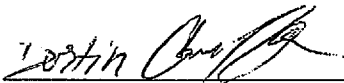
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RE: CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL EXPANSION COMPLETA – SOPORTE

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Si bien los cambios propuestos incluyen un aumento de la tasa de eliminación y el volumen, la extensión de huella, y el aumento de la elevación, el vertedero ampliado no afectará negativamente la integridad visual de la zona. Además, Chiquita ha practicado la debida diligencia para abordar los posibles impactos ambientales, de ruido, de tráfico y culturales de la expansión y operación en curso.

Chiquita Canyon ha estado sirviendo a la región continuamente por más de cuatro décadas, y juega un papel importante en el manejo de residuos sólidos del Valle de Santa Clarita y el Condado de Los Angeles.

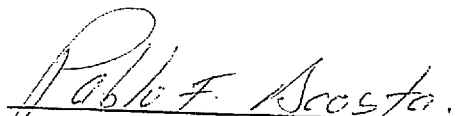
Además, la expansión incluye un área reservada para una instalación futura de tecnología de conversión.

Por esta y muchas otras razones, siento que Chiquita Canyon ha demostrado un verdadero compromiso con la comunidad y las personas que viven y trabajan aquí.

Me complace apoyar la plena expansión de Chiquita Canyon Landfill!



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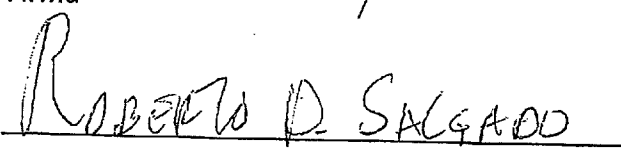
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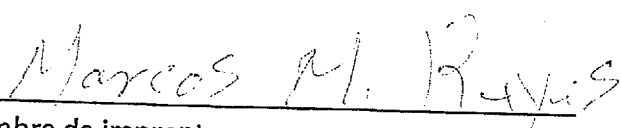
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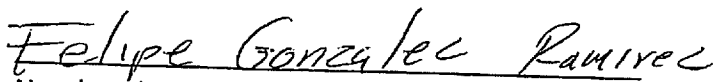
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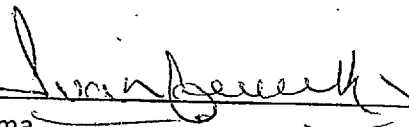
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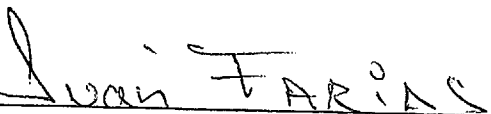
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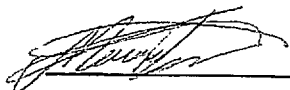
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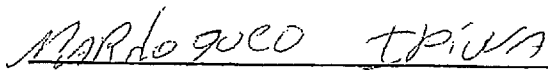
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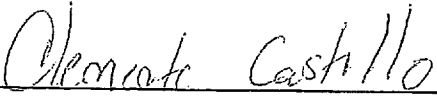
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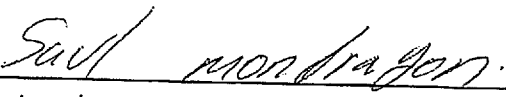
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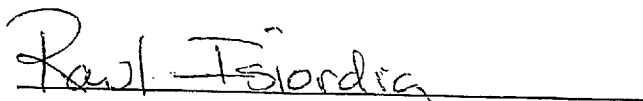
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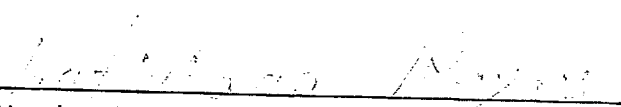
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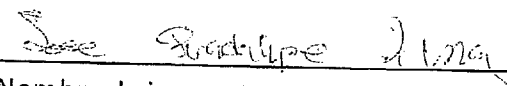
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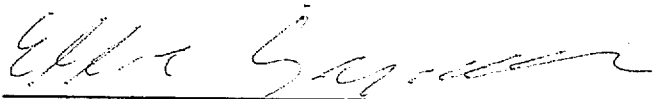
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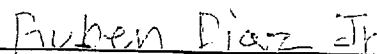
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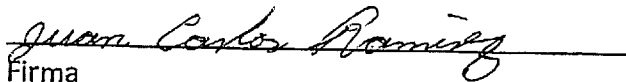
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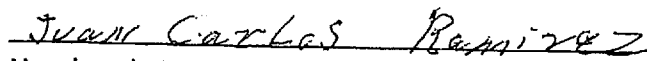
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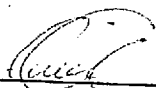
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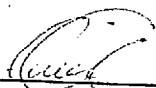
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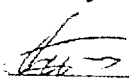
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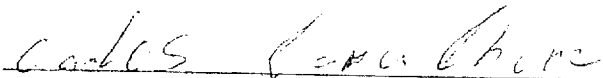
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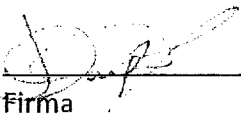
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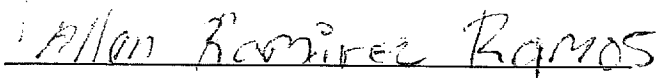
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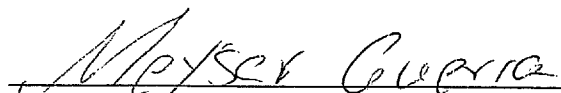
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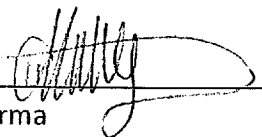
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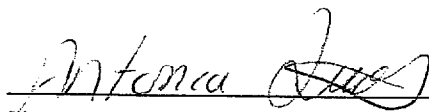
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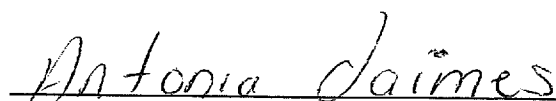
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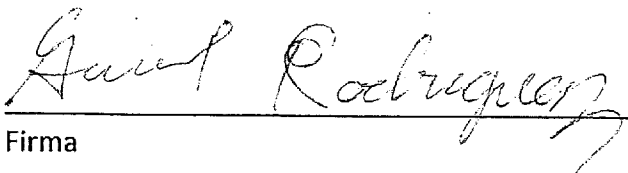
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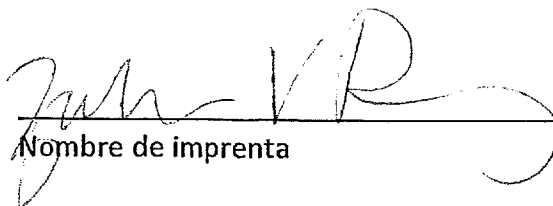
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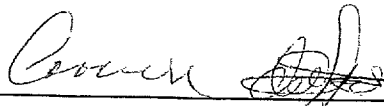
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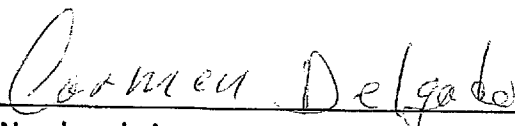
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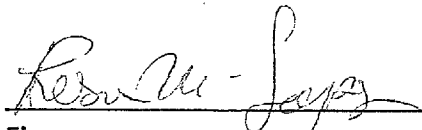
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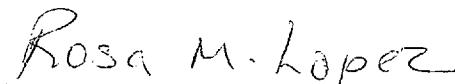
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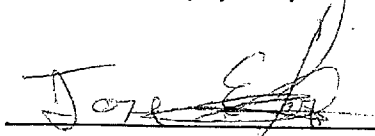
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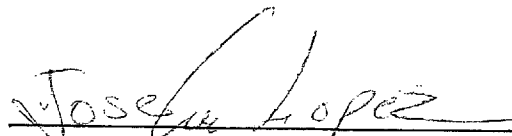
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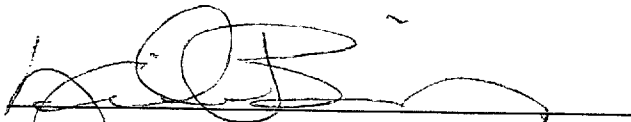
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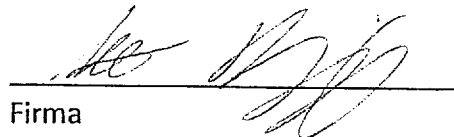
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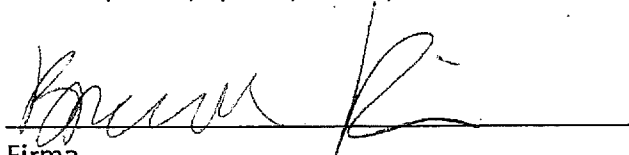
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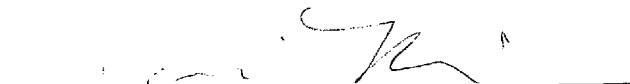
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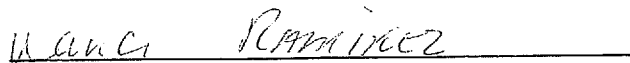
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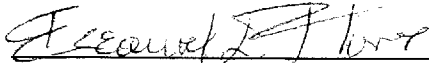
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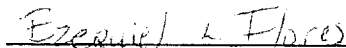
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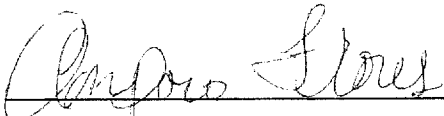
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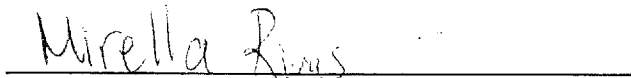
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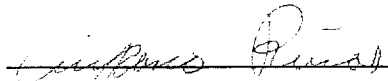
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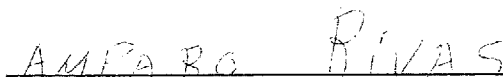
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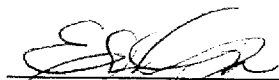

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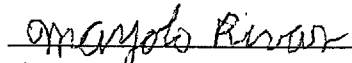
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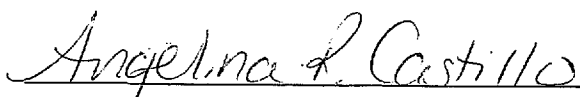
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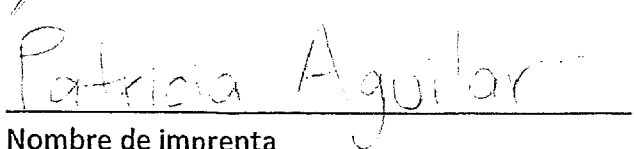
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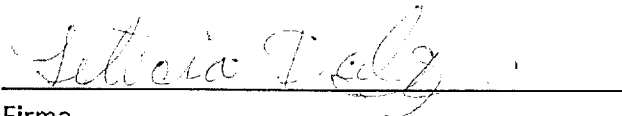
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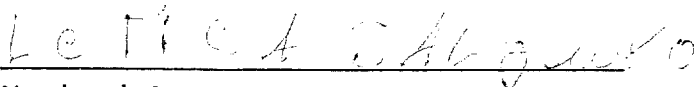
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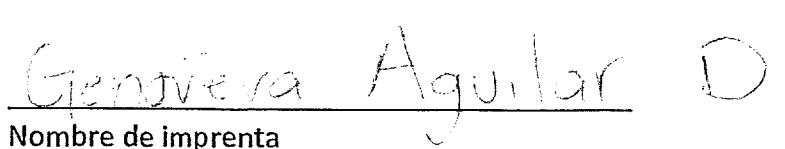
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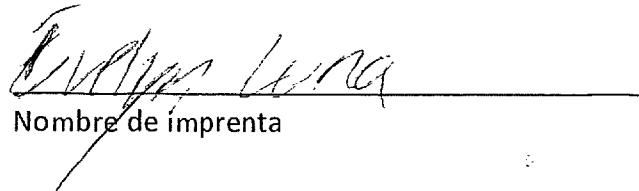
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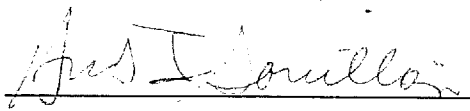
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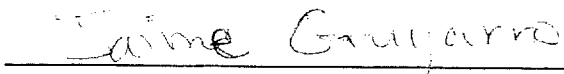
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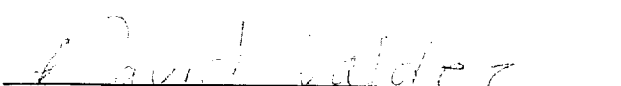
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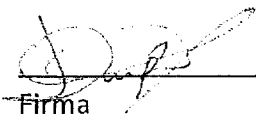
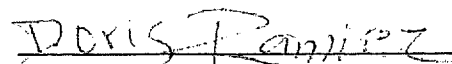
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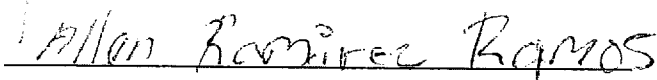
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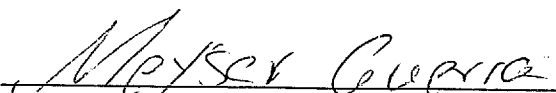
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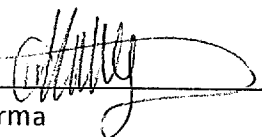
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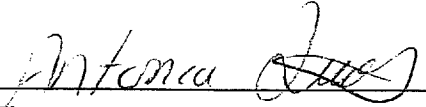
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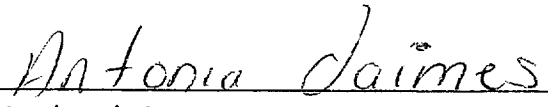
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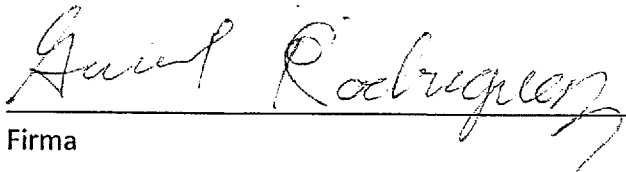
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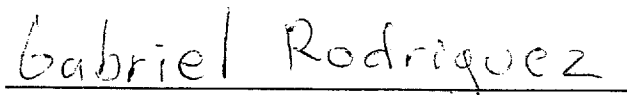
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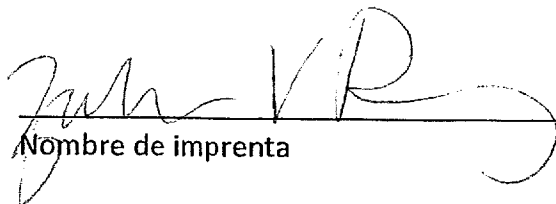
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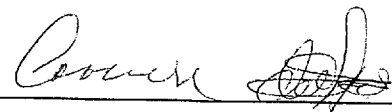
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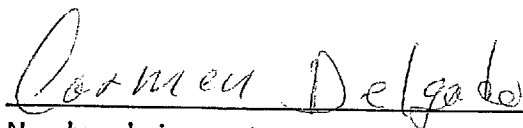
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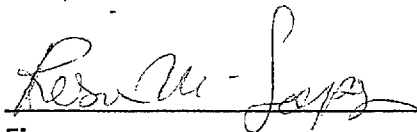
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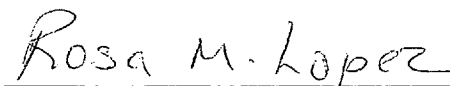
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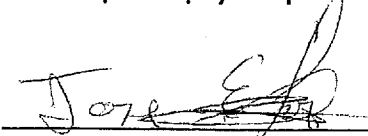
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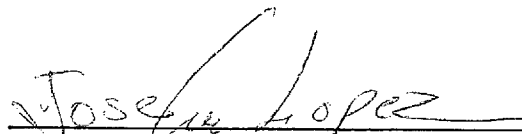
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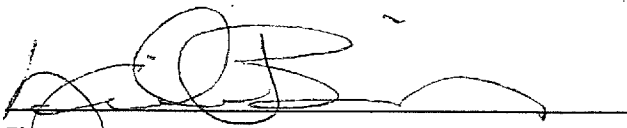
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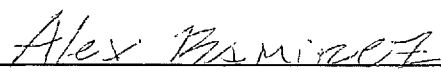
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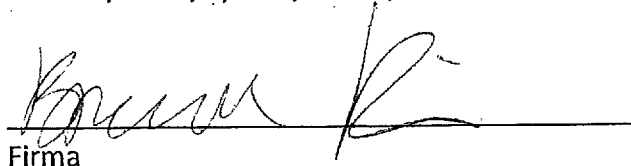
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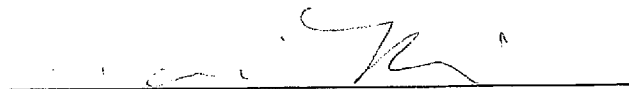
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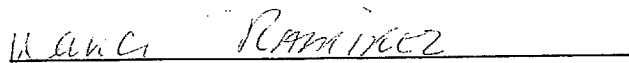
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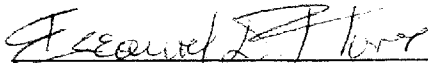
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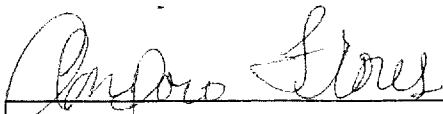

