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November 21, 1978

To: Valley Wide Sewer Advisory Committee

From: Jim Patterson, Secretary

Valley Wide Sewer Advisory Committee

As you probably know, the Mesa County Commissioners and the Grand Junction City Council were sent a resolution from the Valley Wide Sewer Advisory Committee recommending that the County own the new sewage treatment plant and that the City operate it. This was actually the second choice of the committee; the first choice being a Metropolitan District. Modifications in the state statutes are needed before the Metro District can become a reality, thus the recommendation of the second choice.

In considering the resolution of the Valley Wide Sewer Advisory Committee and methods of implementing it, both the County Commissioners and the City Council recognized difficulties that such an arrangement would produce in relation to their overall responsibilities and goals. As a result the Commissioners and Council have developed an agreement for joint ownership of the facility with the City operating it. The agreement, as I see it, is actually closer to the first choice of the Valley Wide Sewer Advisory Committee in that the plant will be jointly owned by the City and County. Actually, I believe that this agreement provides for an easier transition into the Metro District concept provided that the state statute is revised and it is the desire of the City and County to persue that concept.

I am enclosing a copy of the agreement for your review and information as requested by Chairman Howard Roland.

Enclosure

Jim Palleron