CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 88-43 AGAINST WILLIAM AND ROBERT TUTTLE OF RIO LOCO RANCH North of Blythe - Riverside County

The Executive Officer of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, finds that:

- 1. Robert and William Tuttle (hereinafter also jointly referred to as the discharger), 277 W. Los Flores, Arcadia, CA 91006 are sub-leasing housing sites at Rio Loco Ranch. Currently the discharger discharges domestic sewage from twelve mobile homes into a pit, which has not been approved by the Regional Board or by Riverside County Health Department. The site is located in the SE¹/₄ of the NW¹/₄ of Section 36, T2S, R23E, SBB&M.
- 2. On October 20, 1987, the Regional Board staff inspected the subject site in response to a report from the Indian Health Service that sewage was being discharged without a permit. The staff observed a residue of septic tank effluent discharged into a pit approximately 20 feet in diameter and 6 feet deep.
- 3. On October 26, 1987 the Regional Board staff requested from the discharger a report describing a proposed wastewater disposal system for the development. The report, which was due November 20, 1987, has not been received by the staff.
- 4. On January 21, 1988 the Regional Board staff conducted a followup inspection of the site in cooperation with Riverside County Health Department. About six inches of septic tank effluent was observed in the pit. Since the design of the pit has not been approved, the discharge is considered surfacing.
- 5. Surfacing of sewage is a threat of pollution and nuisance as set forth in Section 13304 of the California Water Code. This Order is necessary to ensure cessation and abatement of surfacing.
- 6. 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 2714, Chapter 3, Title 14, California Administrative Code.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that pursuant to Section 13304 of Division 7 of the California Water Code, the discharger shall:

- 1. By February 19, 1988 submit an engineering report approved by Riverside County Health Department on the design of the proposed sewage disposal system.
- 2. By March 9, 1988 submit a report of completion of construction of facilities for cessation and abatement of surfacing.

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Failure to comply with this Order as directed may result in the issuance of an Administrative Civil Liability Order under Article 2.5 of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of the California Water Code.

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