

**GRAND JUNCTION CITY COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP AGENDA**

**MONDAY, APRIL 16, 2007, 7:00 PM  
CITY HALL AUDITORIUM, 250 N. 5<sup>TH</sup> STREET**

**MAYOR'S INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME**

- 7:00 **COUNCILMEMBER REPORTS**
- 7:15 **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
- 7:20 **REVIEW OF FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS** [Attach W-1](#)
- 7:25 **REVIEW WEDNESDAY COUNCIL AGENDA**
- 7:35 **RTC PROPOSAL FOR THEIR PROPERTY:** Use property as collateral for loan for building improvements
- 8:05 **UPDATE ON THE CITY-FOREST SERVICE FIRE MANAGEMENT PLAN:** The Forest Service and City Utility staff will present the recommended Fire Management Plan for the Kannah Creek municipal watershed. [Attach W-2](#)
- 8:30: **UPDATE FROM THE 5-2-1 DRAINAGE AUTHORITY:** The Drainage Authority Technical Staff (DATS) will present a proposed organizational structure and business plan to the City Council. [Attach W-3](#)
- 9:10 **OIL-GAS RESOLUTION FROM THE MAYORS MEETING:** Council President Jim Doody is bringing forward a Resolution on State Wide Regulation of Oil and Gas Development [Attach W-4](#)

**ADJOURN**

**Attach W-1  
Future Workshop Agendas**

# **FUTURE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP AGENDAS**

(December 19, 2011)

- ↪ **APRIL 30, MONDAY 11:30 AM: AVALON THEATRE**  
11:30 RIVERFRONT COMMISSION & URBAN TRAILS COMMITTEE



- ↪ **APRIL 30, MONDAY 6:00 PM: City Hall Break Room**  
6:00 DINNER AND MEETING WITH THE CITY YOUTH COUNCIL



- ↪ **APRIL 30, MONDAY 7:00 PM: City Hall Auditorium**  
7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA AND  
FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS  
7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
7:30 REVIEW INFILL/REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
8:15 MOUNTAIN RAIL FOR I-70 CORRIDOR: Funding contribution

## MAY 2007

- ↪ **MAY 14, MONDAY 11:30 AM: Pinon Grill**  
11:30 MEETING WITH THE UTE WATER BOARD

- ↪ **MAY 14, MONDAY 7:00 PM: City Hall Auditorium**  
7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA AND FUTURE  
WORKSHOP AGENDAS  
7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
7:30 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
7:35 DISCUSS AWARD OF COMPREHENSIVE PLAN CONTRACT AND  
GRAND VALLEY TRAFFIC MODEL UPDATE

## JUNE 2007

- ↪ **JUNE 4, MONDAY 11:30 AM: Administration Conference Room**  
11:30 POLICE DEPARTMENT: Street Crimes Unit Update

- ↪ **JUNE 4, MONDAY 7:00 PM: City Hall Auditorium**  
7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA AND FUTURE  
WORKSHOP AGENDAS  
7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT  
7:30 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS & COMMISSIONS  
7:40: REQUIREMENTS FOR A DIA

↪ **JUNE 18, MONDAY 11:30 AM: Administration Conference Room**  
11:30 OPEN

↪ **JUNE 18, MONDAY 7:00 PM: City Hall Auditorium**

7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA AND FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS

7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7:30 HOUSING MARKET ANALYSIS DONE BY CHFA: Jim Coil

## JULY 2007

↪ **JULY 2, MONDAY 11:30 AM Administration Conference Room**

11:30 OPEN

↪ **JULY 2, MONDAY 7:00 PM City Hall Auditorium**

7:00 COUNCIL REPORTS, REVIEW WEDNESDAY AGENDA AND FUTURE WORKSHOP AGENDAS

7:25 CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

7:30 OPEN



**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> Holiday – Cancel meeting? Reschedule?**

### ↪ **BIN LIST** ↪

1. OUTDOOR DINING ON MAIN STREET (staff is preparing a background report)
2. ORDINANCE REQUEST: Requiring that sex offenders live a minimum of 500 feet from a school, pre-school and public daycare facilities.
3. 211 TELEPHONE SERVICE
4. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES AT THE REGIONAL CENTER: Update on their activities. (Contact is Director Christian Mueller, 255-5711).
5. MOAB PROJECT SUPPLIER ALLIANCE (MPSA): Promotes businesses that want to support DOE's Moab Reclamation Project. (Wait until DOE contractor is known).
6. AGREEMENT WITH "CINEMA AT THE AVALON": Staff is preparing a written report on this item for City Council
7. REGIONAL COMMUNICATIONS CENTER: Tour for City Council
8. GENESIS PLAN PRESENTATION – May or June?
9. POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FACILITIES PROGRAM



**Attach W-2**  
**Forest Service Fire Management Plan**  
**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA						
<b>Subject</b>		Fire Management Plan: Kannah Creek				
<b>Meeting Date</b>		April 16, 2007				
<b>Date Prepared</b>		April 9, 2007			<b>File #</b>	
<b>Author</b>		Greg Trainor		<b>Utility and Street Systems Director</b>		
<b>Presenter Name</b>		Greg Trainor Connie Clementson		<b>Utility and Street Systems Director Grand Valley District Ranger</b>		
<b>Report results back to Council</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>When</b>
<b>Citizen Presentation</b>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b>	<b>Name</b>
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		<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Individual Consideration</b>

**Summary:**

Presentation by Forest Service and City Utility staff on a recommended Fire Management Plan for the Kannah Creek municipal watershed.

**Budget:**

Funding for fire management will require an allocation from the City of Grand Junction's Water Enterprise Fund in the 10-year plan, subject to City Council approval. Allocations will also have to be requested annually by the USFS and others.

The City of Grand Junction's Water Enterprise Fund has contributed funding for collaborative efforts with the Forest Service over the last few years:

\$32,000 in 2005 for matching money for trail reconstruction in the Kannah Creek basin.

\$50,000 in 2006 for this Fire Hazard Assessment.

\$52,000 match for State Forest Service grant for 2007.

Based on the City's Water 10-Year Operating Plan, Utility staff will be recommending an additional \$300,000 spread out over the remaining years of the program, subject to approval of the City Council during the 2008/2009 budget process.

**Action Requested/Recommendation:**

Informational presentation by Forest Service Grand Valley Ranger District and Utility staff.

**Attachments:**

None. Details of the plan will be presented to City Council at the 16<sup>th</sup> Workshop, with copies provided for Administration, Utilities, the City Council office, and the media.

**Background Information:**

The Grand Junction City municipal watershed fuels reduction project is designed to develop a multi-jurisdictional approach to modify, reduce and remove naturally occurring fire fuels in the Kannah Creek basin watershed. The purpose of the multiyear plan is to

limit fire intensity, severity, movement of ash into the City of Grand Junction's water supply system and return the Kannah Creek basin to a more healthy and functional ecosystem.

**Attach W-3**  
**Update on 5-2-1 Drainage Authority**  
**CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION**

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA						
<b>Subject</b>		5-2-1 Drainage Authority Update				
<b>Meeting Date</b>		April 16, 2007				
<b>Date Prepared</b>		April 12, 2007			<b>File #</b>	
<b>Author</b>		Trent Prall		Engineering Manager		
<b>Presenter Name</b>		Trent Prall		Engineering Manager		
<b>Report results back to Council</b>		X	No		Yes	When
<b>Citizen Presentation</b>			Yes	X	No	Name
X	Workshop		Formal Agenda			Consent
						Individual Consideration

**Summary:** The 5-2-1 Drainage Authority was formed in 2003 to address a number of stormwater management issues impacting Town of Palisade, Mesa County, Grand Junction Drainage District, City of Fruita and City of Grand Junction. The overall theme of the Valley-wide approach to stormwater management is to minimize risk of flooding on major basins and to protect water quality. At the request of the Authority board, Drainage Authority Technical Staff (DATS) have been presenting a proposed organizational structure and business plan to the various boards and councils from each of the participating entities.

