

State of California
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD,
LOS ANGELES REGION

ORDER NO. 95-058

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
HAPPY VALLEY FOUNDATION
AND
HAPPY VALLEY SCHOOL
(Septic Tank and Leachfield System)
(Aeration Tanks and Leachfield System)
(File No. 64-156)

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, finds:

1. The Happy Valley Foundation and Happy Valley School (hereinafter Discharger) discharges domestic and commercial wastes from a private school located at 8560 Highway 150, Ojai, California (Figure No. 1), under Waste Discharge Requirements contained in Order No. 80-062, adopted by this Regional Board on November 24, 1980.
2. The California Water Code Section 13263(e) provides that all requirements shall be reviewed periodically and, upon such review, may be revised by the Regional Board. A review of the current requirements, followed by a site inspection, was conducted by Regional Board staff. During a site inspection on March 21, 1995, no violations of requirements were observed.

These Waste Discharge Requirements have been revised to include additional findings, updated standard provisions, and a monitoring and reporting program.

3. The Discharger operates two separate wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal systems.
 - A) One system consists of a 25,000 gallon septic tank and leachfield disposal system that serves the school and staff members.
 - B) The second system is a secondary wastewater treatment package plant, which consists of a solids collection tank, three 10,000 gallon aeration tanks, an 18,000 gallon clarifier tank, an 8,000 gallon flow equalization/holding tank, and a leachfield disposal system serving a housing unit for students (up to 32 persons).

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These systems have a combined capacity of up to 33,000 gallons per day (gpd). Average daily dry weather flow is estimated to be up to 8,025 gpd during 1994.

4. The facility is located in Section 9, Township 4N, Range 22W, San Bernardino Base & Meridian. (The facility's approximate latitude is 34°26'27"; its longitude is 119°9'28").
5. The Casitas Municipal Water District supplies domestic water to this facility.
6. The septic tank/aeration tanks and leachfield disposal areas are located within the Lower Ojai Valley, East of San Antonio-Senior Canyon Creek, of the Lower Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin.
7. The beneficial uses of groundwater in the Lower Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin are municipal and domestic supply, industrial service and process supply, and agricultural supply. There are no groundwater municipal supply well within one mile radius of the site.
8. The Board adopted a revised Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region on June 13, 1994. The Water Quality Control Plan contains beneficial uses and water quality objectives for groundwater within the Lower Ojai Valley Groundwater Basin. The requirements contained in this Order, as they are met, will be in conformance with the goals and objectives of the Water Quality Control Plan.
9. This project involves an existing facility, and, as such, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 2100 et seq.) in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Chapter 3, Section 15301.

The Regional Board has notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to revise Waste Discharge Requirements for these discharges, and has provided them with an opportunity to submit their written views and recommendations.

The Regional Board, in a public meeting, heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge and the tentative requirements.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Happy Valley Foundation and the Happy Valley School shall comply with the following:

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

1. Wastes discharged shall be limited to treated domestic and commercial wastes only. No water softener regeneration brines or industrial wastewaters shall be discharged at this location.
2. The effluent discharged shall not contain heavy metals, arsenic, or cyanide in concentrations exceeding the limits contained in the current California Drinking Water Standards.
3. Radioactivity of the wastes discharged shall not exceed the limits specified in Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 15, Article 5, Sections 64441 and 64443, or subsequent revisions.
4. Any wastes that do not meet the foregoing requirements shall be held in impervious containers, transferred elsewhere, and the final discharge shall be at a legal point of disposal.
5. There shall be no discharge of wastes to surface water or watercourses at any time.

B. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. In no case may the septic tank/aeration tanks and leachfield disposal systems extend to within 10 feet of the zone of historic or anticipated high groundwater. The Discharger must submit certification that the septic tank/aeration tanks and leachfield disposal systems meet this requirement within 30 days from the adoption of this Order.
2. No part of the septic tank/aeration tanks or leachfield disposal systems shall be closer than 150 feet to any water well, or closer than 100 feet to any stream, channel, or other watercourse.
3. Adequate facilities shall be provided to divert storm waters away from the septic tank/aeration tanks and leachfield disposal systems, and from areas where any potential pollutants are stored.
4. The septic tank/aeration tanks and leachfield disposal systems shall be protected from damage by storm flows, or runoff.

