

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

**ORDER NO. 84-34**

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
SALTON SEA STATE RECREATION AREA, HEADQUARTERS CAMPGROUND  
South of Desert 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 State Recreation Area, North Shore, California, 92254, submitted information to update waste discharge requirements for the existing discharge.
2. The discharger is discharging a maximum of 10,000 gallons per day of domestic sewage from a campground having 5 mobile home spaces, 40 campsites and 7 restrooms. The wastewater is discharged through septic tanks and pumped into oxidation basins located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2, T8S, R10E, SBB&M. The basins are situated about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile from the Salton Sea. Chemical toilet wastes are pumped by truck and discharged into the basins.
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. The campground of the park served by this wastewater system reported 174,452 visitor days in 1983.
5. This discharge has been subject to waste discharge requirements contained in Board Order No. 77-93.
6. The Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin was adopted by the Board on April 10, 1975, and this Order implements the objectives stated in the plan.
7. Beneficial uses of the ground waters of the East Salton Sea Hydrologic Unit are municipal supply and agricultural supply. However, shallow ground waters in the vicinity of the basins are saline and are not beneficially used.

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by 88-134*

8. The Board has notified the discharger and interested persons and agencies of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the existing discharge.
9. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the existing discharge.
10. The disposal site constitutes an ongoing project in accordance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq.) and Title 14, California Administrative Code, Article 6.5, Section 15070, 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

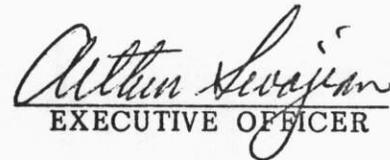
1. The treatment or disposal of wastes shall not cause pollution or a nuisance as defined in Sections 13050 (1) and 13050 (m) of the California Water Code.
2. No wastewater other than domestic sewage shall be discharged at these locations.
3. A minimum depth of freeboard of at least two feet shall be maintained in oxidation basins.
4. Treated or untreated sludge, or similar solid waste materials, shall be discharged in such a manner that these materials shall not enter the Salton Sea or any channel which will drain 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 oxidation basins inoperable.
7. There shall be no surface flow of wastewater away from the oxidation basins or septic tanks.
8. Chemical toilet wastes discharged at this site shall not contain additives prohibited by the California Administrative Code, 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 said 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.

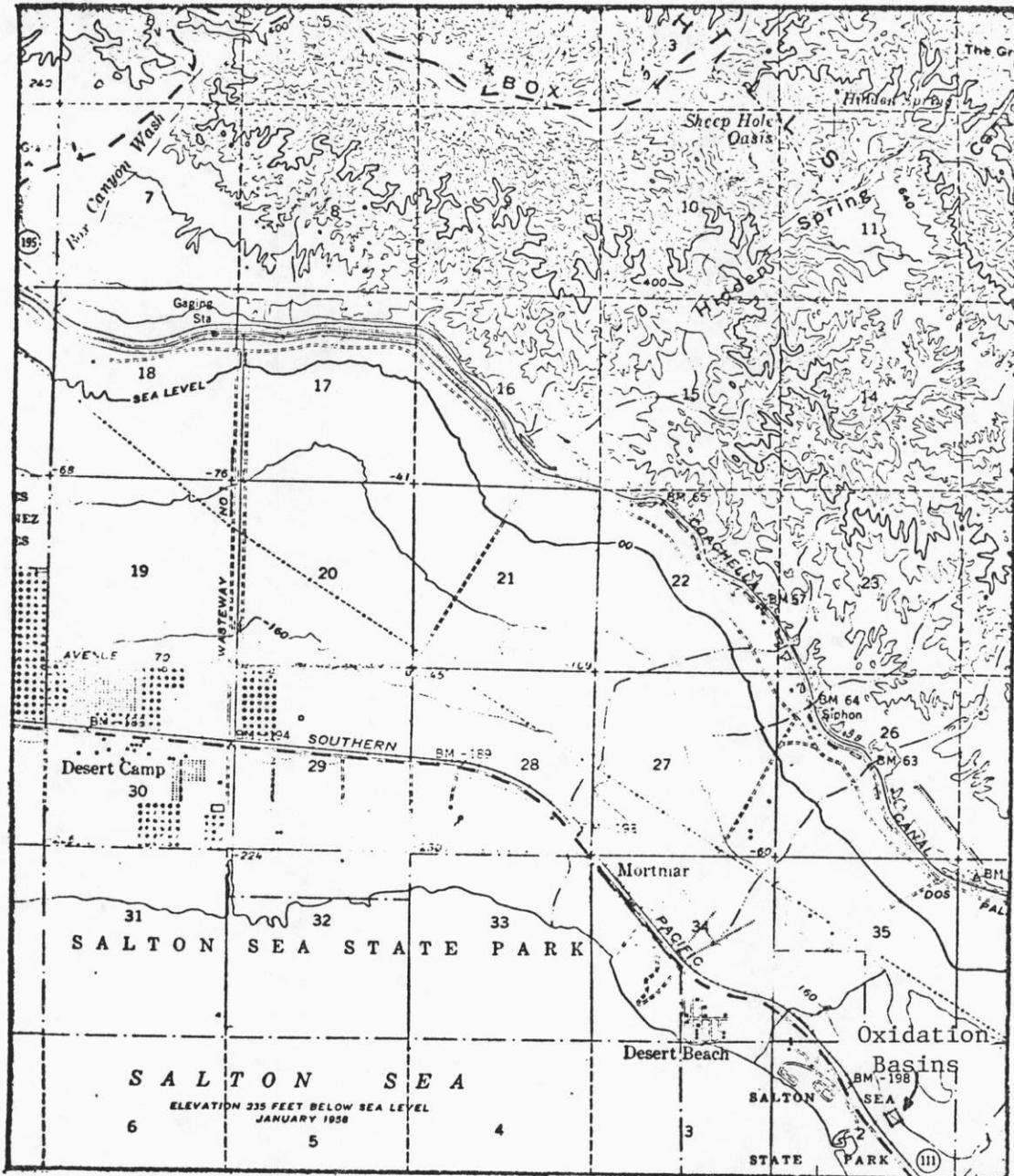
**B. Provisions**

1. Prior to any modifications in this facility which could result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, or any material change in location of discharge, the discharger shall report thereon to the Board.
2. Upon request from this Board's Executive Officer, the discharger shall furnish technical and/or monitoring reports on the treatment and discharge of wastes.
3. In the event of any change in operation, or in control or ownership of land and/or waste disposal facilities owned or controlled by the discharger, the discharger shall:
  - a. Notify this Board of such change; and
  - b. Notify the succeeding owner or operator by letter of the existence of this Order, a copy of which shall be filed with this Board.
4. This Order supersedes Board Order No. 77-93.

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 March 21, 1984.

  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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**SITE MAP**  
**SALTON SEA STATE RECREATION AREA, HEADQUARTERS CAMPGROUND**  
 South of Desert Beach - Riverside County  
 Location of Discharge: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2, T8S, R10E, SBB&M  
 U.S.G.S. Cottonwood Spring 15 min. Topographic Map