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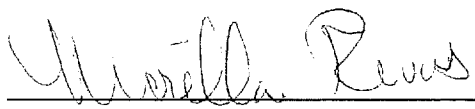
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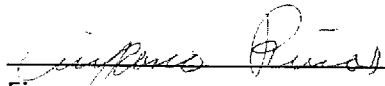
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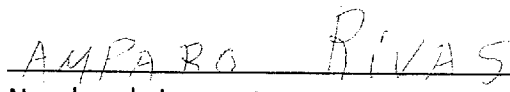
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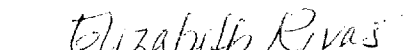
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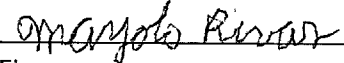
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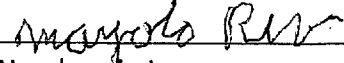
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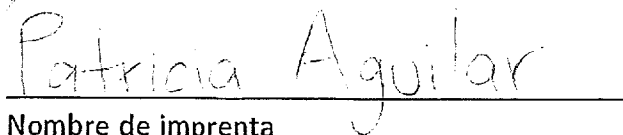
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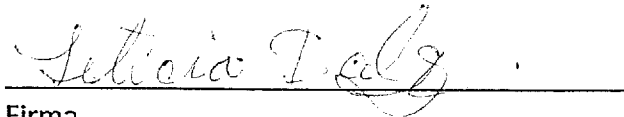
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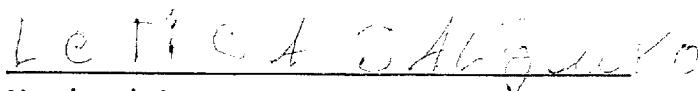
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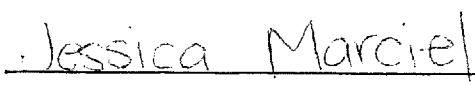
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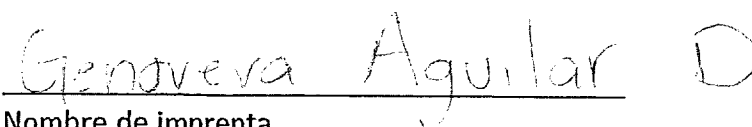
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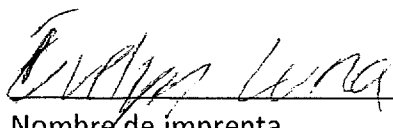
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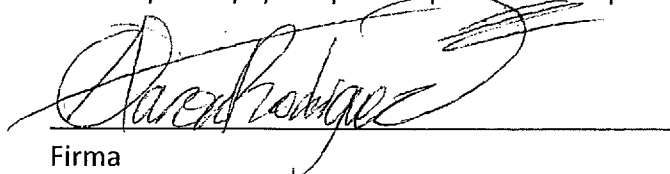
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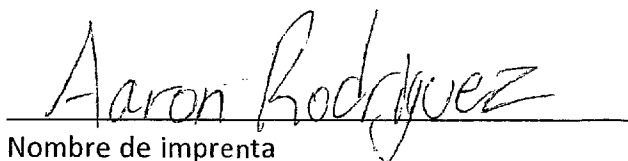
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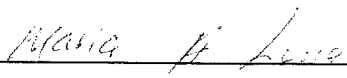
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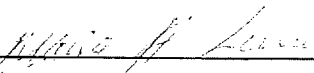
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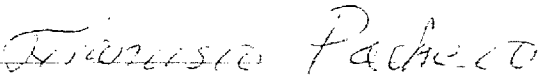
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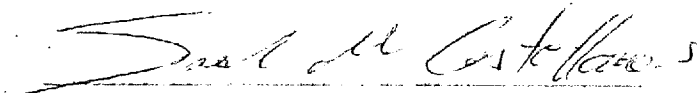
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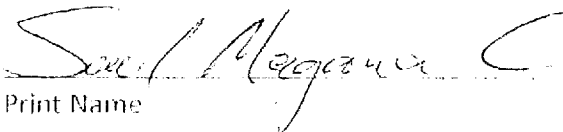
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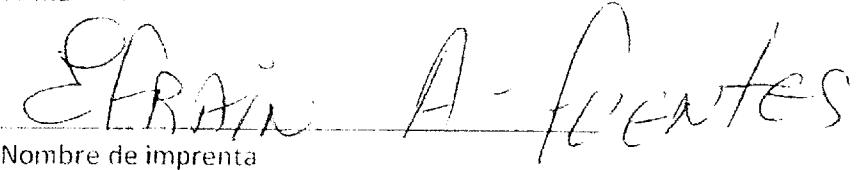
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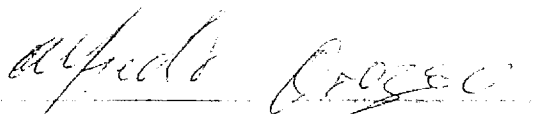
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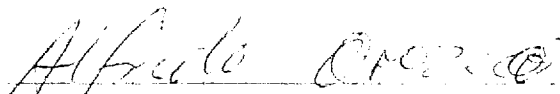
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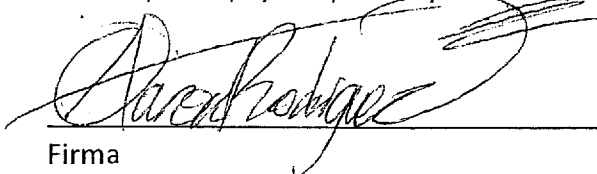
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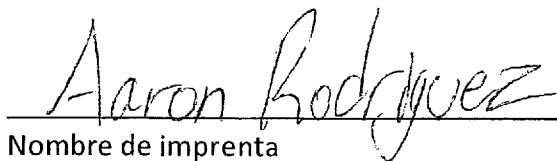
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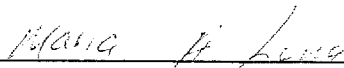
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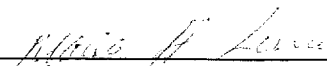
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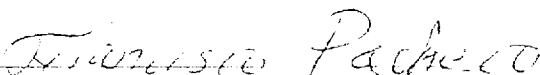
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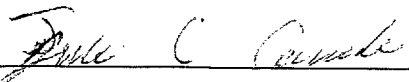
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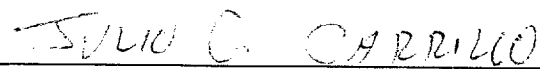
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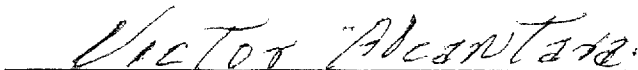
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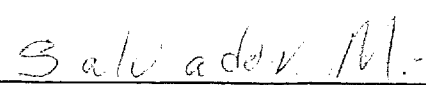
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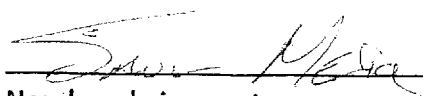
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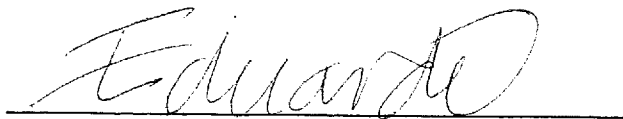
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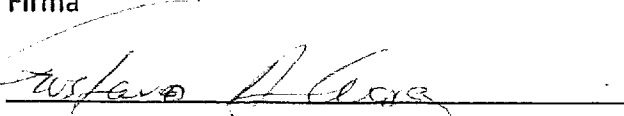
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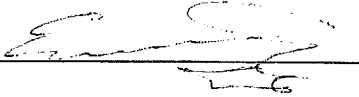
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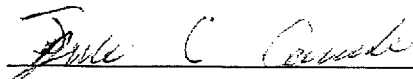
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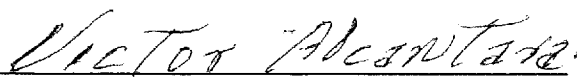
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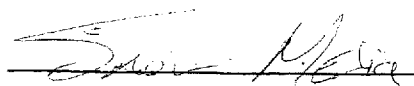
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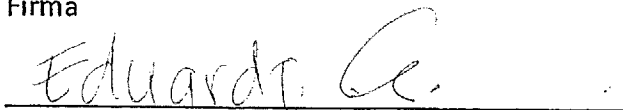
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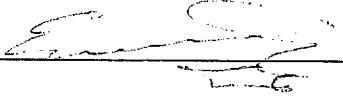
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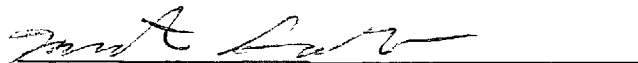
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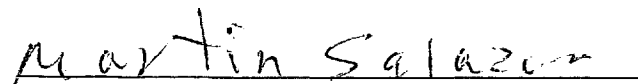
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¡Apoyo la plena expansión de Chiquita Canyon Landfill!



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Nombre de imprenta

LOS TRANSPORTADORES DE RESIDUOS LOCALES APOYAN LA EXPANSIÓN DE CHIQUITA CANYON TERRENO

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL EXPANSION COMPLETA - SOPORTE

Soy un transportista local de desechos que necesita ver a Chiquita Canyon continuar sus operaciones y expandirse para satisfacer la creciente necesidad de eliminación de desechos en el condado de Los Ángeles.

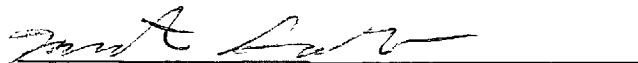
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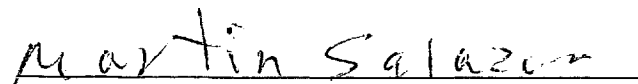
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Nombre de imprenta



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

September 9, 2014

Ms. Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Chi:

The Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation is committed to attracting and retaining business and industry in the Santa Clarita Valley, including the creation of high-paying jobs for our workforce and the stimulation of our local economy. We support the information in the recently released DEIR on the Master Plan Revisions for Chiquita Canyon, recognizing the vital service the landfill provides to the region and the additional positive impacts it directly, and indirectly, affords.

Chiquita Canyon has been providing an important service to the homes and businesses in the Santa Clarita Valley and the Los Angeles region for more than four decades. The proposed revisions to the company's Master Plan will go far toward ensuring that the landfill can continue to responsibly meet the solid waste needs of the region for another 20-40 years.

The construction and operation needs of the expanded landfill will also result in additional local jobs, increased tax and fee revenues, and an increased Community Benefits Fund. While an on-site Clean Energy Facility already provides power to nearly 7,000 homes in the area, plans for green waste processing and composting operations, and a new household hazardous waste facility will address the evolving needs of the people who live and work in the area.

Beyond increasing capacity via the expansion of the current footprint and increased elevation, the proposed revisions include a new entrance, which will provide additional safety to vehicles entering and exiting Chiquita Canyon while screening views from SR-126 and Wolcott Way. The increased capacity will also allow the landfill to accept more tonnage without visually impacting the neighboring area.

Chiquita Canyon has built a reputation for handling the area's solid waste needs in an environmentally conscientious manner, monitoring environmental and related impacts to ensure the Valley's natural resources are protected. The DEIR clearly outlines the less-than-significant impacts of the landfill expansion and Master Plan revisions, and the company is accounting for all necessary mitigation to lessen impact on the area.

The SCVEDC believes Chiquita Canyon is a key resource for the region and plays an important role in its overall success. The proposed revisions to the Master Plan, outlined in the DEIR, will better equip the landfill to continue that role as the Santa Clarita Valley's needs increase and evolve.

Sincerely,


Holly Schroeder
President/CEO
Santa Clarita Valley Economic Development Corporation

Cc: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich



Santa Clarita Valley
Chamber of Commerce

27451 Tournay Rd. Ste 160
Santa Clarita CA 91355

August 28, 2014

Ms. Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Chi:

I'm writing on behalf of the SCV Chamber of Commerce in support of the information in the recently-released DEIR regarding revisions to the Chiquita Canyon Master Plan. The Chamber reflects the creativity and diversity of the greater Castaic region, and is focused on taking action and making decisions that affect the business community. To that end, we recognize the important role that Chiquita Canyon plays in the Santa Clarita Valley and the region as a whole.

The responsible management of solid waste is key to our growing region, and the expansion and increased disposal rate being proposed for Chiquita Canyon will address this issue for several decades. The DEIR document also highlights the fact that this expansion is designed to not cause significant impacts to the region from an environmental or visual standpoint, protecting the overall integrity of the area.

Beyond addressing current solid waste needs, we support that Chiquita Canyon is also planning for the development of a Household Hazardous Waste Facility and a Mixed Organics Composting Facility, both of which will have far-reaching benefits to the people that live throughout the region. This – on top of the current Clean Energy Facility operating on-site – demonstrate the landfill's commitment to the environment and to responsibly handling the region's waste.

The items highlighted in the DEIR documents address some of the key concerns associated with the expansion and operation of Chiquita Canyon, including the environment, storm water and water runoff, air quality, noise, dust, and traffic. While many areas will not be impacted by the revisions, the landfill will be monitoring the area and is prepared to mitigate any issues as needed. The DEIR address the traffic safety concern with the addition of a new traffic signal and safer intersection to enter and exit the facility. The Chamber feels this is in line with how the company has done business over the last 40 years, operating the landfill in a responsible manner and taking measures to ensure the protection of the surrounding environment.

We are pleased to recognize Chiquita Canyon as local business that contributes to the economy and plays an active role by supporting local groups, organizations, and events. We support the expansion of the landfill and revisions to the Master Plan – all of which will continue the region's ongoing partnership with the company and protect our solid waste needs now and in the future.

Best regards,

Terri Crain
President/CEO



**SCV Latino
Chamber of Commerce**

September 17, 2014

Ms. Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Chi:

The Santa Clarita Valley Latino Chamber of Commerce is committed to promoting the success and prosperity of Latino business owners and professionals and to contribute to the well being of our community into the future.

To that end, our organization recognizes the important role that the Chiquita Canyon Landfill plays in the Santa Clarita Valley and the Los Angeles region as a whole. The purpose of this letter is to express our support of Chiquita Canyon's DEIR on its Master Plan Revisions. We believe these revisions will help the landfill evolve and grow with the region in order to better serve the needs of the businesses and families that call our Santa Clarita Valley home.

The Master Plan Revisions outlined in the DEIR are key to Chiquita maintaining existing services and capacity, while establishing additional critical solid waste management services in the future. In addition, these revisions will allow the landfill to continue to provide a much-needed resource to the region for more than 20 years. While the overall waste footprint and life of the landfill is being increased due to proposed increased disposal rates and volume, extension, and increased elevation, the changes will have no real visual impact to the surrounding community.

In looking at the DEIR, it is clear that Chiquita Canyon is carefully considering the potential environmental, noise, traffic, and cultural impacts of daily operation, as well as the resulting byproducts of the construction and expansion process. Through monitoring and mitigation, the landfill will be able to address needs and issues as they develop – something we feel is vital to protecting the long-term interests of the region and ensuring the ongoing support of area residents.

The SCV Latino Chamber is proud to recognize businesses that are a positive impact and influence to the region. Chiquita Canyon has been a significant member and supporter of the community – and has taken the extra step to be involved with local organizations and events. This demonstrates their ongoing commitment to helping the Santa Clarita Valley have a bright, vibrant, and healthy future.

We are pleased to stand behind Chiquita Canyon and its revisions to the Master Plan. The company has shown due diligence in addressing all current and future issues, and they have measures in place to address any concerns that may occur during construction and operation.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Bill Miranda, CEO

Cc: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

August 26, 2014

Ms. Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles Dept. of Regional Planning
Zoning Permits North Section, Room 1348
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Chi:

**RE: SUPPORT/ COMMENTS ON CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

If I may introduce myself, I am Ron Saldana, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Disposal Association (LACDA), representing solid waste collectors, recyclers, facility owners and operators, and associated companies that provide goods and services to the industry, throughout Southern California.

LACDA strongly supports the proposed expansion to the Chiquita Canyon Landfill, increasing the permitted daily disposal tonnage from 6,000 to 12,000 tons-per-day; increasing the disposal footprint laterally by 143 acres; and increasing the maximum elevation by 143 feet. This would, according to the DEIR, extend the existing Landfill's life by an additional 21 to 38 years. Of significant additional importance to our industry is the proposed addition of an on-site household hazardous waste facility and an open mixed organics composting operation, and the possibility of a conversion technology facility.

To answer a pressing question: **Yes there is a need for the expansion of the existing Chiquita Canyon Landfill.**

While State, Municipal, and Industry efforts continue our march to a Zero Waste goal, some set the calendar as early as 2025, and we continue to remove material from the waste/disposal bin and add it to the recycling bin, we must not lose sight that our diversion goals will only be achieved over time, and landfilling does continue to represent a vital component of our waste programs now and in the future. With the closure of the Puente Hills Landfill in 2013, and the loss of that 12,500 t.p.d. capacity, the Los Angeles area took a significant hit whose ripple

effects continue to be felt.

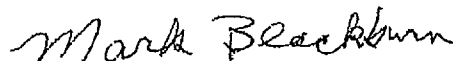
Insuring future landfill disposal capacity accrues many benefits. It keeps competition alive by guaranteeing that the few larger waste companies who own landfills will not achieve a monopoly in the industry – preserving competition that translates to lower trash bills for area residents and businesses; it **does not** slow down any of our waste diversion and recycling goals which are guided by a variety of mandates and regulations at both State and Local levels, requiring landfill diversion and increasing reporting requirements to insure these mandates are met. And I would say that added recycling services have become a competitive tool which companies utilize to attract customers. While there are many other reasons for expanding Chiquita Canyon Landfill, it is imperative that we are prepared for natural disasters and have the immediate ability to remove and dispose of large quantities of material in a very short amount of time.

Thank you for your time on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide additional information or help in any way.

Sincerely,



Ron Saldana, Executive Director



Mark Blackburn, LACDA President
Universal Waste Systems



Strengthening the Voice of Business

August 20, 2014

Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles CA 90012

Re: SUPPORT Chiquita Canyon Landfill Expansion - DEIR

Dear Ms. Chi:

On behalf of BizFed, the Los Angeles County Business Federation, a grassroots alliance of more than 120 major business organizations representing 268,000 businesses with 3 million employees throughout our region, we are writing in support of the proposed expansion of Chiquita Canyon Landfill. (DEIR - R2004-00559-5)

Chiquita Canyon Landfill has more than 40 years of clean and safe operations serving the Santa Clarita Valley. With our landfills stretched to capacity, the Chiquita Canyon Landfill should have the lateral expansion it seeks so it can continue to provide vitally needed service to our communities.

The landfill currently only utilizes one-third of their property and needs to expand to maximize the disposal capacity of an existing landfill location for the next two decades. If the landfill is not allowed to expand, it will instead close in 2019 - meaning increased costs for trash-hauling, increased truck traffic for hauling and increased potential adverse impact on our region's air quality.

The landfill is an environmentally sound operation that uses a state-of-the-art composite liner that holds waste safely in the landfill. There also are numerous monitoring wells to ensure safety of our groundwater. In addition, all naturally occurring methane gas generated by the landfill is used to power a 9.2 megawatt clean energy facility.

This safe, pragmatic expansion of a reliable landfill facility is a solid step forward for our future.

Please feel free to contact us if you should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Don St. Clair
BizFed Chair
Woodbury University

David Fleming
BizFed Founding Chair
Latham & Watkins LLP

Tracy Rafter
BizFed CEO
IMPOWER, Inc.



A coalition of community and business leaders focused on the health and vitality of California's transportation backbone
— Interstate 5 —

October 23, 2014

Ms. Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revisions Draft Environmental Impact Report

Dear Ms. Chi:

I am writing to express the Golden State Gateway Coalition's support for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill expansion, based on the data and conclusions presented and analyzed in the recently released Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

The Golden State Gateway Coalition is a non-profit organization focused on improving roadway transportation in north Los Angeles County, with emphasis on the Interstate 5 corridor. Transportation and waste management are linked infrastructure elements that, when functioning effectively and efficiently, contribute to our north county communities' quality of life.

The need for, and the benefits of expanding the landfill operations appear to be carefully considered and supported by the conclusion of the studies cited in the DEIR document. We have seen extensive community outreach and community input solicited by the operator leading to these conclusions. Where potential impacts have been identified, they have been diligently addressed through mitigation plans proposed by the landfill operator.

The DEIR, in its section on traffic and transportation, reflects minimal permanent impact on onsite and offsite traffic circulation and access: "The proposed project would not cause an increase in traffic that is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system; substantially increase hazards due to a design feature; result in inadequate emergency access or parking capacity; or conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs supporting alternative transportation."

In closing, I would note that the Chiquita Canyon Landfill has been a consistently responsible neighbor, operating in this community since 1972, serving the city of Santa Clarita and neighboring communities. Based on historical performance, and their open communications regarding the proposed expansion, we would expect the operators to continue to meet, and be responsive to, the needs of the communities and customers they serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victor Lindenheim", written over a horizontal line.

Victor Lindenheim
Executive Director

C: T. DiPrima

Ronald Mechsner

E-Mail: rmechsner@rjmtechnology.com

September 5, 2014

Ms. Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Chiquita Canyon DIER

Dear Ms. Chi:

On August 6, 2014, the West Ranch Town Council, in a unanimous vote, voted to support the Chiquita Canyon DEIR Master Plan Revision, which includes the plan for the expansion of the Chiquita Canyon landfill serving the Santa Clarita Valley.

The Council believes that the DEIR addresses community concerns and that the expansion of Chiquita Canyon is in the best interest of the unincorporated Los Angeles communities (Sunset Pointe, Southern Oaks, Stevenson Ranch, and Westridge) represented by the West Ranch Town Council.

Please feel free to forward this letter of support to the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Board.

Sincerely,

Ronald Mechsner
President, West Ranch Town Council

Cc: Rosalind Wayman

From: Dave Bossert <westranchbeacon@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 8:35 AM
To: ichi@planning.lacounty.gov
Cc: westranchbeacon
Subject: Subject: Chiquita Canyon DEIR Comments

Dear Ms. Chi:

I am writing to express my utmost personal support for Chiquita Canyon Landfill's DEIR for the Master Plan Revision. This is an excellent and thoughtful plan for the landfill.