**Action Requested/Recommendation:**

City Council is requested to weigh in on level of service as well as funding source(s).

**Attachments:**

Powerpoint presentation

**Background Information:**

Since 1999, City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, Grand Junction Drainage District, and City of Fruita and the Town of Palisade staff have met to discuss approaches to simplifying stormwater management efforts in the Grand Valley. Some of the key milestones in the stormwater management “evolution” are highlighted:

- 1999 stormwater staff from the five stormwater service providers in the valley meet to discuss: 1) pending water quality regulations and how best to organize to meet these regulations and 2) eliminate some of the gaps in maintenance and capital needs on major named washes in the Valley.
- 2002-2003 – Authorized by all of the above mentioned entities boards and commissions, a citizen steering committee is formed. The 14 member committee agreed that a Drainage Authority was the appropriate next step in the evolution of stormwater management in the valley.

- 2003-2004 – Elected official charter committee is formed to confirm whether a drainage authority is warranted. Each of the boards, commissions and councils created the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority in 2004.
- July 21, 2004 – Drainage Authority's first meeting
- 2004-2006 – Board Education, Scope of Work, and start of rate study
- Winter 2007 – Business plan development / presentation to elected officials.

The 5-2-1 Authority Board is now at the point where board members want to “check in” with their various boards, commissions and councils and get a sense of the level of support and discuss funding alternatives. City of Grand Junction is the last of the five entities to be briefed.

The presentation will outline the stormwater needs in the Valley as they pertain to both stormwater **quality** as well as stormwater **quantity**. A draft business plan will also be presented.

**Business Plan.** The business plan contemplates four different levels of service:

- **Huffy Bicycle** – NPDES only. This alternative only addresses water quality permitting issues. Eliminates the overlap of each jurisdiction meeting the regulations individually.
- **Geo Metro** – NPDES, maintenance, studies. This alternative builds on the Huffy Bicycle models by adding contracted maintenance of named washes (Lewis Wash, Leach Creek, Big Salt Wash, etc) as well as studying the rest of the basins to ensure that we are planning our infrastructure appropriately as well as ensuring development does not occur within areas prone to flooding.
- **Impala** – All of the above, \$80 million capital completed in 40 years. Building again on the Geo Metro, this alternative adds capital improvements. \$40 million worth of needs have already been identified, the balance of the \$80 million is reserved for needs that would be identified in the basin studies.
- **Cadillac** – All of above, \$80 million capital completed in 20 years

**Staffing** for the authority is proposed at 10 people. Seven of those staff are associated with NPDES (water quality) compliance and the balance would be a contracts manager for maintenance and capital design and construction contracts as well as some administrative staff to help with drafting, mapping, and clerical.

**Funding.** Drainage authority funding could come from the following sources:

**Utility Fee Structure.** Similar to a water and sewer bill, the business plan contemplates a new stormwater utility fee as the funding source. This fee would be collected based on the amount of runoff that would be generated by each parcel. Therefore a 1 acre parcel that is entirely paved (i.e. impervious) would generate more runoff than a 1 acre parcel that has only a small amount of paved area and therefore would pay more for stormwater service.

This fee would be dedicated for use only on regional stormwater management issues.

**Existing general fund diversions.** Other potential funding sources include allocating a portion of existing revenues from each of the participating entities towards the 5-2-1 Authority. Such diversions would take away resources from other competing community needs such as transportation, parks, law enforcement and emergency services.

**Public Involvement / Education.** Community understanding of the problem and the potential solutions, particularly as to what the solutions cost, is imperative to future success of any stormwater management program in the Grand Valley. If the 5-2-1 Authority Board moves forward with a fee implementation, Drainage Authority Technical Staff (DATS) along with board members would propose a large public education/information/involvement program to bring the community up to speed on stormwater issues.

**Potential Schedule.**

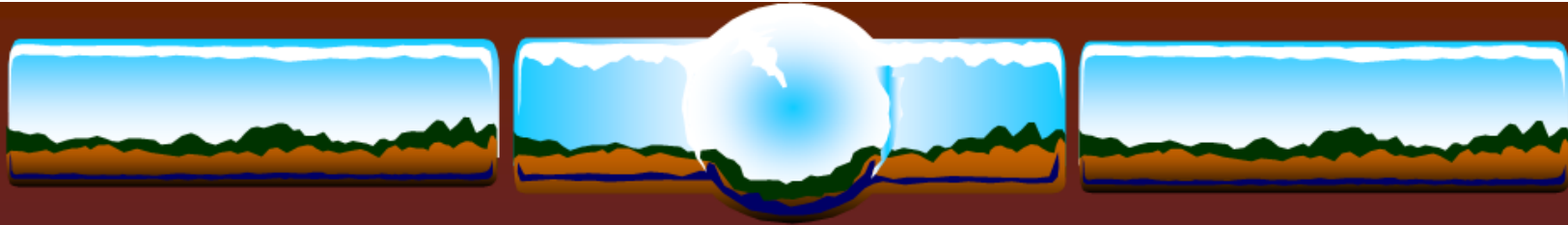
April 25, 2007 – 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board Meeting  
June 2007 - Public involvement / education process  
Winter 2008 – Implement stormwater utility

**Summary**

In summary, the 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board is looking for input on a proposed business plan that will address Grand Valley stormwater management issues:

1. Fill in the gaps – Flood Protection / Stormwater quantity
2. Eliminate the overlaps – NPDES Phase II Stormwater Quality
3. Sustained revenue source





# 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Draft Business Plan Presentation

Presentation to Grand Junction City Council

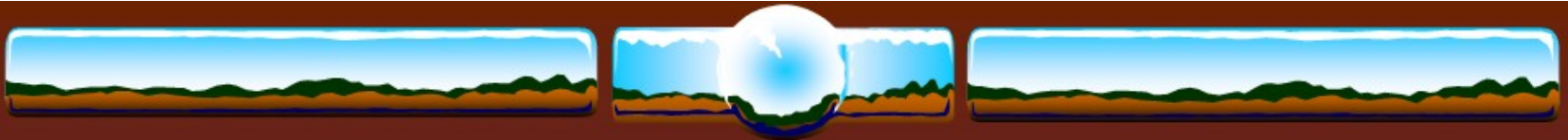
Prepared by Drainage Authority Technical Staff

April 16, 2007



# Tonights's Presentation

- ❖ Outline of Program
  - ❖ Why Drainage Authority
  - ❖ Steps
  - ❖ Services to Provide
  - ❖ Staffing
  
- ❖ Example / proposed budget



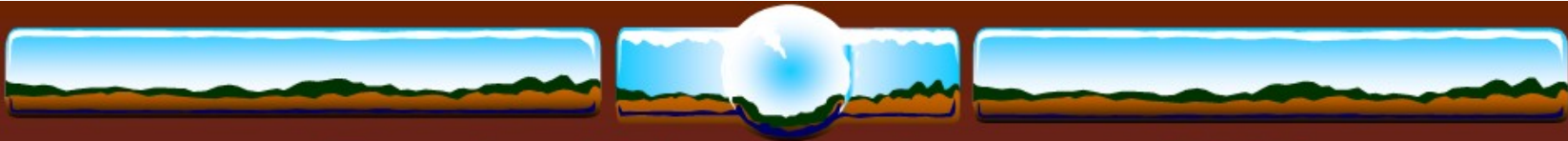
Mesa County



Quantity  
(Regional)

