

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 83-76

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
DESERT SEWER PUMPERS ASSOCIATION  
Northwest of Thousand Palms - Riverside County

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

1. Desert Sewer Pumpers Association (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), P. O. Box 167, Palm Desert, California 92261, submitted updated information on the discharge of waste on February 22, 1983.
2. Desert Sewer Pumpers Association is an association of the three septic tank pumping services listed below, which are jointly and severally responsible for compliance with this Order:
  - a. Econo Sewer Cleaning Service, Inc.  
P. O. Box 192  
Palm Desert, CA 92261  
Larry Lefevre, President
  - b. Morrison Sewage Disposal  
P. O. Box 167  
Palm Desert, CA 92261  
Timothy Lewis, Owner
  - c. Sanco Pumping Service  
2502 Morongo Trail  
Palm Springs, CA 92264  
Steven L. Hargan, Owner
3. The discharger is discharging an average of 15,000 gallons-per-day of domestic sewage from pumping out septic tanks, seepage pits, cesspools, service station holding tanks, restaurant grease pits and chemical toilets, to a 40 acre parcel of land located in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, T4S, R5E, SBB&M. The parcel is the site of a closed burning dump. Most of the ground surface consists of rubble and non-decomposable wastes overlain by a few inches of blow sand. There are areas of dune sand along the periphery of the site. The area is underlain by recent wind-carried sediments consisting mainly of fine sand. Records of nearby wells in the discharge area indicate that the water table is approximately 170 feet below ground surface. Net evaporation at the site exceeds six feet per year.
4. The subject parcel of land is jointly owned by Larry Lefevre, Bennie Lewis, and James Bryce, principals in the three septic tank pumping companies.

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5. Wastewater will be spread by the tank trucks over selected areas of the site. A track-laying tractor will be used to periodically disk the disposal areas to prevent accumulation of solids on the ground surface. Wastewater will be discharged only to those areas where soil conditions permit disking.
6. The discharger at this site has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Orders No. 71-22 and 83-34. This site is also being used for disposal of Group 3 solid wastes under this Board's Order No. 83-41.
7. The Water Quality Control Plan for the West Colorado River Basin was adopted by the Board on April 10, 1975. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for the Coachella Hydrologic Subunit.
8. The beneficial uses of the ground waters of the Coachella Hydrologic Subunit are:
  - a. Municipal supply
  - b. Industrial supply
  - c. Agricultural supply
9. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.
10. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
11. This sewage disposal site constitutes an ongoing project in accordance with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et. seq.) and the State Guidelines because the governmental approvals on or after April 5, 1973, do not involve a greater degree of responsibility or control over such activity than the governmental approvals received prior to that date.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, the discharger shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Specifications

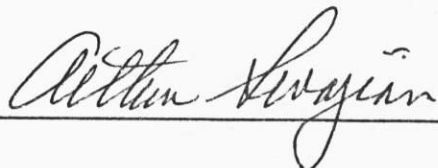
1. Neither the discharge of wastewater nor the discharge of operations shall create a pollution or a nuisance as defined in Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. No wastewater other than that specified in Finding No. 3 (above) shall be discharged at the designated land disposal site.
3. The disposal area shall be protected by natural or artificial features so as to assure protection from any washout and from inundation which could occur as a result of floods.
4. The discharged materials shall be physically incorporated into the soil media at least twice weekly, so as to prevent significant accumulation of wastes on the ground surface.

5. Waste shall be discharged only to those portions of the site where surface soil conditions permit working of the soil. Within the constraints of acceptable soil conditions, there shall be no concentration of waste within limited areas of the disposal site.
6. There shall be no ponding of discharged waste effluent or surface flow of this wastewater away from the designated disposal area.
7. The maximum average discharge shall not exceed 30,000 gallons-per-operating day.
8. Action should be taken to minimize public access into disposal areas.

B. Provisions

1. By August 1, 1983, the discharger shall achieve compliance with Discharge Specifications A.4., A.5. and A.6., above.
2. Prior to any substantial change in the quality or quantity of wastes to be discharged or the location of discharge, the discharger shall report in writing to the Regional Board.
3. The discharger shall comply with the "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 83-76", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Executive Officer.
4. Prior to any proposed change in use, or in control or ownership of the land used as the discharge area, the discharger shall:
  - a. Report in writing to the Regional Board.
  - b. Notify the succeeding owner, in writing, of the existence of this Order, and forward a copy of said correspondence to the Regional Board.
5. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to allow the discharger to discharge wastes onto any land which is not under his ownership or control.
6. This Order does not authorize violation of any laws or regulations established by other agencies.
7. This Order supersedes Board Order No. 83-34.

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 13, 1983.

