

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 90-011

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
STANDBY BASINS  
Heber - Imperial County

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

1. Heber Public Utility District (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P. O. Box H, 1085 Ingram Avenue, Heber, California 92249-047, verified as true the following updated information.
2. The discharger discharges during an emergency and/or routine maintenance a maximum of 200,000 gallons-per-day of wastewater into two earthen basins for final disposal by evaporation and infiltration. The basins are located in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, T16S, R14E, SBB&M. The basins are reserved for use only as standby facilities during routine maintenance, power outages and other emergencies. The basins have a total holding capacity of one million gallons of wastewater.
3. The wastewater in Finding No. 2, above, is sanitary wastewater from the community of Heber, having a current population of 3,000.
4. The discharge has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 85-049.
5. The wastewater is routinely treated at the same site in an oxidation ditch wastewater treatment plant. The treated effluent is discharged to Central Drain 3-D No. 1 under waste discharge requirements prescribed in Board Order No. 90-008 (NPDES No. CA0104370).
6. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California was adopted by the Regional Board on November 14, 1984.
7. The Basin Plan delineates the location of said discharge to be in the Imperial Hydrologic Unit. Ground water at some locations of said hydrologic unit is known to have the following beneficial uses:
  - a. Municipal Supply (MUN)
  - b. Industrial Supply (IND)

However, ground waters in the vicinity of the discharge are not beneficially used.

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

*Superseded  
by Bd. Ord. # 95-057  
June 28, 1995*

10. 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, the discharger shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Specifications

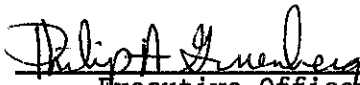
1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastewater shall create pollution or nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the standby facilities inoperable.
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 sanitary wastewater away from the designated disposal area or into any drainage channel, except in accordance with Board Order No. 90-008 (NPDES No. CA0104370).
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 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. 90-011", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Executive Officer.
3. In the event of any change in operation, or in control or ownership of land or waste disposal facilities owned or controlled by the discharger, 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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order No. 85-049 be superseded by this 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 January 17, 1990.

  
Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 90-011  
FOR  
HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
STANDBY BASINS  
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Location of Discharge: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, T16S, R14E, SBB&M

MONITORING

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

1. Prior to discharge, the discharger shall 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.

REPORTING

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

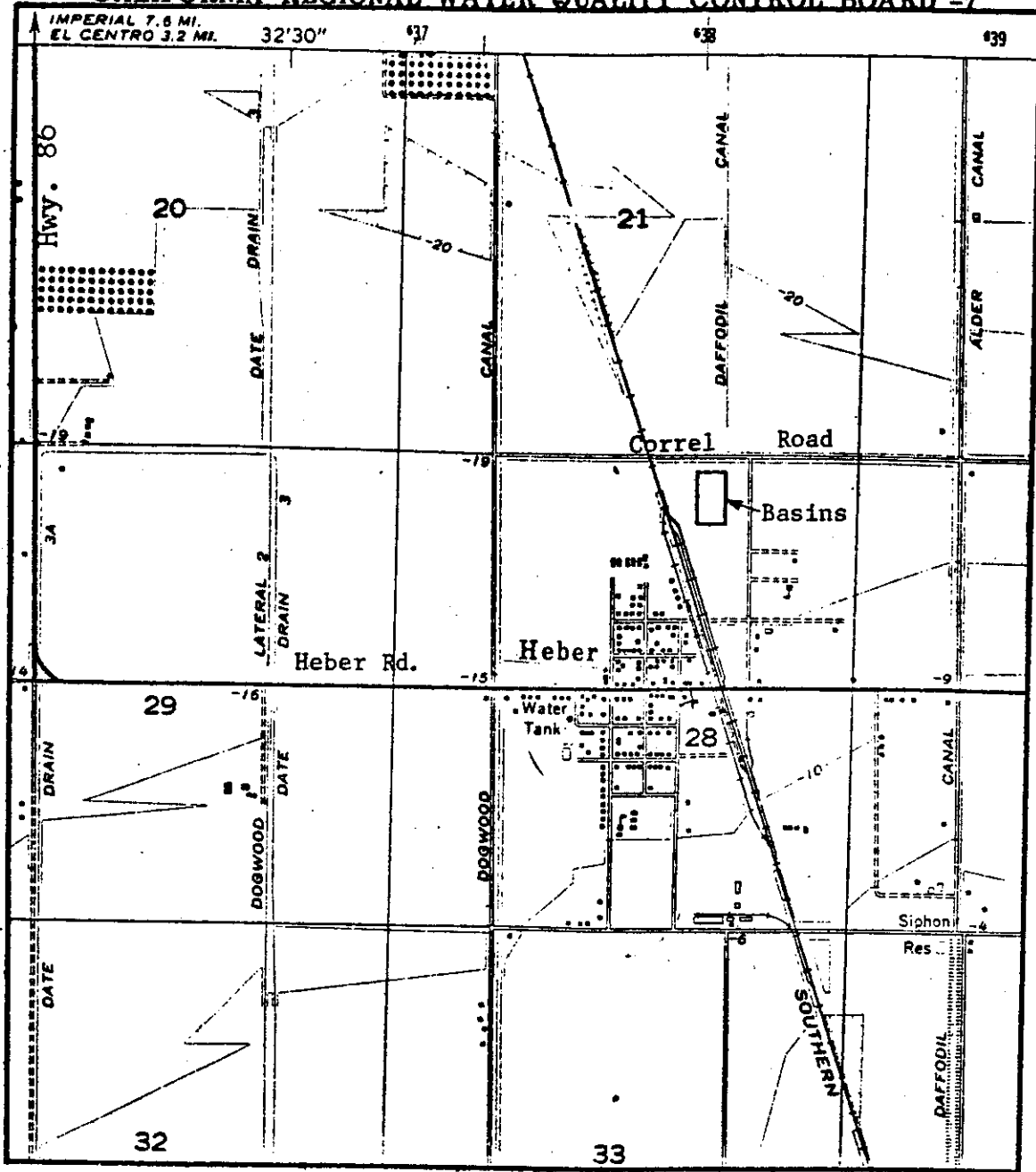
ORDERED BY:

Philip A. Gruenberg  
Executive Officer

January 17, 1990

Date

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD -7



SITE MAP

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT  
STANDBY BASINS

Heber - Imperial County  
Portion of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28, T16S, R14E, SBB&M  
USGS Heber 7.5 min. Topographic Map

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