As a thirty year resident, I recognize that Chiquita Canyon has been serving the region continuously for more than four decades, and plays an important role in the solid waste management of the Santa Clarita Valley and Los Angeles County. This is especially important given the findings by LA County Public Works that point to a potential disposal capacity shortfall beginning this year if there is no expansion of existing landfills, no new landfills, and no additional capacity from alternative technologies.

In looking at the DEIR, it is clear that Chiquita Canyon has carefully considered the potential environmental, noise, traffic, and cultural impacts of daily operation, as well as the resulting byproducts of the construction and expansion process. Through monitoring and mitigation, the landfill will be able to address needs and issues as they develop – something I feel is vital to protecting the long-term interests of the region and ensuring the ongoing support of area residents.

Over the years, Chiquita Canyon has been an important member and supporter of the community. This is reflected via the site's Clean Energy Facility, environmental protection systems, and responsible handling of incoming solid waste. Representatives from the company have also been involved with key local organizations and events, which has demonstrated a true commitment to the community and the people that live and work here. The landfill management has been fully engaged in the Santa Clarita Valley community.

I know the company and its representatives have practiced due diligence regarding key current and future issues, and have measures in place to address key concerns throughout construction and daily operation.

I look forward to a continued partnership with Chiquita Canyon and to help protect the solid waste needs of the Santa Clarita Valley and the LA region for years to come. As a result, I am pleased to fully support the findings of the DEIR and the Master Plan Revision.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional comments.

Sincerely,

David Bossert
Resident & Community Volunteer of the Santa Clarita Valley

September 3, 2014

Ms. Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Chi:

I'm writing on behalf of the Castaic Area Chamber of Commerce in support of the information in the recently-released DEIR regarding revisions to the Chiquita Canyon Master Plan. The Chamber reflects the creativity and diversity of the greater Castaic region, and is focused on taking action and making decisions that affect the business community. To that end, we recognize the important role that Chiquita Canyon plays in the Santa Clarita Valley and the region as a whole.

The responsible management of solid waste is key to our growing region, and the expansion and increased disposal rate being proposed for Chiquita Canyon will address this issue for several decades. The DEIR document also highlights the fact that this expansion is designed to not cause significant impacts to the region from an environmental or visual standpoint, protecting the overall integrity of the area.

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We are pleased to recognize Chiquita Canyon as local business that contributes to the economy and plays an active role by supporting local groups, organizations, and events. We support the expansion of the landfill and revisions to the Master Plan – all of which will continue the region's ongoing partnership with the company and protect our solid waste needs now and in the future.

Best regards,


Renee Sabol

President

Castaic Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich



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August 26, 2014

Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Chi:

The Valley Industry Association of Santa Clarita, a business organization of approximately 250 companies, would like to express our support of the findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for Master Plan Revisions to Chiquita Canyon. As an organization, we believe these proposed revisions are important to the landfill's continued service to the region, handling the solid waste needs of area businesses and families.

The Valley Industry Association was founded to promote and protect business interests throughout the Santa Clarita Valley. We recognize and support the role Chiquita Canyon plays as a significant business in the area, and the services it provides to the region as a whole.

The proposed revisions will increase the overall capacity of the landfill and allow it to better address solid waste needs in the years to come. The DEIR outlines how those revisions are being handled in a responsible manner and how Chiquita Canyon has worked hard to ensure they have little to no impact on the surrounding environment and community. In addition, we feel the development of a future green waste processing/composting facility and household hazardous waste facility will offer additional resources, while providing additional jobs and economic benefits to the Valley.

Chiquita Canyon has been handling the solid waste needs of our local residents and businesses for more than 40 years, and we believe the revisions proposed in the DEIR are necessary and are being handled in a safe and responsible manner.

Sincerely,

Kathy Morris
CEO/President
Valley Industry Association
of Santa Clarita

Cc: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich



CONNECT WITH US

From: Marty Kreisler <mkreisler@ca.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 12:46 PM
To: ichi@planning.lacounty.gov
Subject: Personal support for Chiquita Canyon Landfill

October 23, 2014

Dear Ms. Chi:

I am writing to join many other organizations and individuals in my personal support for Chiquita Canyon Landfill's DEIR for the Master Plan Revision.

As a resident of Castaic, I recognize that Chiquita Canyon has been serving the region continuously for more than four decades, and plays an important role in the solid waste management of the Santa Clarita Valley and Los Angeles County. In looking at the DEIR, it is clear that Chiquita Canyon is carefully considering the potential environmental, noise, traffic, and cultural impacts of daily operation, as well as the resulting byproducts of the construction and expansion process. Through monitoring and mitigation, the landfill will be able to address needs and issues as they develop. I recognize the fact that this is vital to protecting the long-term interests of the region and ensuring the ongoing support of area residents. Right now most of us don't even know or think about our Chiquita Canyon neighbor. I was able to take a tour recently and see myself how they have been successful in mitigating any noise, dust or odor.

Over the years, Chiquita Canyon has been an important member and supporter of the community. This is reflected via the site's Clean Energy Facility, environmental protection systems, and responsible handling of incoming solid waste. Representatives from the company have also been involved with key local organizations and events. I can personally attest to that, and appreciate very much their positive involvement in seeing us have a better community.

I look forward to our Castaic community having Chiquita Canyon Landfill as our neighbor and trust that their plans will help protect the solid waste needs of the Santa Clarita Valley and the LA region for years to come. As a result, I am pleased to support the findings of the DEIR and the Master Plan Revision.

Sincerely,

Martin Kreisler

Castaic Resident serving on the Castaic Area Town Council (Region 1)

From: Vanessa Brookman [mailto:VBrookman@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 12:08 PM
To: ichi@planning.lacounty.gov
Subject: Chiquita Canyon DEIR - Comments (Support)

Dear Ms. Chi:

I am writing to express my personal support for Chiquita Canyon Landfill's DEIR for the Master Plan Revision. I have a unique and educated perspective having sat on the Val Verde Community Advisory Committee for the past five years, both as Corporate Secretary and President, as well as being a long time resident of Val Verde. Chiquita Canyon has been serving the region continuously for more than four decades, and has room to expand its operating footprint, so to ask them to relocate a perfectly fine operation of this magnitude is unreasonable and more over, unnecessary.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill plays an important and necessary role in Santa Clarita Valley and Los Angeles County. Locals here who cry that "*our local landfill should only take in local trash*" are uneducated, unreasonable and should just be discounted. Granting the new CUP is especially important given the findings by L.A. County Public Works that point to a potential disposal capacity shortfall beginning this year if there is no expansion of existing landfills, no new landfills, and no additional capacity from alternative technologies.

Of course no one *wants* a Landfill in their backyard, but one is here, and has been here for a long, long time. I know for a fact this facility is run in the best way possible, it is clean, it is efficient and it is as safe as can be. I have studied the governmental reports that are provided monthly, quarterly and bi-annually and have zero concerns over the operations.

In looking at the DEIR, it is clear that Chiquita Canyon has carefully considered the potential environmental, noise, traffic, and cultural impacts of daily operation, as well as the resulting byproducts of the construction and expansion process. Through constant monitoring and necessary mitigations, the landfill will be able to address needs and issues as they develop – something I feel is vital to protecting the long-term interests of the region and ensuring the ongoing support of area residents.

Over the years, Chiquita Canyon has been an important member and supporter of the community. This is reflected via the site's Clean Energy Facility, environmental protection systems, and responsible handling of incoming solid waste. Representatives from the company have also been involved with key local organizations and events, *SOME OF WHICH* might never have happened without their support. For this and many other reasons I feel CCL has demonstrated a true commitment to the community and the people that live and work here.

I know the company and its representatives have practiced due diligence regarding key current and future issues, and have measures in place to address key concerns throughout construction and daily operation.

I look forward to a continued partnership with Chiquita Canyon and to help protect the solid waste needs of the Santa Clarita Valley and the LA region for years to come. As a result, I am pleased to support the findings of the DEIR and the Master Plan Revision.

Sincerely,

Vanessa D. Brookman

Val Verde, CA Resident (July 2005 – September 2014)

Past President – Val Verde Community Advisory Committee (January 2010- September 2014)

Past Vice President – Castaic Town Council Member (January 2007 – December 2011)

Past Board Member – Val Verde Community Benefits Funding Committee (December 2007- April 2009)

From: Rachelle Dardeau <rdardeau@scv-seniorcenter.org>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 11:08 AM
To: ichi@planning.lacounty.gov
Subject: Chiquita Canyon DEIR Comments

Dear Ms. Chi:

I am writing to express my personal support for Chiquita Canyon Landfill's DEIR for the Master Plan Revision.

As a local resident, I recognize that Chiquita Canyon has been serving the region continuously for more than four decades, and plays an important role in the solid waste management of the Santa Clarita Valley and Los Angeles County. This is especially important given the findings by LA County Public Works that point to a potential disposal capacity shortfall beginning this year if there is no expansion of existing landfills, no new landfills, and no additional capacity from alternative technologies.

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I know the company and its representatives have practiced due diligence regarding key current and future issues, and have measures in place to address key concerns throughout construction and daily operation.

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Sincerely,

Rachelle Dardeau

Rachelle Dardeau, MS, MSW
Executive Director
Santa Clarita Valley Committee on Aging

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From: setarehsbooked@gmail.com on behalf of Sitara <ourvalleysantaclarita@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 11:44 AM
To: ichi@planning.lacounty.gov
Subject: Chiquita Canyon DEIR Comments

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Sincerely,
Setareh Khatibi

Iris Chi

From: Randal G. Winter [rg@rgwinter.com]
Sent: Saturday, October 25, 2014 7:57 AM
To: Iris Chi
Subject: Support for DEIR Chiquita Canyon Landfill Expansion

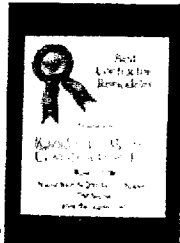
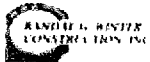
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Mr. Chi,

I am in support of the DEIR for Chiquita Canyon.
The landfill has been doing a good job at keeping the place clean and safe.
We need a place to take our trash and the Chiquita Landfill makes the most since.

Randal Winter

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Sent: Friday, October 24, 2014 7:32 AM
To: Iris Chi
Subject: Chiquita Canyon Master Plan Revision

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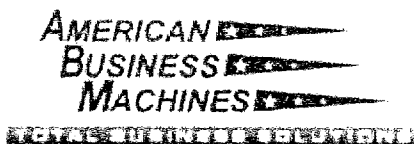
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From: Gloria Mercado-Fortine <gmercado@earthlink.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 10:09 AM
To: ichi@planning.lacounty.gov
Subject: Chiquita Canyon DEIR Comments

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Sincerely,

Gloria Mercado-Fortine

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Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 11:56 AM
To: ichi@planning.lacounty.gov
Subject: Chiquita Canyon DEIR Comments

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From: Fred Arnold <fred.arnold@affloans.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 9:36 AM
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Sincerely,

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From: Barbara Myler <Barbara@SummitWestPR.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 11:05 AM

Dear Ms. Chi:

I am writing to express my personal support for Chiquita Canyon Landfill's DEIR for the Master Plan Revision.

As a local resident of 35 years, I recognize that Chiquita Canyon has been serving the region continuously for more than four decades, and plays an important role in the solid waste management of the Santa Clarita Valley and Los Angeles County. This is especially important given the findings by LA County Public Works that point to a potential disposal capacity shortfall beginning this year if there is no expansion of existing landfills, no new landfills, and no additional capacity from alternative technologies.

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I personally served for 20+ years coordinating the City of Santa Clarita's "Pride Week" Community Clean-up. A small committee, including representatives of Chiquita Canyon Landfill, came together every year to plan this annual event to help the community dispose of large volumes of waste that couldn't be disposed of at the resident's weekly curbside trash service. With the Chiquita's generous contribution and cooperation, we were able to facilitate a massive effort to keep our community, riverbeds, empty lots and homeowner's private property clean. Most individuals were never aware of Chiquita's significant and vital effort, going above and beyond the call of duty, that made this event possible every year. As a result of their support and real effort for this project and many, many others, Chiquita has been instrumental in helping maintain the quality of life in the Santa Clarita Valley. I have no doubt that they will continue their efforts to work with the community throughout the process of this Master Plan Revision.

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Sincerely,

Barbara

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From: Maria Gutzeit <mgutzeit@compliance-plus.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 3:45 PM
To: ichi@planning.lacounty.gov
Subject: Support for Chiquita Canyon Expansion Project EIR

Hello Ms. Chi:

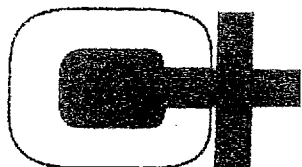
As a Santa Clarita resident and also as an engineer working in the field of environmental compliance for industry, I would like to express support for the Chiquita Canyon landfill project.

I have worked in the solid waste industry for many years and know this is a much needed service for our community. Though I fully support landfill alternatives which are continually being explored, at the present time we simply cannot recycle 100% of our waste stream. We need disposal options that minimize costs to residents and limit the use of long-distance diesel-emission-producing truck traffic. I also know many neighboring counties limit out-of-area waste, and LA County has limited disposal options.

As a site landfill engineer early in my career, I am aware there are ongoing monitoring requirements for air and groundwater protection. SCAQMD, RWQCB and others require extensive reporting and corrective actions if any negative issues occur at solid waste landfills, and I trust they will be asked to do their best to ensure the proper operation of the landfill so that no offsite adverse effects occur. Since the landfill is pre-existing, and serves as a current source of gas-to-energy, resources and incentive exists to monitor and correct any issues that may arise in the future, either from the current fill or future fill. I would also expect that new areas will be designed with state of the art practices, since regulations are continually evolving for environmental protection. I am, in generality, aware of residential concerns about odors and offsite impacts, though I have not worked with or looked at any of the monitoring reports for the site. I believe, based on industry experience, that any offsite impacts, if they occur, can be fixed by adjusting the gas collection or groundwater well networks. I sincerely hope that residential concerns, if they occur, will always be addressed promptly and thoroughly because of professional management and agency oversight.

While the solid waste industry and regulators work hard to develop and permit alternatives to landfills we need to handle the waste generated in our region the best way possible, with the lowest net environmental impact. I believe at this time waste disposal is best done at existing facilities, using routes that minimize truck traffic and associated diesel pollution.

Thank you for your work on this project.



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From: lq0772gm Santa Clarita - Valencia, CA
Sent: Thursday, October 23, 2014 11:20 AM
To: 'lchi@planning.lacounty.gov'
Subject: Chiquita Canyon DEIR Support Letter

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Sincerely,

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August X, 2014

Ms. Iris Chi
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
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Dear Ms. Chi:

As the Assembly representative for the Santa Clarita Valley region, I'm pleased to write you to express my support of Chiquita Canyon Landfill and its Master Plan Revisions detailed in the recently-released DEIR.

Solid waste management and disposal is key to the success of any region, and Chiquita Canyon has provided this valuable service to the people of the Los Angeles area for more than 40 years. The proposed Master Plan Revisions will play a significant role in ensuring that the company is able to effectively handle our solid waste for decades to come. LA County Public Works released findings that demonstrated the importance of this; there could be a potential shortfall beginning this year if there is no expansion of existing landfills, no new landfills, and no additional capacity from alternative technologies.

In reviewing the DEIR, it is evident that Chiquita Canyon took several factors into consideration when determining the best and most viable methods of expansion. While the proposed changes include an increased disposal rate and volume, footprint extension, and increased elevation, the expanded landfill will not negatively impact the visual integrity of the area. In addition, Chiquita has practiced due diligence in addressing potential environmental, noise, traffic, and cultural impacts of the expansion and ongoing operation.

The company is already recognized for its Clean-Energy Facility, which converts methane into clean energy that powers approximately 7,000 homes per year. The addition of a proposed Household Hazardous Waste Facility, Mixed Organics Composting Facility, and potential Conversion Technology Facility, will further address waste needs while protecting the surrounding environment.

I want to personally recognize the ongoing efforts of Chiquita Canyon Landfill to manage and process the solid waste needs of the region in a responsible manner. I believe the proposed changes to the Master Plan will help the company effectively address the community's changing and growing needs.

Sincerely,

Scott Wilk
California State Assembly, 38th District

Cc: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich

February 06, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Dae:

As a long-time resident of the Santa Clarita Valley, I am in full support for Chiquita Canyon's Master Plan Revision. The need for, and the benefits of expanding the landfill are carefully considered and supported by the conclusion of the studies cited in the Partial Recirculated Draft EIR. We need to be able to handle the waste generated by us in the best way possible, and with the lowest impact to the environment, to our health, and to safety.

Chiquita Canyon has always been able to address the needs and issues that are developed, and this is something vital to protect the long-term interests of our community and to ensure the ongoing support of residents in our area. During day-to-day operations, most of us don't even know or think about our Chiquita Canyon neighbor. This all stems from their best management practice skills and their success in mitigating any noise, dust, or odor.

At the December's Hearing Examiners meeting, I submitted to the County an Air Sampling Report that was conducted in July 2015 by the Val Verde Community Advisory Committee (VVCAC). The VVCAC had hired an environmental consultant to conduct air sampling to determine the air quality in Val Verde as it relates to the landfill for which residents are most concerned. The report came back showing the air in Val Verde was clean and the VVCAC deliberately failed to publicly release this information to its residents.

Chiquita has been a significant member and supporter of the community. They have taken the extra step to be involved and demonstrate their ongoing commitment to helping our Valley have a bright, vibrant, and healthy future. Representatives from the company have been involved with organizations and events, some of which might have never happened without their support.

For this and many other reasons, I feel that Chiquita Canyon has demonstrated a true commitment to the community and the people that live and work here. Again, I am pleased to support the expansion project for Chiquita Canyon.

Sincerely,



Andre Hollings

cc: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, 1st District
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas, 2nd District
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, 3rd District
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Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District

Barbara Myler
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February 08, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Re: Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision

Dear Mr. Dae:

I'm writing to you not only as a long-time resident of Santa Clarita, but as a cancer survivor. I fought against cancer and won. Thankfully I'm still here today to fight for Chiquita Canyon. I've heard a lot of hurtful allegations and misleading information from opponents of Chiquita Canyon related to cancer claims.

They are taking advantage of a life-threatening disease and using it for their own personal vendettas against the landfill. I am personally heartbroken that people would use a disease I fought to survive as a means to scare others.

I've been to Chiquita Canyon Landfill and I know the operators. I've worked with them, as a generous community partner for close to 30 years, helping to keep our community clean.

As a cancer survivor, I support Chiquita Canyon. As a cancer survivor, I can tell people that there is nothing to be scared about the trash from our homes going to a landfill to be buried. As a cancer survivor, I can tell you landfill opponents have stooped to a new low and have shown a total lack of integrity. As a cancer survivor, I implore you to demonstrate to the public that Chiquita Canyon is below the safety thresholds set by the AQMD for the public's health. As a cancer survivor, I ask you to approve the landfill's expansion.

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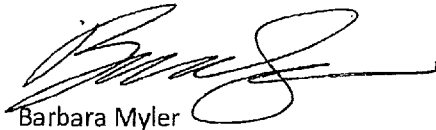
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Our trash has to go somewhere and Chiquita Canyon is a Gold Star landfill with an impressive reputation. That is why I support and am asking for your support for the Master Plan Revision and expansion of Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Myler', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Barbara Myler
President/CEO

cc: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, 1st District
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February 13, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
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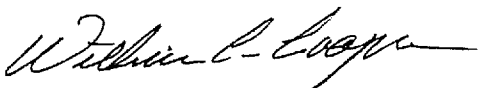
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I am pleased to support the full expansion project for Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

Sincerely,



Bill Cooper

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February 12, 2017

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County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
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Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL – SUPPORT FOR FULL EXPANSION

Dear Mr. Dae:

As the owner of the local radio station in Santa Clarita, KHTS AM-1220 for the past twenty-seven years and the most read news website, www.hometownstation.com, my wife and I would like to express our support for the expansion of Chiquita Canyon Landfill.