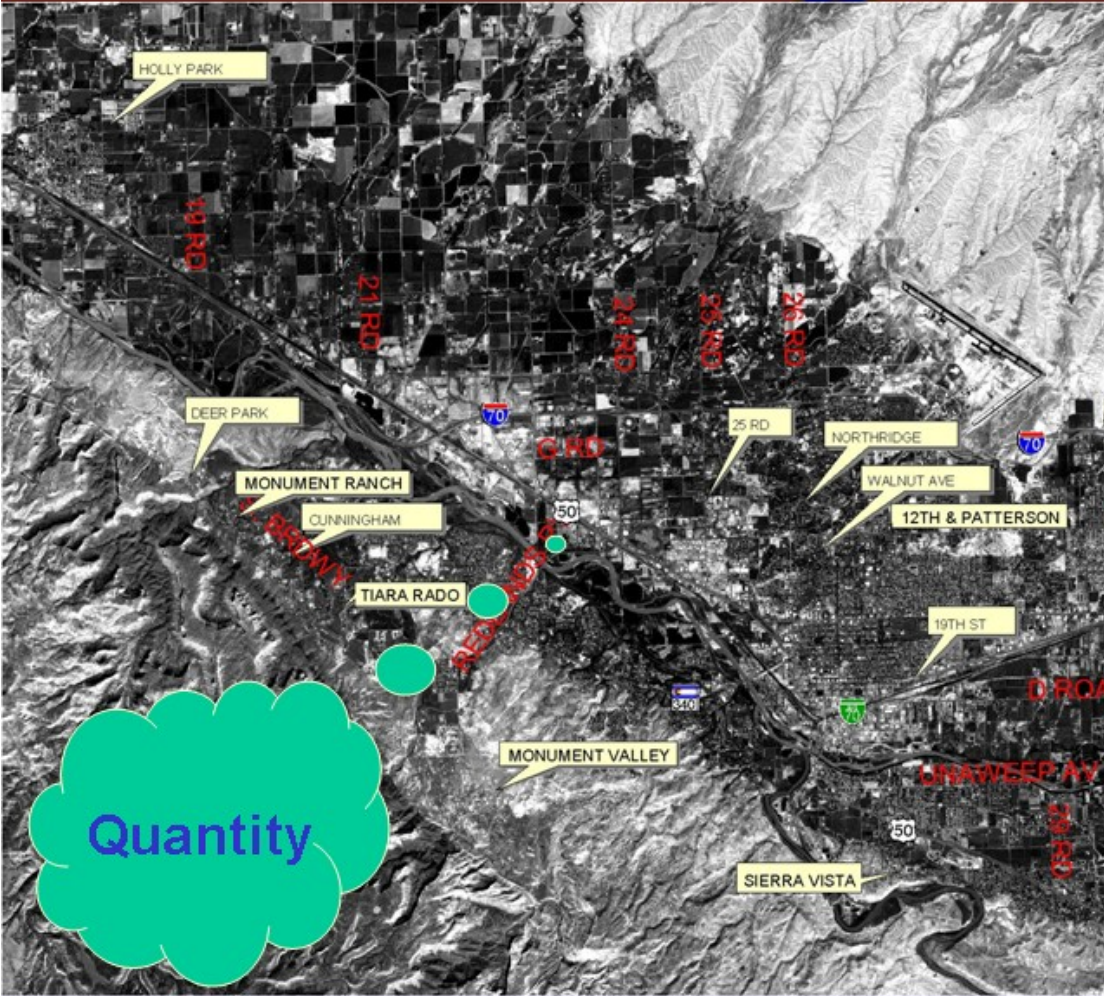
Quality  
(Federal)

STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT



# Bosley Wash – August 2006





# FLOOD AREAS INDEX



1999-2001



## Quantity (Local)

Flood Control / Infrastructure Deficiencies...  
It rarely rains so where's the problem????



August 12, 1997  
Repeated  
August 9, 2001

FRUITA - 18 1/4 and K Rd





**Quantity  
(Local)**

**Flood Control / Infrastructure Deficiencies...  
It rarely rains so where's the problem????**

**Grand Junction - 25 Road**



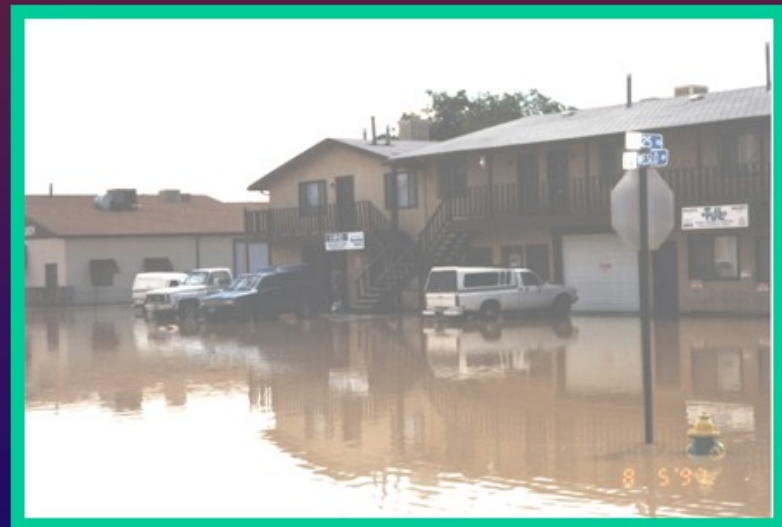
**August 5, 1997**



**Quantity  
(Local)**

**Flood Control / Infrastructure Deficiencies...  
It rarely rains so where's the problem????**

**Grand Junction - 25 Road**



**August 5, 1997**

**Quantity  
(Local)**

Flood Control / Infrastructure Deficiencies...  
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Grand Junction - Ligrani Drain - Motor Street



