

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD  
CENTRAL COAST REGION  
81 Higuera Street, Suite 200  
San Luis Obispo, California 93401-5427

WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS ORDER NO. 98-80  
Waste Discharger Identification No:3 42980400

For  
ELKS EVENTS CENTER  
ELKS RECREATION INC.  
Santa Barbara County

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (hereafter Board), finds that:

1. On April 8 and July 2, 1998, Mr. Ted Scott, Director, submitted a Report of Waste Discharge in accordance with California Water Code Section 13260 and requested authorization to discharge treated domestic wastewater within the Santa Maria River sub-basin.
2. Elks Recreation, Inc (Discharger), 1309 N. Bradley Road, Santa Maria, CA, 93454 owns and operates an on-site wastewater treatment and disposal system. The system lies on an approximately 107 acre lot in Section 1, T9N, R34W, SBB&M, as shown on Attachment "A".
3. The discharge's peak flowrate will total approximately 4,000 gallons per day (gpd). During infrequent large events, particularly the annual rodeo, the Discharger will provide portable sewage holding facilities. Attachment "A" provides the locations of the treatment/disposal systems.
4. The disposal fields are on nearly level topography with less than five percent slope. Distance to groundwater is greater than 100 feet.
5. This is a new waste discharge.
6. The Water Quality Control Plan, Central Coastal Basin (Basin Plan) was adopted by the

Board on November 17, 1989, and approved by the State Board on August 16, 1990. The Board approved amendments to the Basin Plan on February 11, 1994 and September 8, 1994. The Basin Plan incorporates State Board plans and policies by reference and contains a strategy for protecting beneficial uses of State waters.

7. Existing and anticipated beneficial uses of the groundwater in the vicinity of the discharge include:
  - a. municipal and domestic supply,
  - b. agricultural supply,
  - c. industrial process supply, and
  - d. industrial service supply.
8. The County of Santa Barbara's Planning Commission approved the Negative Declaration for this project on April 11, 1997, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000, et seq.) and the California Code of Regulations. The Initial Study determined there are no significant adverse environmental effects or that all potentially significant adverse effects can be avoided through implementation of mitigation measures. This Order implements mitigation measures to prevent nuisance and assure protection of beneficial uses of surface and groundwaters.

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9. Discharge of waste is a privilege, not a right, and authorization to discharge is conditional upon compliance with provisions of Division 7 of the California Water Code and any more stringent effluent limitations necessary to implement water quality control plans, to protect beneficial uses, or to prevent nuisance. Compliance with this Order should assure conditions are met and mitigate any potential changes in water quality due to the project.
10. On July 27, 1998 the Board notified the Discharger and interested agencies and persons of its intent to issue waste discharge requirements for the discharge and has provided them with a copy of the proposed Order and an opportunity to submit written views and comments, and scheduled a public hearing.
11. In a public meeting on October 23, 1998, the Board heard and considered all comments pertaining to the discharge and found this Order consistent with the above findings.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to the authority of California Water Code Sections 13263 and 13377, that Elks Recreation, Inc., its agents, successors, and assigns, may treat and discharge domestic wastewater at the afore-described facility, providing compliance is maintained with the following:

(Note: General permit conditions, definitions and the method of determining compliance are contained in the attached "Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements dated January, 1984. Applicable paragraphs are referenced in paragraph D.2 of this Order.)

Throughout this Order, the following footnotes provide the sources of the waste discharge requirements:

#### A Water Quality Control Plan

### A. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS

#### 1. Discharge of treated wastewater at disposal

areas other than as shown on Attachment "A" is prohibited.

2. Discharge of any wastes, including overflow, bypass and seepage from transport, treatment, or disposal systems to adjacent drainageways or adjacent properties is prohibited.
3. Bypass of the treatment facility and discharge of untreated or partially treated wastes directly to the disposal ponds is prohibited.