5. Wastes discharged shall at no time contain any substance in concentrations toxic to human, animal, plant, or aquatic life.
6. The septic tank/aeration tanks and leachfield disposal systems shall be maintained in such a manner that at no time will sewage be permitted to surface or overflow at any location.
7. Odors of sewage origin shall not be perceivable beyond the limits of the property owned or controlled by the Discharger.
8. Neither the treatment nor the discharge of waste shall create a condition of pollution, contamination, or nuisance, or problems due to breeding of mosquitos, midges, flies, or other pests.
9. Wastes shall not be disposed of in geologically unstable areas or so as to cause earth movement.
10. Wastes discharged shall not impart tastes, odors, color, foaming, or other objectionable characteristics to receiving groundwater.
11. There shall be no onsite disposal of sludge. Any offsite disposal of sewage or sludge shall be made only to a legal point of disposal, and in accordance with provisions of Division 7.5 of the California Water Code. For the purpose of these requirements, a legal point of disposal is defined as one for which Waste Discharge Requirements have been established by a California Regional Water Quality Control Board, and which is in full compliance therewith.

B. PROVISIONS

1. A copy of these Waste Discharge Requirements shall be maintained at the facility so as to be available at all times to operating personnel.
2. This facility shall be compatible with regional sewerage and treatment plans.
3. Within six months after a community wastewater collection (sewer) system becomes available, the Discharger shall connect this facility to the community sewer system.

4. Standby or emergency power facilities and/or storage capacity or other means shall be provided so that in the event of plant upset or outage due to power failure or other cause, discharge of raw or inadequately treated sewage does not occur.
5. The Discharger shall file with the Regional Board technical reports on self-monitoring work performed according to the detailed specifications contained in the Monitoring and Reporting Program, as directed by the Executive Officer. The results of any monitoring done more frequently than required at the location and/or times specified in the Monitoring and Reporting Program shall be reported to the Regional Board.
6. The Discharger shall notify this Board within 24 hours of any adverse conditions as a result of the discharge of wastewater from this facility; written confirmation shall follow within one week. This information shall be confirmed in the next monitoring report. In addition, the report shall also include the reasons for the violations or adverse conditions, the steps being taken to correct the problem (including dates thereof), and the steps being taken to prevent a recurrence.
7. The Discharger shall submit complete as-built construction and operation details for the septic tank/aeration tanks and leachfield disposal systems to the Board within 30 days after the adoption of this Order.
8. The Discharger shall comply with all rules and regulations of the Ventura County Environmental Health Services for construction, operation, maintenance, expansion, and abandonment of subsurface sewage disposal systems.
9. This Order does not alleviate the responsibility of the Discharger to obtain other necessary local, state, and federal permits to construct facilities necessary for compliance with this Order; nor does this Order prevent imposition of additional standards, requirements, or conditions by any other regulatory agency.

10. Prior to any necessary repair to the septic tank/aeration tanks or leachfield disposal systems, an engineer's analysis is required as to the completeness and determination of the effectiveness of the proposed repair work.
11. The Discharger shall file a written report with this Board within 90 days after the average dry-weather wastewater flow for any month equals or exceeds 90 percent of the design capacity of the septic tank/aeration tanks and leachfield disposal system. The report shall detail provisions to cope with the flows in excess of that figure.
12. For any modifications of the septic tank/aeration tanks and/or leachfield disposal systems, the Discharger shall submit a report detailing the extension or expansion for the approval of the Executive Officer. Following construction, as-built drawings shall be submitted to the Executive Officer for approval prior to disposal of treated domestic wastewater.
13. Any discharge of wastewater at any point(s) other than specifically described in this Order is prohibited, and constitutes a violation of the Order.
14. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this Order may be terminated or modified for cause, including, but not limited to:
 - (a) Violation of any term or condition contained in this Order;
 - (b) Obtaining this Order by misrepresentation, or failure to disclose all relevant facts;
 - (c) A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge.
15. The Discharger shall furnish, within a reasonable time, any information the Regional Board may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this Order. The Discharger shall also furnish to the Regional Board, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this Order.

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16. The Discharger shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
17. This Order includes "Standard Provisions Applicable to Waste Discharge Requirements". If there is any conflict between provisions stated herein and the "Standard Provisions", those provisions stated herein will prevail.