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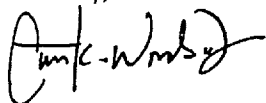
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WEST RANCH TOWN COUNCIL

February 06, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
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Dear Mr. Dae:

I'm writing on behalf of the West Ranch Town Council, and a 30-year local resident, in support of the Chiquita Canyon Expansion. Chiquita Canyon has built a reputation for handling the area's solid waste needs in an environmentally conscientious manner, monitoring environmental and related impacts to ensure the Valley's natural resources are protected.

I believe that there is one thing that we can all agree on. Our trash needs to go somewhere, and if people don't want the landfill then people need to stop creating trash. They have been providing an important service to the homes and businesses in the Valley and this expansion will ensure that the landfill can continue to responsibly meet solid waste needs.

The Council believes that the Partial Recirculated Draft EIR addresses community concerns and that the expansion of Chiquita Canyon is in the best interest of the unincorporated Los Angeles communities (Sunset Pointe, Southern Oaks, Stevenson Ranch, and Westridge) represented by the West Ranch Town Council.

In looking at the Partial Recirculated Draft EIR, it is clear that Chiquita Canyon is carefully considering the potential environmental, noise, traffic, and cultural impacts of daily operation, as well as the resulting byproducts of the construction and expansion process. Through monitoring and mitigation, Chiquita Canyon will be able to address needs and issues as they develop – something we feel is vital to protecting the long-term interests of the region and ensuring the ongoing support of area residents.

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Sincerely,

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Dave Bossert
President, West Ranch Town Council

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Sincerely,

David Z. Menchaca

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President, SCV Boys & Girls Club

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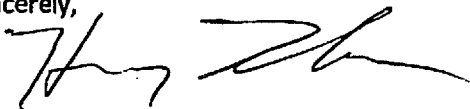
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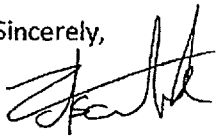
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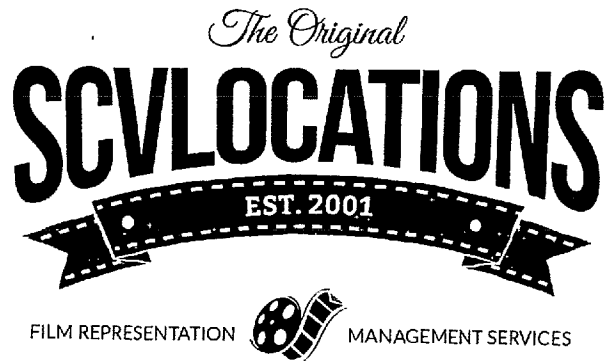
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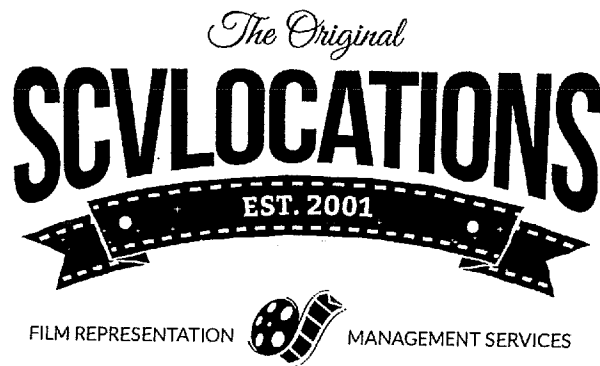
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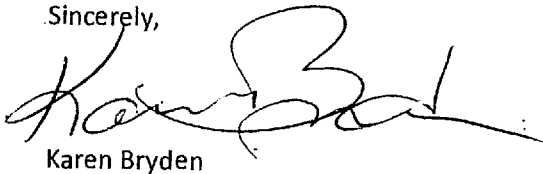
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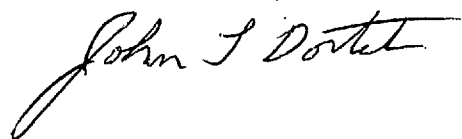
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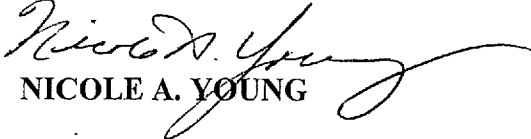
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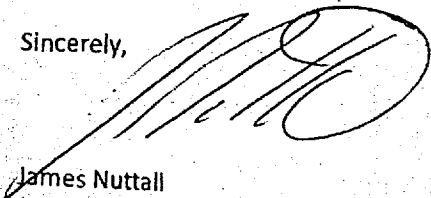
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James Nuttall

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February 13, 2017

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County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Troy Hooper

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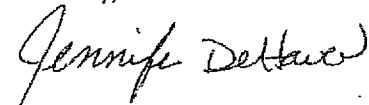
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Jennifer DeHaven

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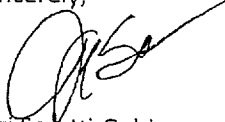
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Jeri Seratti-Goldman

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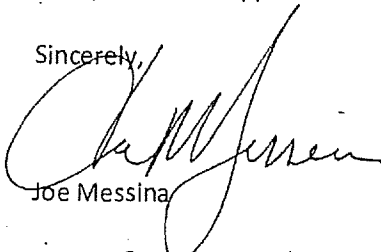
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As a leader in the community and advocate for our youth, I see a great opportunity to teach them on the many ways to handle our waste and also see opportunities to expose them to new career opportunities in the ever evolving industry geared at protecting our environment.

Chiquita has always been a good neighbor, community member and supporter in our community for decades. Many residents don't notice their operations because of the good job they are doing. They do a great job at being invisible to our community, their positive impact on our community doesn't go without notice. Chiquita provides environmental education and support for our seniors. I am very impressed with the level of attention Chiquita gives to their operations and keeping the community informed and safe.

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Sincerely,



Joe Messina

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John Musella

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February 7, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
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Re: Chiquita Canyon Landfill

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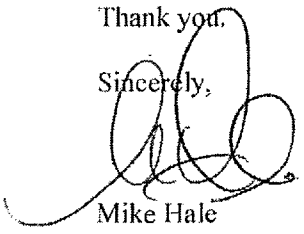
The purpose of this letter is to communicate Anterra's support of Chiquita Canyon Landfill and the proposed Master Plan Revision.

The continued operation of Chiquita Canyon Landfill is an integral part of the operations of Anterra. Anterra is the only-commercial Class II non-hazardous injection disposal facility in Ventura County. Treated and filtered produced water is injected into our wells while the solids resulting from oil production are treated separately. Those non-hazardous solids are treated as necessary and mixed with clean soil and sawdust to a consistency acceptable to Chiquita Canyon. The accepted solids are then beneficially reused as Alternative Daily Cover. Solids management is also performed at various lease sites and direct hauled to the landfill. We take our own profiles prior to transporting to the landfill that meet landfill standards.

Our company relies greatly on Chiquita's facility to service our customers and the industry as a whole. The plan proposed will afford Chiquita the opportunity to continue to meet the solid waste needs of Anterra and the community. Anterra greatly appreciates the services provided by Chiquita and supports the revision of the Master Plan to help it to continue to do so. We look forward to a successful and continued relationship with Chiquita Canyon Landfill in the future.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Mike Hale
Vice President
Anterra Energy Services, Inc.

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February 9, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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Dear Mr. Dae:

Athens Services is a local family owned company that has been in business nearly 60 years. Athens provides MSW hauling and recycling processing to more than 30 communities in Los Angeles County with 24 exclusive franchise agreements - making Athens Services the largest hauler in Los Angeles County. We fully support Chiquita Canyon LF and its proposed Master Plan Revision.

While Athens is a landfill avoidance company, there will always be residual waste and the need for responsible landfills equipped with all of the environmental controls necessary for environmental protection. The continued operation of Chiquita Canyon is vital to having responsible regional landfills in Los Angeles County. Chiquita Canyon offers our company the ability to continue to provide service throughout the entire County while minimizing travel time to more remote landfills.

Our Company operates Material Recovery facilities in Los Angeles County and is well aware of the importance of being a good neighbor. Chiquita Canyon has been providing an important service to the homes and businesses in the Santa Clarita Valley and the Los Angeles region for more than four decades. The proposed plans will go far toward ensuring that the landfill can continue to responsibly meet the solid waste needs of the region for another 20-40 years and continue to serve the needs of residents and businesses throughout the area.

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Sincerely,

Greg Loughnane
President, Athens Services

cc: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, 1st District
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Haul-Away Rubbish Service Co., Inc.

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February 9, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
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320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Dae:

As the owner of a small business, Haul-Away Rubbish Service Co., I'm writing you to voice my support of Chiquita Canyon and its proposed Master Plan Revision. The continued operation of Chiquita Canyon is vital to the business operations of my company.

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Morrie Beliakoff
President

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February 9, 2017



Direct Disposal

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Dae:

As the owner of a small business, Direct Disposal, I am writing you to voice my support of Chiquita Canyon and its proposed Master Plan Revision. The continued operation of Chiquita Canyon is vital to the business operations of my company.

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Dan Agajanian
President

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DISPOSAL ASSOCIATION

February 9, 2017

Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning
Commissioner Doug Smith, Chair
Commissioner David W. Louie, Vice Chair
Commissioner Laura Shell
Commissioner Pat Modugno
Commission Secretary: Ms. Rosie O. Ruiz
320 West Temple Street, Room 1350
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Regional Planning Commissioners:

**Support Letter for the Partially Recirculated Draft
Environmental Impact Report for Chiquita Canyon Landfill
Expansion Project.**

The Los Angeles County Disposal Association (LACDA), representing waste recyclers, collectors, and associated companies throughout Southern California strongly supports the DEIR for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Master Plan Revision, Project No. R2004-00559-(5), as it was released to the public in November, 2016.

LACDA industry members are dedicated to meeting California recycling and waste diversion mandates and committing dollar resources to develop and construct new recycling facilities and technological systems to continue to increase our waste diversion from landfills. One example is the development of anaerobic digesters and compost facilities to divert organic food waste from landfills, resulting in greatly reduced odor issues and methane production.

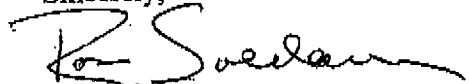
Despite our increasing recycling efforts and State recycling/diversion mandates, landfills remain a vital component of our waste disposal system. California disposed of 33.2 million tons of material in 2015, compared to 31.2 million tons in 2014, from residential, business, and industry sectors. This averages to 4.7 pounds per person per day, compared to 4.5 pounds per person in 2014. While we wait for 2016 numbers, it is apparent that a resurgent booming economy along with soft recycling markets attribute to some of the increases. Manufacturers continue to decrease the recycling content of many types of products, from aluminum cans to glass.

With the closure of the Puente Hills Landfill in 2012, one of our nation's largest, and the realization that no new landfill will ever be permitted in Los Angeles County, extending the life of our remaining landfills becomes a necessity. Of the six remaining Class III landfills in operation in the County, only Chiquita Canyon Landfill and Sunshine Canyon Landfill have significant permitted capacity.

By increasing the permitted daily disposal tonnage from 6,000 to 12,000 tons per day and the footprint by 143 acres, this would extend the existing Landfill's life by 20-40 years. The landfill is a vital disposal destination for waste collectors throughout the Santa Clarita Valley and the Los Angeles region. Reducing travel time to the disposal site reduces travel costs and provides economic benefits to our industry members which are passed on to local residents and businesses. And, less truck miles equates to improved environmental factors. There is a high probability that several of our smaller waste handlers will be put out of business without Chiquita Canyon Landfill, and damaging ripple effects could be expected, such as an increase in illegal dumping, etc..

We strongly encourage you to approve the Landfill Master Plan in the vital interests of our area communities and the businesses that serve the residents and commercial sectors. If myself or our industry association can be of assistance in this regard please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Ron Saldana

Executive Director, Los Angeles County Disposal Association

Cc: Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, 1st District
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February 10, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUPPORT LETTER FOR CHIQUITA CANYON MASTER PLAN REVISION

Dear Mr. Dae:

I am writing this letter to voice my strong support for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Proposed Master Plan Revision. My company, Pacific Rim Communications, formed in 1991, represents members of the solid waste recycling and collecting industry.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill represents a key component of our industry's ability to dispose of residential and commercial solid waste after recycled materials have been removed. While industry continues to invest \$millions in new recycling technologies and facilities, our dependence on landfills for the final disposal of "end" waste is as critical as it has ever been.

While I could give you a long list of why the extension of Chiquita Landfill is so important to our L.A. County disposal system, the short list includes a central location which shortens truck highway miles and pollution; rate stability which is passed on to area residents and businesses; local contractors and builders who utilize the facility; and an opportunity and location to develop new technology such as anaerobic digestion which will continue to reduce our landfill dependence. While we recognize new home development in the area, the good news is that as food waste/organics are removed from the waste stream per State

mandate, and state-of-the-art methane extraction systems are employed, odor issues are being addressed and eliminated.

Chiquita Landfill represents a critical component of our waste collection, recycling and disposal system. Without the landfill this system will be crippled with negative consequences throughout the region, for industry, for residents, and for businesses.

Please feel free to call on me at any time if I can be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Saldana".

Ron Saldana
President



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February 6, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Dae:

As the owner of a small business, I'm writing you to voice my support of Chiquita Canyon and its proposed Master Plan Revision. The continued operation of Chiquita Canyon is vital to the business operations of my company.

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Sincerely,

Shannon Griego
President
Global Transloading, LLC

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January 03, 2017

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My company has been in business for more than 38 years, offering bin rental and waste removal services. Chiquita Canyon offers my company the ability to serve the needs of our local community and operates in the best interest of small businesses – other landfills owned and operated by big business don't generally offer small, family-owned businesses the same opportunities to utilize their facilities at competitive rates.

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Darrin Randall
Rent-A-Bin

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January 30, 2017

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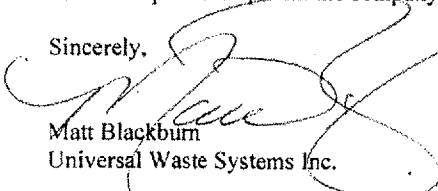
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January 30, 2017

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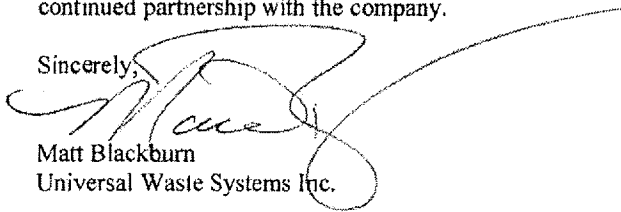
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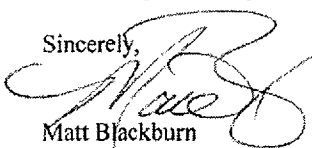
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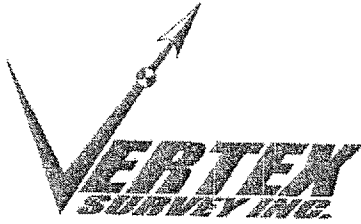
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February 10, 2017

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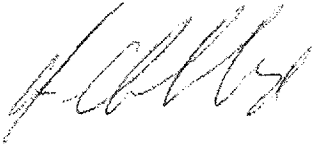
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Habib Chababi
Vertex Survey, Inc.

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February 13, 2017

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Sincerely,

Mike Correll
Sales Rep – 310 343 8353
Cutting Edge Supply

cc: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District

January 13, 2017

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Owner
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cc: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District

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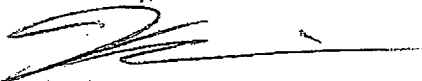
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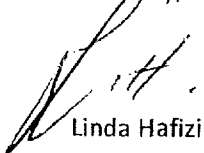
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February 06, 2017



SANTA CLARITA VALLEY Chamber of Commerce

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Lois Bauccio

President & CEO, SCV Chamber of Commerce

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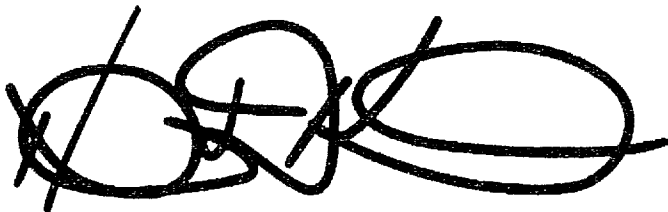
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Kevin D. Korenthal

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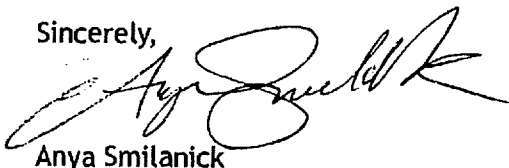
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Anya Smilanick

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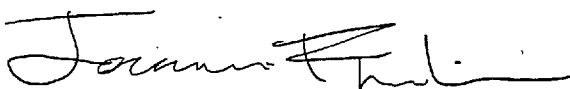
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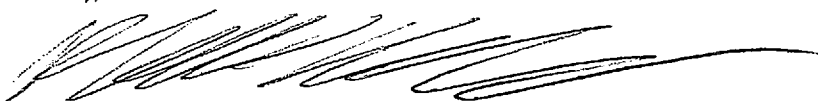
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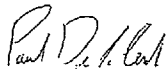
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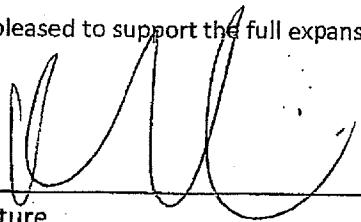
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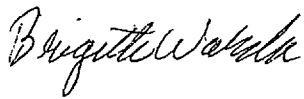
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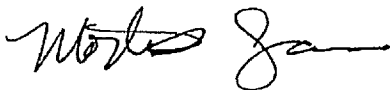
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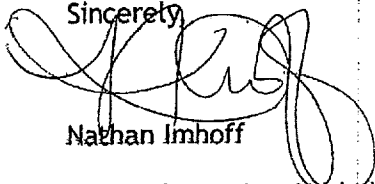
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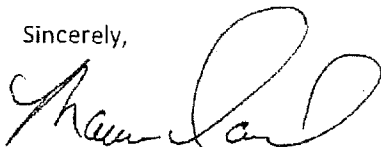
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January 8, 2017

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Re: Chiquita Canyon Landfill – Master Plan Revisions

Dear Mr. Dae:

I'm writing on behalf of Miles Chemical Company, Inc. to voice our company's support of Chiquita Canyon Landfill's Master Plan Revisions, outlined in the Partial Recirculated DEIR. As a Vendor, we have worked closely with Chiquita Canyon over the years, providing daily services to the landfill. In our experience, Chiquita Canyon has operated in a responsible manner, and the company has demonstrated that it is committed to safely managing the solid waste disposal needs of the region.

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In our experience, the company has been a responsible member of the business community and the larger community. We feel the Master Plan Revision as proposed will help Chiquita Canyon by increasing tonnage and capacity without visually impacting the neighboring area. In addition, there will be additional safety features for vehicles entering and exiting the site.

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Again, Miles Chemical Company, Inc. believes that Chiquita Canyon is a key resource in the region and plays an important role in its overall success. The Master Plan Revision as outlined in the Partial Recirculated DEIR, will better equip the landfill to continue that role as our regional needs increase and evolve.

Sincerely,



Anthony Miles
President

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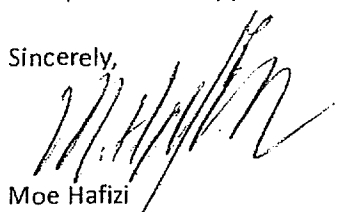
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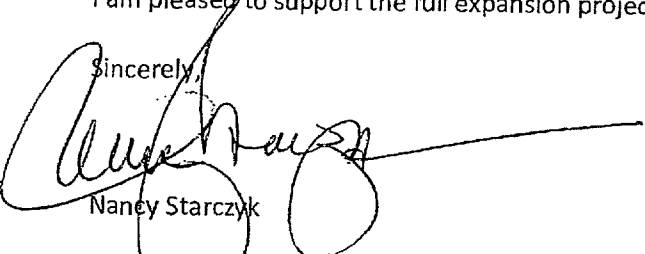
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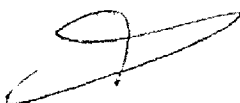
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PJR/DM

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RE: VAL VERDE SUPPORTS CHIQUITA CANYON

Dear Mr. Dae:

I am the past president of the Val Verde Community Advisory Committee (VVCAC) which is the official liaison group between the residents of Val Verde and the landfill.