**Quantity  
(Local)**

**Flood Control / Infrastructure Deficiencies...  
It rarely rains so where's the problem????**

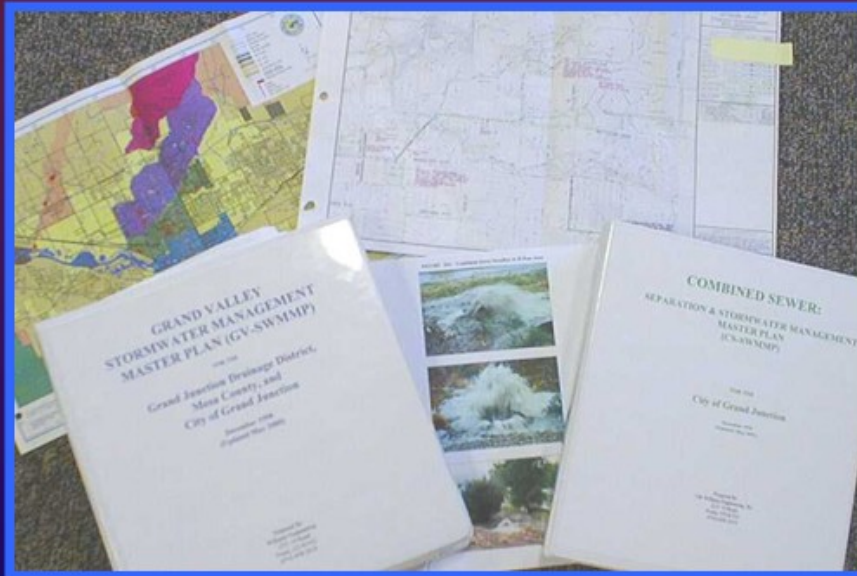
**Clifton**



**July 24, 1999**

Quantity

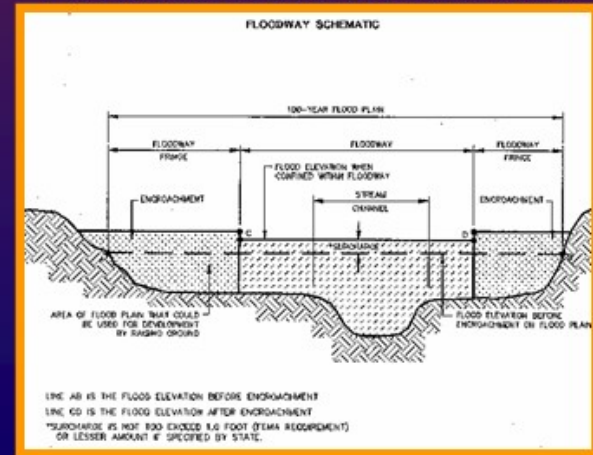
# PLANNING

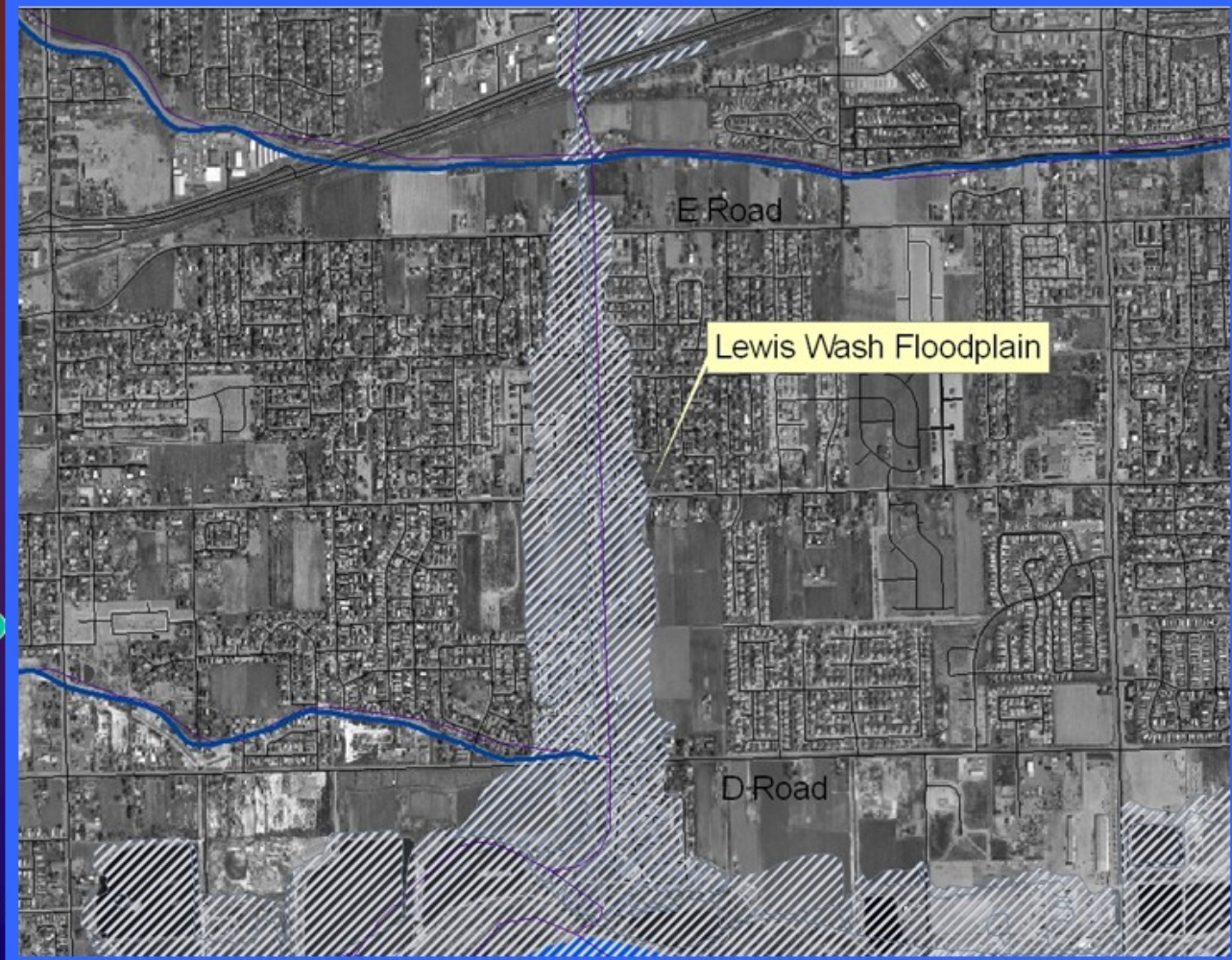


Basin Master Plans



Floodplains mapping / administration





Quantity

# Floodplain Study

**Quantity  
(Local)**

**Operations / Maintenance**

Before



After

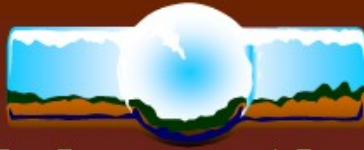
**Leach Creek Cleaning  
February 2001**



Quantity  
(Regional)

Quality  
(Federal)

STORMWATER  
MANAGEMENT

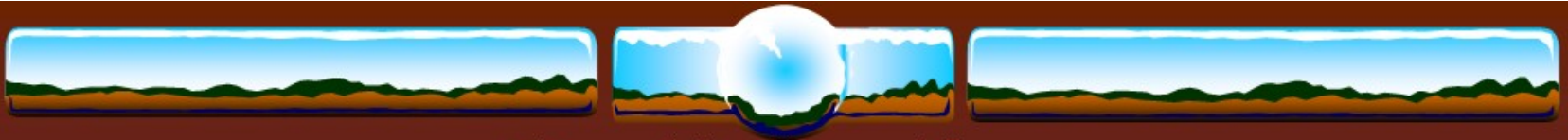


# Education

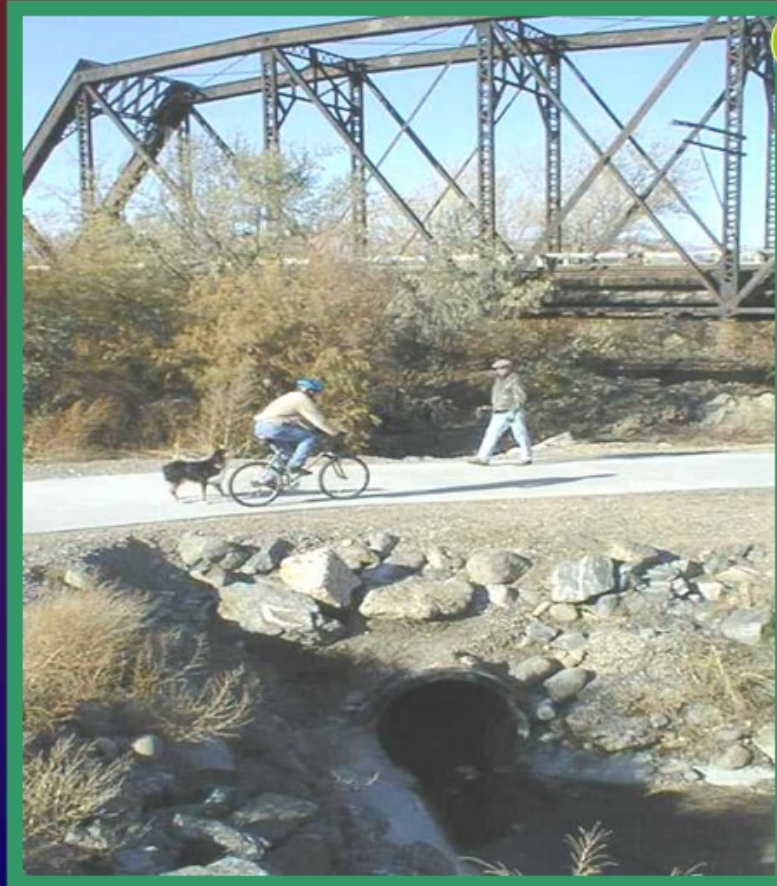
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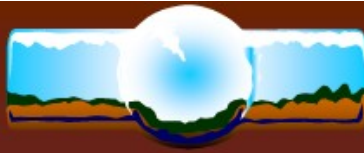




