



MINUTES

COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE for CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL

Tuesday, February 10, 2026: 6:00pm

Castaic Library - 27971 Sloan Canyon Rd, Castaic, CA 91384

A. Call to Order: 6:08PM

1. Roll Call:

Bob Lewis (Chair) – cclcac9@yahoo.com - Present
Tim Honadel (Secretary) – cclcac1@yahoo.com - Present
Sandra Cattell – cclcac11@yahoo.com - Present
David Thompson (Vice Chair) – cclcac6@yahoo.com - Present (left at 8:00PM)
Sandia Ennis – cclcac12@yahoo.com - Present
Mike Wolf – cclcac14@yahoo.com - Present
Jessica Chambers – cclcac13@yahoo.com - Absent

2. **Approval of Agenda:** approved with addition of B1

3. **Approval of meeting time extension:** approved

4. **Approval of Minutes for 1/13/25 meeting:** approved

B. Old Business: Discussion and Committee motions & possible action:

1. Assemblyperson Schiavo: AB28 is in process; health impact survey results; concerned about leachate discharge events and slope stability. Stated that CCL is intentionally moving too slow and saving money by not using the best materials.

C. New Business: Discussion and Committee motions & possible action:

1. **Chiquita Canyon Landfill** (A Waste Connection Company) - Update on closure, odor complaints, Notice of Violations, mitigation, leachate tank farm relocation – Kevin Green, District Manager; Sarah Phillips, Corporate Compliance Manager.
 - Report out on pertinent information. See detailed document on CCLCAC webpage.
 - Goal is getting gas and liquid out of the fill areas.
 - Questions from CAC:
 - a. Are there plans to relocate the residents – no
 - b. Request for report on flare fire
 - c. Questions about known OSHA concerns about employee health
2. **Update on L.A. County Lawsuit and Preliminary Injunction against the landfill** - Supervisor Barger's office.
 - Nothing has changed because no action from judge
3. **MCAT - Multi-Agency Coordination Task Force** (LA County Task Force: Dept. of Public Health, Local Enforcement Agency DPH, Dept. of Public Works, Dept. of Regional Planning), USEPA, CalEPA and six of its entities (CalRecycle, DTSC, LA Regional Water Quality Control Board, CARB, OEHHA, CDPH).
 - Review of agency actions. CCL response has not been accepted as in-compliance by regulatory agencies. Legal tactics are being considered as a compliance method.
 - LEA requiring new permit and closure/post-closure plans.
 - Health Survey report-out. Purpose of survey was to subjectively quantify resident's experience. Data gathering continues through complaint channels. Health issues reported and health advice posted on Health Department webpage. Exposures not causing health issues; does cause nuisance issues. Questions about how mixtures of chemicals may cause issues. Emissions are below chronic health impact levels. Odor levels of chemicals are causing health impacts.
 - Update on allowed air filtration systems.
 - Applications submitted to LA County planning received in a "timely manner"



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- New contact sheet available.
- Leachate spill update; metals, solids, and semi-volatile organics below health hazard levels.
- Update on flare fire: Jason Aspell; data being evaluated; oxidation assurance requested. Stephen Dutz; Methane levels elevated during flare down; monitoring module was replaced at the same time, so results are inconclusive. Investigation ongoing. Parallel data does not show elevated VOC levels. 24-hour average data is being evaluated to help show exposure information. Requirement suggested: Known concentration test gas to be used to test monitoring system.
- Reaction expansion is a regulatory agency concern.
- Most compliance requirements are not being met. Legal action is being evaluated.
- Strategies to manage the reaction are not working.
- Questions from CAC:
 - a. Inquiry on status of tank farm location.
 - b. Residents are asking for guidance from Health agencies. Recommendation is to ask their physician for advice. Recorded training was provided to health care personnel; is posted on LA County Department of Public Health website.
 - c. Question to CCL about rain preparations.
 - d. Concern about flare fire causing reduced temperatures leading to problem emissions. AQMD reports no problems to date.
 - e. CAC member concerned about data integrity and possible intentional manipulation of monitoring practices.
 - f. Concern about robustness of monitoring system. High levels seem to always correlate to monitoring faults.
 - g. Suggestion to use temporary monitor while the main monitoring station is out of service.

4. **South Coast AQMD** - Updates on odor complaints received, Notice of Violations, and "Order of Abatement."
 - Report on odor monitoring. Flare fire event caused increase in odors. Odor complaints verified and nuisance violations issued.
5. Update on creating a publicly accessible **app for monitoring real time data** of current conditions.
 - CCL decided not to create the app. It would not be better than the current webpage.

D. **Public Comments:**

1. Air purifier program is still needed.
2. Public health has failed the residents. Health impact levels are too low. Monitoring and flares are often out of service.
3. Technical question about vertical barriers, landfill gas content, SCS integrity, fines levied vs paid. Process vs progress concerns.
4. Concerns about communication tactics leading to lack of clarity and timeliness.
5. Concerns about residential location of CCL staff.
6. Complaints about not receiving subscribed emails.
7. Concerns about flare down-time and suggestions about equipment improvements.

E. **Next meeting:** March 10, 2026 (Note: The CAC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month)

F. **Adjournment:** 09:10PM