CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 83-34

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DESERT SEWER PUMPERS ASSOCIATION Northwest of Thousand Palms - Riverside County

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

- 1. Desert Sewer Pumpers Association (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P. O. Box 167, Palm Desert, California 92261, submitted updated information on the discharge of waste on February 22, 1983.
- 2. The discharger is discharging a maximum average of 15,000 gallons-perday of domestic sewage from pumping out septic tanks, seepage pits, cesspools, service station holding tanks, restaurant grease pits and chemical toilets.
- 3. The dischargers, composed of three sewer pumping services, are discharging the wastewater (collected in tank trucks) by uniformly spreading it over the surface of 40-acres of natural desert located in the SW¹/₄ of Section 11, T4S, R5E, SBB&M.
- 4. The discharge at this site has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 71-22. This site is also being used for disposal of Group 3 solid wastes under this Board's Order No. 75-7.
- 5. The discharge area is underlain by recent wind carried sediments consisting mainly of fine sand. Records of nearby wells in the discharge area indicate depth to the water table is approximately 170 feet below ground surface.
- 6. 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 Coachella Hydrologic Unit.
- 7. The beneficial uses of the ground waters of the Coachella Hydrologic Unit are:
 - a. Municipal supply
 - b. Industrial supply
 - c. Agricultural supply
- 8. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.

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9. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

10. This sewage disposal site 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 discharge of wastewater nor the discharge operations shall create a pollution or a nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
- 2. No wastewater other than that specified in Finding No. 2 (above) shall be discharged at the designated land disposal site.
- 3. The disposal area shall be protected by natural or artificial features so as to assure protection from any washout and from inundation which could occur as a result of floods.
- 4. There shall be no surface exposure of wastes at the close of a day's operations.
- 5. There shall be no concentration of waste within limited areas of the reported disposal site.
- 6. There shall be no ponding of discharged waste effluent or surface flow of this wastewater away from the designated disposal area.
- 7. The maximum average discharge shall not exceed 15,000 gallons-per-operating day.

B. Provisions

- By July 15, 1983, the discharger shall submit to the Regional Board for approval by the Executive officer a technical report signed by a California Registered Civil Engineer, showing field data, and proposed construction and operation plans designed to meet the Discharge Specifications contained in this Order.
- 2. By September 15, 1983, the discharger shall complete the construction approved in Provision No. B.1., (above) to the satisfaction of the Executive Officer and shall submit a certificate signed by a California Registered Civil Engineer stating that the wastewater facilities are constructed to meet the Discharge Specifications.

- 3. Prior to any substantial change in the quality or quantity of wastes to be discharged or the location of discharge, the discharger shall report in writing to the Regional Board.
- 4. The discharger shall comply with the "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 83-34", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Executive Officer.
- 5. Prior to any proposed change in use, or in control or ownership of the land used as the discharge area, the discharger shall:
 - a. Report in writing to the Regional Board.
 - b. Notify the succeeding owner, in writing, of the existence of this Order, and forward a copy of said correspondence to the Regional Board.
- 6. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to allow the discharger to discharge wastes onto any land which is not under his ownership or control.
- 7. This Order supersedes Board Order No. 71-22.

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 May 18, 1983.

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MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 83-34
FOR
DESERT SEWER PUMPERS ASSOCIATION
Northwest of Thousand Palms - Riverside County

Location of Discharge: SW1 of Section 11, T4S, R5E, SBB&M

MONITORING

The discharger shall report to the Regional Board concerning the following:

ITEM

1. Volume of waste discharge during quarter. This information may be reported as the number of truckloads, and an estimate of the average volume per truckload (in gallons).

REPORTING

The quarterly reports shall be submitted by January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 of each year.

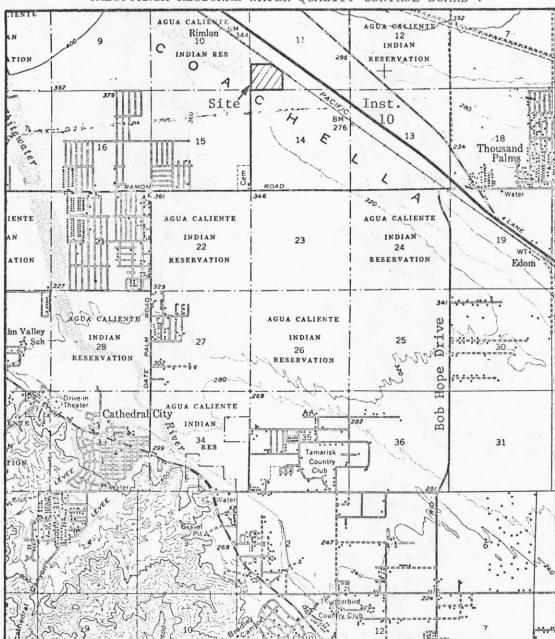
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California Regional Water Quality Control Board Colorado River Basin Region 73-271 Highway 111, Suite 21 Palm Desert, CA 92260

ORDERED BY:

Executive Officer

Date



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SITE MAP

DESERT SEWER PUMPERS ASSOCIATION
Northwest of Thousand Palms - Riverside County
SW 1/4 of Section 11, T4S, R5E, SBB&M
USGS Thousand Palms 15 min. Topographic Map

JL JC Scale :

1"=1 mi.