During my time as a member of the VVCAC and while as president I was intimately involved with the operations of Chiquita Canyon. I can say, without a doubt, they run a great operation and should be commended.

A small group of opponents in Val Verde have used the expansion process to completely blow things out of proportion and blatantly lie about supposed health effects, odors and noise. Val Verde is a small, quiet, working-class community and this group of mostly Anglo opponents have bullied their way around town scaring people into thinking the worst about the landfill.

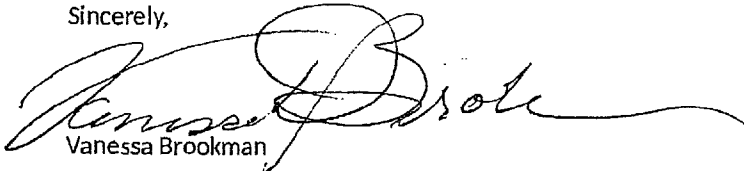
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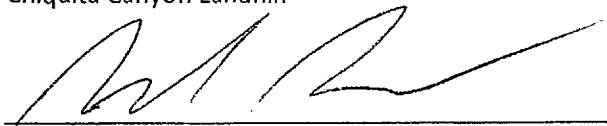
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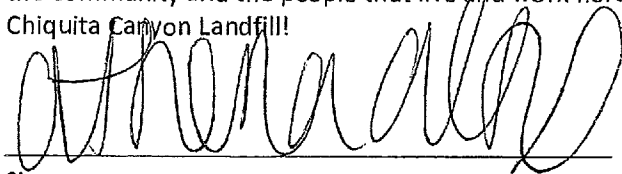
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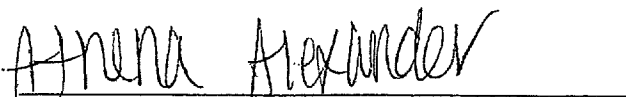
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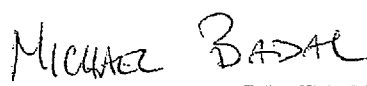
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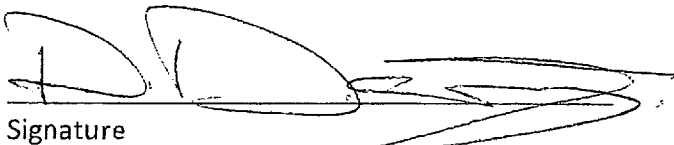
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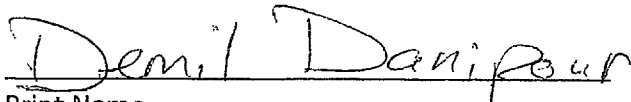
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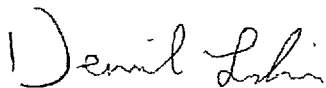
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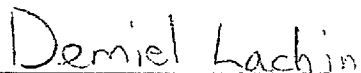
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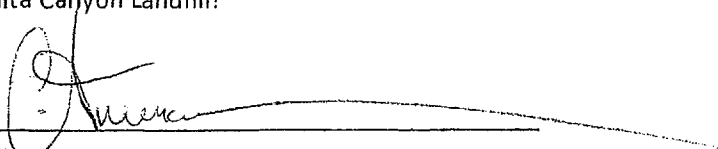
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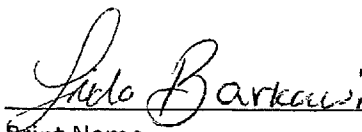
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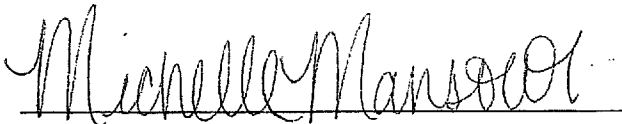
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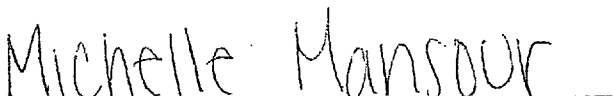
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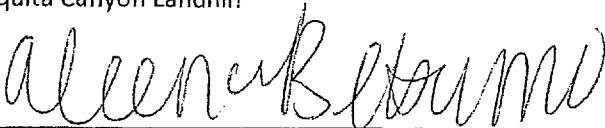
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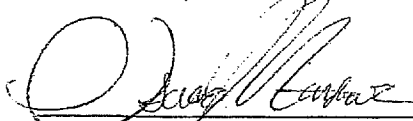
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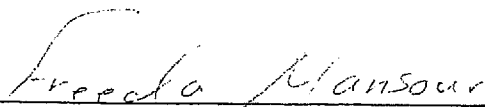
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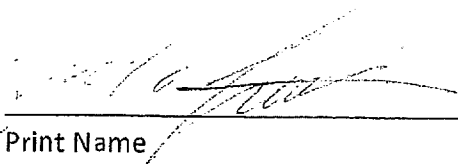
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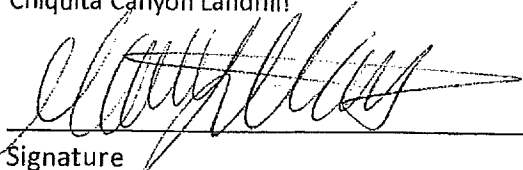
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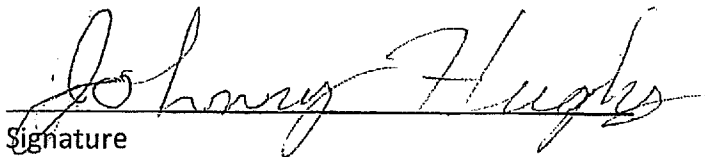
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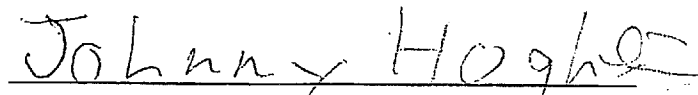
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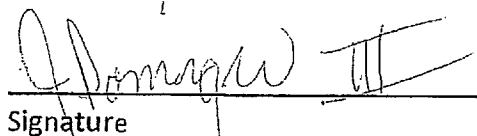
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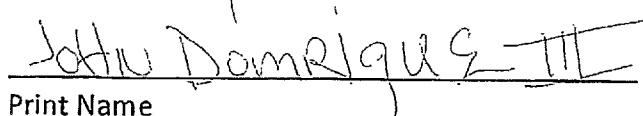
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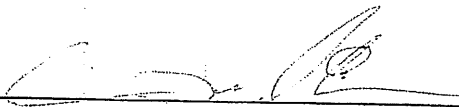
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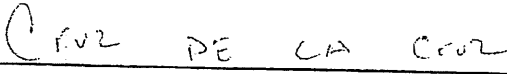
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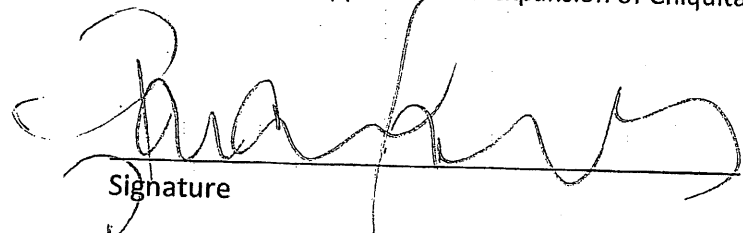
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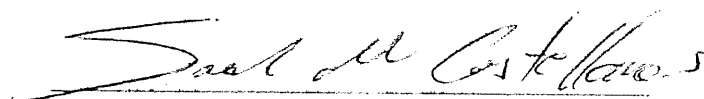
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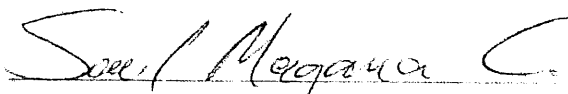
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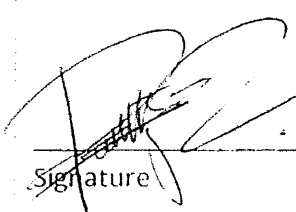
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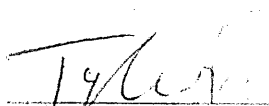
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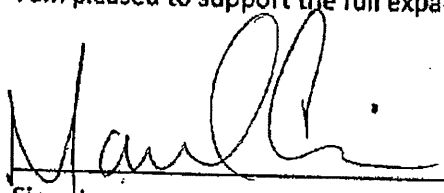
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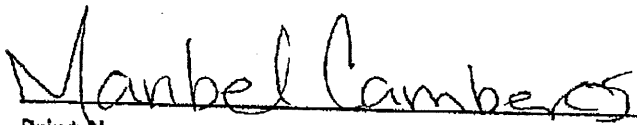
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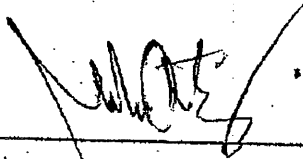
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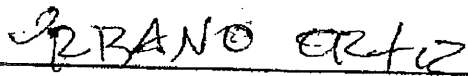
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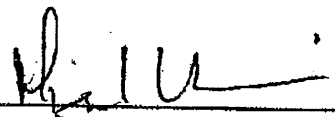
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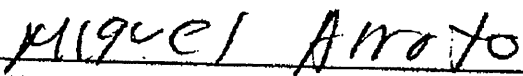
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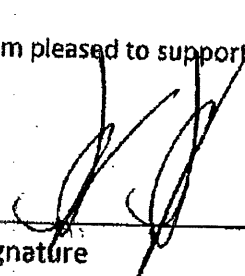
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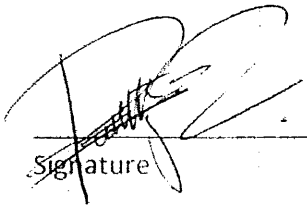
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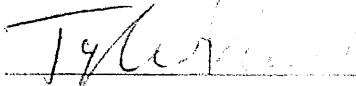
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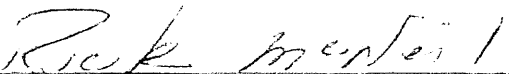
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Si bien los cambios propuestos incluyen un aumento de la tasa de eliminación y el volumen, la extensión de huella, y el aumento de la elevación, el vertedero ampliado no afectará negativamente la integridad visual de la zona. Además, Chiquita ha practicado la debida diligencia para abordar los posibles impactos ambientales, de ruido, de tráfico y culturales de la expansión y operación en curso.

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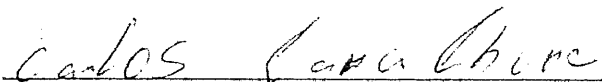
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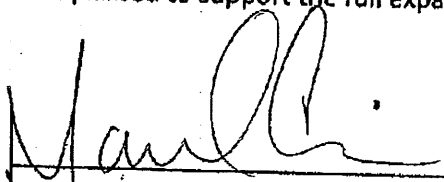
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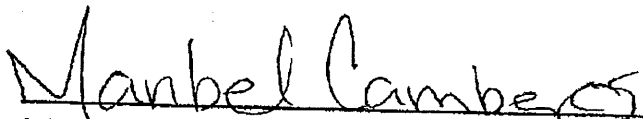
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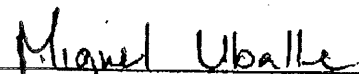
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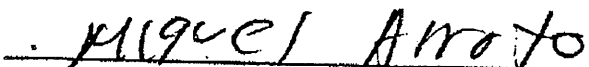
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SUPPORT LETTER FOR CHIQUITA CANYON MASTER PLAN REVISION

Dear Mr. Dae:

I am writing this letter to voice my strong support for the Chiquita Canyon Landfill Proposed Master Plan Revision. My company, Pacific Rim Communications, formed in 1991, represents members of the solid waste recycling and collecting industry.

Chiquita Canyon Landfill represents a key component of our industry's ability to dispose of residential and commercial solid waste after recycled materials have been removed. While industry continues to invest \$millions in new recycling technologies and facilities, our dependence on landfills for the final disposal of "end" waste is as critical as it has ever been.

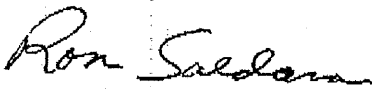
While I could give you a long list of why the extension of Chiquita Landfill is so important to our L.A. County disposal system, the short list includes a central location which shortens truck highway miles and pollution; rate stability which is passed on to area residents and businesses; local contractors and builders who utilize the facility; and an opportunity and location to develop new technology such as anaerobic digestion which will continue to reduce our landfill dependence. While we recognize new home development in the area, the good news is that as food waste/organics are removed from the waste stream per State

mandate, and state-of-the-art methane extraction systems are employed, odor issues are being addressed and eliminated.

Chiquita Landfill represents a critical component of our waste collection, recycling and disposal system. Without the landfill this system will be crippled with negative consequences throughout the region, for industry, for residents, and for businesses.

Please feel free to call on me at any time if I can be of assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ron Saldana".

Ron Saldana
President

February 14, 2017

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
520 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Mr. Dae:

I'm writing on behalf of Quinn Company to voice our company's support of Chiquita Canyon Landfill's Master Plan Revisions, outlined in the Partial Recirculated DEIR. We have worked closely with Chiquita Canyon over the years, providing Caterpillar Dealer service, parts and new equipment sales support to the landfill heavy equipment line. In our experience, Chiquita Canyon has operated in a responsible manner, and the company has demonstrated that it is committed to safely managing the solid waste disposal needs of the region.

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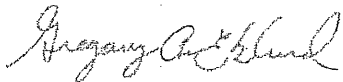
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NAME Gregory Eklund

TITLE Branch Manager

COMPANY Quinn Company

cc: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District

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Michael L Cone

Owner

Mike's Tire Man Inc.

cc: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, 5th District

February 13, 2017

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Dear Mr. Dae:

I'm writing on behalf of Toms Mobil Welding to voice our company's support of Chiquita Canyon Landfill's Master Plan Revisions, outlined in the Partial Recirculated DEIR. We have worked closely with Chiquita Canyon over the years supporting the repairs of heavy machinery. In our experience, Chiquita Canyon has operated in a responsible manner, and the company has demonstrated that it is committed to safely managing the solid waste disposal needs of the region.