# Participation



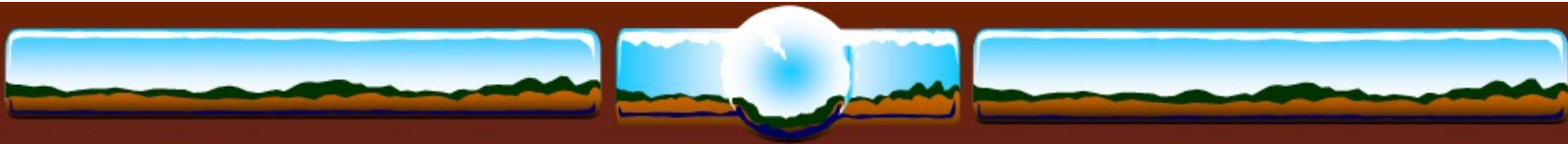
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# Construction

Quality  
(Federal)

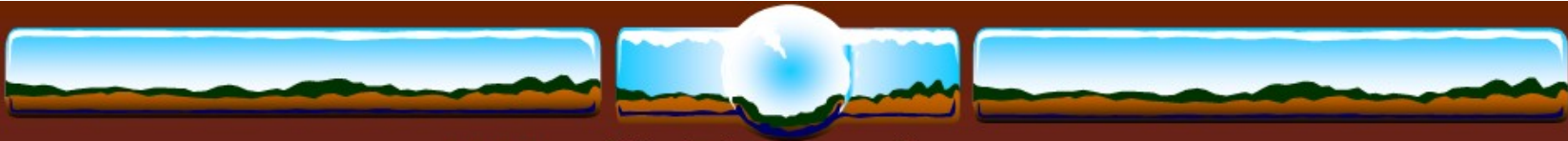




# Post Construction



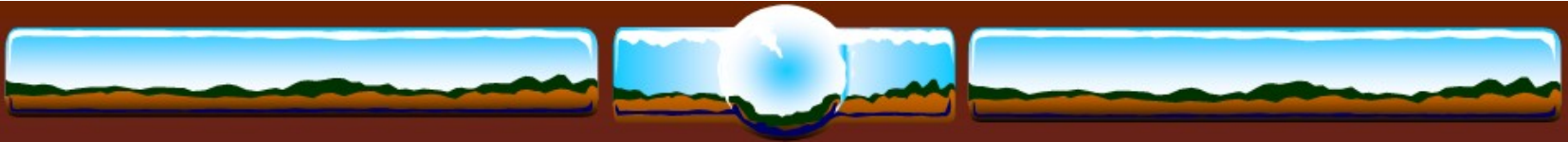
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# Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination



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(Federal)

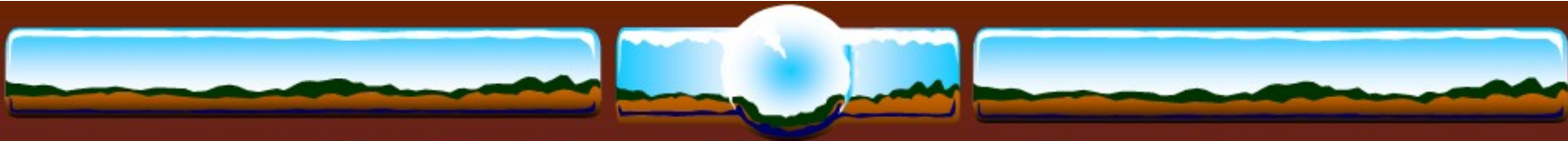


# Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination



Quality  
(Federal)

Concrete Washout



# Pollution Prevention for Municipal Operations



Quality  
(Federal)



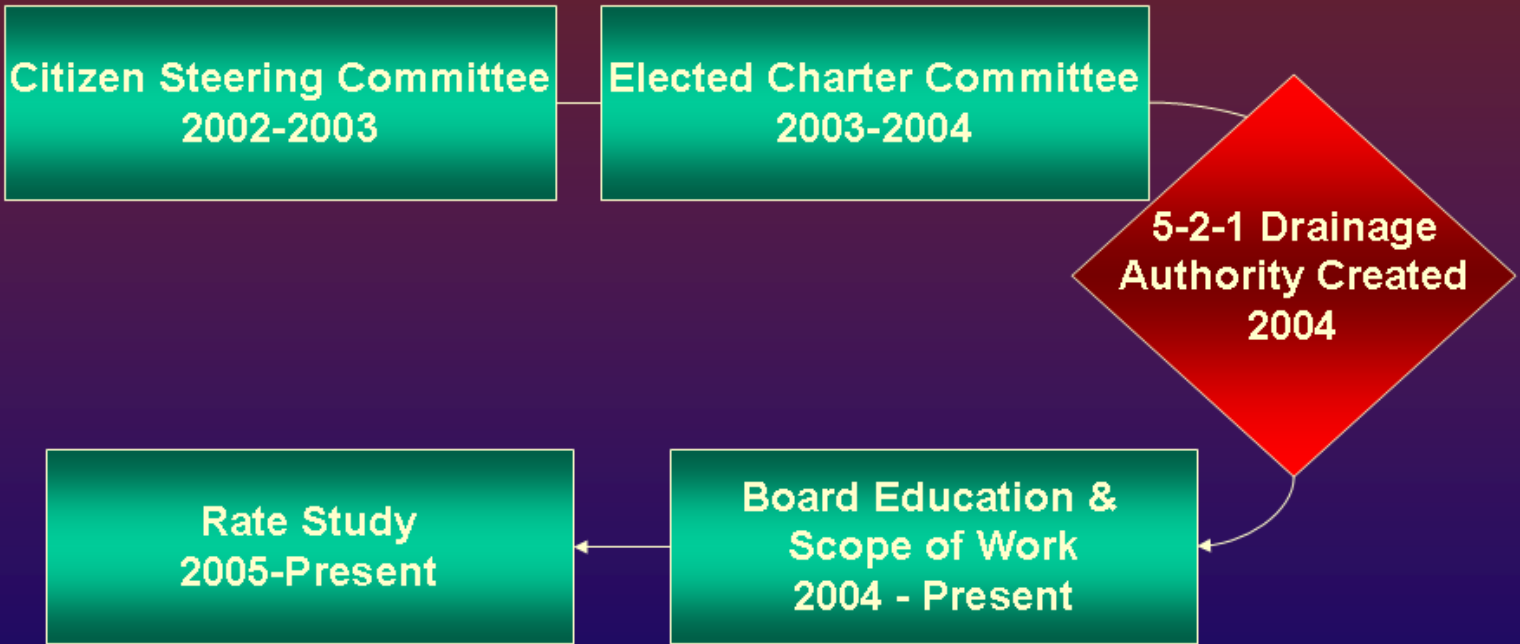
# Grand Valley Cross Section Multiple Jurisdictions

