

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 79-1

MEADOWS UNION SCHOOL  
East of El Centro - Imperial County

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

1. Meadows Union School District (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), 2059 Bowker Road, El Centro, CA 92243, submitted updated information on September 19, 1978 on the discharge of wastes.
2. The discharger is discharging an average of 6,000 gallons-per-day of domestic sewage from a school with an average attendance of 325 pupils. The wastewater is treated and disposed of in a septic tank/leach field disposal system designed for a capacity of 13,500 gallons-per-day (675 persons). The school facilities are located in the SE 1/4 of Section 36, T15S, R14E, SBB&M.
3. The discharger has reserved areas of sufficient size for 100% replacement of the leach lines. These areas are designated on Attachment "A" incorporated herein and made a part of this Order.
4. The discharge of this school has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Resolution No. 70-57.
5. The Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin was adopted by the Board on April 10, 1975. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for the Imperial Hydrologic Unit.
6. The beneficial uses of groundwaters at the location of the discharge are:
  - a. Deep groundwaters are saline and are being investigated for potential geothermal development.
  - b. Shallow groundwaters are influenced by agricultural operations, are saline, and enter irrigation drains and flow to Salton Sea.

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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 discharge.
9. This school constitutes an ongoing project in accordance with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State Guidelines because the governmental approvals on or after April 5, 1973 do not involve a greater degree of responsibility or control over such activity than the governmental approvals received prior to that date.

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 a pollution or a nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. No wastewater other than domestic sewage shall be discharged at this location.
3. Wastewater discharged subsurface shall be retained underground with no surfacing, and shall not be directly conveyed to any irrigation drain or canal.
4. 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.
5. Septic tank cleanings shall be discharged only by a duly authorized service.

B. Provisions

1. The areas reserved for 100% replacement of the leach lines, as shown on Attachment "A", shall at all times be retained servient to this school, for the purpose of providing additional subsurface disposal capacity, until such time as this facility is connected to a municipal sewerage system.

2. Upon request from this Board's Executive Officer, the discharger shall furnish technical and/or monitoring reports on the treatment and discharge of waste.
3. 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.
4. Prior to any change of ownership of this school, the discharger shall:
  - a. Specify as a condition of transfer that said sewage disposal areas must remain servient to this facility, for the purpose of providing subsurface sewage disposal capacity, until such time as this school is connected to a municipal sewerage system.
  - b. Notify the succeeding owner, in writing, of the existence of this Order, and forward a copy of said correspondence to the Regional Board.
5. This Order supersedes Board Resolution No. 70-57.

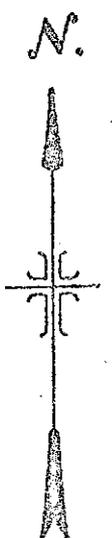
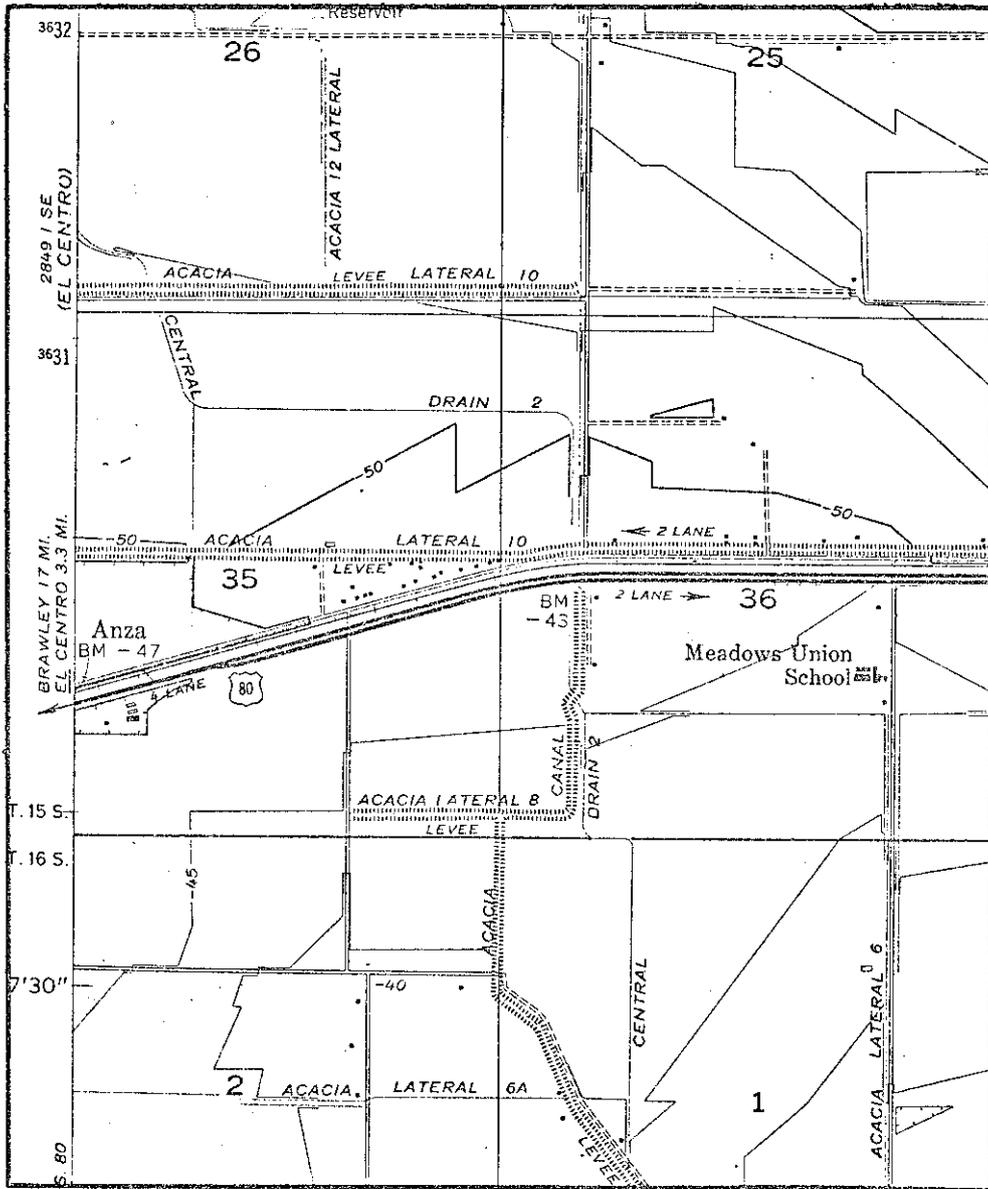
I, Arthur Swajian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on January 17, 1979.