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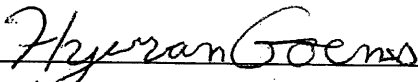
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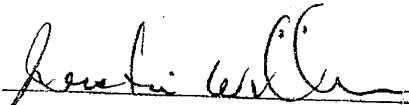
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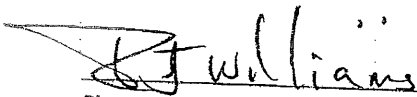
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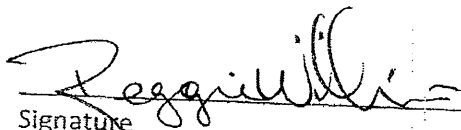
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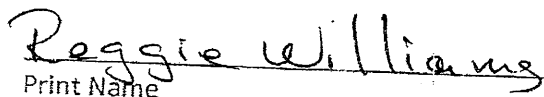
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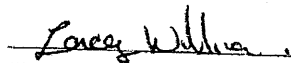
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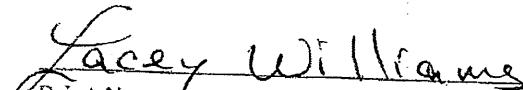
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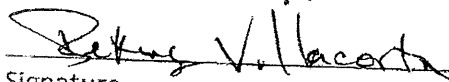
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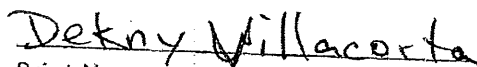
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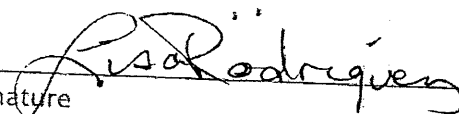
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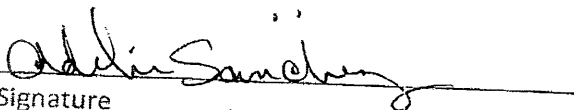
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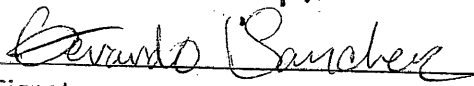
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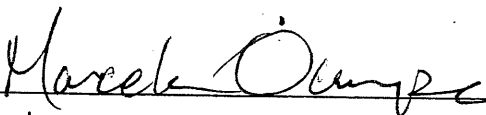
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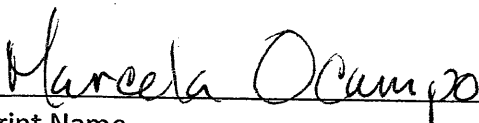
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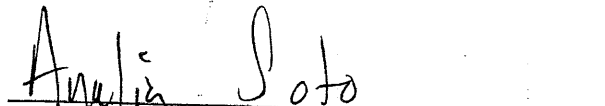
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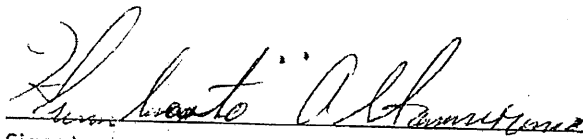
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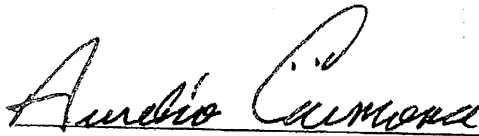
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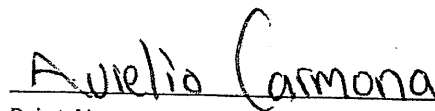
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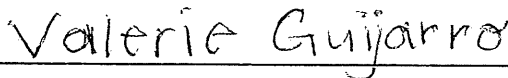
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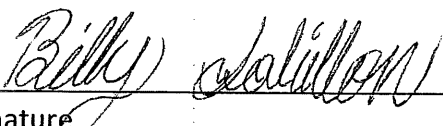
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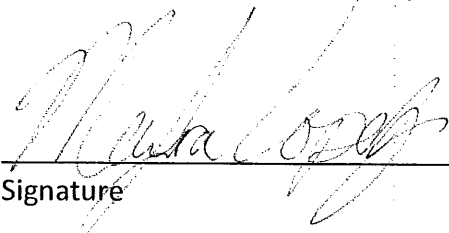
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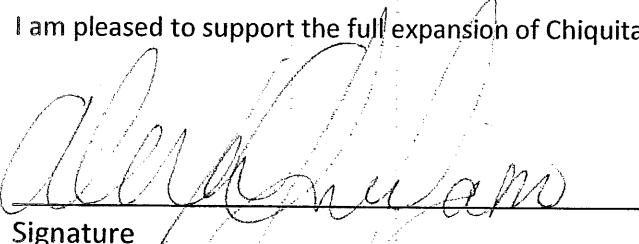
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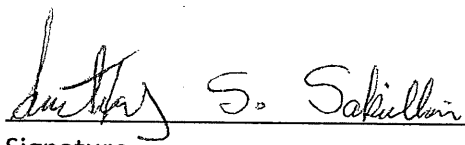
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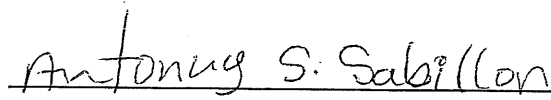
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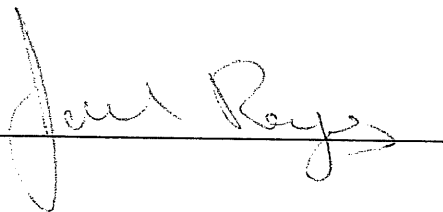
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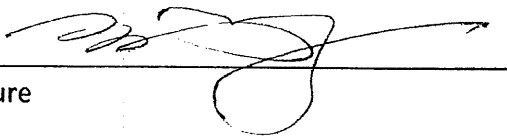
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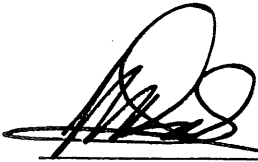
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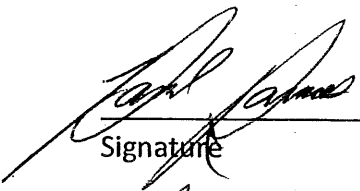
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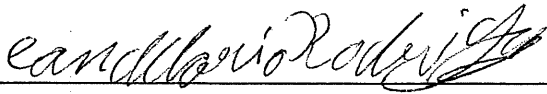
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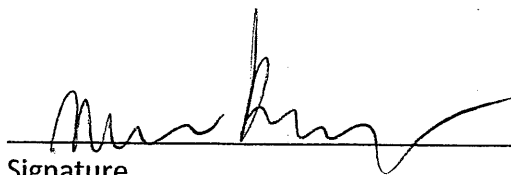
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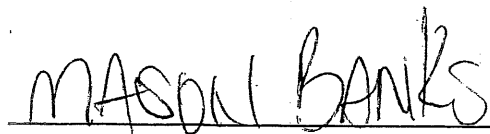
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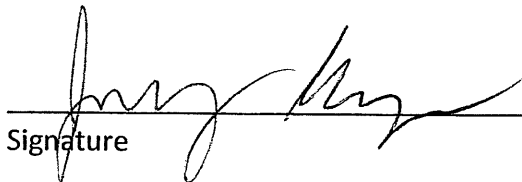
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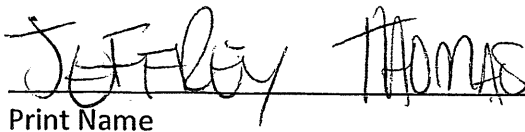
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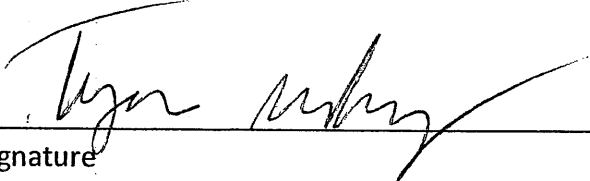
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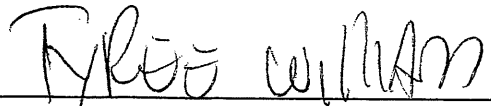
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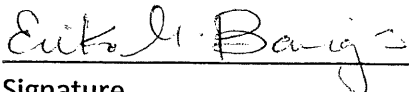
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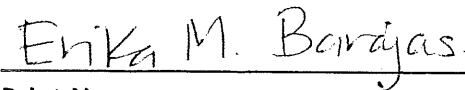
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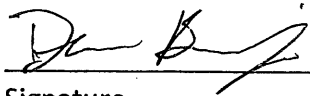
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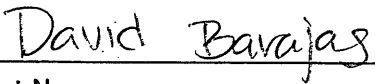
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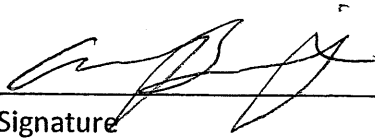
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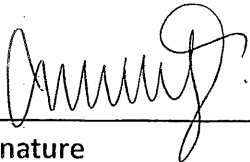
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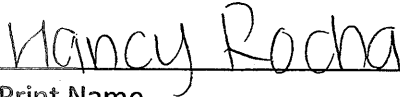
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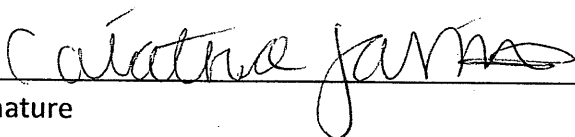
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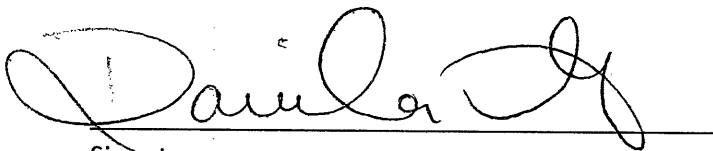
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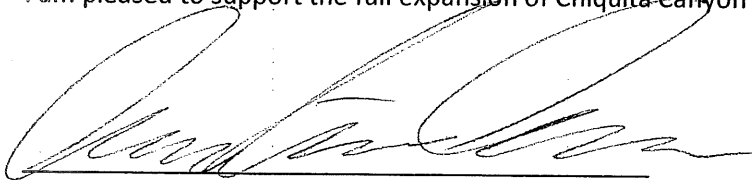
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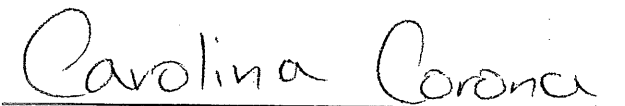
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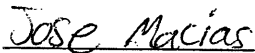
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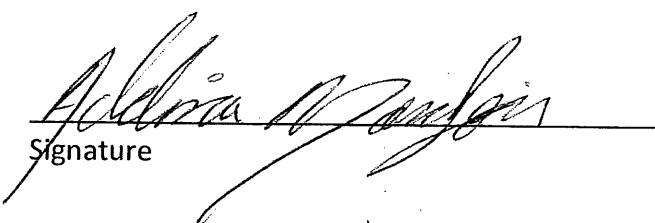
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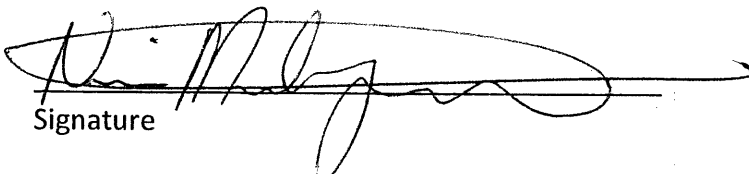
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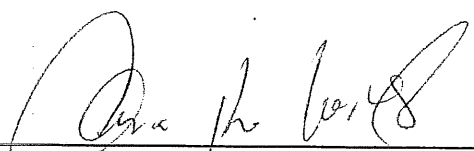
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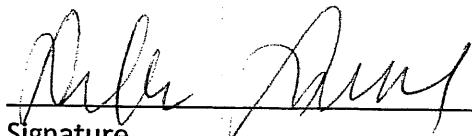
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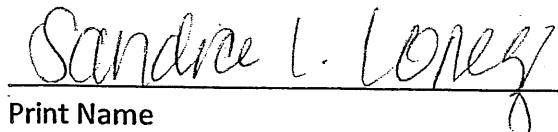
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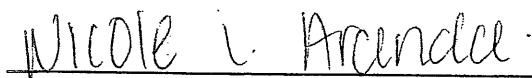
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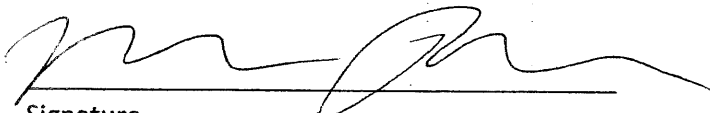
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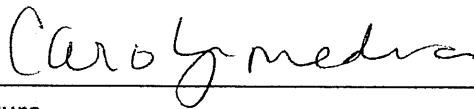
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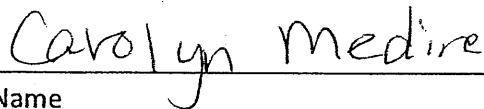
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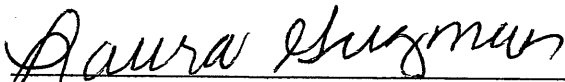
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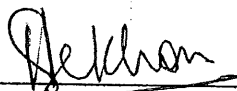
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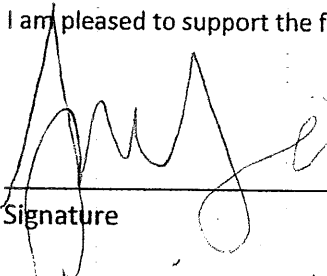
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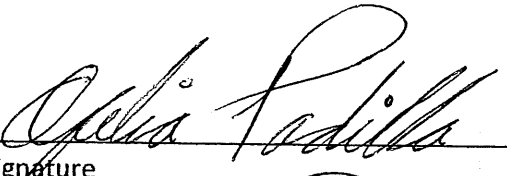
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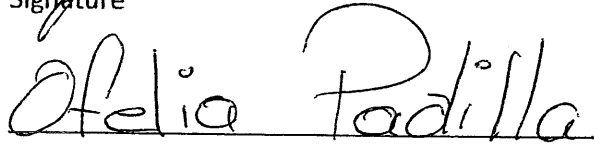
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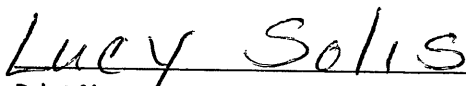
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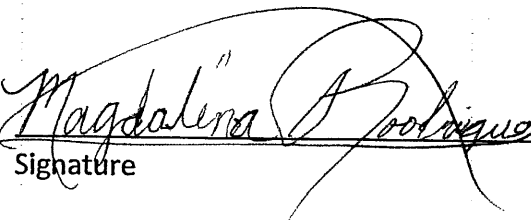
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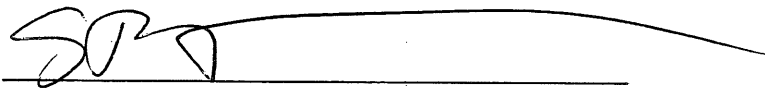
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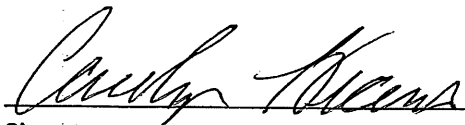
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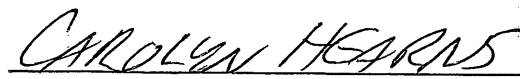
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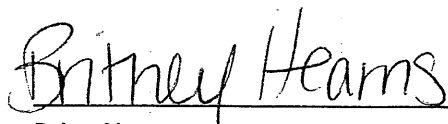
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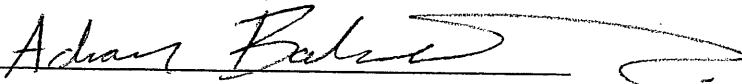
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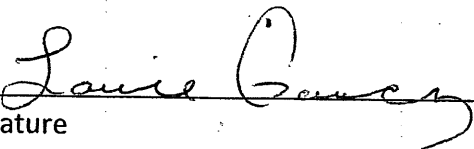
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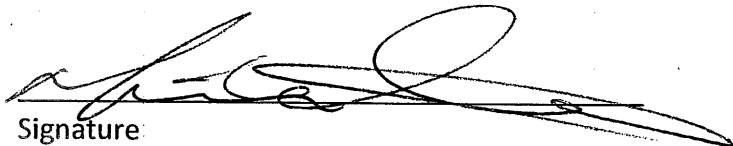
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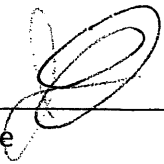
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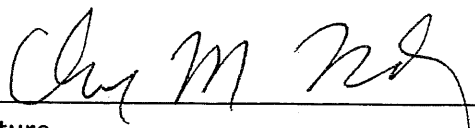
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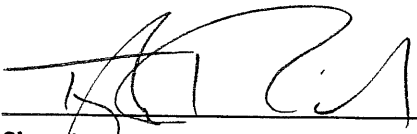
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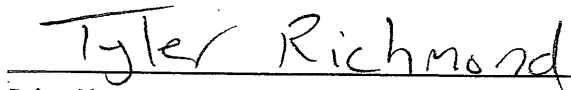
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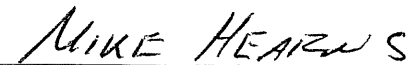
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Chiquita Canyon Landfill es una instalación de eliminación de modelos y debe ser ampliada para satisfacer las necesidades de eliminación de residuos sólidos del condado de Los Angeles.

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Chiquita Canyon ha estado sirviendo a la región continuamente por más de cuatro décadas, y juega un papel importante en el manejo de residuos sólidos del Valle de Santa Clarita y el Condado de Los Ángeles.

Además, la expansión incluye un área reservada para una instalación futura de tecnología de conversión.

Por esta y muchas otras razones, siento que Chiquita Canyon ha demostrado un verdadero compromiso con la comunidad y las personas que viven y trabajan aquí.