  
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MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 83-76  
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Location of Discharge: SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, T4S, R5E, SBB&M

MONITORING

The discharger shall report to the Regional Board concerning the following:

ITEM

1. Volume of waste discharged during quarter. This information may be reported as the number of truckloads, and an estimate of the average volume per truckload (in gallons).

REPORTING

The quarterly reports shall be submitted by January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 of each year.

Mail reports to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Colorado River Basin Region  
73-271 Highway 111, Suite 21  
Palm Desert, CA 92260

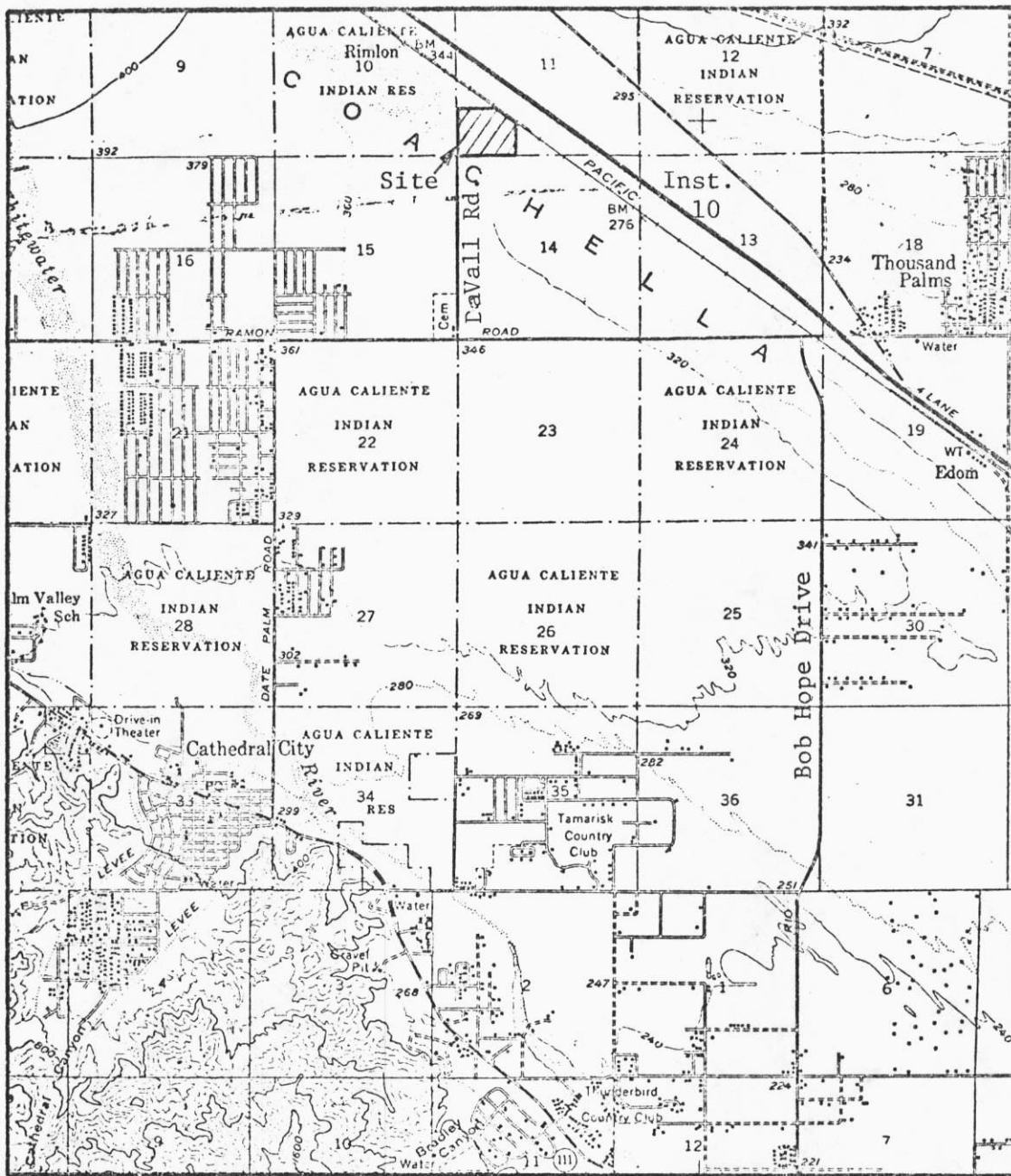
ORDERED BY:

Arthur Swajian  
Executive Officer

7/22/83

Date

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Scale :  
1"=1 mi.

SITE MAP

DESERT SEWER PUMPERS ASSOCIATION  
 Northwest of Thousand Palms - Riverside County  
 SW 1/4 of Section 11, T4S, R5E, SBB&M  
 USGS Thousand Palms 15 min. Topographic Map

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