*Arthur Swajian*

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Executive Officer

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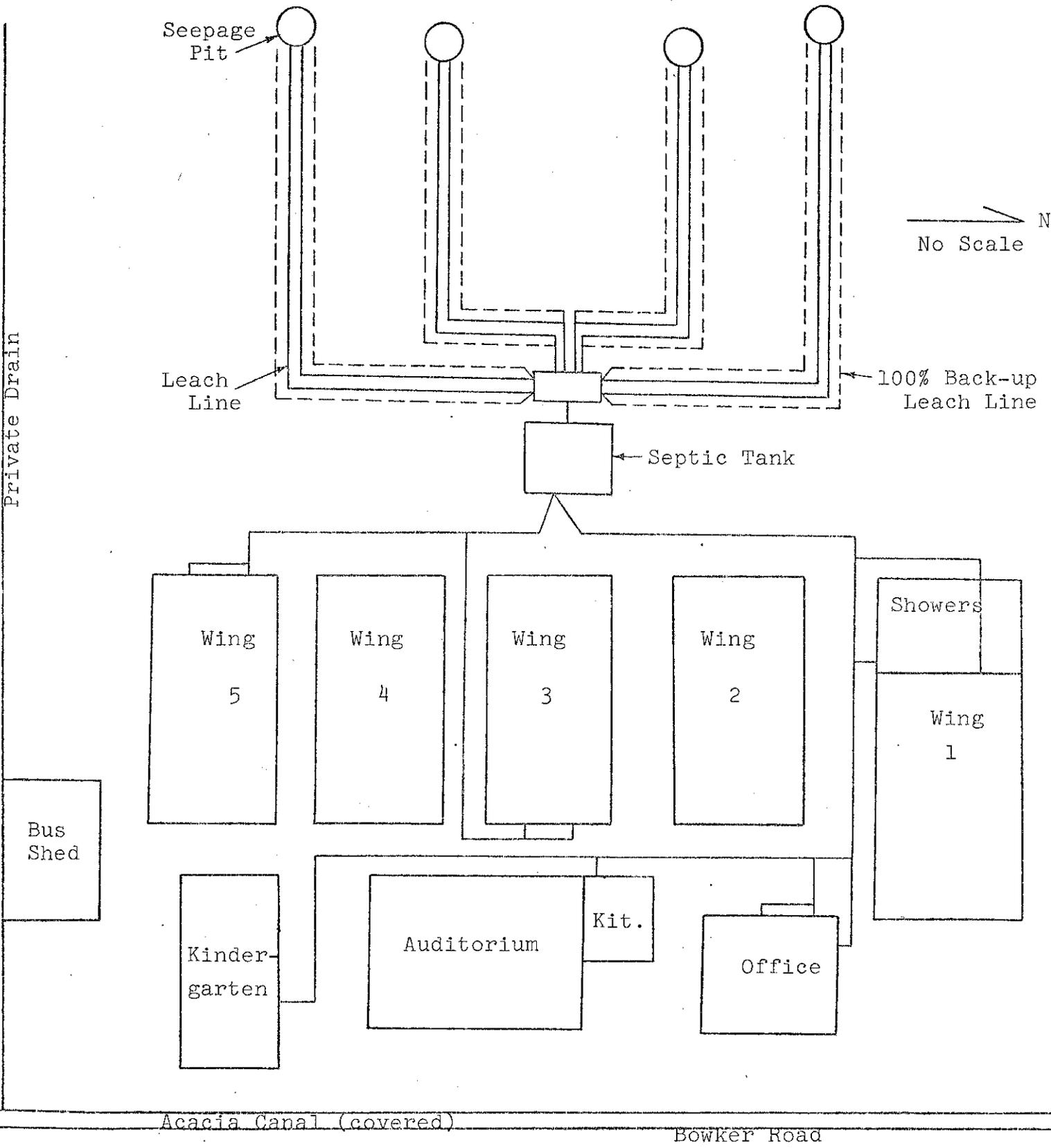


Scale  
1" = 2,000

SITE MAP

MEADOWS UNION SCHOOL  
 East of El Centro - Imperial County  
 SE 1/4 of Section 36, T15S, R14E, SBB&M  
 USGS Holtville W. 7.5 Min. Topographic Map

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ATTACHMENT A

Meadows Union School  
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