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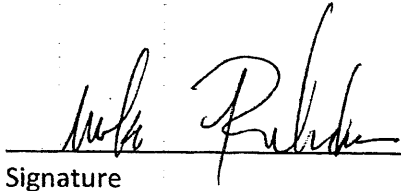
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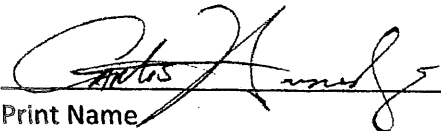
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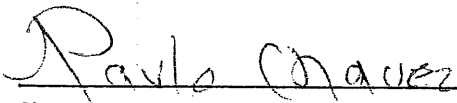
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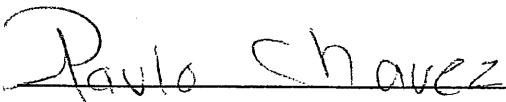
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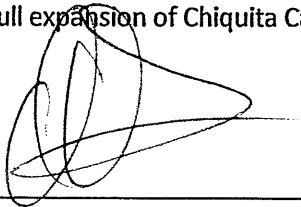
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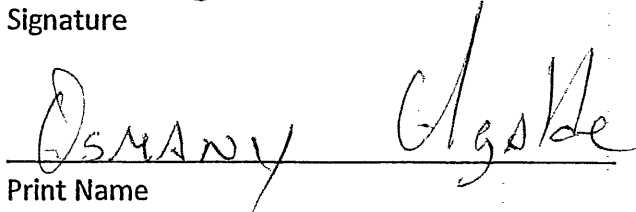
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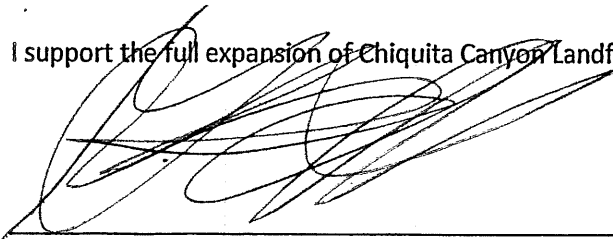
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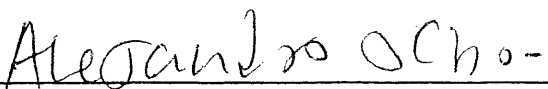
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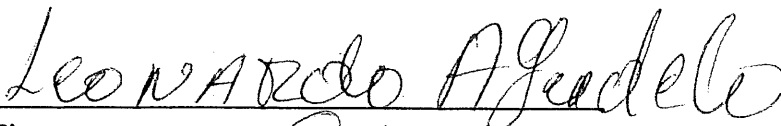
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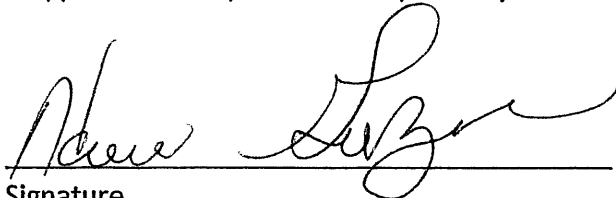
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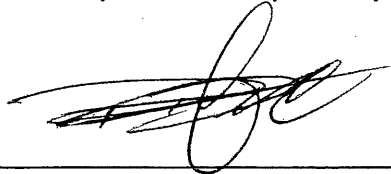
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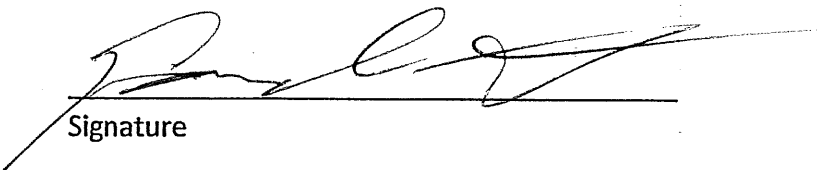
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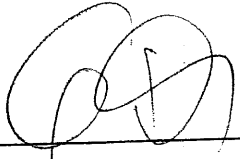
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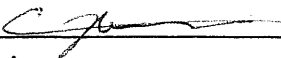
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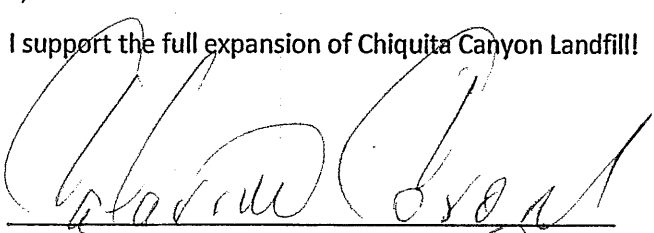
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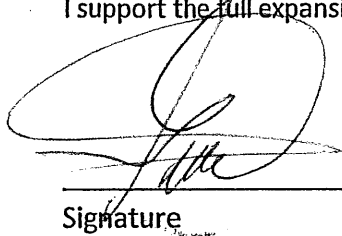
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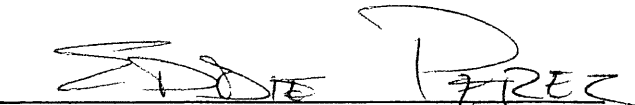
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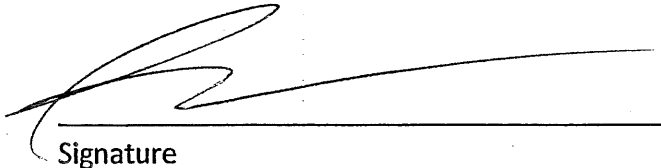
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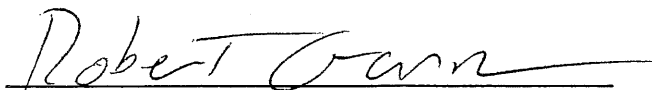
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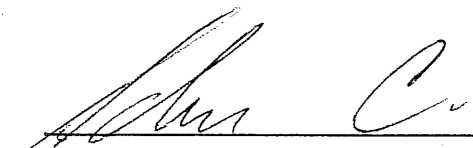
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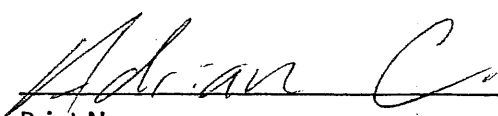
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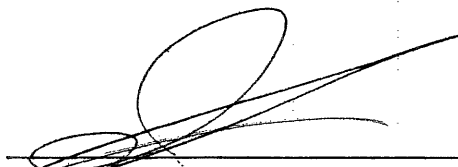
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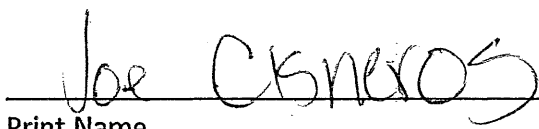
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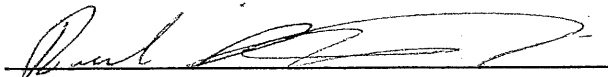
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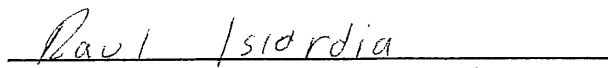
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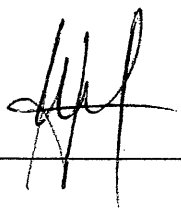
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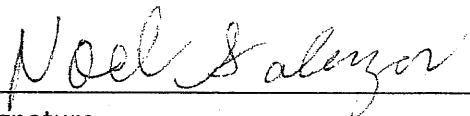
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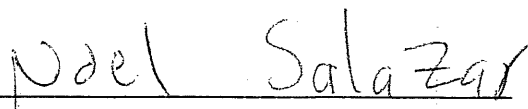
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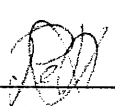
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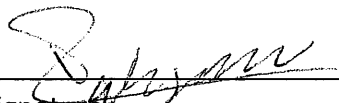
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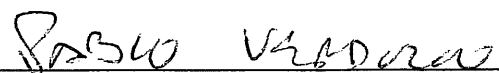
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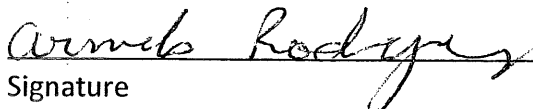
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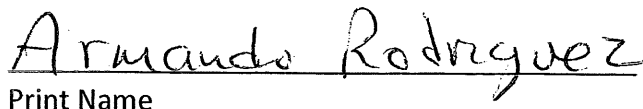
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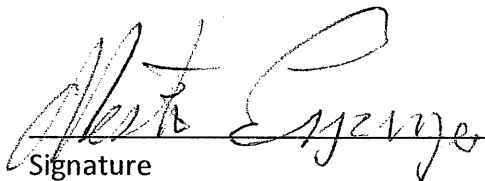
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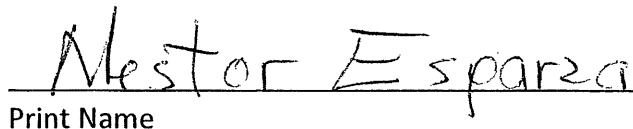
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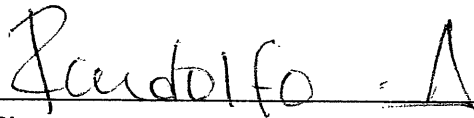
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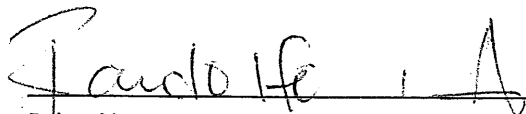
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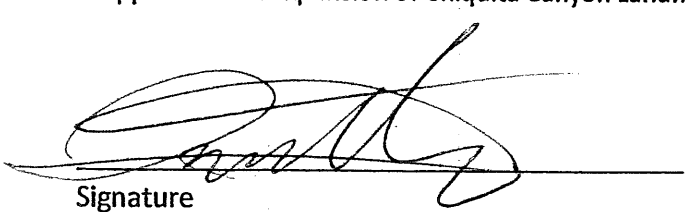
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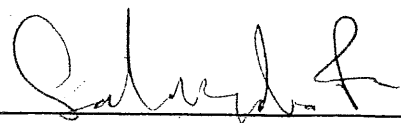
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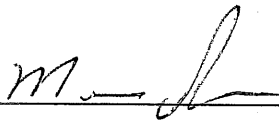
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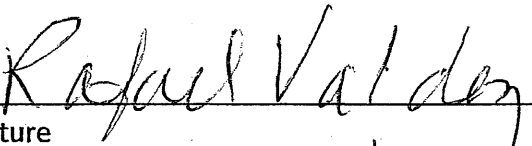
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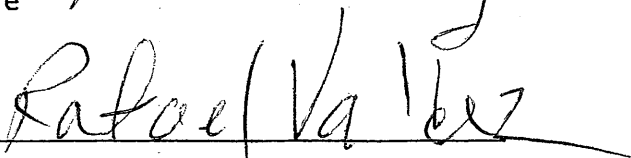
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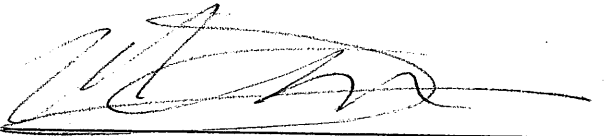
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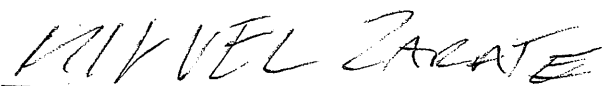
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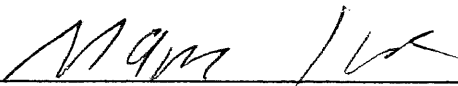
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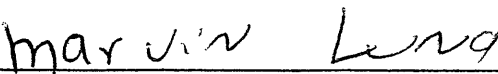
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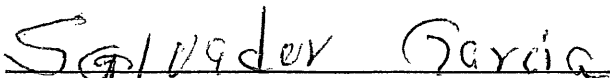
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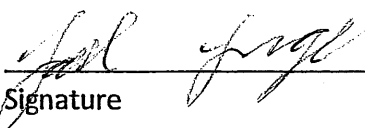
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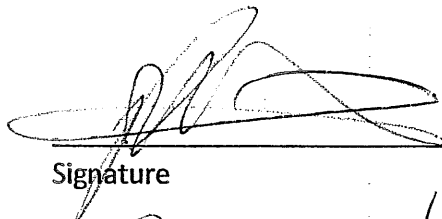
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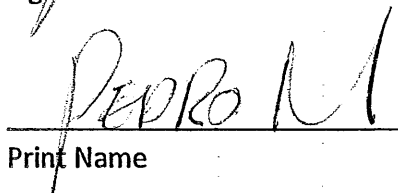
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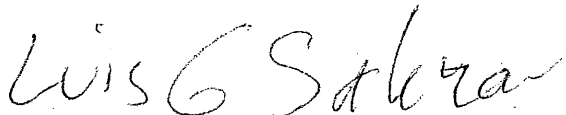
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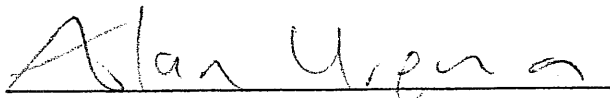
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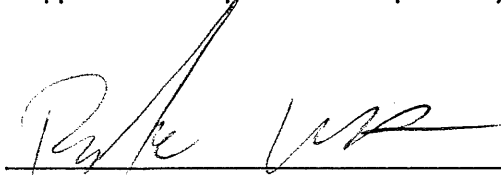
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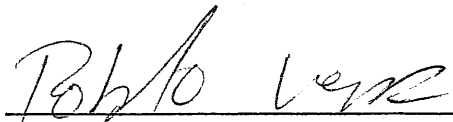
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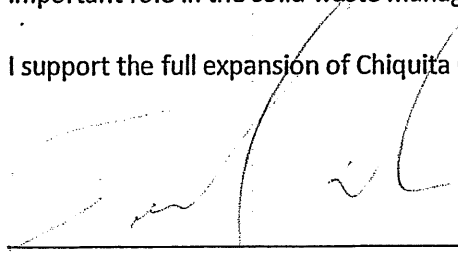
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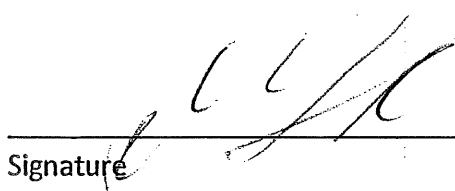
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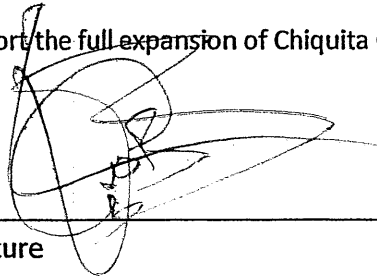
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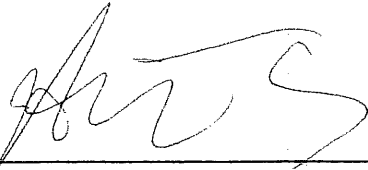
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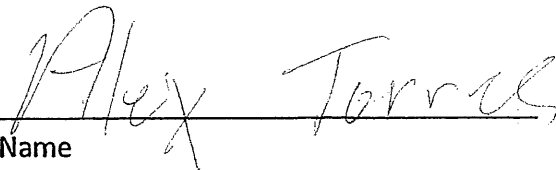
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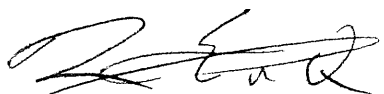
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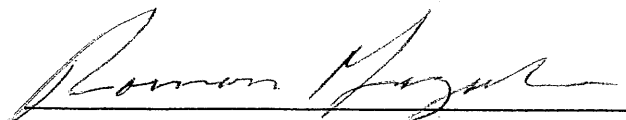
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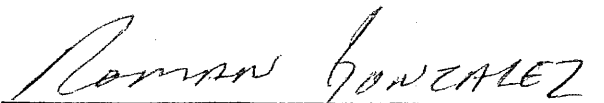
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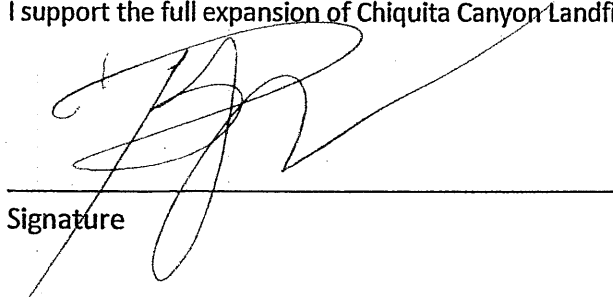
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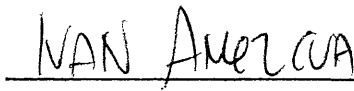
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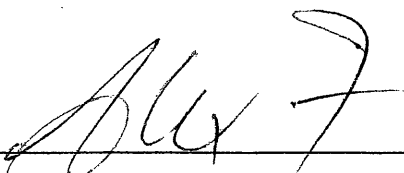
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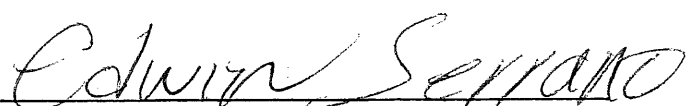
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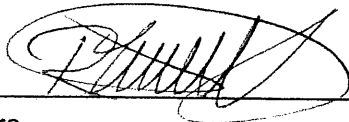
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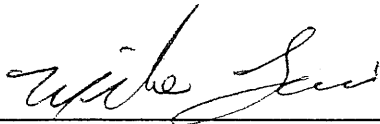
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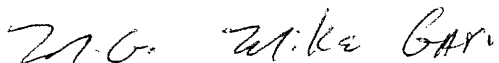
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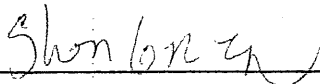
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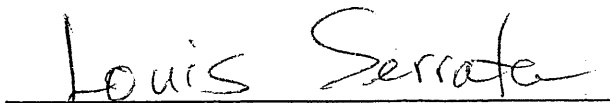
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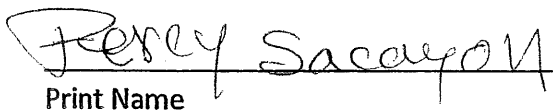
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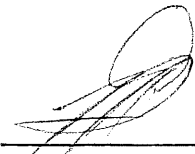
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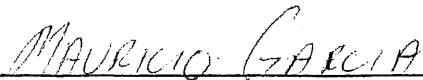
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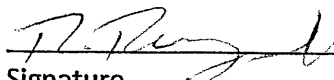
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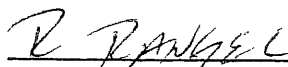
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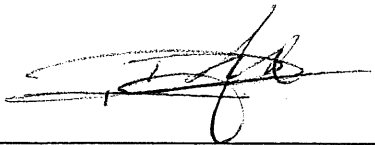
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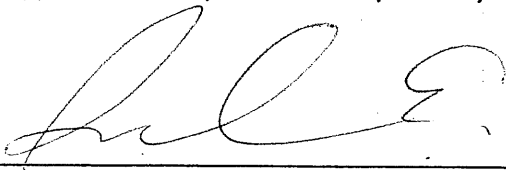
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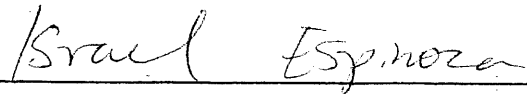
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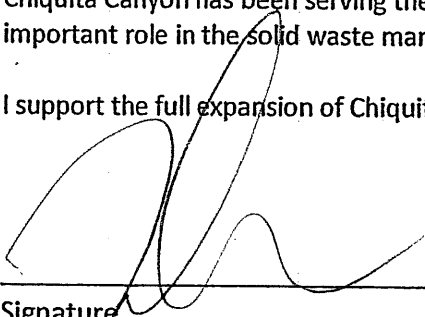
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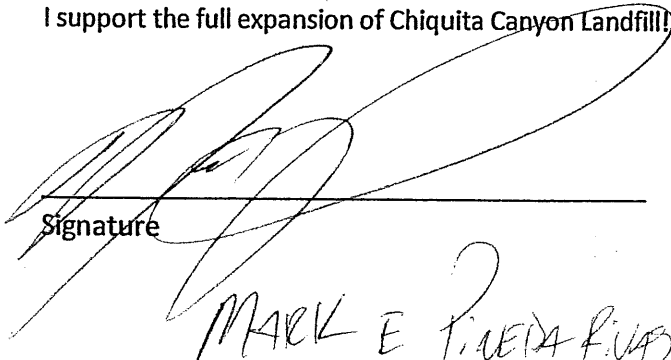
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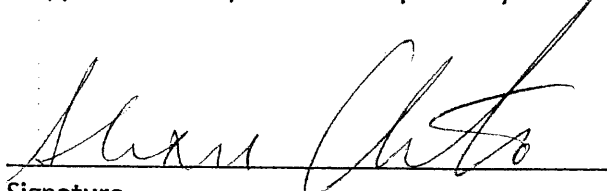
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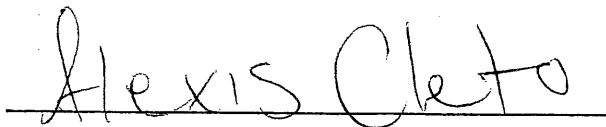
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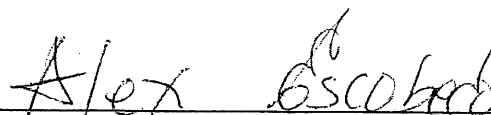
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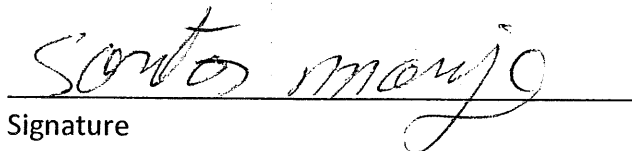
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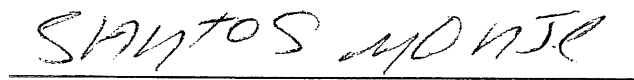
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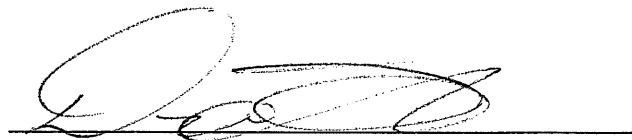
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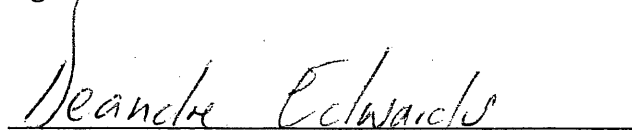
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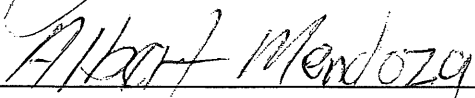
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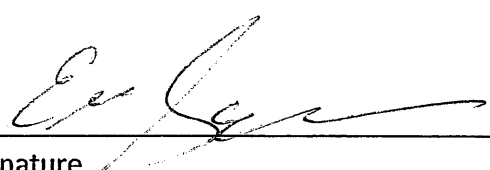
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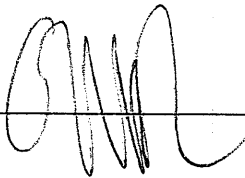
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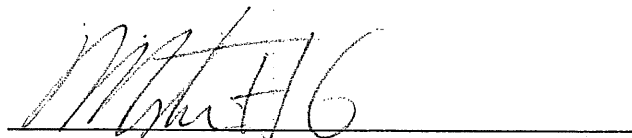
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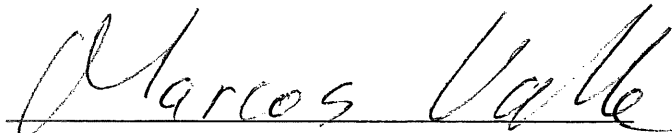
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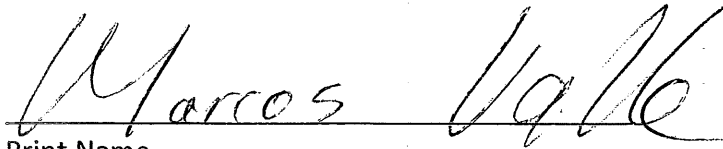
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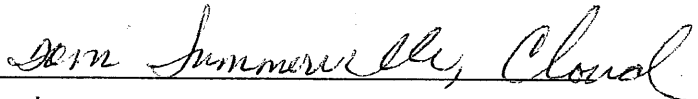
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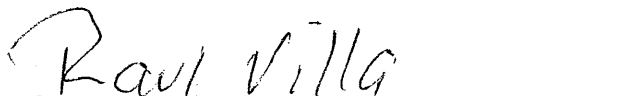
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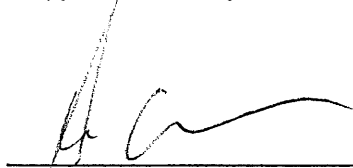
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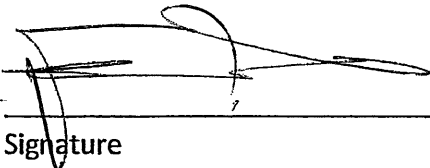
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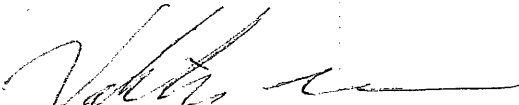
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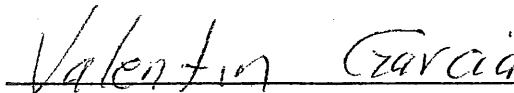
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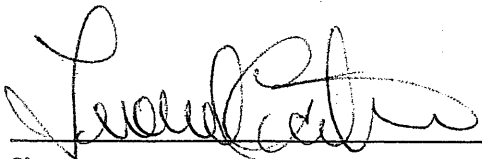
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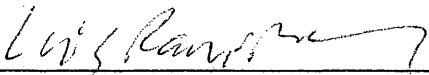
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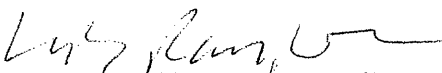
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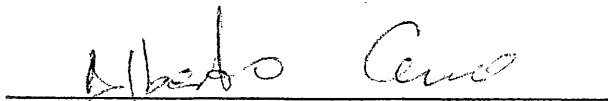
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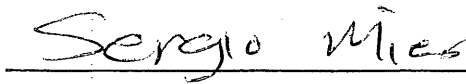
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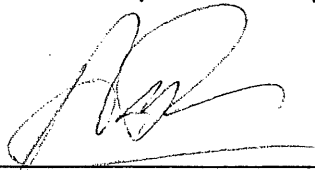
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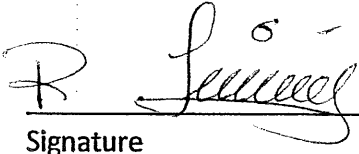
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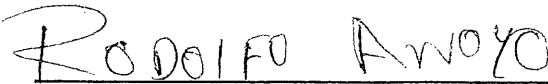
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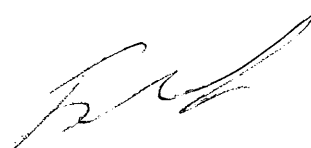
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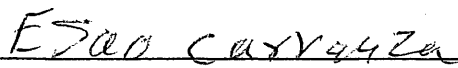
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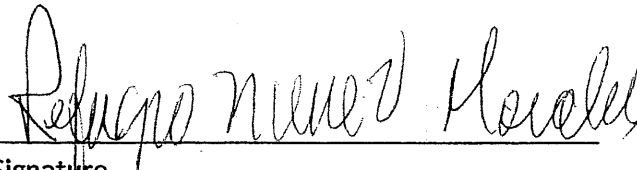
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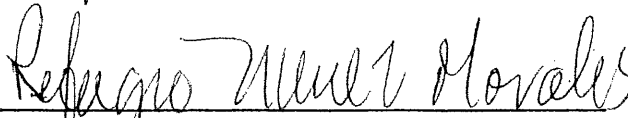
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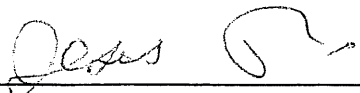
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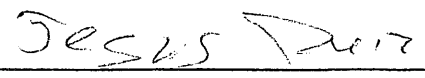
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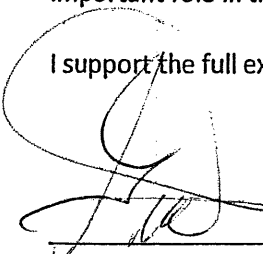
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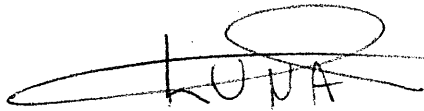
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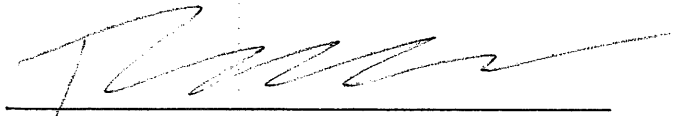
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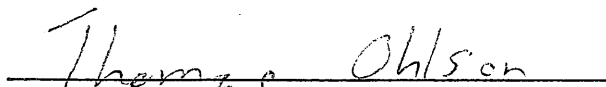
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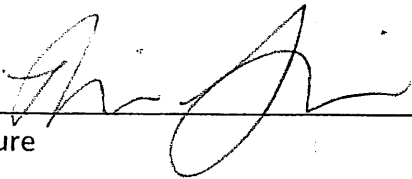
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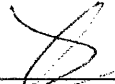
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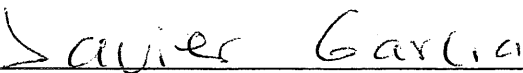
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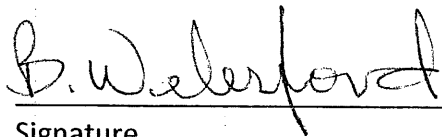
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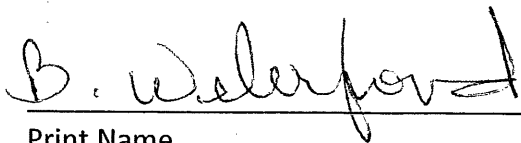
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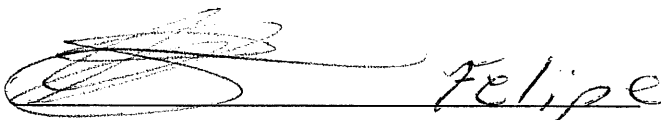
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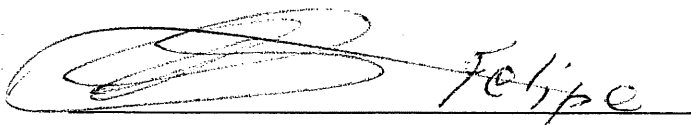
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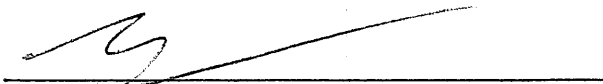
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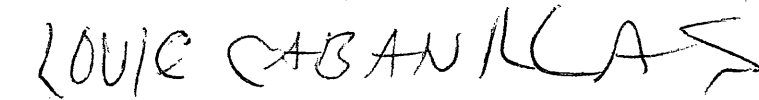
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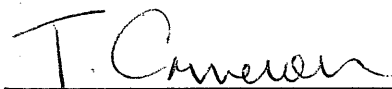
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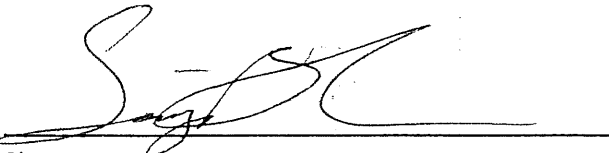
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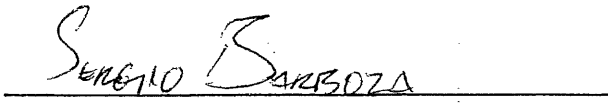
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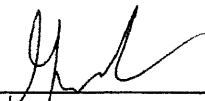
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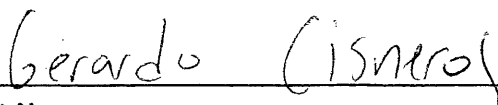
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Como transportista local, tenemos menos y menos opciones en la eliminación de desechos en el condado de Los Ángeles. Necesitamos que Chiquita Canyon continúe sus operaciones para mantener el mercado competitivo. Tememos que sin opciones, otros vertederos pueden monopolizar el mercado y aumentar las tasas de eliminación.