### B. DISCHARGE SPECIFICATIONS

1. Daily flow averaged over each month shall not exceed 4,000 gallons. (Flow limits are not an entitlement, but a maximum allowable capacity provided all other conditions of this Order are met.)
2. Effluent discharged to disposal areas shall not have a pH less than 6.5 or greater than 8.4. <sup>A</sup>
3. Extraneous surface drainage shall be diverted from the disposal areas. <sup>A</sup>

### C. PROVISIONS

1. The Discharger shall comply with "Monitoring and Reporting Program No. 98-80," as specified by the Executive Officer.
2. The Discharger shall comply with all items of the attached "Standard Provisions and Reporting Requirements for Waste Discharge Requirements," dated January 1984, except Items A.11, A.17, and C.16.
3. Wastewater treatment system repairs and expansions shall be made in accordance with this Board's Basin Plan.
4. The Discharger shall operate and maintain all wastewater facilities in accordance with an Operations Manual for the treatment facility that is subject to the approval of the Executive Officer. The Operations Manual, including a copy of as-built plans, shall be periodically updated whenever there is a change in

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operational procedures or an expansion of the system.

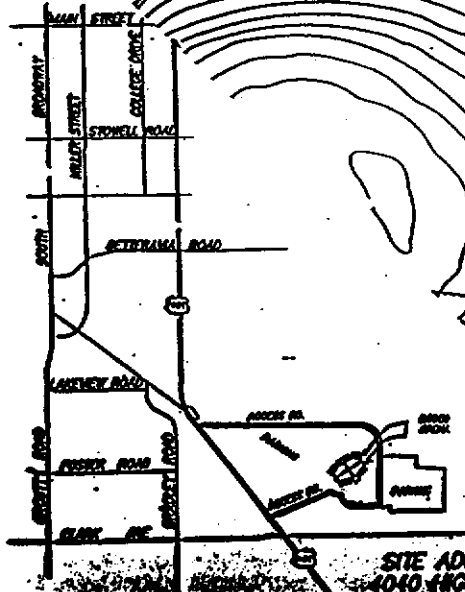
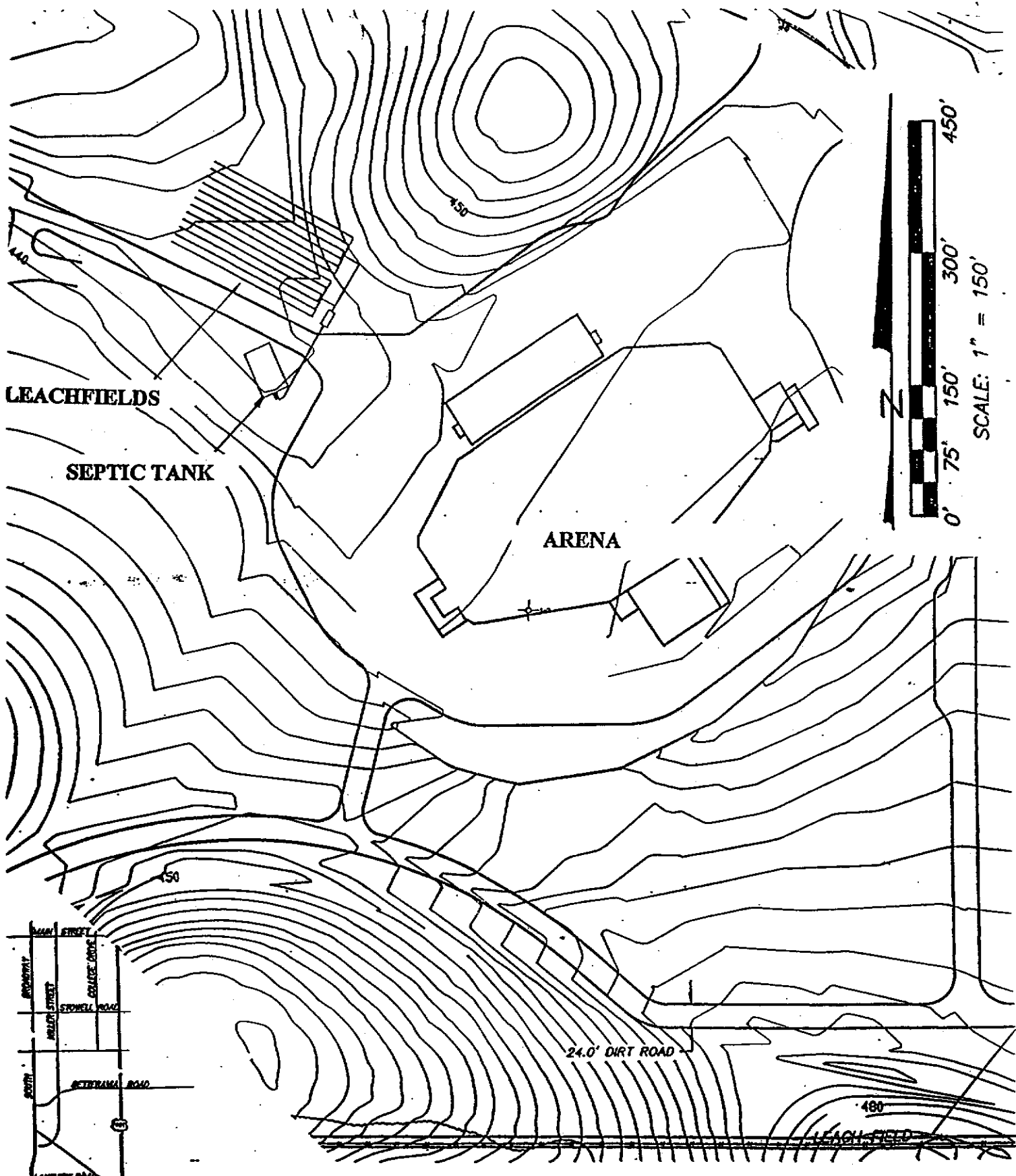
5. Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations Title 23, Chapter 3, Subchapter 9, the Discharger must submit a written report to the Executive Officer not later than December 1, 2003, addressing:

