

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 91-039

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
CITY OF EL CENTRO
STANDBY BASINS
Imperial County

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

1. City of El Centro (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P.O. Bin 1701, El Centro, California, 92243, provided the following updated information on April 25, 1991.
2. The discharger discharges, during an emergency and/or routine maintenance, which occurs occasionally, a maximum of 5.0 million gallons-per-day into 18 acres of earthen basins for final deposal by evaporation and infiltration. The basins are located in the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 25, T15S, R13E, SBB&M. The basins are reserved for use as standby facilities, and have been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 85-047.
3. The wastewater is normally treated in an activated sludge type treatment plant and discharged into Central Drain, in accordance with waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. 89-044 (NPDES Permit No. CA0104426).
4. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California designates the beneficial uses of ground and surface waters in this Region.
5. The designated beneficial uses of ground waters in the Imperial Hydrologic Unit are:
 - a. Municipal supply (MUN)
 - b. Industrial supply (IND)

Within the Imperial Valley area of the Imperial Hydrologic Unit, much of the ground water is too saline for municipal use. The existing municipal use in this area is practically inconsequential.

6. The Board has notified the discharger and all known interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for this discharge.
7. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to this discharge.

8. In accordance with Section 15301, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, the issuance of these waste discharge requirements, which govern the operation of an existing facility involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.).

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

A. Discharge Specifications

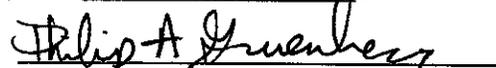
1. The treatment or disposal of wastes at this facility shall not cause pollution or nuisance as defined in Sections 13050(1) and 13050(m) of Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the standby facilities inoperable.
3. A minimum depth of freeboard of 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, other than in accordance with Board Order No. 89-044 (NPDES No. CA 0104426).
6. Standby facilities shall be maintained in a condition satisfactory for discharge thereto.

B. Provisions

1. Prior to any modifications in this facility which would result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater treated or discharged, or any material change in the location of discharge, the discharger shall report all pertinent information in writing to the Regional Board; and obtain revised requirements before any modifications are implemented.
2. The discharger shall comply with "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 91-039", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.
3. Prior to any change in ownership or management of this operation, the discharger shall transmit a copy of this Board Order to the succeeding owner/operator, and forward a copy of the transmittal letter to the Regional Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order No. 85-047 be superseded by this Board Order.

I, Philip A. Gruenberg, 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 June 26, 1991.


Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
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MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 91-039
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Location of Discharge: Portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 25, T15S, 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

Monthly monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Board by the 15th day of the following month.

Submit monitoring reports to:

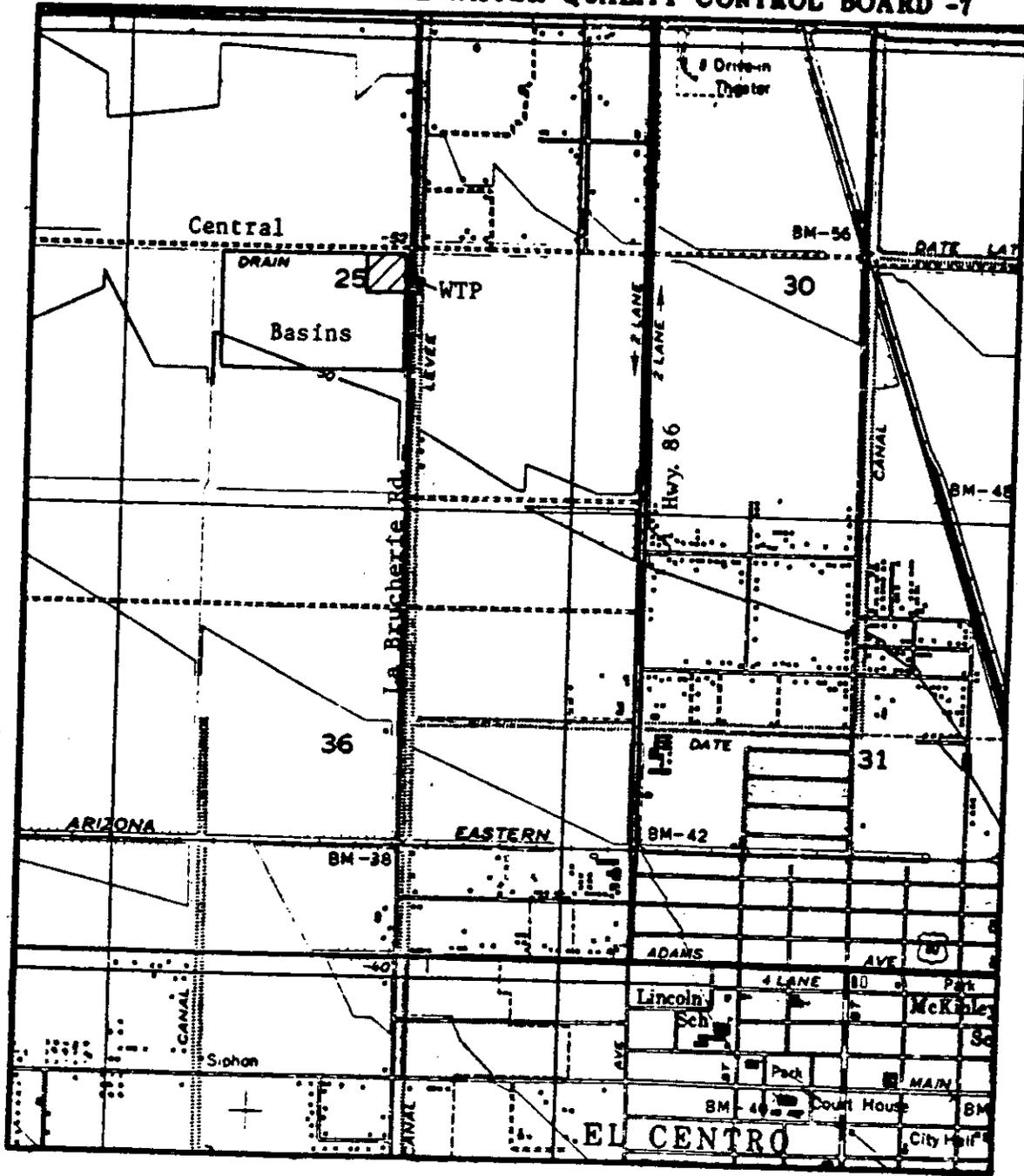
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-271 Highway 111, Suite 21
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ORDERED BY: Philip A. J. [Signature]
Executive Officer

June 26, 1991

Date

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Scale
1"=2,000'

SITE MAP

CITY OF EL CENTRO
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Portion of the S½ of Section 25, T15S, R13E, SBB&M
USGS El Centro 7.5 min. Topographic Map