



October 2023 - Quarterly Newsletter (Q4 - 2023)

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

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

What's New

Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) held a “free disposal day” on Saturday, September 9, 2023, for residents of Val Verde and Castaic. The next upcoming free disposal day is Saturday, December 2, 2023. Each resident is allowed up to one ton of disposal free of charge.

The CCL Community Advisory Committee (CCLCAC) met most recently on October 10, 2023. The next CCLCAC meeting will be held on November 14, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. More information can be found on the CCLCAC website: <https://planning.lacounty.gov/public-hearings-and-meetings/chiquita-canyon-landfill/community-advisory-committee/>

Regulatory and Permitting Activities

During the 3rd Quarter of 2023 (Q2; July through September), 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 as well as construction of the new entrance facilities
- Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), for construction in CCL’s East Canyon under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act as well as construction of the new entrance facilities.
- 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) 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.

In Q3, Chiquita received a Title V Permit from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for construction and operation of a new landfill gas (LFG) flare. The flare was received onsite on October 10th and will be installed and operational no later than November 24th.

Hotline and Emergency Log

Chiquita is experiencing an increase in the production of LFG due to a landfill reaction taking place within a portion of the Landfill waste mass, which is also producing higher than normal levels of

dimethyl sulfide and leachate. These components have resulted in odors extending beyond the Landfill property line. Chiquita is working with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and CTEH toxicologists to evaluate the long and short-term health and environmental impacts of the current odor problem.

Complaints related to odors were received on 24 days in July, 26 days in August, and 15 days in September. Chiquita received 67 Notices of Violation (NOV) and one Notice to Comply from the SCAQMD in Q3, plus one NOV from the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning. On September 6, 2023, Chiquita entered into a Stipulated Order for Abatement with the SCAQMD that requires Chiquita to implement new odor-control measures and to continue studying the landfill reaction, its potential impacts, and potential ways to mitigate the reaction and its impacts.

CCL's 24-hour hotline can be reached at 661-253-5155. The complaint log for Q2 2023 is posted on CCL's website at: <https://chiquitacanyon.com/reports/complaint-resolution/>. The NOV log is posted on CCL's website at: <https://chiquitacanyon.com/reports/notice-of-violation-log/>. More information related to odor mitigation at CCL can be found at: <https://chiquitacanyon.com/reports/odor-mitigation/>.

Summary of Progress and/or Annual Reports

The Final 2022 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/>