

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CEASE AND DESIST ORDER NO. 78-73

MOUNT SAN JACINTO WINTER PARK AUTHORITY
West of Palm Springs - Riverside County

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

1. Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), P.O. Drawer FF, Palm Springs, CA 92262, operates the Palm Springs Aerial Tramway. Wastewater from restrooms and a restaurant at the upper tramway station is discharged to a septic tank/leach field system located in Long Valley in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, T4S, R3E, SBB&M.
2. The Regional Board adopted waste discharge requirements on September 30, 1976 in Order No. 76-53 for said wastewater discharge of a minimum of 2,000 gallons-per-operating-day to a maximum of 15,000 gallons-per-operating-day.
3. The waste discharge requirements provide, in part, as follows:
 - A. Discharge Specifications
 1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastes shall cause a pollution or a nuisance.
 4. Sewage effluent discharged subsurface shall be retained underground with no materials of sewage origin evident on the ground surface.
 5. Adequate protective works shall be provided to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the treatment and discharge facilities inoperable.

B. Provisions

1. The discharger shall submit to the Regional Board quarterly technical reports by each of the following

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dates: January 15, 1977, April 15, 1977, July 15, 1977, and October 15, 1977. These reports shall include information on the following:

- a. A record consisting of a list of any dates when surfacing leachate is observed, and a description of the extent of the problem.
 - b. The method of operation of existing sewage disposal facilities and any resulting problems.
 - c. Any additional construction, or renovation of sewage disposal facilities during the quarter.
2. In the event that the problem has not been solved by the final report date of October 15, 1977, the discharger shall include in said final report to the Regional Board, a schedule of construction plans so that the existing facilities shall be in complete compliance with the requirements of this Order by January 1, 1978.
4. Reports concerning the leach fields, submitted by the discharger in accordance with Provision B.1. of Order No. 76-53 (above), show that surfacing of sewage effluent did occur during 1977.
5. The discharger has not reported any major efforts to physically improve the leach field system since Order No. 76-53 was adopted on September 30, 1976.
6. On May 4, 1978, and May 8, 1978, the Board staff observed violations of Discharge Specifications A.1., A.4., and A.5. of said Order No. 76-53.
7. Unless additional changes are made in the disposal facilities and/or in the operation of those facilities, the discharger will remain in threatened violation of Discharge Specifications A.1., A.4., and A.5. of Order No. 76-53.
8. On July 12, 1978, the Regional Board conducted a public hearing in the City of Coachella, after due notice to the discharger and all other interested persons, at which the discharger appeared and evidence was received concerning the discharge.
9. Upon the basis of the evidence received, the Regional Board determined that the discharger is violating and is threatening further violations of Discharge Specifications A.1., A.4., and A.5., and Provision B.2. of Order No. 76-53.

10. This enforcement action is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq.) in accordance with Section 15121, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Administrative Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

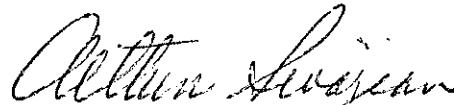
1. Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority cease and desist from discharging wastes contrary to requirements listed in Finding No. 3 (above).
2. The discharger shall take appropriate interim remedial action forthwith to prevent the discharge of wastes contrary to requirements prescribed in said Order No. 76-53.
3. Compliance with the Board's discharge requirements shall be completed according to the following time schedule.

<u>TASK</u>	<u>COMPLETION DATE</u>	<u>REPORT OF COMPLIANCE DUE</u>
Submit technical report on proposal to achieve compliance	--	8-01-78
Let bids for construction	9-01-78	9-15-78
Begin construction	10-01-78	10-15-78
Complete construction	12-01-78	12-15-78

4. The discharger shall submit monthly reports, under penalty of perjury, to the Executive Officer concerning the following. Said reports shall be due by the 15th day of the following month.
 - a. A record consisting of a list of any dates when surfacing leachate is observed, and a description of the extent of the problem.
 - b. Any changes in the method of operation of the sewage disposal facilities, or any additional construction or renovation of the sewage disposal facilities during the month.

- c. An estimate of the water usage at the upper tramway station for each day of the month.
5. If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, Mount San Jacinto Winter Park Authority fails to comply with the provisions of this Order, the Executive Officer is directed to request the Attorney General to take appropriate action against the discharger, including injunction and civil monetary remedies, if appropriate.

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 July 12, 1978.



Executive Officer