

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

ORDER NO. 76-59

REVISION AND AMENDMENT OF THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN,
SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA BASIN (5B)
BY THE ADDITION OF A PROHIBITION OF WASTE DISCHARGE
FROM LEACHING AND PERCOLATION SYSTEMS WITHIN THE
COURTLAND SANITATION DISTRICT
SACRAMENTO COUNTY

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (hereafter Board), finds that:

1. The Board on 25 July 1975 adopted a Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Basin 5B.
2. The Plan contains areas where the discharge of waste from leaching and percolation systems is prohibited.
3. The Courtland Sanitation District is situated about 20 miles (32 Kilometers) south of the City of Sacramento on State Highway 160 adjacent to the east levee of the Sacramento River.
4. Surface drainage is to drainage canals that are pumped to Snodgrass Slough and the Sacramento River.
5. The beneficial uses of Snodgrass Slough and the Sacramento River are: municipal, domestic, agricultural, and industrial supply; recreation, including body contact sports; esthetic enjoyment; navigation; and the preservation and enhancement of fish, wildlife, and other aquatic resources.
6. A survey conducted by the District's consulting engineers on 8 December 1975 indicated that 44 percent of the 107 parcels in the community of Courtland discharge septic tank overflow directly to open drainage canals.
7. The Sacramento County Department of Community Health has requested a prohibition of waste discharge from leaching and percolation systems.
8. Continued installation and usage of leaching and percolation systems will increase the threat to public health and will further unreasonably impair water quality.
9. On 27 February 1976 in the Auditorium, County Center Three Court, Modesto, after due public notice, the Board conducted a public hearing at which evidence was received concerning the discharge of waste from individual sewage disposal systems.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that:

1. The discharge of waste within the Courtland Sanitation District, as delineated on the attached map, from leaching or percolation systems installed after approval of this amendment by the State Water Resources Control Board is prohibited. An exemption to this prohibition may be granted by the Executive Officer after presentation by the proposed discharger of geologic and hydrologic evidence that leaching system disposal will not, individually or collectively, result in pollution or nuisance.
2. The discharge of waste within the Courtland Sanitation District from leaching or percolation systems is prohibited after 1 March 1978. An exemption to this prohibition may be granted whenever the Board finds that the continued operation of individual sewage disposal systems in a particular area will not, individually or collectively, directly or indirectly, adversely affect water quality.
3. Chapter V of the Water Quality Control Plan is revised by the addition of this prohibition, upon approval of the State Water Resources Control Board.

I, JAMES A. ROBERTSON, 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, Central Valley Region, on 27 February 1976.



JAMES A. ROBERTSON, Executive Officer

