

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
COLORADO RIVER BASIN REGION

ORDER NO. 89-031

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR  
COLORADO RIVER INDIAN TRIBES  
AHA QUIN PARK  
North of Blythe - Riverside County

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

1. Colorado River Indian Tribes doing business as Aha Quin Park (hereinafter also referred to as the discharger), HCR 20, Box 2400, Blythe, California 92225 submitted current information to update waste discharge requirements.
2. The discharger is discharging a maximum of 50,000 gallons-per-day of domestic sewage from a mobile home park consisting of 210 mobile home spaces, a laundry room and two restrooms. Wastewater is discharged into septic tanks and then pumped into two oxidation basins for final disposal by evaporation and infiltration. The basins are located in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2, T4S, R23E, SBB&M, as indicated on the attached site map.
3. The discharger reports that there are two on-site wells located about 4,000 feet from the disposal basins. Depth to ground water is about 150 feet below surface. The well water has a high Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) content of about 5,200 mg/l and is therefore not used for drinking; the well water however, is used in restrooms, for washing, and watering desert plants and grass.
4. The said discharge has been subject to waste discharge requirements adopted in Board Order No. 84-60.
5. The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin Region of California was adopted by the Regional Board on November 14, 1984.
6. The location of the discharge is in the Colorado Hydrologic Unit. Beneficial uses of ground water at some locations of this hydrologic unit are:
  - a. Municipal Supply
  - b. Industrial Supply
  - c. Agricultural Supply

However, ground water near the location of discharge has limited beneficial uses for the reason indicated in Finding No. 3 (above).

7. The discharge to the basins is exempt from the provisions of Subchapter 15, Chapter 3, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations in accordance with Section 2511 of same Subchapter 15.
8. The Board has notified the discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to update waste discharge requirements for the discharge.
9. The Board in a public meeting heard and considered all comments pertaining to the existing 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, the discharger shall comply with the following:

A. Discharge Specifications

1. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of wastewater shall create pollution or nuisance as defined in Section 13050 (1) and 13050 (m) of the California Water Code.
2. No wastewater other than domestic sewage shall be discharged to the basins.
3. A minimum freeboard depth of at least two feet shall be maintained in each basin.
4. Adequate measures shall be taken to assure that unauthorized persons and animal pets are effectively excluded from contact with the discharge.
5. Adequate protective works shall be provided to assure that a flood which would be expected to occur on a frequency of once in a 100-year period, would not erode or otherwise render portions of the treatment and discharge facilities inoperable.
6. Treated or untreated sewage sludge, or similar solid waste materials shall be disposed only at locations approved by the Executive Officer.
7. There shall be no surface flow of wastewater away from the discharge facilities, and there shall be no direct discharge to any drainage channel or to the Colorado River.
8. Treatment and discharge of wastewater shall be conducted by technical procedures which will maintain an aerobic environment in the basins.

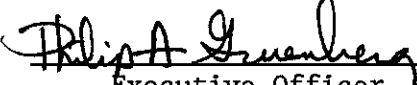
9. Treatment and discharge of wastewater shall be conducted in such a manner that there shall be no stranded or exposed sewage solids.
10. The basins shall be maintained and operated so as to maximize infiltration and minimize the increase in salinity of the infiltrating wastewater.

