

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. 87-82  
AGAINST  
SHELDON BASS AND DOUGLAS TURNER  
North of Morongo Valley - San Bernardino County

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

1. Sheldon A. Bass, residence owner, P.O. Box 369, Morongo Valley, California, 92256, discharges wastewater into a septic tank claimed to be located on the property owned by Douglas Turner, P.O. Box 112, Morongo Valley, California, 92256. Hereinafter Messrs. Bass and Turner are jointly and severally referred to as the dischargers. The site is in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18, T1S, R4E, SBB&M.
2. On May 15, 1987, the Regional Board staff inspected the subject site in response to a complaint received on May 13, 1987. The staff observed that the sewage disposal system leach field of Sheldon Bass was destroyed leaving only the septic tank. The tank is located approximately 10 feet from a tributary of Big Morongo Creek, which is 30 feet downstream. At the time of the inspection, the pipe to the leach field was broken at the tank and removed. Any wastewater discharged into the tank would flow from this tank outlet into the creek, which would be in violation of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and State regulations.
3. 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. Cease immediately the discharge of sewage into Big Morongo Creek and/or its tributary, either directly or via the existing septic tank.
2. There shall be no further discharge into the septic tank or elsewhere other than into sealed tanks, until the Board staff is assured that a sewage discharge system has been installed that would not pose a threat to the quality of state waters.

Failure to comply with this Order as directed may result in referral to the Attorney General for appropriate legal action without further notice, and the discharger may also be subject to Administrative Civil Liability under Article 2.5 of Chapter 5 of Division 7 of the California Water Code.

*Cancelled  
10/07/89*  
May 21, 1987  
Date

Arthur Swajan  
Executive Officer