

RESOLUTION NO. 74-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION TO CREATE A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE

The City of Grand Junction is actively addressing storm water infrastructure needs within its own jurisdiction as represented by the Combined Sewer Elimination Project and the Leach Creek and Independent Ranchmen's detention basins. The City currently has \$4,078,187 budgeted in the 10-year General Fund financial plan for storm water improvements. This is in addition to the \$8.3 million committed to separation of the storm and sanitary sewers in the urban core.

The City is fully intending to meet the requirements of the forthcoming National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II water quality requirements.

Surface runoff follows natural and manmade channels across municipal boundaries and meander through multiple jurisdictions, and often raise questions of efficiency and duplication of effort in maintenance and operations.

The City of Grand Junction, City of Fruita, Town of Palisade, Mesa County and Grand Junction Drainage District storm water managers have been meeting for the last two years to determine if there are opportunities to streamline storm water management in the Grand Valley to provide more effective and efficient means of storm water maintenance and capital construction.

A 1999 engineering study of only 6 of 28 drainage basins that affect the urban area found \$34 million in capital infrastructure deficiencies. The other basins not studied are believed to have similar capital deficiencies.

Based on recent discussions between the various Grand Junction storm water managers, the City of Grand Junction believes there may be an opportunity to further evaluate and work together toward more cohesive management of storm waters and surface runoff to reduce flooding losses and improve water quality.

The direction and financing of storm water management needs and the priority of those needs must be better understood before they can be successfully approached.

The elected officials of the various Grand Valley public agencies believe valuable input can be obtained by having interested local individuals evaluate the situations and make recommendations to the respective Boards and Councils for the management of storm water within the Grand Valley.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO, to participate with other storm water providers in the Grand Valley in an effort to review capital and maintenance needs and to create a STORMWATER MANAGEMENT STEERING COMMITTEE of citizen volunteers from within the Grand Valley.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 17th day of July, 2002

ATTEST:

/s/: Stephanie Tuin
CITY CLERK

/s/: Cindy Enos-Martinez
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL