

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 88-136

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
SALTON SEA STATE RECREATION AREA
Mecca Beach - Riverside County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, finds that:

1. State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), Salton Sea Recreation Area, P. O. Box 3166, North Shore, California 92254, verified via the chief park ranger the below updated information on August 25, 1988.
2. The discharger is discharging a maximum of 10,000 gallons per day of domestic sewage from a campground having 109 campsites and four restroom buildings. The wastewater is discharged through septic tanks and pumped into oxidation basins located in the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 12, T8S, R10E, SBB&M. The basins are situated about 1/2 mile from the Salton Sea.
3. The discharger reports that certain restrooms have reserve vaults that provide backup capacity to handle wastewater in the event of a power failure. In addition a portable pump, as well as a pump truck is available.
4. This discharge has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 84-39. The requirements are updated periodically by the Regional Board in accordance with Section 13263(e) of the California Water Code.
5. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California was adopted by the Regional Board on November 14, 1984.
6. The Basin Plan delineates the location of discharge to be in the East Salton Sea Hydrologic Unit, which has the following beneficial uses of the ground waters:
 - a. Municipal supply
 - b. Agricultural supply

However, the shallow ground waters in the vicinity of the basins are saline and are not beneficially used.

7. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.

8. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the existing discharge.
9. These waste discharge requirements govern existing facilities, which the discharger is currently operating, and therefore are exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Section 15301 of Chapter 3, Title 14, of the California Code of Regulations.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the discharger shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Specifications

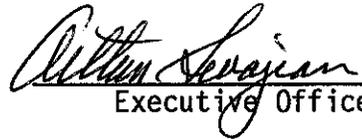
1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastewater shall create pollution or nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. No wastewater other than domestic sewage shall be discharged at these locations.
3. A minimum freeboard of two feet shall be maintained in earthen basins.
4. Treated or untreated sludge, or similar solid waste material, shall be discharged in such a manner that these materials shall not enter the Salton Sea or any channel which drains to the Sea.
5. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that unauthorized persons and animal pets are effectively excluded from contact with the discharge.
6. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the discharge facilities inoperable.
7. There shall be no surface flow of wastewater away from the discharge facilities.
8. Chemical toilet wastes discharged at this site shall not contain additives prohibited by the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Chapter 30, Section 66883.
9. There shall be no discharge, by-pass, or flow of treated or untreated sewage to the Salton Sea or to any channel which drains to the Sea.
10. Disposal by ponding shall be conducted in such a manner that there shall be no stranded or exposed sewage solids.
11. Facilities shall be available to handle wastewater in the event of commercial power failure.
12. Septic tank cleanings shall be discharged only by a duly authorized

B. Provisions

1. Prior to any modifications in this facility which would result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, or any material change in location of discharge, the discharger shall report in writing to the Regional Board.
2. The discharger shall comply with "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 88-136", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Executive Officer.
3. In the event of any change in operation, or in control or ownership of land or waste disposal facilities owned or controlled by the discharger, the discharger shall:
 - a. Notify this Board of such change; and
 - b. Transmit a copy of this Order to the succeeding owner or operator, and file a copy of the transmittal letter with this Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order supersede Board Order No. 84-39.

I, Arthur Swajian, 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, Colorado River Basin Region, on November 30, 1988.


Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 88-136
FOR
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Location of Discharge: Portion of NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of Section 12, T8S, R10E, SBB&M

MONITORING

The discharger shall submit an annual status report on the following:

1. Number of spaces, campsites and restrooms presently connected to the sewerage system.
2. List any proposed changes in the sewage disposal facilities during the upcoming year.
3. Estimate of maximum daily flow (gpd) of sewage discharged to basins.
4. Explain any problems in the sewerage system during the preceding year.