C. Rescission

Order No. 80-062, adopted by this Board on November 24, 1980, is hereby rescinded.

I, Robert P. Ghirelli, Executive Officer, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of an Order adopted by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region, on May 15, 1995.

Robert P. Ghirelli

ROBERT P. GHIRELLI, D.Env.
Executive Officer

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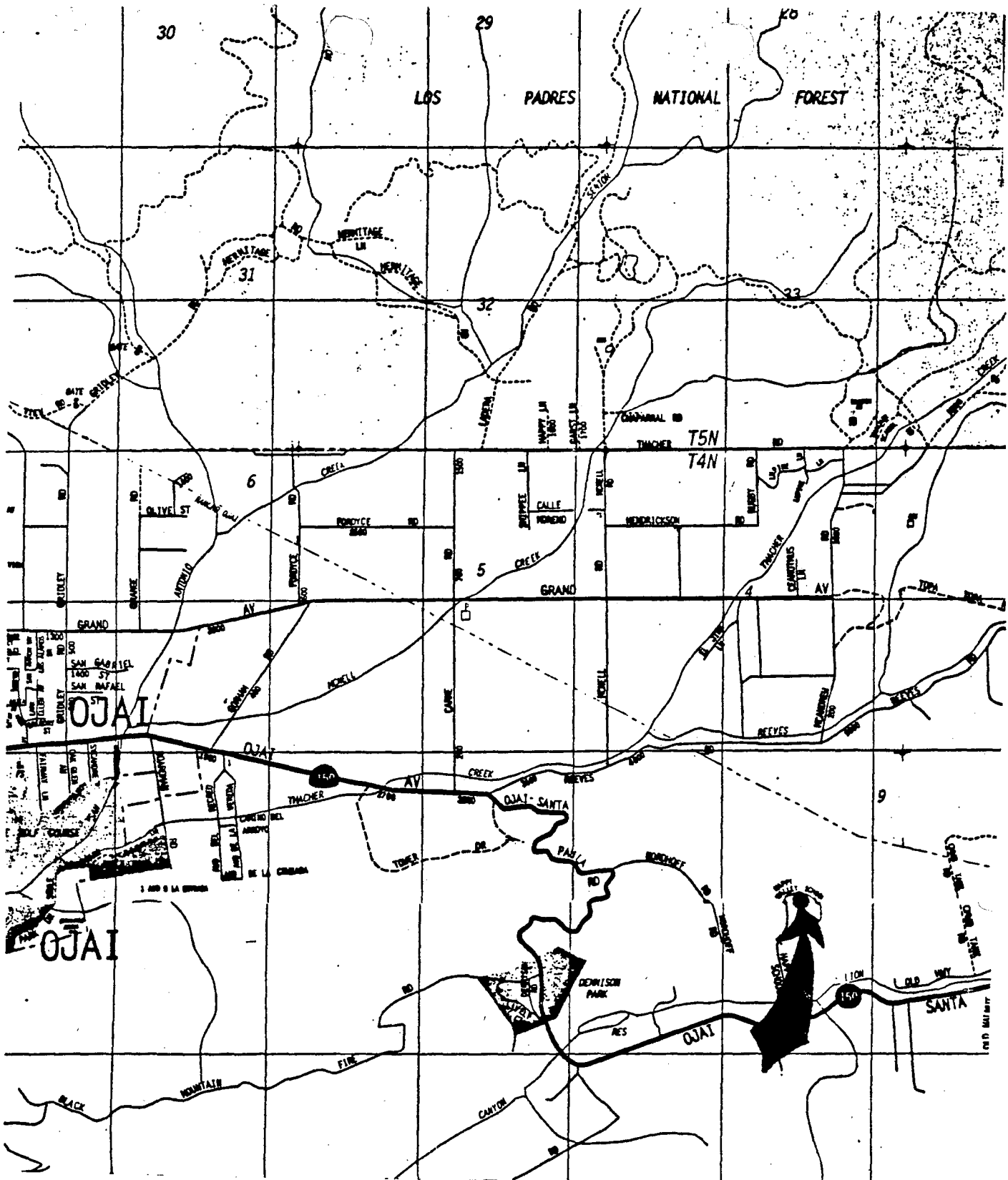


Figure No. 1
 WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM LOCATION MAP
 Happy Valley School, Ojai
 (Septic tank/aeration tanks and leachfield disposal systems)

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CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, LOS ANGELES REGION

MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM NO. 4842
FOR
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AND
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(Septic Tank and Leachfield System)
(Aeration Tanks and Leachfield System)
(Order No. 95-058)
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The Happy Valley Foundation and the Happy Valley School (hereinafter Discharger) shall implement this monitoring program on the effective date of this Order.

