

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

TIME SCHEDULE ORDER NO. 88-91
AGAINST
CITY OF EL CENTRO
IMPERIAL COUNTY

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

1. On June 22, 1984 this Regional Water Quality Control Board adopted Order No. 84-24 (NPDES No. CA0104426), prescribing waste discharge requirements for the discharge of wastewater by the City of El Centro (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger) into the Central Drain near the center of Section 25, T15S, R13E, SBB&M. The drain flows 8 miles and enters the Alamo River.
2. Board Order No. 84-24 requires, in part, the discharger to comply with the following:
 - A. Representative samples of wastewater discharged to Central Drain shall not contain constituents in excess of the following limits:

Constituent	Unit	30-Day Arithmetic Mean Discharge Rate	7-Day Arithmetic Mean Discharge Rate
20°C BOD ₅	lbs/day mg/l	1,251 30	1,876 45
Suspended Solids	lbs/day mg/l	1,251 30	1,876 45
Settleable Matter	ml/l	0.3	0.5

3. Monthly monitoring reports submitted by the discharger indicate several months of non-compliance with effluent limitations as described in Finding No. 2, above, in regards to the allowable limits of 20°C BOD₅. These violations are further confirmed by inspections and wastewater sampling conducted by the Regional Board Staff.
4. The City's sewage treatment plant had suffered severe structural deteriorations in its various components including the anaerobic digester. As a result, some of the components are either not utilized or are under-utilized; and it may be that the resultant violation of effluent limitations noted above is partly due to this non or under-utilization of treatment processes. Although the City of El Centro has been making an effort to correct the above-mentioned problems, as of this date structural damage in several areas of the wastewater treatment plant still exist.

5. By letter dated April 6, 1988, the Regional Board's Executive Officer notified the City of El Centro of the violations of the above-mentioned discharge requirements; and:
 - A. Requested that by April 25, 1988, the discharger submit to this Regional Board its proposal and time schedule of specific actions that the City would take whereby correction of the violations will be accomplished; and
 - B. Explained that this Regional Board is scheduling a public hearing on June 30, 1988 for consideration of issuance of a Time Schedule Order against the City of El Centro.
6. In correspondence dated April 6, 1988, the City submitted a time schedule proposing the following specific improvements to correct the violations:

A. Digesters:

<u>Task</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Report Due to Regional Board</u>
1. Engineering Agreement Approval	April 6, 1988	April 16, 1988
Start of design documents	April 15, 1988	April 25, 1988
Completion of design documents	August 1, 1988	August 10, 1988
2. Construction start	October 3, 1988	October 13, 1988
3. First progress report	November 15, 1988	November 25, 1988
4. Second progress report	January 1, 1989	January 10, 1989
5. Construction completion	February 1, 1989	February 10, 1989
6. In full operation	April 2, 1989	April 12, 1989

B. Aeration Basins

<u>Task</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Report Due to Regional Board</u>
1. Engineering Agreement Approval	July 20, 1988	July 30, 1988
Start of design documents	July 21, 1988	July 31, 1988
Completion of design documents	September 5, 1988	September 15, 1988
2. Construction start	November 7, 1988	November 17, 1988

<u>Task</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Report Due to Regional Board</u>
3. Progress report	December 10, 1988	December 20, 1988
4. Construction completion	January 6, 1989	January 16, 1989
5. In full operation	February 6, 1989	February 16, 1989

C. Concrete Repair and Gate Replacement

<u>Task</u>	<u>Completion Date</u>	<u>Report Due to Regional Board</u>
1. Complete agreement and design	September 1, 1988	October 1, 1988
2. Construction completed	January 1989	February 1989
3. In service	February 1989	March 1989

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The discharger shall achieve compliance with the Regional Board's waste discharge requirements by completing the improvements as delineated in the Finding No. 6 above, and by proper operation and maintenance of the sewerage system.
2. The discharger is required to provide the above described reports to the Regional Board under penalty of perjury, explaining progress towards compliance with specific tasks.
3. If, in the opinion of the Executive Officer, the discharger fails to comply with this Order, the Executive Officer is directed to issue a complaint against the discharger under Article 2.5, Chapter 5, Division 7 of the California Water Code and seek appropriate administrative civil liability and/or request the Attorney General to take appropriate action against the City of El Centro, including injunction and civil monetary liability as deemed 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 JUN 30 1988.



 Executive Officer