

Duane Jensen

MINUTES
VALLEY WIDE SEWER COMMITTEE MEETING
August 22, 1978
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' MEETING ROOM

Chairman Howard Roland called the meeting to order. He welcomed the members and thanked them for coming to see the progress that had been made toward the Valley Wide System.

The Chairman called on Duane Jensen for a report on the status of the new treatment plant. Duane gave status report on what has occurred since the last meeting of the Committee in March. In March had just received the OK from Colorado Department of Health to go on to EPA and make application for design of new wastewater treatment plant. Made application to EPA. Negative declaration sent out but in meantime were given go ahead with design up to 15% of the design work on the plant. Have had word from EPA that as of the 11th (two days after last date for input) they did not have any negative input at all that should effect the project. They are now moving on with design of the plant and have preliminary drawings that anyone who wishes to is welcome to take a look at any time. Design on River Road interceptor is nearly complete. Are moving past 15% of design on treatment plant and at 30% design stage We will inform EPA that we will need to have a second consulting engineer take a look at the designs of the first consulting engineer. This part of the project is called value engineering. The date they are shooting for when the plant will be completed is the early summer of 1981.

It was asked if the capacity of present plant would last until 1981. Duane said it would not and that the Homeowners Association had approached the City Council with a proposal to establish a temporary package plant at the location of the existing plant.

Chairman Roland asked for report from Financial Sub-Committee and their recommendation of best method by which plant and interceptors could be financed.

Gerald Ashby said that originally the metropolitan system was most favored, but they discovered this system was not available without further legislative activity. The second area which seemed most desirable was county constructed plant and interceptors. County offers best method for handling matters that exist on the Redlands and for handling concept of interceptors which are the main problems facing sewage work at this time. Therefore the Financial Sub-Committee has determined to recommend to the Valley Wide Sewer Advisory Committee that the County be the instrument through which this construction occur through the issuance of revenue bonds. The County will try to get legislation to permit them to enter into the same type of improvement districts with regard to the sewer that the City can.

A sheet was handed out with the following information to be considered regarding County sewer revenue bond issue:

1. County will be owner of all of the system built with revenue from sale of bonds and service revenue.
2. County may contract for operation and maintenance of facilities, including monthly billing for services, with City of Grand Junction. Intergovernmental contracts will be needed between the existing district and the County and/or the City for sewage treatment.
3. County will be able to issue sewer revenue bonds for funding and financing sewage collection systems in unincorporated areas thus eliminating the need to further create special districts. Source of funds for repayment of such revenue bonds could be tap fees and/or plant investment fees which could be paid over a period of years.

The Valley Wide Committee needs to make a recommendation and present to County Commissioners and the City Council. If the Board of Commissioners and the City Council accept the recommendation they will have to sit down immediately with Boettcher and Co. so that Boettcher can get information they need in order to issue bond.

Chairman Roland asked for a motion accepting the recommendation that the sub-committee has given. John Arcieri made a motion that the County own and operate the new plant; motion was seconded by William O'Dwyer. The Chairman asked for vote by ~~show of hands~~^{VOICE} and motion carried.

Legal council will now write up the resolution stating that the County will own and operate the new wastewater treatment plant. This resolution will then come before the City Council and the Board of County Commissioners.

Meeting adjourned.