



January 2023 - Quarterly Newsletter (Q1 - 2023)

(This newsletter generally contains information and reporting from the previous quarter.)

<http://chiquitacanyon.com/>

24-Hour Hotline/Emergency Number: (877) 263-2561

What's New

Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) held a “free disposal day” on Saturday, December 3, 2022, for residents of Val Verde and Castaic. The next upcoming free disposal day is Saturday, March 4, 2023. Each resident is allowed up to one ton of disposal free of charge.

The CCL Community Advisory Committee (CCLCAC) met during Q4 on October 4, 2022, and more recently on January 10, 2023. Additional CCLCAC meetings for 2023 will be held on April 11, July 11, and October 10, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. More information can be found on the CCLCAC website:

<https://planning.lacounty.gov/agenda/cclcac>

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) Stipulated Order for Abatement expired on November 15, 2022. While CCL is no longer operating under the order, the landfill is continuing the best practices learned through implementing the order. For example, when winds are low in speed and directed toward Val Verde, CCL will continually run the large orchard fans, apply odor neutralizer, take additional precautions with particularly odorous loads, and conduct community odor surveillance. A Community Information section is also maintained on CCL’s website that provides contact information, relevant information and reports, and information on upcoming meetings related to the landfill:

<https://chiquitacanyon.com/reports/community-information/>. CCL received zero Notices of Violation for odor in 2022.

Regulatory and Permitting Activities

During the 4th Quarter of 2022 (Q4; October through December), CCL continued coordination with regulatory agencies in support of necessary permits for ongoing expansion activities, including:

- Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, in support of grading permits for CCL’s new entrance facilities
- Caltrans, in support of improvements along SR-126 required for CCL’s new entrance facilities
- United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), for construction in CCL’s East Canyon under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), for construction in CCL’s East Canyon under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for construction in CCL’s East Canyon under Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code

Previously, CCL obtained authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for construction of Cell 8, a waiver of the Water Quality Certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the USACE for construction of the entrance facilities, and a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board for

construction of Cell 8. Additionally, CCL has obtained authorization from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife under Section 1602 of the California Fish and Game Code for construction of Cell 8 and new entrance facilities, as well as authorization under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the USACE for construction of the new entrance facilities.

Hotline and Emergency Log

CCL's 24-hour hotline can be reached at 661-253-5155. No complaints related to odors, noise, or fugitive dust were received in Q4 2022. The complaint log for Q4 2022 is posted on CCL's website at: <http://chiquitacanyon.com/our-community/complaint-resolution/>

Summary of Progress and/or Annual Reports

The Final 2021 Annual Compliance Report for Chiquita Canyon Landfill is available at the Castaic and Stevenson Ranch libraries and also on CCL's website at: <https://chiquitacanyon.com/reports/landfill-reports/>. The 2022 Annual Compliance Report is in progress and will be available after July 1, 2023.