## Who do you call?

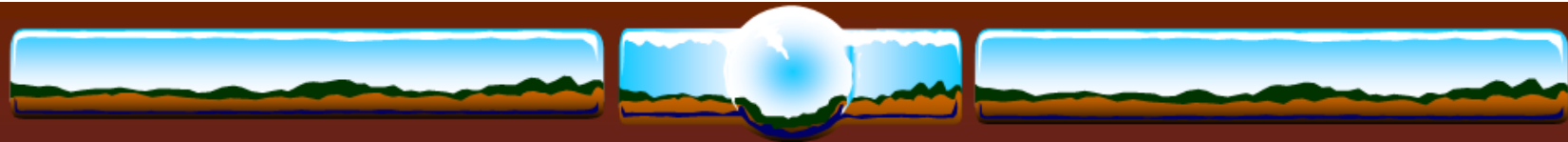




# The Process

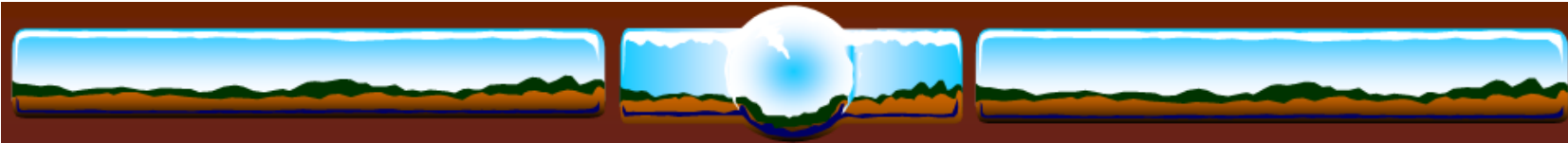






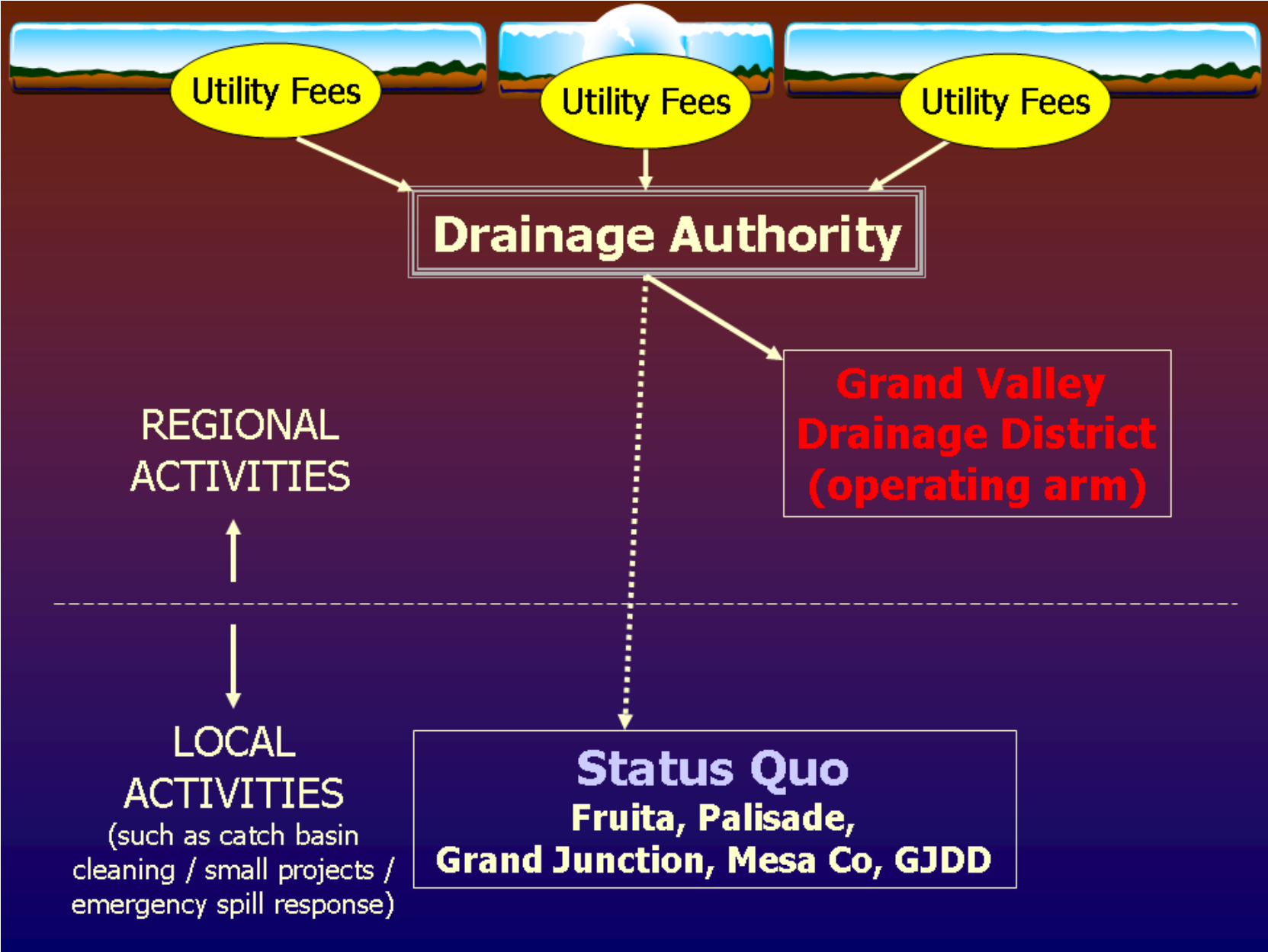
# Overall Theme for Valley-wide Stormwater Efforts

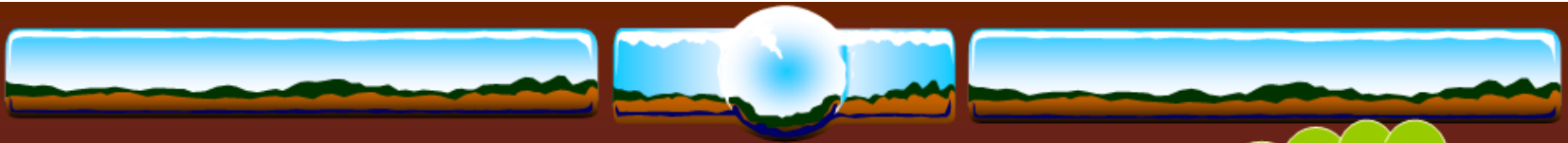
- 1) Minimize Risk of Flooding on Major Basins
- 2) Protect Water Quality



# Overall Strategies for Valley-wide Stormwater Efforts

- 1) Smallest additional bureaucracy
- 2) Simple & efficient as possible
- 3) Focus on multi-jurisdictional issues
- 4) Not do activities done better by locals  
(Reduce the overlaps cover the gaps)





# Services

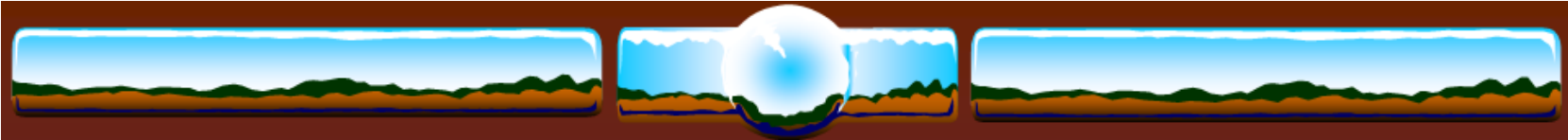
- ❖ NPDES Phase II Stormwater Permits
- ❖ Basin Studies / Development Review
- ❖ Capital Improvement Projects (CIP)
- ❖ Operations & Maintenance (O&M)

Quality  
(Federal)

Quantity  
(Regional)

Quantity  
(Regional)

Quantity  
(Regional)



# Staffing

**Authority  
Manager**

## NPDES Phase II

## Administration

## Capital O&M

**Water Quality  
Compliance Manager**  
- Illicit Discharge Coordinator  
- Database Management

**Development Engineer**  
- Review private development drainage studies for Master Basin Study compliance  
- Reviews stormwater management plans

**Inspector #1,2,3**  
- O&M Inspections  
Construction Compliance  
- Post Construction Compliance  
- Illicit Discharge

**Office Manager**  
- Public Education / Involvement  
- Public Relations  
- Customer Service Questions  
- Collections  
- Support to Managers

**Admin Assistant**  
- Support to Managers  
- Board Minutes  
- Manage Library

**Billing**  
Through Assessors Office

**Capital / O&M Manager**  
- Basin / floodplain studies contracts  
- Project Development  
- O&M contracts  
- Capital contracts

