

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

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 87-33

H&R WARNE FARMS INC., AND DANNY ROBENSON
South of Ripley - Riverside County

The Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, finds that:

1. H&R Warne Farms Inc., (owner), hereinafter also referred to as the discharger, P.O. Box 2266, Westminster, California, 92684, owns the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 16, T8S, R22E, SBB&M, Palo Verde, California.
2. Danny Robenson, owner of Robenson Farms, (operator) hereinafter also referred to as the discharger, P.O. Box 1064, Blythe, California, 92226, operates the above described property as a farm.
3. On January 6, 1987, the Regional Board staff received a report from the Riverside County Environmental Health Department, concerning illegal dumping of pesticide containers, sheep carcasses, household trash, and other refuse at the above described site near the Palo Verde Outfall Drain. The dumping reportedly had occurred over a long period of time.
4. On January 7, 1987, the site was inspected by Regional Board staff. It was noted that a 50'x75' trench was excavated at the site which drains to the Palo Verde Outfall Drain; and it appeared that large quantities of various waste material were buried which included pesticide containers, fertilizer bags, household trash, and sheep carcasses, some of which were found in the drain. Signs of recent trash burning were also observed at an adjacent area of the trench.
5. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California identifies the beneficial uses of the ground waters in the Palo Verde Hydrologic Subunit as:
 - a. Municipal
 - b. Industrial
 - c. Agricultural
6. Said Water Quality Control Plan identifies the beneficial uses of the surface waters in the Palo Verde Lagoon and Outfall Drain as:
 1. Agricultural
 2. Water Contact Recreation
 3. Non-Contact Water Recreation
 4. Warm Water Habitat
 5. Wildlife Habitat

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7. Said Water Quality Control Plan identifies the beneficial uses of the surface water in the Colorado River as:
 - a. Municipal and Domestic Supply
 - b. Agricultural
 - c. Aquaculture
 - d. Industrial
 - e. Ground Water Recharge
 - f. Water Contact Recreation
 - g. Non-contact Water Recreation
 - h. Warm Water Habitat
 - i. Cold Water Habitat
 - j. Wildlife Habitat
 - k. Hydropower Generation
8. The disposal of this waste material at this site will adversely impact the above listed beneficial uses.
9. H&R Warne Farms Inc., and Danny Robenson failed to file an "Application for Permit to Discharge" in violation of Division 7 of the California Water Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code, H&R Warne Farms Inc., and/or Danny Robenson, shall:

1. Take immediate necessary action to abate the discharge of any waste material at the said site.
2. Cleanup by February 2, 1987, all the waste material buried and scattered at the site. Remove the waste material to an appropriate waste management facility.
3. Notify the Regional Board by February 9, 1987 of the completion of the cleanup work, so that a staff inspection may be made of the trench/excavation before backfilling.
4. Report to the Regional Board the location of the disposal site of said waste material along with hauling manifests of the hazardous materials.

ORDERED BY:

Arthur Levajian
Executive Officer

January 23, 1987
Date