

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION  
ORDER NO. 75-070

REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN (INTERIM)  
BY THE ADDITION OF A PROHIBITION OF WASTE DISCHARGE FROM  
SEPTIC TANKS OR CESSPOOLS WITHIN  
COULTERVILLE COUNTY SERVICE AREA NO. 1  
MARIPOSA COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, finds:

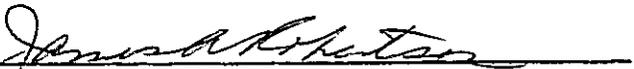
1. The Board adopted, on 15 June 1971, a Water Quality Control Plan (Interim), Basins 5A, B, C and D (hereafter "Interim Plan").
2. The Interim Plan contains areas where waste discharge from septic tanks and cesspools is prohibited.
3. On 21 March 1975 in the Fresno City Council Chambers, 2326 Fresno Street, Fresno, California, after due public notice, the Regional Board conducted a public hearing at which evidence was received concerning the discharge from failing septic tanks and cesspools in the Coulterville County Service Area No. 1.
4. The Coulterville County Service Area No. 1 encompasses the unincorporated community of Coulterville, Mariposa County. The area has a long history of failing septic tanks.
5. An October 1972 random survey by the Mariposa County Health Department of 50 developed lots found that of 24 individual domestic wells samples, 17 contained coliform organisms. Seven failing disposal systems were identified.
6. Surveys by the Board's staff indicated that most of the systems do not conform to the Board's current "Guidelines for Waste Disposal from Land Developments".
7. The Mariposa County Board of Supervisors, by the enactment of Resolution No. 73-99 on 25 September 1973, established a moratorium on construction in the area.
8. Continued installation of septic tanks or cesspools will increase the threat to public health and will further unreasonably impair water quality.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

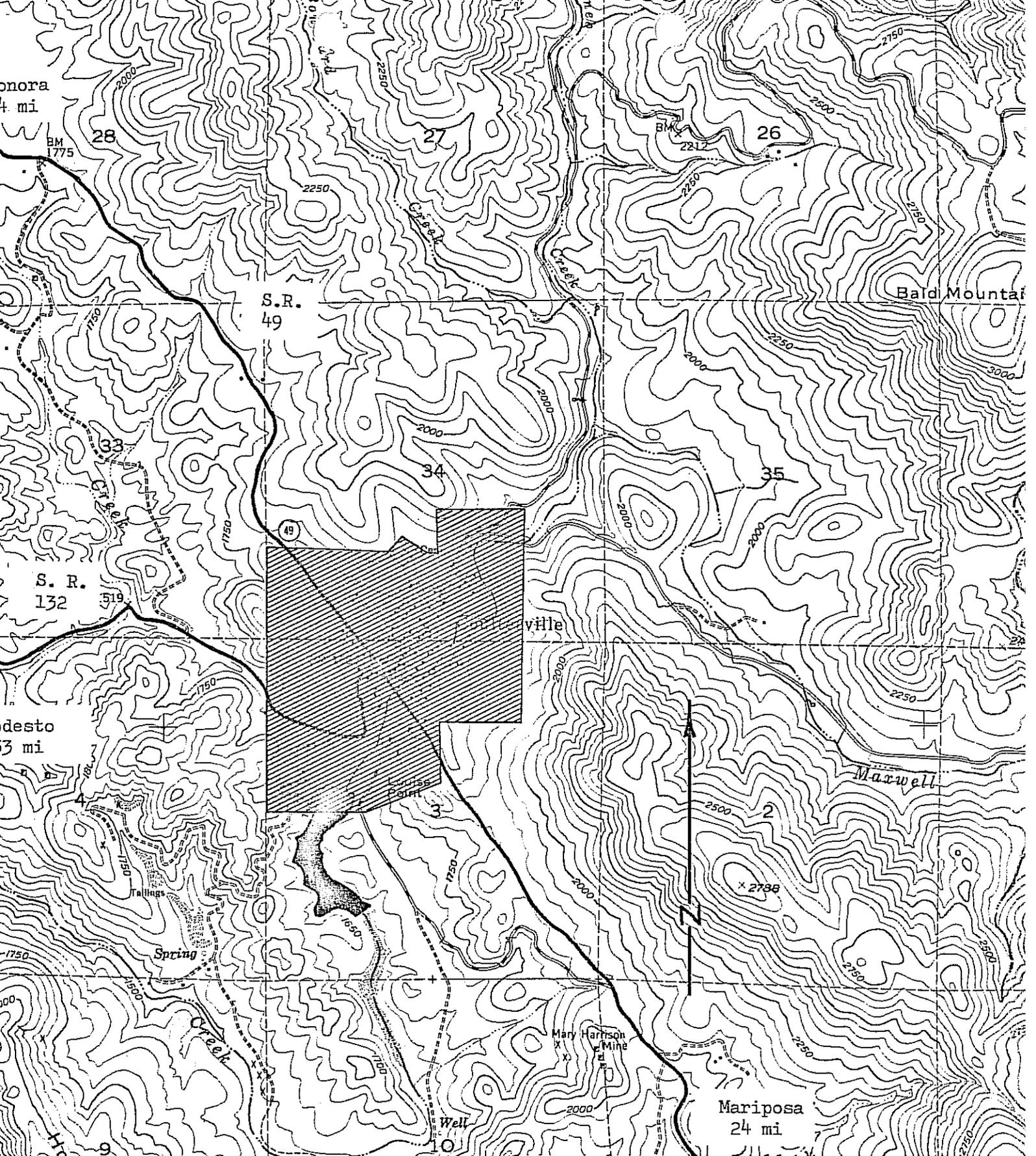
1. The discharge of waste within Coulterville County Service Area No. 1, Mariposa County from leaching or percolation systems installed after approval of this amendment by the State Water Resources Control Board is prohibited. An exemption to this prohibition may be granted after presentation by the proposed discharger of geologic and hydrologic evidence that leaching system disposal will not, individually or collectively, result in a pollution or nuisance.
2. The discharge of waste within Coulterville County Service Area No. 1, Mariposa County, from leaching or percolation systems is prohibited after 1 January 1979. An exemption to this prohibition may be granted whenever the Regional Board finds that the continued operation of septic tanks, cesspools, or other means of disposal in a particular area will not, individually or collectively, directly, or indirectly, adversely affect water quality.

3. Chapter VI of the Interim Plan is revised by the addition of this prohibition, upon approval of the State Water Resources Control Board.

I, JAMES A ROBERTSON, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full true, and correct copy of an order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region, on 21 March 1975.

  
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JAMES A. ROBERTSON  
Executive Officer

Amended 3/21/75



Coulterville County Service Area No. 1  
Section 34, T2S, R16E, MDB&M and  
Section 3, T3S, R16E, MDB&M.  
Coulterville 7 1/2' U.S.G.S. Quad (Modified)  
Mariposa County