**Engineering / GIS Tech**

10 Employees



# Financial Plan

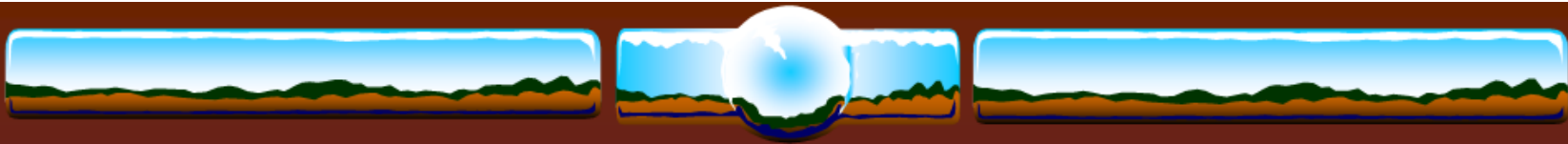
## ❖ Evaluated

- ❖ Staffing Salaries – based on City's 2007 structure (currently)
- ❖ Overhead (facilities, utilities, office space, furniture, equip, vehicles)

## ❖ Estimates

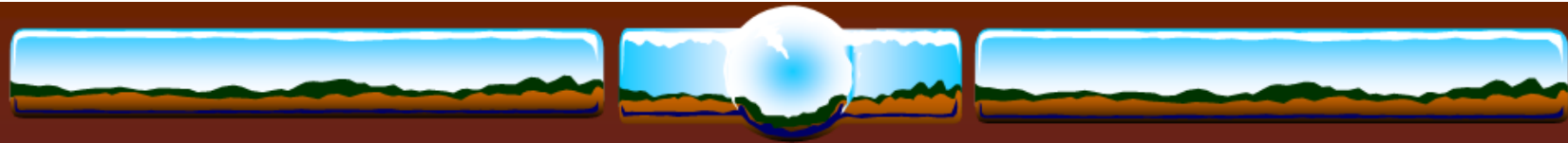
- ❖ NPDES Phase II operations
- ❖ Planning and Engineering (Studies)
- ❖ Operations and Maintenance
- ❖ Capital Construction

☐ — **Prioritized**



## Financial Plan

- ❖ **Prioritization of 151 segments in 103 basins**
  - ❖ **Urban** – 13 segments
    - ❖ Big Salt Wash, Leach Creek, Buthorn, Indian Wash, Lewis Wash
  - ❖ **Developing** – 42 segments
    - ❖ Appleton, Douglas Wash, Adobe Creek, Hunter Wash
  - ❖ **Rural** – 96 segments
    - ❖ Portions of Big Salt Wash, Callow Creek, portions of Adobe Creek, etc.



# Financial Plan

## ❖ Budgeting

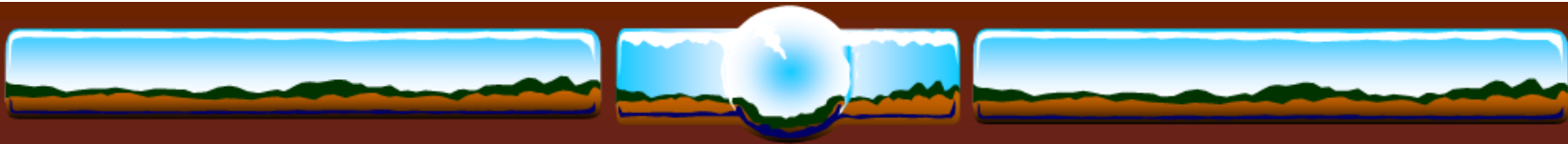
- ❖ Each project separately budgeted either under

- ❖ Studies / Mappings – 8 years of effort

- ❖ O&M - 6 year frequency for urban basins /  
10 year developing / 15 year for rural

- ❖ Capital - \$80 million





# Financial Plan

## ❖ Alternatives

❖ **Huffy Bicycle** – NPDES only

❖ **Geo Metro** – NPDES, maintenance, studies

❖ **Impala** – All of the above, \$80 million capital completed in 40 years

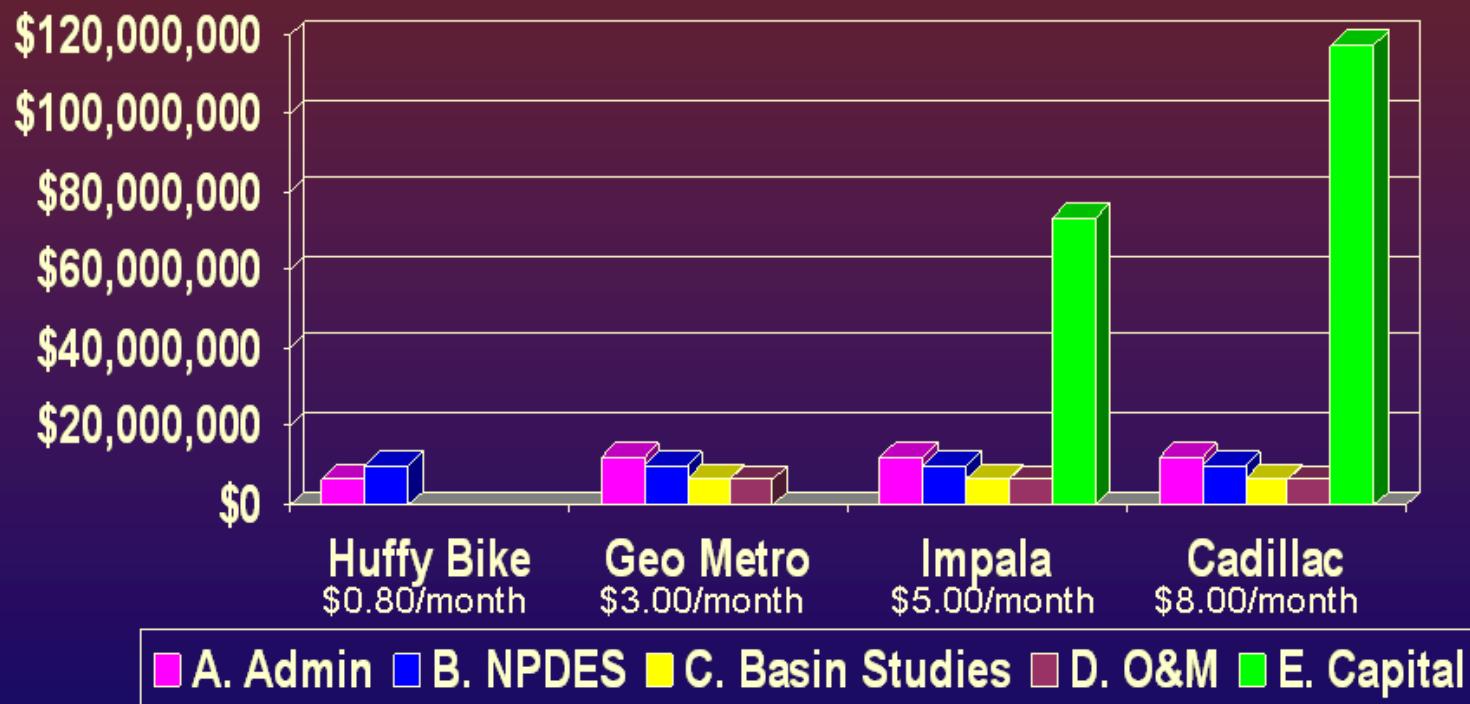
❖ **Cadillac** – All of above, \$80 million capital completed in 20 years

