

## Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board

December 27, 2017

Mr. Steve Cassulo  
District Manager  
Chiquita Canyon, LLC  
29201 Henry Mayo Drive  
Castaic, CA 91384

### **NOTICE OF APPLICABILITY: EMERGENCY WAIVER FOR DISPOSAL OF FIRE DEBRIS TO CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL (CASE R4-2017-0096-0003; GLOBAL ID L10003464243)**

Dear Mr. Cassulo:

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) staff has reviewed the Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted by Chiquita Canyon, LLC. (Discharger), dated December 17, 2017, that applied for coverage under the General Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Disaster Related Emergency Waste Handling and Disposal within the Los Angeles Region, Order No. R4-2017-0096 (Conditional Waiver). The Conditional Waiver, which was adopted by the Regional Board on April 6, 2017, conditionally waives waste discharge requirements (WDRs) for the disposal of debris resulting from a disaster related emergency.

On December 4, 2017 and December 5, 2017, severe wind conditions in Southern California resulted in four damaging fires (the Thomas, Creek, Rye, and Skirball fires) in Ventura and Los Angeles counties. As a result, on December 5, 2017, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency under the California Emergency Services Act, in Ventura and Los Angeles counties. The NOI contains the information required to qualify for coverage under the category "Discharge to Existing Waste Management Units at Regulated Facilities" of the Waiver for the disposal of fire debris at the Chiquita Canyon Landfill. You are hereby assigned Case Number R4-2017-0096-0003 for the proposed discharge. This Notice of Applicability (NOA) is applicable to emergency debris disposal from the Thomas, Creek, Rye, and Skirball fires. Please include this number on all correspondence related to this discharge. All reports and correspondence should be converted to searchable Portable Document Format (PDF) and submitted electronically to the State Water Resources Control Board Geotracker database at Global ID No. **L10003464243**.

The Discharger shall comply with the requirements of the Conditional Waiver. A copy of the Conditional Waiver can be found on the Regional Board's website at: [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board\\_decisions/adopted\\_orders/docs/None\\_R4-2017-0096\\_WAV.pdf](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/board_decisions/adopted_orders/docs/None_R4-2017-0096_WAV.pdf). Please familiarize yourself with the contents of the Conditional Waiver. The disposal of fire debris must be operated in accordance with Sections A and B of the Conditional Waiver. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in enforcement action pursuant to California Water Code, Section 13261, which can include imposition of civil liability (a fine). The Discharger must maintain control over the disposal of fire debris in accordance with the information provided in the NOI and this Notice of Applicability.

Please note that all conditions of this Conditional Waiver remain applicable until they have been met and the Discharger submits a complete Notice of Termination (NOT), or the discharge becomes covered under WDRs or a site-specific waiver of WDRs. However, authorization to discharge under this Conditional Waiver is only in effect temporarily and shall expire under the following conditions, whichever is the earliest, unless otherwise provided in writing by the Regional Board Executive Officer in response to a written request for an extension by the Discharger:

- a. If the Governor terminates the State of Emergency; or
- b. The Regional Board terminates enrollment of individual Dischargers, or all Dischargers temporarily enrolled under the Conditional Waiver for a particular emergency, or terminates this Conditional Waiver in its entirety; or
- c. Six (6) months have elapsed since the Governor issued a proclamation of the State of Emergency in question.

This Conditional Waiver does not impose specific groundwater monitoring and reporting requirements because Chiquita Canyon Landfill is already required to implement a monitoring and reporting program under Regional Board Order No. 98-0086.

If you have any questions, please contact Douglas Cross (Project Manager), at (213) 620-2246 or [enrique.casas@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:enrique.casas@waterboards.ca.gov) or Dr. Wen Yang, Chief of the Land Disposal Unit, at (213) 620-2253 or [wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:wen.yang@waterboards.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

  
Samuel Unger, P. E.  
Executive Officer

Cc: Jeanne Biehler, Los Angeles County Public Health