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Re: Civil Rights Complaint Regarding the Proposed Chiquita Canyon
Landfill Expansion

Dear Mmes. Plambeck, Sage, Larsen and Martinez and Mssrs. Dockray and Rico:

We are writing to close the above-referenced complaint and thank you for bringing this matter our attention. We appreciated the opportunity for our staff to meet with you to discuss your complaint and to learn more about the issues related to outreach and language access in your community.

As we discussed, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the Air Resources Board and CalRecycle have no jurisdiction over this complaint under Government Code section 11135 because these agencies do not provide funding for the entities and activities that are the subject of your complaint. Accordingly, we are concluding our review of the complaint.

We share your interest in improving community outreach and access to decision-making processes, and we have discussed these issues with representatives from the Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning (Department). As a result of those discussions, we understand that the Department has agreed to take the following actions regarding public notices and processes as the proposed Chiquita Canyon Landfill project moves forward:

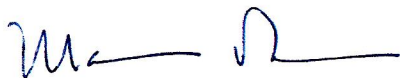
- Provide all future hearing notices for the Project in English and Spanish;
- Publish Spanish language hearing notices for the Project in the Signal or other local newspaper satisfactory to the petitioners;
- Post a large sign (8-feet-wide by four-feet-high) at the Val Verde community "bulletin board" notifying the community in English and Spanish of upcoming Project hearings;

- Hold one additional Hearing Examiner hearing in the community regarding the recirculated draft environmental impact report for the Project;
- Hold a Regional Planning Commission hearing in the community to consider approval or denial of the Project;
- Translate into Spanish any regular or special meeting agenda for the Regional Planning Commission or Hearing Examiner on which the Project is included as an agenda item, and post both the English and Spanish agendas in the same manner;
- Translate Project hearing notices into Spanish, and mail both English and Spanish notices to all residents in the unincorporated Val Verde community;
- If requested by a member of the public at least 24 hours prior to a Regional Planning Commission or Hearing Examiner hearing on the Project, provide concurrent Spanish-language translation services via headset, as well as a translator for Spanish speakers addressing the Commission or Hearing Examiner; and translate the Executive Summary of the Project's recirculated draft environmental impact report and make it available on the Department's website.

We believe that these future commitments regarding the site will allow for full and equal participation by ensuring that the community will be informed about the project and have opportunities to provide input. We appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention and support the County's efforts to explore ways to enhance public participation in its processes.

Thank you, and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Additionally, please note that the County has provided the following contact information for questions related to the above commitments: Rob Glaser (rglaser@planning.lacounty.gov), Los Angeles County, Department of Regional Planning.

Sincerely,



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