

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

ORDER NO. 86-53

**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 referred to as discharger) 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. Morrision 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
2. The discharger is discharging an average of 30,000 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 1/4 of Section 11, T4S, R5E, SBB&M. The parcel is the site of an abandoned landfill. 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. Precipitation averages 3.5 inches per year. Net evaporation at the site exceeds six feet per year.
3. The subject parcel of land is jointly owned by Larry Lefevre, Bennie Lewis (deceased), and James Bryce.

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4. Wastewater is spread by tank trucks over selected areas of the site. The disposal areas are disked periodically to prevent accumulation of solids on the ground surface. Wastewater is discharged only to those areas where soil conditions permit disking.
5. The discharger at this site has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 83-76.
6. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California was adopted by the Regional Board on November 14, 1984. The Basin Plan contains water quality objectives for the Indio Hydrologic Subarea.
7. The beneficial uses of the ground waters of the Indio Hydrologic Subarea are:
  - a. Municipal supply
  - b. Industrial supply
  - c. Agricultural supply
8. The Regional Board is required to fully review waste management unit classifications and waste discharge requirements for all existing waste management facilities as necessary to implement, by November 1989, the provisions of Section 2591 of Subchapter 15, Chapter 3, Title 23 of the California Administrative Code.
9. The disposal site and waste discharge requirements were reviewed in November 1985 for compliance with the requirements of said Subchapter 15 regarding the disposal of liquids to a landfill. The review revealed that retrofitting of the disposal site would be necessary to bring the waste discharge into compliance.
10. In a letter from the Executive Officer, dated November 26, 1985, the discharger was requested to submit a report indicating how compliance with Subchapter 15 regulations would be achieved. The discharger indicated his election to relocate the disposal site in lieu of conforming with Subchapter 15 regulations.
11. An evidentiary hearing was held at the January 22, 1986 Board Meeting to receive testimony regarding the disposal site and operations. Representatives of the discharger were present and submitted testimony. Representatives from the cities of Rancho Mirage and Cathedral City expressed their opposition to continuation of the disposal operation at the above-mentioned site. The discharger reiterated its plan to relocate the operation in lieu of retrofitting the site and requested a three-year time period in which to do so.
12. The Executive Officer was directed by the Board at the January 22, 1986 Board Meeting to update the Waste Discharge Requirements for the discharge and to include a time schedule, for relocating to a new disposal site, to be reviewed at the July 9, 1986 Board Meeting.

13. The discharger submitted letters in June 1986 indicating its efforts to date for acquiring a new site.
14. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.
15. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge.
16. These waste discharge requirements govern an existing facility, which the discharger is currently operating, and therefore is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act in accordance with Section 15301 of Title 14, Chapter 3 of the California Administrative Code.

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

A. Discharge Specifications

1. Neither the discharge of wastewater nor the discharge 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. 2 (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. Wastes shall be discharged only to those portions of the site where surface soil conditions permit working of the soil.
6. There shall be no ponding of discharged waste effluent or surface flow of wastewater away from the designated disposal area.
7. The maximum average discharge shall not exceed 30,000 gallons-per-operating day.
8. Action, as approved by the Executive Officer, shall be taken to avoid public access into disposal areas.

B. Prohibitions

1. The discharge of wastewaters at this location is prohibited on and continuing after January 1, 1989, unless the waste management unit is

retrofitted in compliance with the applicable provisions of said Subchapter 15.

C. Provisions

1. 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.
2. The discharger shall comply with the "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 86-53", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Executive Officer.
3. Prior to any proposed change in use, or in control or ownership of the land used as the disposal 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.
4. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to allow the discharger to discharge wastes onto any land which is not under its ownership or control.
5. This Order does not authorize violation of any laws or regulations established by other agencies.
6. The discharger has the option of terminating the disposal operation at this site or retrofitting the site to meet the provisions of said Subchapter 15 for disposal of liquids to a landfill.
7. The discharger shall submit semiannual reports, due each January 15 and July 15, explaining the progress towards either:
  - a. Compliance with the applicable provisions of said Subchapter 15 at the present waste management unit, or
  - b. Relocation to a new site.

The progress reports for either alternative shall indicate actual necessary progress at least as follows:

<u>Compliance Date</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Retrofitting</u>	<u>Relocation</u>
1/1/87	1/15/87	Complete Construction Plans	Obtain at least an option-type control over a selected site

<u>Compliance Date</u>	<u>Report Date</u>	<u>Retrofitting</u>	<u>Relocation</u>
7/1/87	7/15/87	Begin physical retrofitting	Submit necessary processings to local regulatory agencies and report of waste discharge to this Regional Board
1/1/88	1/15/88	Progress Report	Progress Report
7/1/88	7/15/88	Complete at least 50 percent of retrofitting	Complete Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration as required by the governing agency
1/1/89	1/15/89	Complete retrofitting and be in full compliance with applicable provisions of Subchapter 15	Obtain full legal control of the relocation site; and commence discharge in compliance with new waste discharge requirements

8. In the event disposal operations are terminated at the above-mentioned site, the discharger shall provide for site closure in compliance with all applicable federal and state regulations and submit a closure plan to the Regional Board 30 days prior to closure.

