

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

ORDER NO. 95-057

**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, OWNER/OPERATOR
STANDBY BASINS
Heber - Imperial County**

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

1. Heber Public Utility District (hereinafter referred to as the discharger), P.O. Box H, Heber, California, 92249, street address 1184 Rockwood Avenue, Heber, California, submitted an updated Report of Waste Discharge on January 25, 1995.
2. The discharger discharges during an emergency and/or routine maintenance, a maximum of 400,000 gallons-per-day of domestic wastewater into earthen basins for final disposal by evaporation and infiltration. The basins are located in the NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 28, T16S, R14E, SBB&M. The basins are reserved for use as standby facilities during routine maintenance, power outages and other emergencies. The basins have a holding capacity of one million gallons of wastewater.
3. This discharge has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 90-011.
4. The wastewater is normally treated in an oxidation ditch, activated sludge-type treatment plant and discharged into Central Drain. This discharge is subject to waste discharge requirements contained in Board Order No. 95-045 (NPDES CA0104370).
5. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California (Basin Plan) was adopted on November 17, 1993 and designates the beneficial uses of ground and surface waters in this Region.
6. The designated beneficial uses of ground waters in the Imperial Hydrologic Unit are:
 - a. Municipal supply (MUN)
 - b. Industrial supply (IND)
7. Within the Imperial Valley area of the Imperial Hydrologic Unit, much of the ground water is too saline for municipal use. The existing municipal use in this area is practically inconsequential.
8. The Board has notified the discharger and all known interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for said discharge and has provided them with an opportunity for a public meeting and an opportunity to submit comments.
9. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to this discharge.
10. In accordance with Section 15301, Chapter 3, Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, the issuance of these waste discharge requirements, which govern the operation of an existing

facility involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et. seq.).

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that Board Order No. 90-011 is rescinded, and in order to meet the provisions contained in Division 7 of the California Water Code and regulations adopted thereunder, the discharger shall comply with the following:

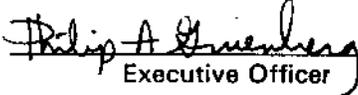
A. Discharge Specifications

1. The treatment or disposal of wastes at this facility shall not cause pollution or nuisance as defined in Sections 13050(l) and 13050(m) of Division 7 of the California Water Code.
2. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that flood or surface drainage waters do not erode or otherwise render portions of the discharge facilities inoperable.
3. A minimum depth of freeboard of two (2) feet shall be maintained at all times in the basins.
4. Sewage sludge shall not be discharged to any natural or artificial channel.
5. Sewage discharge of any wastewater to any surface waters or surface drainage courses is prohibited except as allowed by the NPDES Permit.
6. Standby facilities shall be maintained in a condition satisfactory for discharge thereto.

B. Provisions

1. Prior to any modifications in this facility which would result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater treated or discharged, or any material change in the location of discharge, the discharger shall report all pertinent information in writing to the Regional Board and obtain revised requirements before any modifications are implemented.
2. The discharger shall comply with "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 95-057", and future revisions thereto, as specified by the Regional Board's Executive Officer.
3. Prior to any change in ownership or management of this operation, the discharger shall transmit a copy of this Board Order to the succeeding owner/operator, and forward a copy of the transmittal letter to the Regional Board.
4. This Board Order does not authorize violation of any federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

I, Philip A. Gruenberg, 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 June 28, 1995.


Executive Officer

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

**MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 95-057
FOR
HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, OWNER/OPERATOR
STANBY BASINS
Heber - Imperial County**

Location of Discharge: NW 1/4, NE1/4 of Section 28, T16S, R14E, SBB&M

MONITORING

In the event of a routine maintenance and/or emergency discharge of wastewater to the basins, Heber Public Utility District shall report to the Regional Board concerning the following:

1. Prior to discharge, inspect the standby facilities and report on the integrity of said facilities (telephone number (619) 346-7491).
2. Estimate of average daily flow to basins and anticipated duration of discharge - report monthly.

