



# Los Angeles County Department of Regional Planning

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**NOTICE OF TIME EXTENSION  
FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR  
CHIQUITA CANYON LANDFILL MASTER PLAN REVISION  
PROJECT NO.: R2004-00559-(5)  
CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT NO.: 200400042  
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 200400039  
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER 2005081071**

The applicant, Chiquita Canyon Landfill, LLC, is proposing the expansion of an existing Class III landfill in the A-2-2 (Heavy Agricultural – Two Acre Minimum Required Lot Area) Zone. The Proposed Project includes the following elements: development of a new entrance and support facilities; better utilization of the landfill's potential disposal capacity through a lateral extension of the existing waste footprint and increased maximum elevation; increased daily disposal limits; acceptance of all nonhazardous wastes permitted at a Class III solid waste disposal landfill; continued operation of the landfill; new design features; environmental monitoring; development of a Household Hazardous Waste Facility (HHWF); mixed organics composting operation; and set-aside of land for potential future conversion technology. In addition, the Proposed Project includes the relocation of a portion of Southern California Edison's (SCE) existing Saugus-Elizabeth Lake-Fillmore 66 kilovolt (kV) Subtransmission Line in order to accommodate landfill improvements.

## **PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD**

The previous public review period was from July 10, 2014 to August 24, 2014 (45 days). **The public review period will now extend to September 23, 2014.** The Hearing Examiner hearing was held on July 31, 2014 at the Castaic Sport Complex – Gymnasium. There will not be another Hearing Examiner hearing held regarding the DEIR. All comments received by the closing of the public review period will be considered in the Final EIR.

## **SITE LOCATION**

The Chiquita Canyon Landfill (CCL) is an existing Class III (municipal solid waste) facility located in the northwestern portion of unincorporated Los Angeles County near the City of Santa Clarita, just west of the Interstate 5 (I-5) and State Route 126 (SR-126) junction. The site is a total of 639 acres, with an existing permitted waste footprint of approximately 257 acres, although not all of the 257 acres has been developed.

## **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

The following is a summary of the impacts associated with the Proposed Project determined in the DEIR to be significant and unavoidable:

1. Air Quality—The DEIR determined that PM<sub>10</sub> annual and PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub> 24-hour cumulative concentrations would exceed their respective thresholds under the cumulative project scenario during 2 modeled project years, primarily due to fugitive dust from travel on onsite paved roads. It was determined that mitigation needed to reduce this impact (continuous watering of onsite paved roads) would not be feasible because of water availability concerns.
2. Traffic/Transportation- The DEIR determined that the Proposed Project will have a temporary significant impact at the intersection of Commerce Center Drive and SR-126 based on the Los Angeles County Congestion Management Program guidelines. The project's potential traffic impact was measured as the effect of the project on traffic operating conditions, expressed in terms of level of service (LOS). LOS is a qualitative measure used to describe the condition of traffic flow, ranging from excellent

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conditions at LOS A to overloaded conditions at LOS F. The intersection of Commerce Center Drive and SR-126 will be under construction in 2015 as part of the Commerce Center Drive/SR-126 improvement project. The Commerce Center Drive/SR-126 improvement project is scheduled to be complete in 2016. Upon completion, the planned improvements at this intersection will return operations to LOS D or better during both peak hours. Therefore, no mitigation is required of the CCL project since mitigation measures during construction conditions would interfere with the planned staging of the Commerce Center Drive/SR-126 improvement project.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing on the proposed project and the DEIR will be scheduled before the Los Angeles County Regional Planning Commission at a time and date to be determined in the Regional Planning Commission Hearing Room (1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Room 150), 320 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

## **REVIEWING LOCATIONS**

To ensure public access to the DEIR, copies of the document are available for review at the following County libraries:

- Castaic Library  
27955 Sloan Canyon Road  
Castaic, CA 91384
- Valencia Public Library  
23743 Valencia Boulevard  
Santa Clarita, CA 91355
- Old Town Newhall Library  
24500 Main Street  
Santa Clarita, CA 91321

A copy of the DEIR will also be available for public review Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at:

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Regional Planning  
Zoning Permits North Section, Room 1348  
320 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

An electronic version of the DEIR is also available on the Department's website at <http://planning.lacounty.gov/case> by typing the project number **R2004-00559-(5)** into the Search Case Archive Window.

Please submit written comments on the DEIR to Iris Chi of the Department of Regional Planning at the above address. You may also fax your written comments to (213) 626-0434, or email to [ichi@planning.lacounty.gov](mailto:ichi@planning.lacounty.gov). Should you have any questions, please call (213) 974-6443. *Si necesita más información por favor llame al (213) 974-6466.*