- a. Whether there will be changes in the continuity, character, location, or volume of the discharge; and,
- b. Whether, in their opinion, there is any portion of the Order that is incorrect, obsolete, or otherwise in need of revision.

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I, **Roger W. Briggs, 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, Central Coast Region, on October 23, 1998.

  
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for Roger W. Briggs, Executive Officer



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4040 HIGHWAY 101  
SANTA MARIA, CA  
93455

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**EVENTS CENTER**  
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**EFFLUENT MONITORING**

Representative samples of the effluent discharged to the leachfields shall be collected and analyzed for the following constituents:

Parameter	Units	Type of Sample	Sampling Frequency
Daily flow	gals/day	—	Estimated average daily flowrate each month

**SEPTIC TANK MAINTENANCE**

Septic tanks shall be inspected and pumped as described below. Inspection is not required for years in which tank is pumped.

Parameter	Units	Type of Measurement	Minimum Inspection Frequency
Sludge depth and scum thickness in each compartment of each septic tank	Feet	Staff gauge	Annually (by December)
Distance between bottom of scum layer and bottom of outlet device	Inches	Staff gauge	Annually (by December)
Distance between top of sludge layer and bottom of outlet device	Inches	Staff gauge	Annually (by December)

Septic tanks shall be pumped when any of the following conditions exist, or may occur before the next inspection:

1. The combined thickness of sludge and scum exceeds one-third of the first compartment's depth; or,

2. The scum layer is within three inches of the outlet device; or,
3. The sludge layer is within eight inches of the outlet device.

**DISPOSAL AREA MONITORING**

The disposal areas shall be inspected at least monthly for surfacing effluent, saturated land surface, and odors. Evidence of any condition of this nature shall be reported to the Executive Officer within 24 hours of discovery. The condition shall be promptly investigated and remedied. A record shall be kept of dates and nature of observations and remedies, and of when use of disposal systems is alternated.

**REPORTING**

Reports shall be submitted quarterly by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, July, October, and January of the following year.

Ordered By Paul Jagg  
Executive Officer

10-30-98  
Date