# Financial Plan Approach 15 year Summary

	Huffy Bicycle		Geo Metro		Impala		Cadillac					
	NPDES Only		No CIP		40 Year CIP		20 Year CIP					
Monthly Rate per EQU in 2008	\$	0.80	\$	3.00	\$	5.00	\$	8.00				
Monthly Rate per EQU in 2023	\$	1.37	\$	2.00	\$	8.49	\$	11.47				
<b>Total 15 Year Revenues</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,785,654</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>36,751,686</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>112,258,402</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>158,401,000</b>				
A. Admin	\$	6,628,646	39%	\$	12,083,478	33%	\$	12,083,478	11%	\$	12,083,478	8%
B. NPDES	\$	10,071,206	60%	\$	10,071,206	27%	\$	10,071,206	9%	\$	10,071,206	6%
C. Basin Studies	\$	-	0%	\$	6,648,120	18%	\$	6,648,120	6%	\$	6,648,120	4%
D. O&M	\$	-	0%	\$	6,416,567	17%	\$	6,416,567	6%	\$	6,416,567	4%
E. Capital	\$	-	0%	\$	-	0%	\$	73,319,850	65%	\$	117,572,500	74%
<b>Total 15 year expenditures</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>16,699,852</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>35,219,371</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>108,539,221</b>		<b>\$</b>	<b>152,791,871</b>	
Remaining fund balance	\$	85,802	1%	\$	1,532,315	4%	\$	3,719,181	3%	\$	5,609,129	4%

# 15 year totals

## 5-2-1 Authority Financial Alternatives





## Calculation of Utility Fee

- ❖ Fees are based on the square footage of impervious area.
- ❖ Residential fees are based on average impervious surface per size of average dwelling....usually one to three different groups (tiers).
- ❖ All users of stormwater systems are charged a fee including churches, schools and governments.

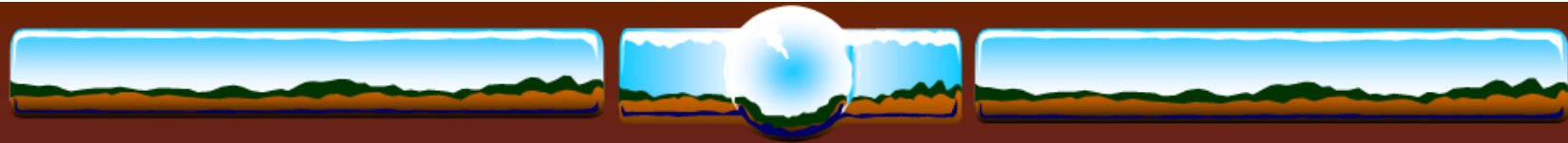


Top 15 Capital Projects	2006 \$
Lewis Wash	\$ 3,500,000
Leach Creek Detention Basins	\$ 1,750,000
Orchard Mesa Basin Phase I	\$ 4,600,000
Murray Drain	\$ 4,000,000
Fruita South Mesa Drain	\$ 1,200,000
Buthorn Basin	\$ 1,800,000
Starr School Drain	\$ 2,300,000
Orchard Mesa Basin Phase II	\$ 3,000,000
Appleton Drain	\$ 2,320,000
Bosley Wash	\$ 1,750,000
32 ½ Road Storm Drain Project	\$ 1,400,000
29 Road / Indian Wash	\$ 2,300,000
Douglas Wash	\$ 4,000,000
Goldstar / Ute Canyons	\$ 2,300,000
Orchard Mesa Phase III	\$ 1,740,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 38,000,000</b>



## Summary

- ❖ Fill in the Gaps – Flood Protection
- ❖ Minimize overlaps – NPDES Phase II Water Quality
- ❖ Sustained Revenue



## Next Steps

- ❖ April 25, 2007 – 5-2-1 Drainage Authority Board
- ❖ June 2007 – Begin Public Education / Input process
- ❖ Winter 2008 – Implement stormwater utility

**Attach W-4  
Oil and Gas Resolution from the Mayors Meeting**

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION IN SUPPORT OF A COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE ENERGY PLAN AND MITIGATION OF THE IMPACTS OF OIL AND GAS DEVELOPMENT:**

**Whereas**, Western Colorado and Garfield County hold significant oil, coal and natural gas reserves that are currently at the center of extensive exploration, research, drilling and pipeline construction; and,

**Whereas**, these natural resources represent a valuable economic opportunity to the oil and gas companies, associated businesses and communities of the region; and,

**Whereas**, the supply of natural gas is limited and the technology for oil shale is still developing; and,

**Whereas**, there is tremendous pressure from national policy and fuel markets to develop these resources quickly; and,

**Whereas**, although the oil and gas industry is a welcome addition to our regional economy and community, the development of finite oil and gas resources have had and will continue to have profound fiscal, social and environmental impacts on the health and welfare of the communities in our region; and,

**Whereas**, our region already has first-hand experience with the negative impacts of a “boom and bust” related to energy development in the early 1980’s.

**NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT:**

The City of Grand Junction supports policies at the local, state and federal levels to fully capture the benefits and mitigate the impacts from the extraction and development of oil, natural gas and coal resources.

**Let it be further resolved**, that the City of Grand Junction supports the following actions and policy changes:

1. **Developing a long-term, comprehensive State Energy Plan** that considers the costs and benefits of non-renewable fossil fuel energy production to the benefit of citizens beyond a short-term production boom. Furthermore, a comprehensive state energy plan should consider placing equal importance and investment in the development of renewable energy (solar, wind, hydro, bio-fuels) production and energy efficiency programs.
2. **Increasing local input and mitigation power in the oil and gas review process** since the land use implications of oil and gas development can have



significant impacts on neighboring properties, county roads, demand for services and the health and safety of county residents.

3. **Improving the balance of representatives on the Colorado Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (COGCC)** to include non-industry perspectives and such as human services, environmental health and local governments.
4. **Balancing the interest of surface and mineral owners** by increasing bonding requirements of oil and gas developers to better protect surface owners from and mitigate for surface disturbances from drilling and accessing drilling sites. The State should also create a process for resolving surface and mineral owner disputes.
5. **Establishing a County auditing program** to ensure that the industry accurately reports production and pays the appropriate taxes (in contrast to real estate taxation, where the County Assessor informs a home owner what their home is worth and how much tax they must pay, the Oil and Gas industry informs the County Assessor what their product is worth and how much tax they will be paying the County).
6. **Updating the Energy Impact Fund formula** so that a greater percentage of these funds go directly to impacted counties and communities.
7. **Increasing the limit of the Environmental Response Fund** above its current level so more funding is available to investigate, prevent, monitor and mitigate conditions that cause or threaten to cause, significant adverse environmental impacts related to oil and gas operations rather than excess funding going into the State's General Fund.
8. **Adjusting the severance tax** (on oil, natural gas and coal) and/or eliminating the property tax deduction for severance tax payments to better reflect that value of the severed resource, the impact to public infrastructure (roads, schools, water, air, public health) within the State of Colorado and local communities and to prepare for the time when these non-renewable resources are exhausted. (The severance tax in Colorado ranges from two percent on gross income from mineral extraction of less than \$25,000.00 to a flat fee of \$10,750.00 plus five percent of gross income above \$300,000.00. Under current law, companies may deduct their property taxes from severance tax payments. As a result, the effective severance tax rate is 1.8 percent – the lowest among surrounding states. The severance tax rate in Wyoming and New Mexico is six percent.)
9. **Creating a Permanent Trust Fund** at the local and/or state level to address the long term impacts of the oil and gas development. (For example, Wyoming, which has fewer students than Denver alone, has about \$1 billion in its trust fund for schools while Colorado has \$300 million.)
10. **Protecting the waters of Western Colorado from adverse impacts of Stormwater Discharge** by supporting the current practice of having the Colorado Water Quality Commission regulate storm water discharges from oil and gas operations that affect one acre or more of land instead of the Colorado

Oil and Gas Conservation Commission and by providing adequate funding for state and county level inspectors.

INTRODUCED, READ AND PASSED THIS \_\_\_\_\_DAY OF  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2007

By: City of Grand Junction

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Mayor

Attest:

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City Clerk