REPORTING

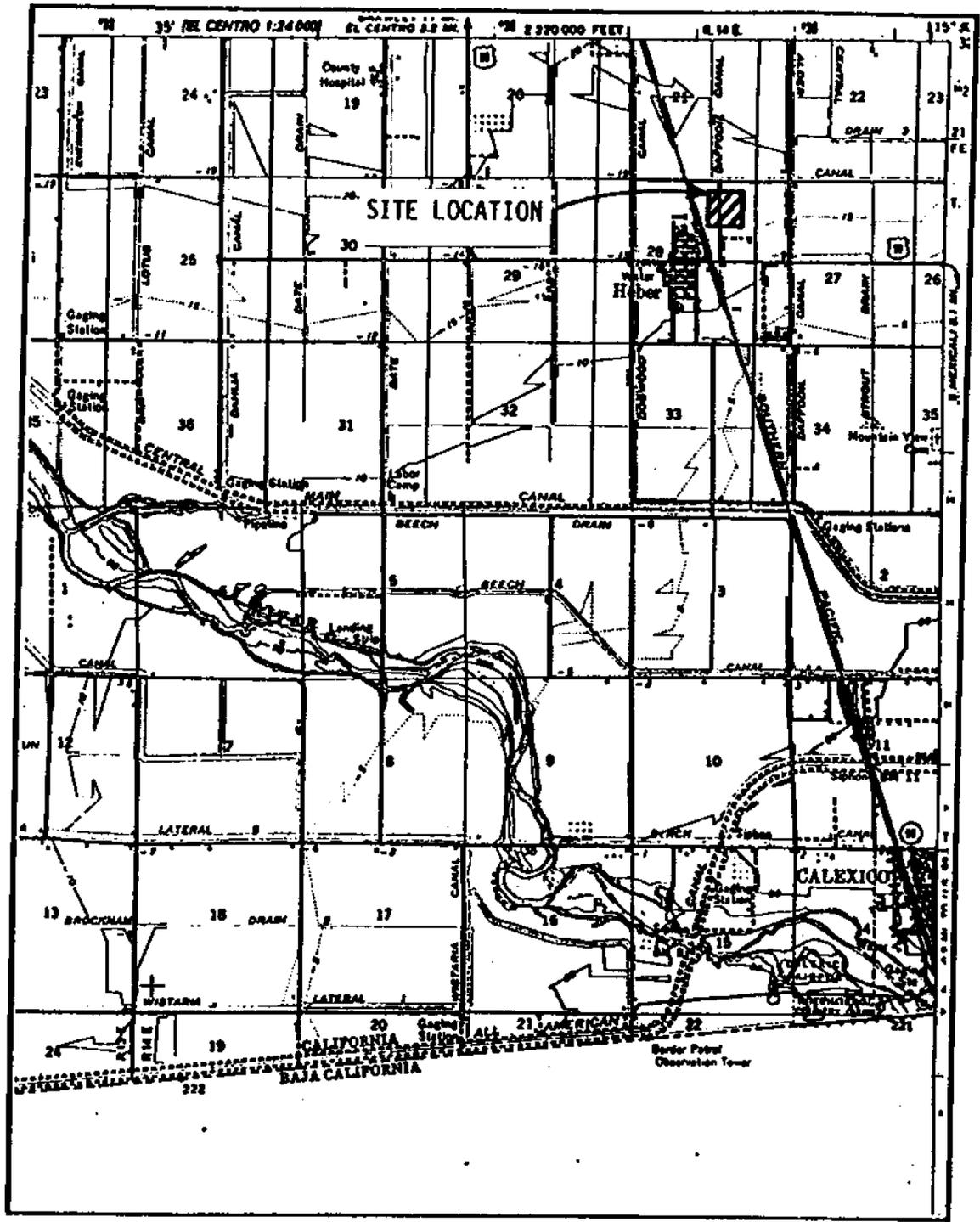
Monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Regional Board monthly, by the 15th day of the following month, when wastewater is being discharged to the basins.

Submit monitoring reports to:

California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Colorado River Basin Region
73-720 Fred Waring Drive, Suite 100
Palm Desert, CA 92260

Ordered by: _____
Executive Officer

June 28, 1995
Date



SITE MAP

HEBER PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT, OWNER/OPERATOR
STANDBY BASINS
Heber - Imperial County
NW 1/4, NE 1/4 of Section 28, T16S, R14E, SBB&M
USGS Heber 15 min. Topographic Map