REPORTING

1. Annual reports are to be submitted by January 15th of each year to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-271 Highway 111, Suite 21
Palm Desert, CA 92260

2. Report immediately any failures of the system by telephone and follow-up by letter.

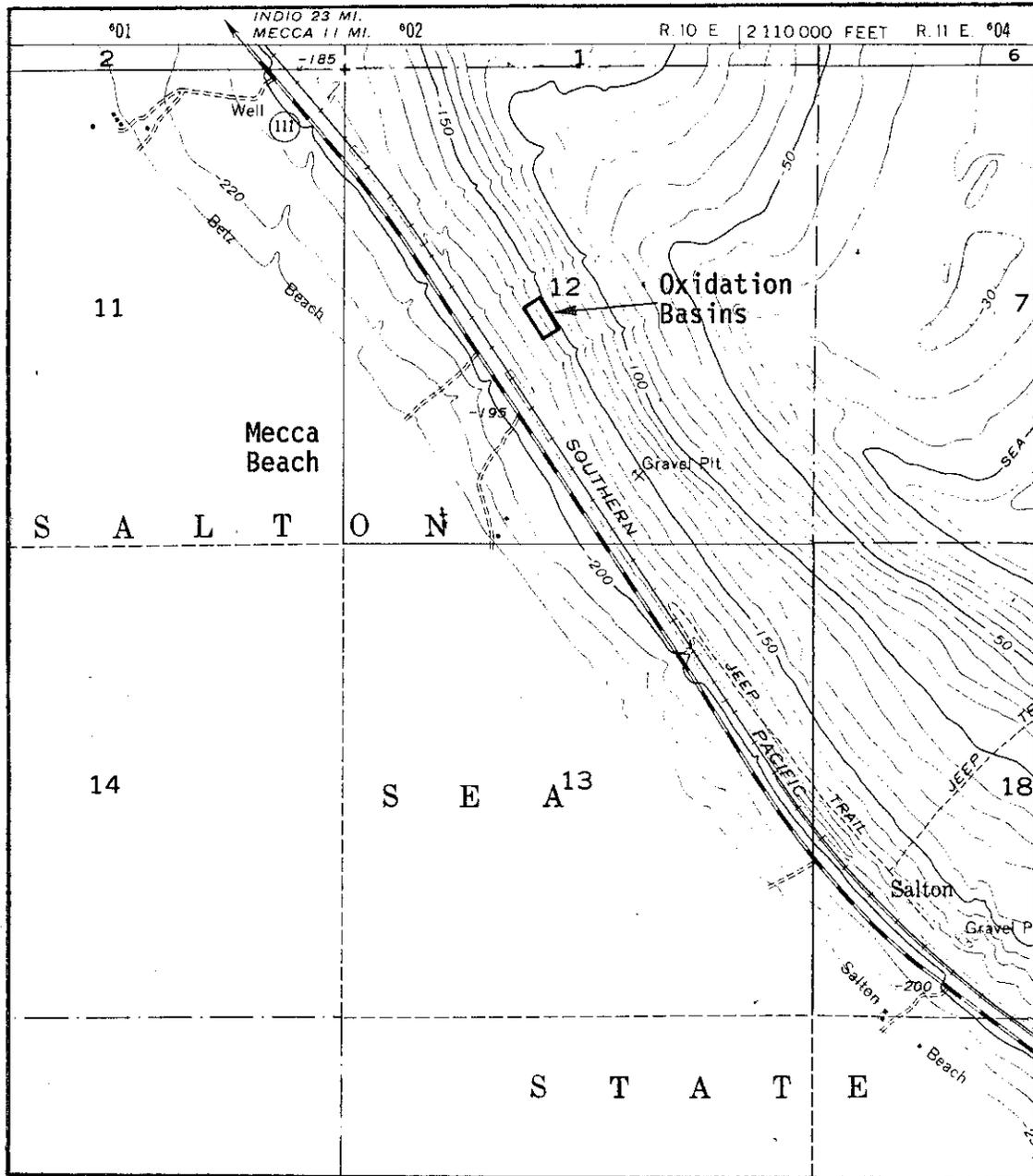
ORDERED BY:

Arthur Levajian
Executive Officer

November 30, 1988

Date

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SITE MAP
SALTON SEA STATE RECREATION AREA
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 Discharge Location: NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of Section 12, T8S, R10E, SBB&M
 USGS Salton 7.5 min. Topographic Map

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