El relleno sanitario de Chiquita Canyon es un dispositivo de eliminación de modelos y debe ampliarse completamente para satisfacer las necesidades de eliminación de desechos sólidos del condado de Los Angeles.

Si bien los cambios propuestos incluyen un aumento de la tasa de eliminación y el volumen, la extensión de huella, y el aumento de la elevación, el vertedero ampliado no afectará negativamente la integridad visual de la zona. Además, Chiquita ha practicado la debida diligencia para abordar los posibles impactos ambientales, de ruido, de tráfico y culturales de la expansión y operación en curso.

Chiquita Canyon ha estado sirviendo a la región continuamente por más de cuatro décadas, y juega un papel importante en el manejo de residuos sólidos del Valle de Santa Clarita y el Condado de Los Ángeles.

¡Apoyo la plena expansión de Chiquita Canyon Landfill!

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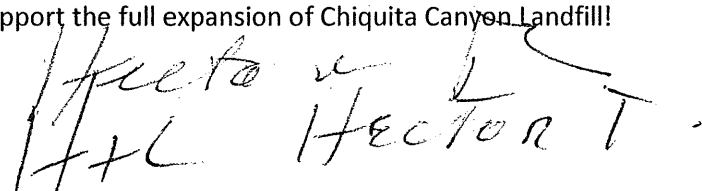
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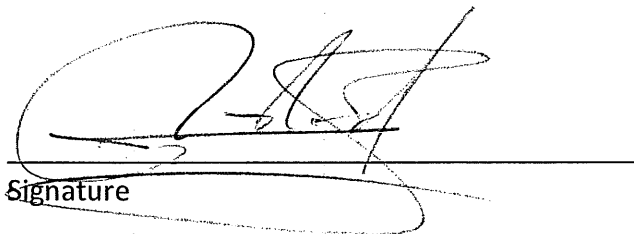
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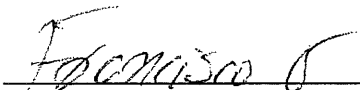
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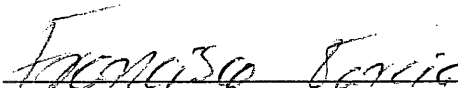
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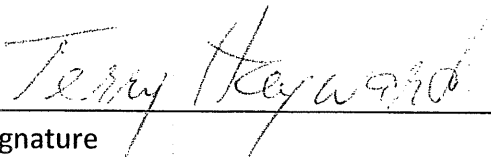
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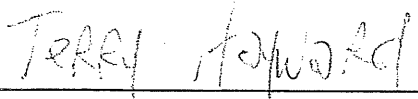
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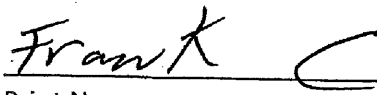
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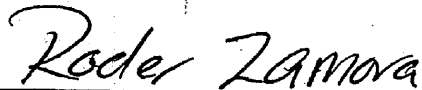
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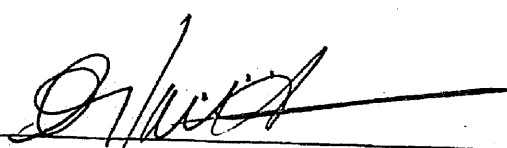
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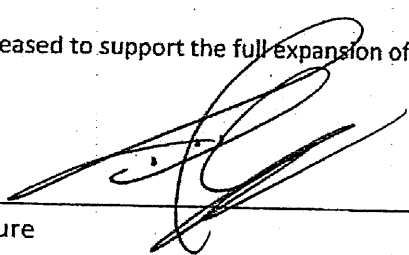
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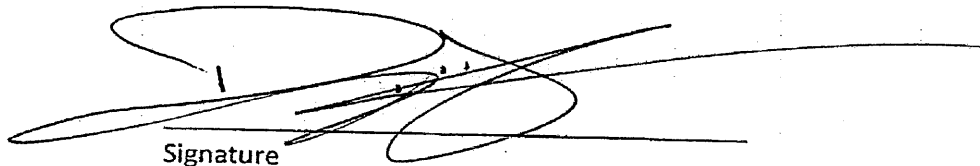
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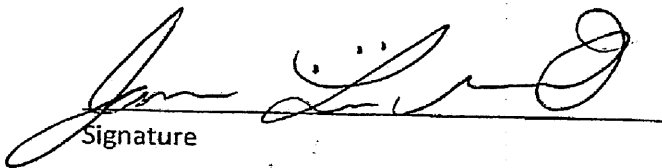
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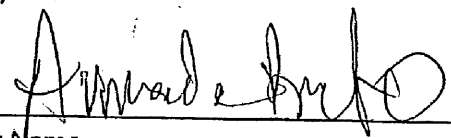
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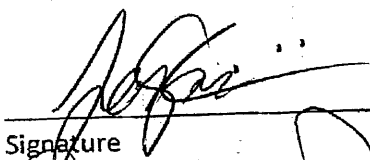
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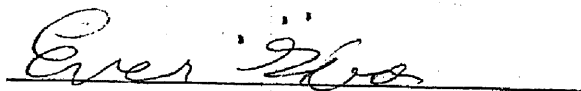
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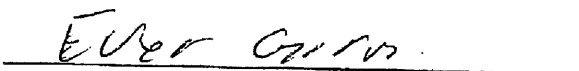
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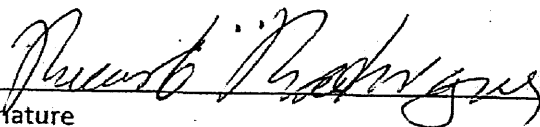
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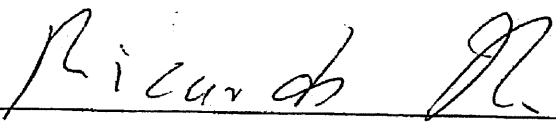
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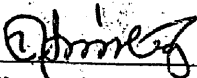
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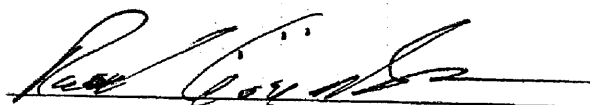
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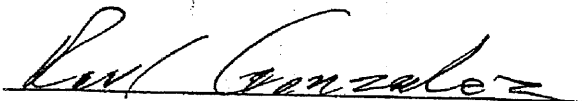
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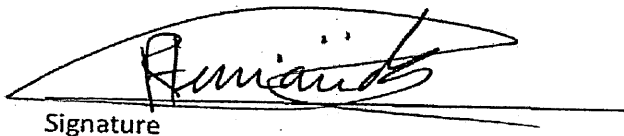
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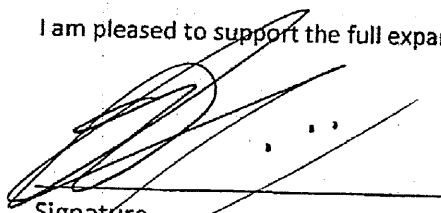
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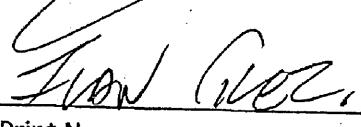
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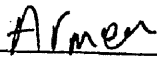
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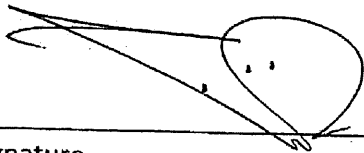
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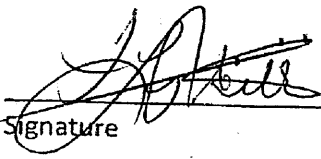
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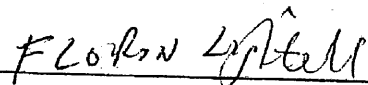
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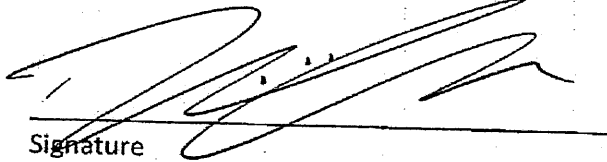
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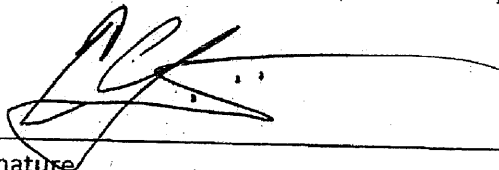
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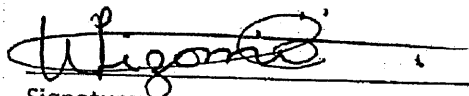
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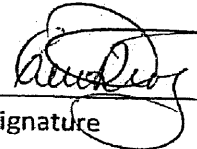
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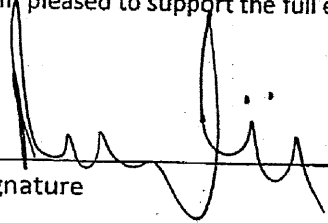
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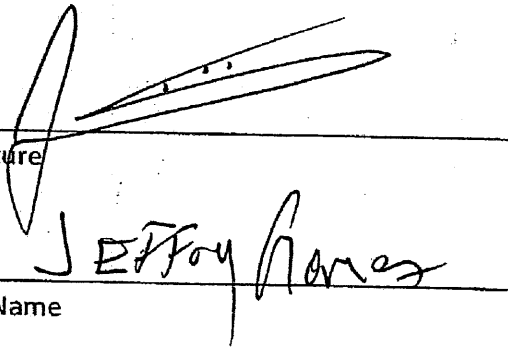
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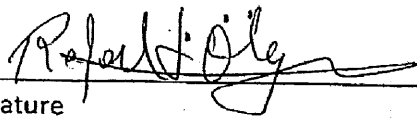
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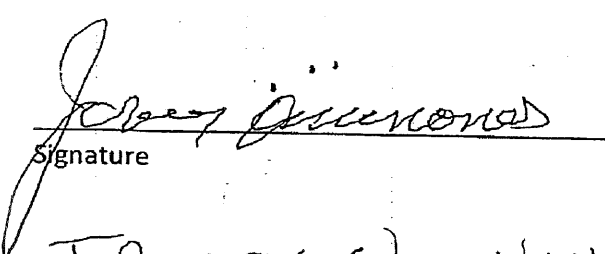
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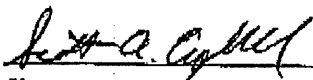
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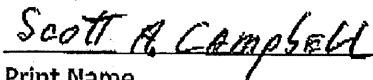
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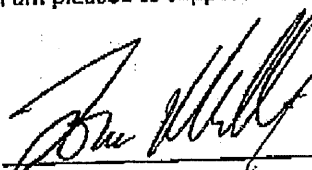
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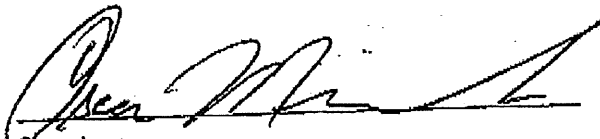
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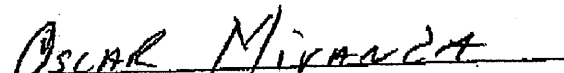
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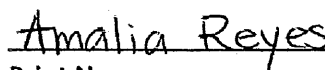
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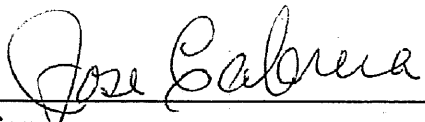
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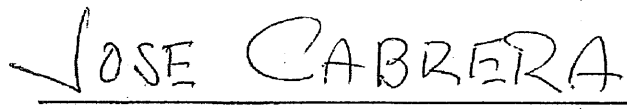
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Además, la expansión incluye un área reservada para una instalación futura de tecnología de conversión.

Por esta y muchas otras razones, siento que Chiquita Canyon ha demostrado un verdadero compromiso con la comunidad y las personas que viven y trabajan aquí.

Me complace apoyar la plena expansión de Chiquita Canyon Landfill!


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APOYO LA EXPANSIÓN COMPLETA DE CHIQUITA CANYON TERRENO

Mr. Sam Dae
County of Los Angeles
Department of Regional Planning
320 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL EXPANSION COMPLETA – SOPORTE

Chiquita Canyon Landfill es una instalación de eliminación de modelos y debe ser ampliada para satisfacer las necesidades de eliminación de residuos sólidos del condado de Los Angeles.

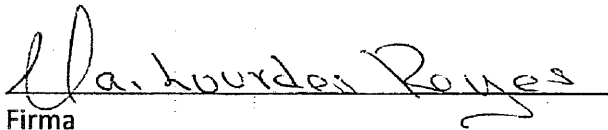
Si bien los cambios propuestos incluyen un aumento de la tasa de eliminación y el volumen, la extensión de huella, y el aumento de la elevación, el vertedero ampliado no afectará negativamente la integridad visual de la zona. Además, Chiquita ha practicado la debida diligencia para abordar los posibles impactos ambientales, de ruido, de tráfico y culturales de la expansión y operación en curso.

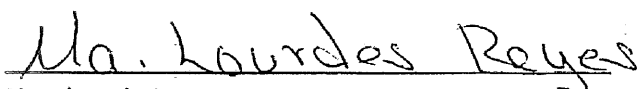
Chiquita Canyon ha estado sirviendo a la región continuamente por más de cuatro décadas, y juega un papel importante en el manejo de residuos sólidos del Valle de Santa Clarita y el Condado de Los Ángeles.

Además, la expansión incluye un área reservada para una instalación futura de tecnología de conversión.

Por esta y muchas otras razones, siento que Chiquita Canyon ha demostrado un verdadero compromiso con la comunidad y las personas que viven y trabajan aquí.

Me complace apoyar la plena expansión de Chiquita Canyon Landfill!


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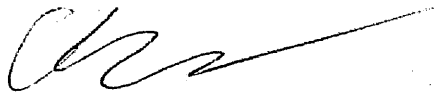
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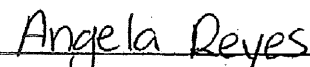
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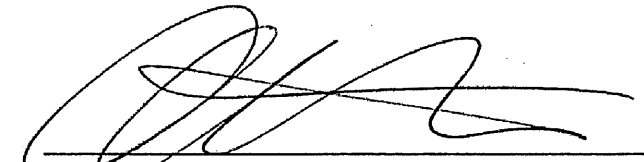
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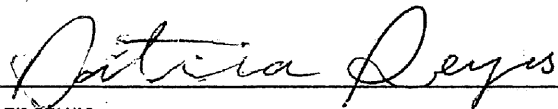
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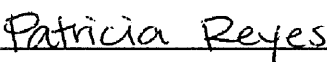
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