

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

ORDER NO. 85-47

**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 March 11, 1985, the below information.
2. The discharger discharges during an emergency and/or routine maintenance which occurs occasionally, a maximum of 5.0 million gallons-per-day into 23 acres of earthen basins for final disposal 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. 80-49.
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. 84-24 (NPDES Permit No. CA0104426).
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 waters are saline and are being investigated for potential geothermal development.
 - b. Shallow ground waters are influenced by agricultural operations, are saline, and enter irrigation drains and flow 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.
7. The Board in a public hearing heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.

*June 26/91
Superseded
by 91-039*

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

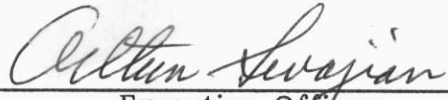
1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastewater shall create a pollution or a nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the standby facilities 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, other than in accordance with Board Order No. 84-24 (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 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. "85-47", 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. 80-49.

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 22, 1985.



Executive Officer

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

**MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 85-47
FOR
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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:

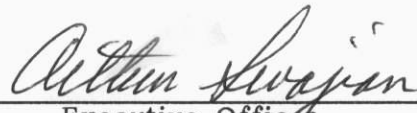
1. Prior to discharge, inspect the standby facilities and report on the integrity of said facilities (Telephone Number: (619) 346-7491).
2. Estimate of average daily flow to basins and anticipated duration of discharge - reported monthly.

Monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Board monthly 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

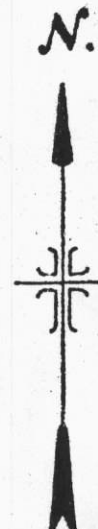
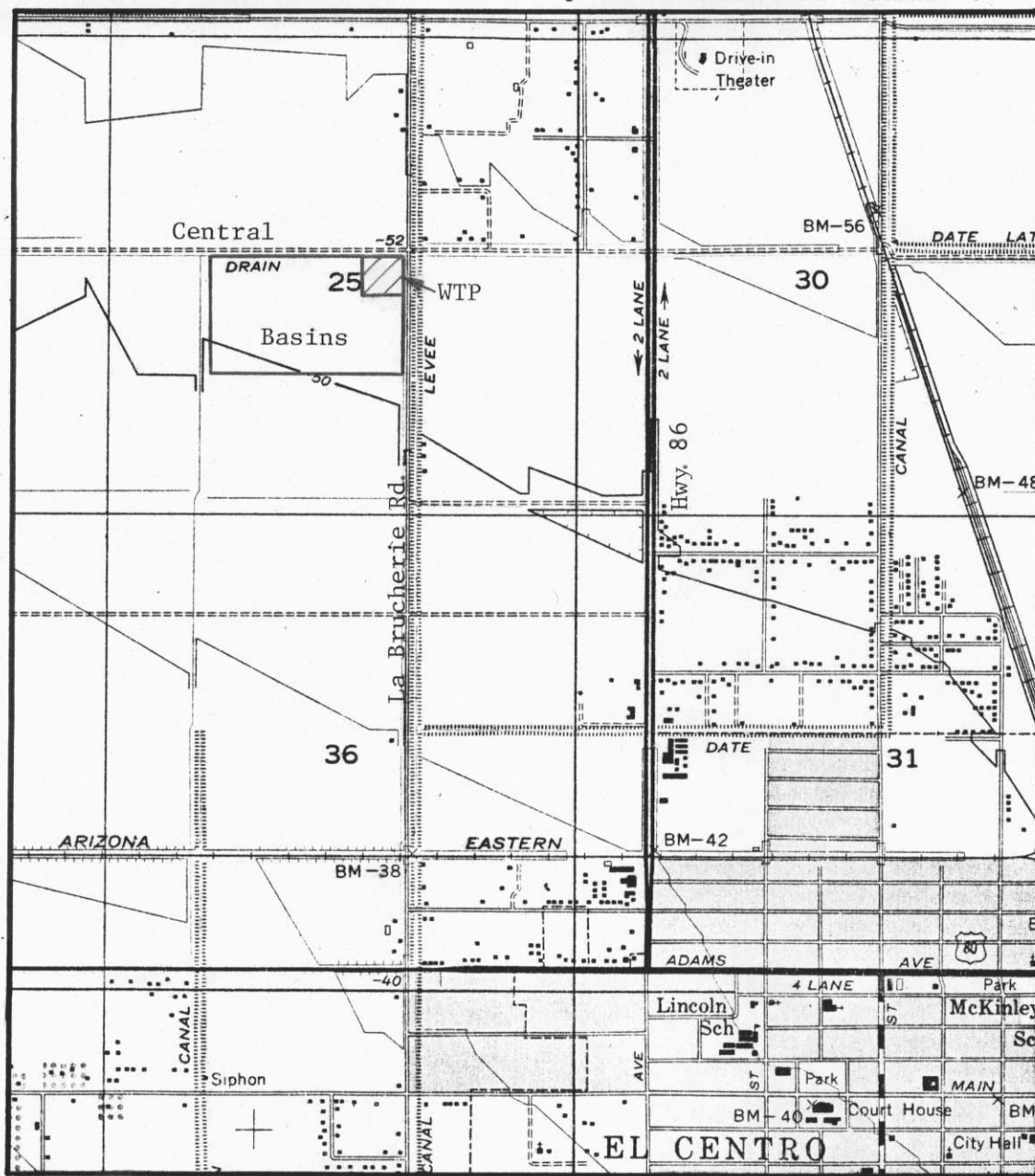
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Executive Officer

May 22, 1985

Date

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Scale
1"=2,000'

SITE MAP

CITY OF EL CENTRO
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Portion of the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 25, T15S, R13E, SBB&M
USGS El Centro 7.5 min. Topographic Map

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