9. This Order supersedes Board Order No. 83-76.

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 9, 1986.

  
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 Executive Officer

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COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION**

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 86-53  
FOR  
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Northwest of Thousand Palms - Riverside County

Location of Discharge: SW 1/4 of Section 11, T4S, R5E, SBB&M

MONITORING

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

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1. Volume of waste discharged during each quarter. This information may be reported as the number of truckloads with an estimate of the average volume per truckload (in gallons).
2. Semi-annual progress reports on actions for retrofitting at the existing site or relocation of the disposal operation.

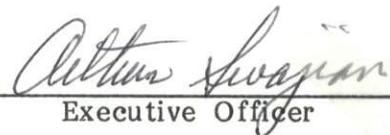
REPORTING

1. The quarterly reports shall be submitted by January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 of each year.
2. The semi-annual progress reports shall be submitted by January 15 and July 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

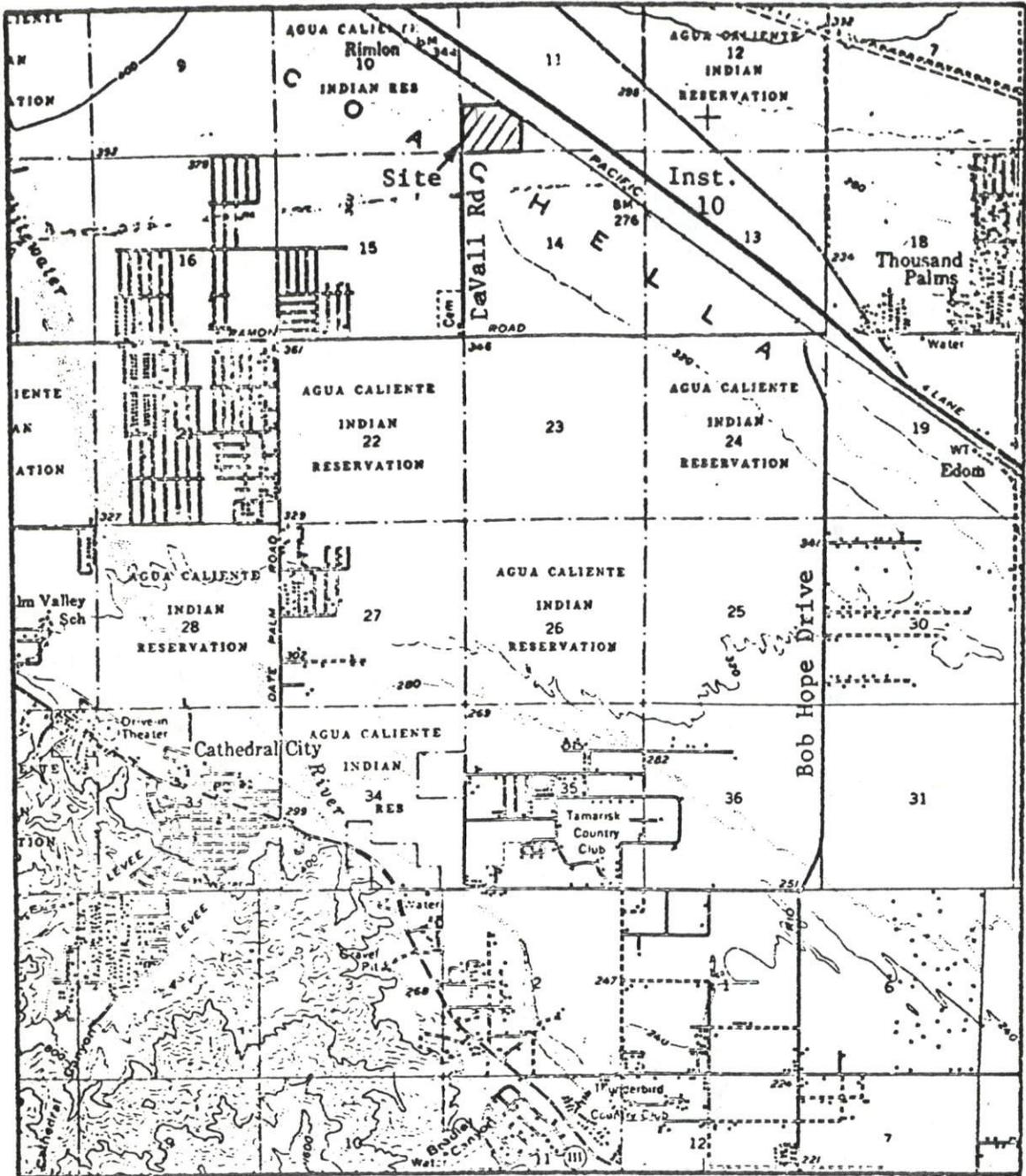
ORDERED BY:

  
Executive Officer

July 9, 1986

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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