

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

ORDER NO. 85-92

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
CITY OF CALIPATRIA  
STANDBY BASINS  
Imperial County**

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

1. City of Calipatria (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), 101 North Lake Street, Calipatria, California, 92233, verified on August 1, 1985, that the below information is accurate.
2. The discharger discharges during an emergency and/or routine maintenance a maximum of 530,000 gallons-per-day of wastewater into earthen basins for final disposal by evaporation and infiltration. The basins are located in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, T12S, R13E, SBB&M. The basins are reserved for use as standby facilities during routine maintenance, power outages and other emergencies. This discharge has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 80-70.
3. The wastewater is normally treated in oxidation ponds and pumped to storage ponds for use in irrigating nearby crop fields. This discharge via irrigation is subject to waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. 84-8.
4. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California was adopted by the Regional Board on November 14, 1984. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for the Imperial Hydrologic Unit.
5. The beneficial uses of ground waters at the location of the discharge are:
  - a. Deep ground water is saline and is being investigated for potential geothermal development.
  - b. Shallow ground water is influenced by agricultural operations is saline, and enter irrigation drains, and flows to Salton Sea.
6. The Board has notified the discharger and interested persons and agencies of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.

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Superseded  
with Board Order  
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7. The Board in a public hearing heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
8. These waste discharge requirements govern an existing facility, which the discharger is currently operating, and therefore is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Section 15301 of Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Administrative Code.

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. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the standby facilities inoperable.
3. A minimum freeboard depth of at least two (2) feet shall be maintained at all times in the basins.
4. Sewage sludge shall not be discharged to any natural or artificial channel.
5. There shall be no surface flow of sewage away from the designated disposal area or into any drainage channel.
6. Standby facilities shall be maintained in a condition satisfactory for discharge thereto.

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 in writing to the Regional Board.
2. The discharger shall comply with the attached "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 85-92", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Executive Officer.
3. In the event of any change in control or ownership of land or waste disposal facilities described herein, 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.

7. The Board in a public hearing heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

8. These waste discharge requirements govern an existing facility, which the discharger is currently operating, and therefore is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Section 15301 of Title 14, Chapter 2 of the California Administrative Code.

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

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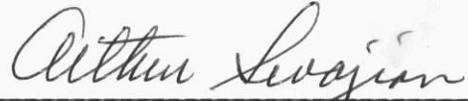
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2. The discharger shall comply with the attached "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 83-03", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Executive Officer.
3. In the event of any change in control or ownership of land or waste disposal facilities described herein, 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.

4. This Order supersedes Board Order No. 80-70.

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 October 2, 1985.

  
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Executive Officer

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COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 85-92  
FOR  
CITY OF CALIPATRIA  
STANDBY BASINS  
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Location of Discharge: NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12, T12E, R13E, SBB&M

MONITORING

In the event of a routine maintenance and/or emergency discharge of wastewater to the basins, the City shall report to the Regional Board concerning the following:

1. Prior to discharge, inspect the standby facilities and report on the integrity of said facilities (Telephone Number: (619) 346-7491).
2. Estimate of average daily flow to basins and anticipated duration of discharge - reported monthly.

REPORTING

Monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Board monthly, by the 15th day of the following month, when wastewater is being discharged to the basins.

Submit monitoring reports to:

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

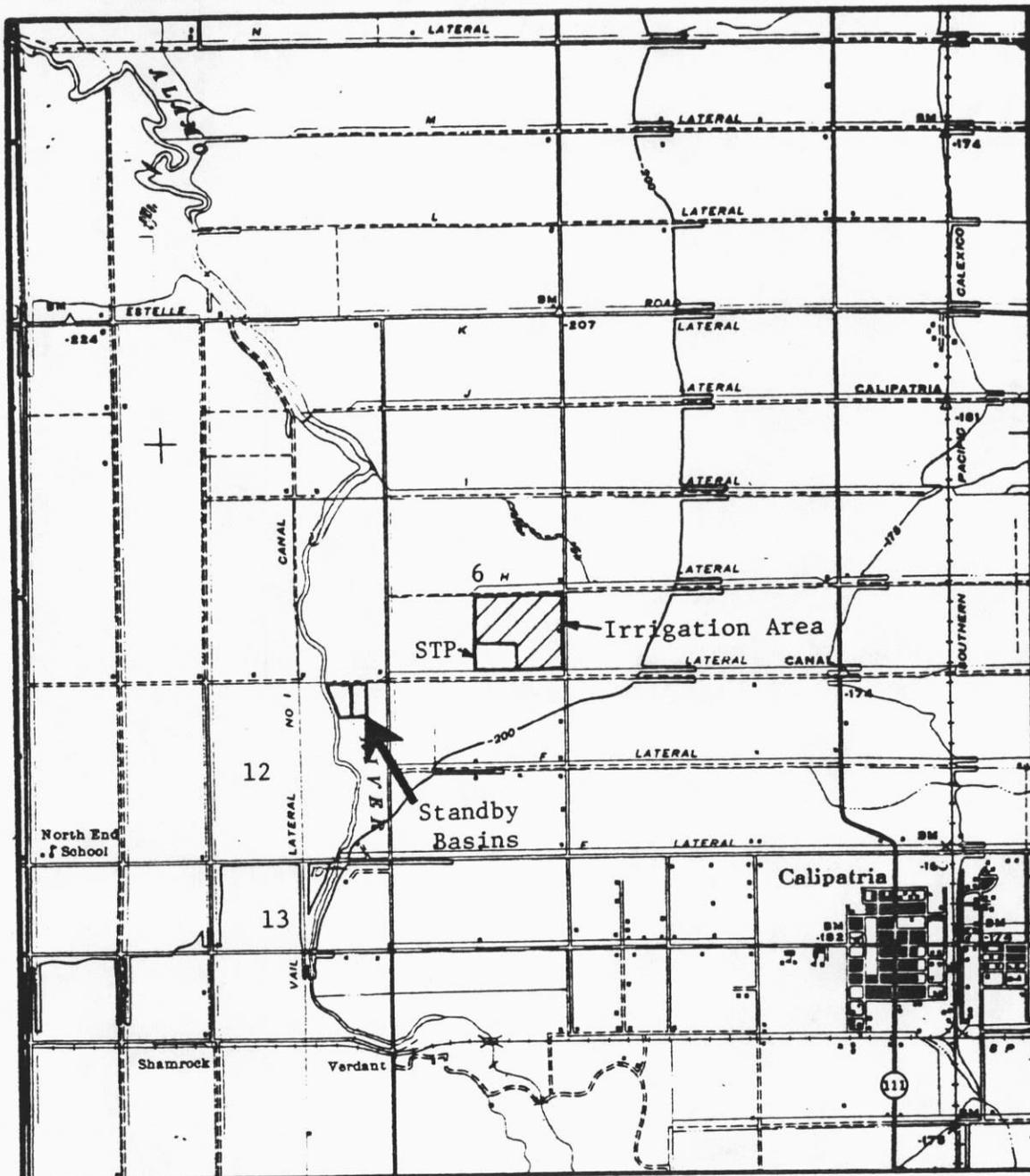
ORDERED BY:

  
Executive Officer

October 2, 1985

Date

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD -7



SITE MAP

CITY OF CALIPATRIA  
STANDBY BASINS  
Imperial County  
NE¼ of Section 12, T12S, R13E, SBB&M  
USGS Calipatria 15 min. Topographic Map

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