CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 91-009

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR CITY OF CALIPATRIA STANDBY BASINS Calipatria - Imperial County

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

- City of Calipatria (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P.O. Box 167, Calipatria, California, 92233, verified that the following updated information is accurate.
- 2. The discharger discharges, during an emergency and/or routine maintenance, a maximum of 530,000 gallons-per-day of wastewater into two earthen basins for final disposal by evaporation and infiltration. The basins are located in the NE¼ of Section 12, T12S, R13E, SBB&M. The basins are reserved for use as standby facilities during routine maintenance, power outages and other emergencies.
- 3. This discharge has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 85-092.
- 4. The wastewater normally receives secondary treatment from an oxidation pond system with discharge to G Drain or is used for irrigation of nearby crop fields. The discharge to G Drain is subject to waste discharge requirements contained in Board Order No. 86-039 (NPDES Permit No. CA0105015). The discharge via irrigation is subject to waste discharge requirements contained in Order No. 91-010.
- 5. 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.
- 6. The beneficial uses of ground waters in portions of the Imperial Hydrologic Unit are:
 - a. Municipal supply (MUN)

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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.

7. The Board has notified the discharger and all known interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for this discharge.

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- 8. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to this discharge.
- 9. 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 specifications:

A. Discharge Specifications

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- 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 time in the standby basins.
- 4. Sewage sludge shall not be discharged to any natural or artificial channel, or waterway.
- 5. There shall be no surface flow of wastewater away from the designated disposal area or into any drainage channel, except in accordance with Board Order No. 86-039 (NPDES No. CA0105015) and Board Order No. 91-010.
- 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. 91-009", 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. 85-092 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 <u>January 16, 1991</u>.

Executive Officer

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MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 91-009 FOR CITY OF CALIPATRIA STANDBY BASINS Calipatria - Imperial County

Location of Discharge: NEt of Section 12, T12S, T13E, 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.

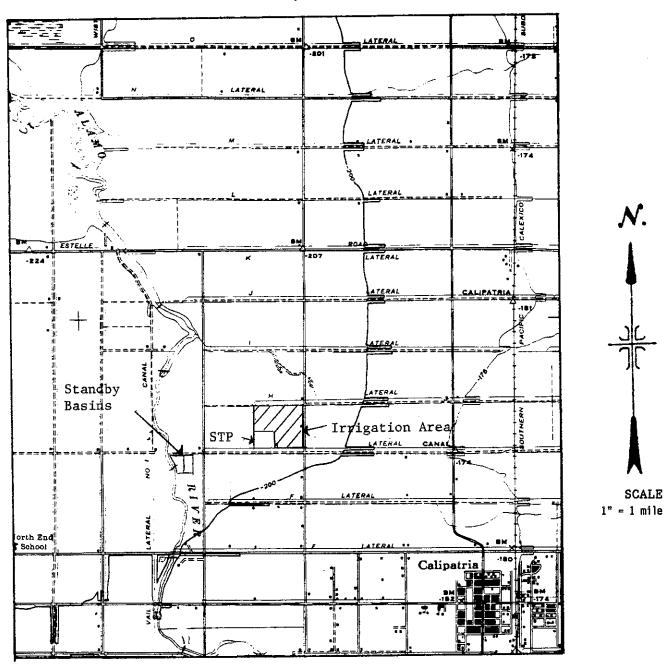
REPORTING

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 ? Executive Officer January 16, 1991 Date



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SITE MAP

CITY OF CALIPATRIA STANDY BY BASINS Calipatria - Imperial County NE% of Section 12, T12S, R13E, SBB&M USGS Calipatria 15 min. Topographic Map

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