B. Provisions

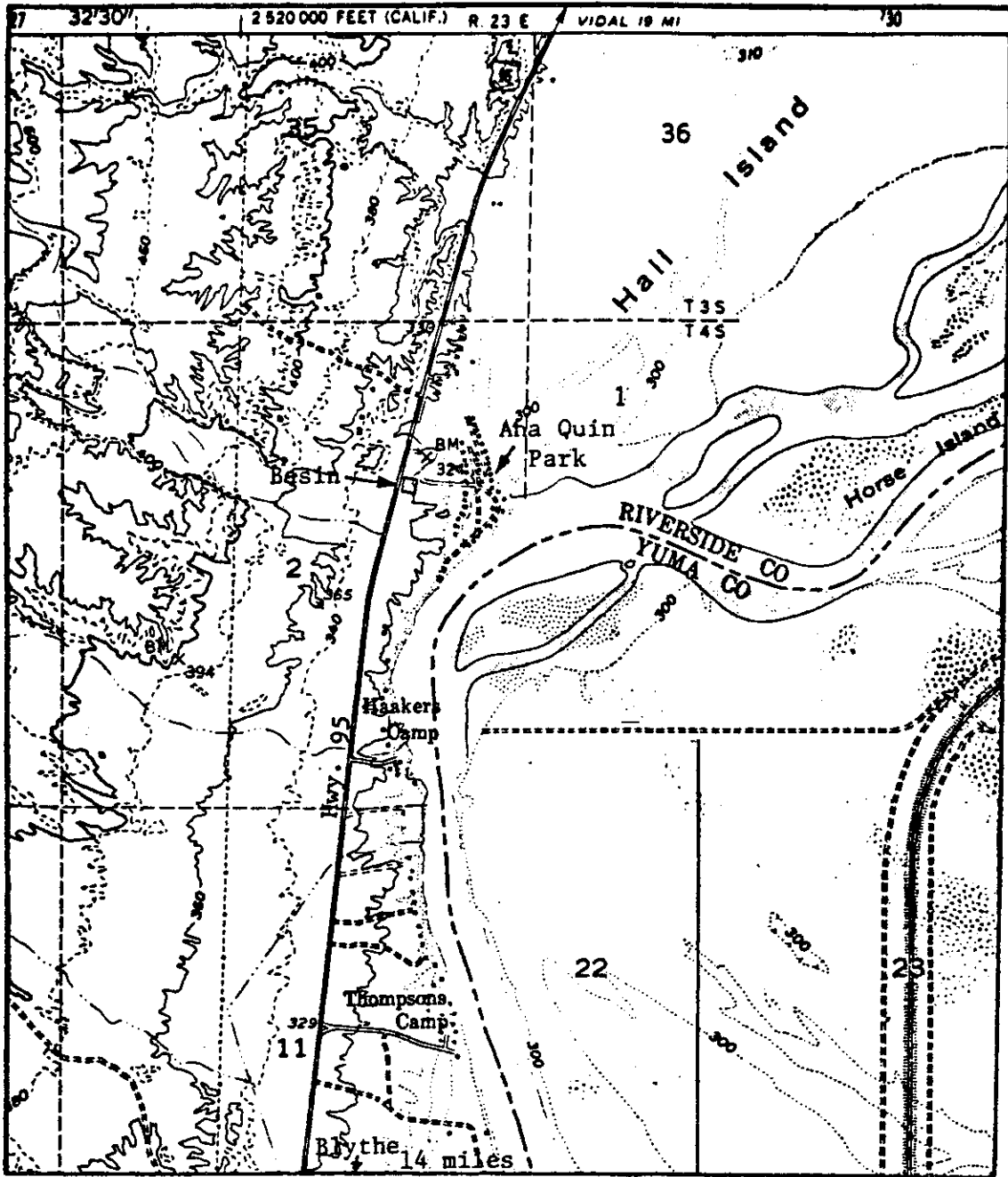
1. Prior to any modifications in this facility which could result in material change in the quality or quantity of wastewater discharged, or any material change in location of discharge, the discharger shall report in writing to the Regional Board.
2. Upon request from this Regional Board's Executive Officer, the discharger shall furnish technical and/or monitoring reports on the treatment and discharge of waste.
3. In the event of any change in operation, or in control or ownership of land or waste disposal facilities owned or controlled by the discharger, the discharger shall:
  - a. Notify this Board of such change; and
  - b. Transmit a copy of this Order to the succeeding owner or operator, and file a copy of the transmittal letter with this Board.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Board Order No. 84-60 be superseded by this Order.

I, Phil 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 May 17, 1989.

  
Executive Officer

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SITE MAP

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SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2, T4S, R23E, SBB&M  
USGS Big Maria Mts. NE 7.5 min. Topographic Map