

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

RESOLUTION NO. 83-1

WAIVING WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF DISCHARGES

WHEREAS, Water Code Section 13260(a) requires that any person discharging wastes or proposing to discharge wastes within the region, other than to a community sewer system, that could affect the quality of the waters of the state, shall file a report of waste discharge; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, (hereafter Board), has a statutory obligation to prescribe waste discharge requirements except where a waiver is not against the public interest; and

WHEREAS, waiving requirements for certain specific types of waste discharges is not against the public interest because it avoids unnecessary expenditures of Board resources; and

WHEREAS, many types of waste discharges have no adverse affect on the waters of the state; and

WHEREAS, many waste dischargers are willing to self-regulate their discharges and thereby protect the waters of the state; and

WHEREAS, many waste dischargers are effectively regulated by local government or other state agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the Negative Declaration that was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act and appropriate regulations and finds that there are no significant adverse water quality impacts resulting from discharging the below-listed types of wastes; and

WHEREAS, the Board, on January 26, 1983, held a hearing in Palm Springs, California and considered all evidence submitted concerning this matter: Therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the California Regional Water Quality Board, Colorado River Basin Region, waives waste discharge requirements for the following specific types of waste discharges except for those dischargers for which waste discharge requirements have been adopted; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this action waiving waste discharge requirements is conditional and may be terminated for any type of discharge or any specific discharger at any time.

Types of Wastes for Which Discharge Requirements May Be Waived

AGRICULTURAL

1. Agricultural Grading
2. Agricultural Wastes - On Discharger Controlled Land
3. Agricultural Wastes - Field Turned
4. Animal Confinement Wastes
5. Animal Discharge - Not Causing Problems
6. Manure Composting - Outside Flood Plain
7. Agricultural Wastes Conforming to State Board's Minimum Guidelines
8. Watering Trough Flow-Through Wastewater

AIR CONDITIONER CONDENSATE

CONSTRUCTION

1. Highway
2. Construction Grading to Local Code
3. Construction Dewatering
4. Minor Stream Channel Alterations
5. Construction Under Best Management Practices

COOLING WATERS

1. Cooling Waters - Limited Quantity with Small Temperature and Salinity Differences

DREDGING

1. Small Dredging Operations
2. Maintenance Dredging Activities

DRILLING OPERATIONS

1. Drilling Muds - Geothermal Temperature Gradient Holes
2. Water Well Testing

IRRIGATION RETURN WATER

MINING

1. Mining Operations - Non-Chemical, Small
2. Sand and Gravel Mining - Land Disposal, Short Term
3. Sand and Gravel Mining - Non-Stream

TIMBER HARVEST OPERATIONS OPERATING UNDER APPROVED PLAN

POTABLE WATER LINE AND TANK FLUSHING

SUBSURFACE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE BY FACILITIES AND PROCEDURES CONFORMING TO THE REGIONAL BOARD'S GUIDELINES FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL FROM LAND DEVELOPMENTS

1. 15,000 gpd or Less
2. Five Units or Less
3. Individual

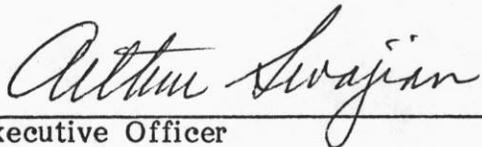
STORM WATER/URBAN RUNOFF NOT CAUSING SEVERE EROSION

SWIMMING POOL DISCHARGES

WASTE DISPOSAL TO LAND

1. Small Private Dumps of Group III Wastes

I, Arthur Swajian, Executive Officer, do hereby certify the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 83-1 adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Colorado River Basin Region, on January 26, 1983.



Executive Officer

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

INITIAL STUDY

SCH NO. 82121703
FOR
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I. Description of the Project

The "project" being considered is the adoption of a Resolution No. 83-1 adopting a waste discharge waiver process. The basic function of Resolution 83-1 is to set forth those discharges which have an insignificant affect on water quality and waive the prescription of requirements thereon.

II. Environmental Setting

The "project" covers the entire Colorado River Basin Region. The Region encompasses the southeast desert area of California and is bounded by the Ord, Bristol, Granite, Providence, and New York Mountains, and the State of Nevada on the North, by the Colorado River on the East, by Mexico on the South and by the Granite, San Bernardino, San Jacinto, and Peninsular Mountains on the West. Drainage is to either the Colorado River or the Salton Sea, plus to numerous dry lakes.

The population centers of the Region are generally located in the Coachella and Imperial Valleys and along the Colorado River. The one area of most rapid growth in the Region is the upper Coachella Valley area.

Irrigated agriculture, principally in the Coachella, Imperial, Palo Verde, and Bard Valleys, provides the economic base for most of the communities. Recreation and resort activities also provide substantial income to the Region.

Generally, the Region is characterized by the driest climate in California; consequently, it is characterized by xerophytic vegetation and associated wildlife communities. Deviation from this typical setting is found along surface waters and the higher mountain areas.

III. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

	<u>YES</u>	<u>MAYBE</u>	<u>NO</u>
1. <u>Earth.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Unstable earth conditions or in changes in geologic substructures?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Disruptions, displacements, compaction or overcovering of the soil?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Change in topography or ground surface relief features?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. The destruction, covering or modification of any unique geological or physical features?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, depositions or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet or lake?	—	—	<u>X</u>
g. Exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earthquakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar hazards?	—	—	<u>X</u>
2. <u>Air.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Substantial air emissions or deterioration of ambient air quality?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. The creation of objectionable odors?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?	—	—	<u>X</u>

	<u>YES</u>	<u>MAYBE</u>	<u>NO</u>
3. <u>Water.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh water?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Change in absorption rates, drainage pattern, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?	—	<u>X</u>	—
c. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?	—	<u>X</u>	—
d. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?	—	<u>X</u>	—
e. Discharge into surface waters, or in any alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?	—	<u>X</u>	—
f. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters?	—	<u>X</u>	—
g. Change in quantity of ground waters, either through direct additions or withdrawals, or through interception of the aquifer by cuts or excavations?	—	<u>X</u>	—
h. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?	—	—	<u>X</u>
i. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards such as flooding or tidal waves?	—	—	<u>X</u>
4. <u>Plant Life.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Change in the diversity of species, or number of any species of plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, microflora and aquatic plants)?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Reduction of numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of plants?	—	—	<u>X</u>

	<u>YES</u>	<u>MAYBE</u>	<u>NO</u>
c. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenishment of existing species?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?	—	—	<u>X</u>
5. <u>Animal Life.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Change in the diversity of species, or numbers of any species of animals (birds, land animals including reptiles, fish and shellfish, benthic organisms, insects or microfauna)?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of animals?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Introduction of new species of animals into an area, or result in barrier to the migration or movement of animals?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Deterioration to existing fish or wildlife habitat?	—	—	<u>X</u>
6. <u>Noise.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Increases in existing noise levels?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?	—	—	<u>X</u>
7. <u>Light and Glare.</u> Will the proposal produce new light or glare?	—	—	<u>X</u>
8. <u>Land Use.</u> Will the proposal result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area?	—	—	<u>X</u>
9. <u>Natural Resources.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable resource?	—	—	<u>X</u>

	<u>YES</u>	<u>MAYBE</u>	<u>NO</u>
10. <u>Risk of Upset.</u> Does the proposal involve a risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation) in the event of an accident or upset condition?	—	—	<u>X</u>
11. <u>Population.</u> Will the proposal alter the location, distribution, density or growth rate of the human population of an area?	—	—	<u>X</u>
12. <u>Housing.</u> Will the proposal affect existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?	—	—	<u>X</u>
13. <u>Transportation/Circulation.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Generation of substantial additional vehicular movement?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Effects on existing parking facilities, or demand for new parking?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Alterations to waterborne, rail or air traffic?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians?	—	—	<u>X</u>
14. <u>Public Services.</u> Will the proposal have an effect upon, or result in a need for new or altered governmental services in any of the following areas:			
a. Fire protection?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Police protection?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Schools?	—	—	<u>X</u>

	<u>YES</u>	<u>MAYBE</u>	<u>NO</u>
d. Parks or other recreational facilities?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Maintenance of public facilities, including roads?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Other governmental services?	—	—	<u>X</u>
15. <u>Energy.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy, or require the development of new sources of energy?	—	—	<u>X</u>
16. <u>Utilities.</u> Will the proposal result in a need for new systems, or substantial alterations to the following utilities:			
a. Power or natural gas?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Communications systems?	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Water?	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Sewer or septic tanks?	—	—	<u>X</u>
e. Storm water drainage?	—	—	<u>X</u>
f. Solid waste and disposal?	—	—	<u>X</u>
17. <u>Human Health.</u> Will the proposal result in:			
a. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (excluding mental health)?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Exposure of people to potential health hazards?	—	—	<u>X</u>
18. <u>Aesthetics.</u> Will the proposal result in the obstruction of any scenic vista or view open to the public, or will the proposal result in the creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?	—	—	<u>X</u>

	<u>YES</u>	<u>MAYBE</u>	<u>NO</u>
19. <u>Recreation.</u> Will the proposal result in an impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?	—	—	<u>X</u>
20. <u>Archeological/Historical.</u> Will the proposal result in an alteration of a significant archeological or historical site, structure, object or building?	—	—	<u>X</u>
21. <u>Mandatory Findings of Significance.</u>			
a. Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?	—	—	<u>X</u>
b. Does the project have the potential to achieve short-term, to the disadvantage of long-term, environmental goals? (A short-term impact on the environment is one which occurs in a relatively brief, definitive period of time while long-term impacts will endure well into the future.)	—	—	<u>X</u>
c. Does the project have impacts which are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (A project may impact on two or more separate resources where the impact on each resource is relatively small, but where the effect of the total of those impacts on the environment is significant.)	—	—	<u>X</u>
d. Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?	—	—	<u>X</u>

IV Discussion of Environmental Evaluation

Explanation of "Maybe" Checked Answers

Waiver of waste discharge requirements will be for discharges which produce an insignificant affect on water quality. However, such discharges could produce insignificant changes in the categories noted in Environmental Impacts (above).

V Preparer's Certification

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

I find the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant affect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed project could have a significant affect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project. A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WILL BE PREPARED.

I find the proposed project MAY have a significant affect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

January 7, 1983
Date

Arthur Swajin
Signature

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Section 21108
Public Resources Code

TO: State of California
The Resources Agency
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Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: California Regional Water Quality
Control Board, Colorado River
Basin Region
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Palm Desert, CA 92260

PROJECT TITLE: "Waiving Waste Discharge Requirements for Specific
Types of Discharges" (Resolution No. 83-1)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Waiver of waste discharge requirements for discharges
which produce an insignificant affect on water quality.

FINDING: The California Regional Water Quality Control Board,
Colorado River Basin Region, has determined that on the
basis of initial study, the project will not have a
significant impact on the environment.

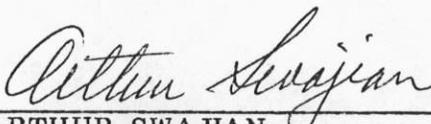
REASONING IN SUPPORT
OF FINDING: Refer to attached copy of the Initial Study for
documentation of the reasons supporting the finding.

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January 26, 1983



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