Monitoring reports shall be submitted by the dates in the following schedule:

<u>Reporting Period</u>	<u>Report due</u>
January - March	April 30
April - June	July 30
July - September	October 30
October - December	January 30

The first monitoring report under this program shall be submitted by July 30, 1995.

By January 30th of each year, beginning January 30, 1996, the Discharger shall submit an annual report to the Board. The report shall contain summaries of the monitoring data obtained during the previous year. In addition, the Discharger shall discuss the compliance record and the corrective actions taken or planned which may be needed to bring the discharge into full compliance with the Waste Discharge Requirements.

General Provisions for Reporting

For every item where the requirements are not met, the Discharger shall submit a statement of the actions undertaken, or proposed, which will bring the discharge into full compliance with requirements at the earliest time and submit a timetable for correction.

If no wastewater was discharged during the quarter, the report shall so state.

The quarterly reports shall contain the following information:

- a. Average and maximum daily waste flow for each month of the quarter.

- b. Estimated population served during each month of the reporting period.
- c. A statement relative to compliance with discharge specifications during the reporting period.
- d. Results of at least weekly observations at each leachfield disposal area for any overflow or surfacing of wastes, other visible effects of the waste discharge, and odor effects. Observations shall be made on different days of the week, including at least one Saturday and one Sunday in each month. The day and date (eg. Sunday, September 10) of the observations shall be reported along with any abnormalities observed.

Monitoring reports shall be signed by:

- a. In the case of a corporation, by a principal Executive Officer at least of the level of vice-president, or his duly authorized representative, if such representative is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which the discharge originates.
- b. In the case of a partnership, by a general partner;
- c. In the case of a sole partnership, by the proprietor;
- d. In the case of a municipal, State or other public facility, by either a principal Executive Officer, ranking elected official, or other duly authorized employee.

Each report shall contain the following declaration:

"I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments and that, based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the information is true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. [California Water Code Sections 13263, 13267, and 13268]. Executed on the _____ day of _____ at _____

Signature

Title"

Happy Valley Foundation
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Wastes Hauling Reporting

In the event that septage is hauled to a legal disposal site, the name and address of the hauler of the septage shall be reported, along with types and quantities hauled during the reporting period and the location of final point of disposal. If no wastes are hauled during the reporting period, a statement to that effect shall be submitted and shall include a statement relative to disposal of septage during the reporting period.

Operation and Maintenance Report

The Discharger shall file a technical report with this Board, not later than 30 days after receipt of these Waste Discharge Requirements, relative to the operation and maintenance program for this facility. The information to be contained in the report shall include, as a minimum, the following:

- a. The name and address of the person or company responsible for operation and maintenance of the facility.
- b. Type of maintenance (preventive or corrective).
- c. Frequency of maintenance, if preventive.

These records and reports are public documents and shall be made available for inspection during normal business hours at the office of the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles Region.

Order by Robert P. Ghirelli
ROBERT P. GHIRELLI, D. Env.
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Date: May 15, 1995

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**WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR HAPPY VALLEY SCHOOL, 8560 HIGHWAY
150, OJAI, CALIFORNIA (File No. 64-156, CI 4842)**

Our letter, dated May 17, 1995, transmitted a copy of adopted Waste Discharge Requirements for the discharge of domestic wastes from the above project. Due to an administrative error, Order No. 95-041 was assigned to your discharge by mistake. The correct Order number for your Waste Discharge Requirements is Order No. 95-058. Enclosed for your use and records is a corrected copy of your Waste Discharge Requirements. No other changes were made.

In order to save printing and postage costs, we request that persons and agencies on the mailing list change the Order number to reflect this correction. However, these are on file in our office, and a corrected copy will be sent upon request.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call me at (213) 266-7546.


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