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Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL] Chiquita Landfill

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I was unable to speak at the Hearing Board meeting last weekend at COC, in Valencia.

I did what to communicate two points to the Board before the hearing continues tomorrow.

1. I have grandchildren at the SCVI school, the closest school to CCL. CCL has provided filters to most schools, including SCVI, but has also retrofitted the HVAC inlet air systems at the Castaic Schools but not SCVI. The SCVI school principal had no idea that help was being provided. CCL is quite selective in where they provide help, and I suspect it is only when asked or demanded, not because they care about the health of children attending school almost one mile from the Landfill.
2. It is my view that Board can indeed be mindful of the consequences of any closure of the CCL operation, but any decision must be limited to your charter, air quality. Others in the County can worry about where the trash can go. Moreover, testimony and results show CCL has not lived up to its CUP, so any negative effect is CCLs problem and other agencies in the County. The problem is a ETLF event, that was discovered too late, which is a clear indication that CCL was not a good steward of the dormant/nonactive part of the landfill that has the ETLF. Again, this must be a violation of their CUP, which means they have lost the right to operate and must pay for the cleanup.

Thank you
Doug Kirk

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