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August 5, 1975

Mr. James Patterson
Deputy Public Works Director
City of Grand Junction
Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

Dear Mr. Patterson:

Following are some thoughts I have concerning the recent NHPQ Sewer Plan which encompasses the area in the valley from 33 Road West to 19 Road:

- 1) HDR completed a Master Plan encompassing the area from 33 Road to 21 Road in 1967. They recommended a massive treatment plant between 23 Road and 24 Road on the North bank of the Colorado River in the flood plain of the river. This particular plan was financed by the City of Grand Junction and was rejected by the City of Grand Junction.
- 2) The Central Grand Valley District was permitted to construct an undersize outfall line to serve their own district from near Road 32 West to the City.
- 3) The City Council abandoned the plan for treatment of Central Grand Valley Sewage locally and piped that sewage into the Grand Junction plant - thus necessitating rehabilitation and remodeling of the existing Grand Junction plant.
- 4) As a consequence of the above, adoption of the NHPQ plan would result in duplication of sewer outfalls from 33 Road to the City which would add probably more than one million dollars to the cost of providing sewage treatment to areas East of the City.
- 5) Probably as a consequence of the City rejecting their own HDR plan, the Mesa County Commissioners engaged Western Engineers, Inc. to prepare a County plan. The fact that the City had rejected the HDR plan had a strong influence on the County Plan proposed by Western Engineers, Inc.

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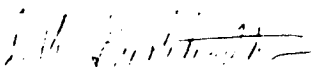
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- 6) The NHPQ plan is yet another duplication of effort coupled with the ever present expenditure of tax payer's money. It appears to me that the NHPQ plan would try to make the best of the HDR and Western Engineers, Inc. plan, gain control of the most lucrative environs around the City of Grand Junction and thereby gain unequivocal control of development in the main part of the Grand Valley.
- 7) I do not believe the residents outside the City of Grand Junction wish to be under the complete and total control of the Grand Junction City Council where sewage treatment or anything else is concerned. If they wanted to be under control of the City, they would move into the City. I believe outlying areas should be allowed to solve and manage their own problems.
- 8) I believe the responsibility for developing sewage treatment facilities for the Grand Valley should lie with the Mesa County Board of Commissioners. The Commissioners are elected to represent the voters and tax payers, and should therefore be responsible for helping those same people with their problems. The Grand Junction City Council should only be concerned with those things which directly affect the City of Grand Junction. The City is, after all, a part of Mesa County - the County is not a part of the City of Grand Junction.

Very truly yours,

WESTERN ENGINEERS, INC.



J. N. Burkhalter, P.E.-L.S.
General Manager

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cc: Lawrence Aubert, Chairman
Mesa County Commissioners

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August 5, 1975

Jim Patterson
City Hall
Grand Junction, Colo.

Dear Sir:

After attending the first public meeting held July 23, 1975, I wish to express my opinion on the enlargement of the sanitation system of the city of Grand Junction. I live in the area immediately to the east of Clifton No. 2 and am quite concerned as to what will happen to the possibility of establishing a sanitation system in our area.

I am opposed to the proposal regarding the area east of Grand Junction. The primary reason is that it does not fit into the overall sanitation system as outlined by Western Engineer's in their report to the Mesa County Commissioners. I agree with Western that it is logical to have a treatment plant built to handle the sewage east of the city of Grand Junction.

In your proposal you are only going to upgrade the lagoon systems of Clifton No. 1 & 2, but I don't think this will handle the growth in this area. We have already been advised that we cannot send our sewage to them as they cannot handle it. This gives us no direction in which to turn. Now you say that in the future a trunk line may be built to send the affluent to Grand Junction. This does not agree with the study that Western Engineer's made.

Furthermore, I violently object because looking into the future this would mean that I would send my sewage down the same line to the Grand Junction treatment plant. I and many others in this valley do not want any part of the Grand Junction present practice of charging residents outside the city TWICE the rate of those within the city limits.

We prefer to live in the county outside the city. This means that we are under the jurisdiction of the county commissioner's and we would like them to establish the sanitation system in our area. Also, we would like to have control of the cost of operating this system so that the city would not be able to adjust rates according to their whims.

Sincerely,

Melvin Diffendaffer
Melvin Diffendaffer

cc: Environmental Protection Agency

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August 5th, 1975

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Mr. James Patterson
City Engineer
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Re: City of Grand Junction 201 planning grant application.

One of our Board Members, Mr Charles Downing who was appointed to represent the District, attended your Public Hearing on July 23, 1975, and expressed the views of the District.

We are opposed to the City Council being the sole rate-setting authority for sewage treating services furnished to the proposed area District.

We are sorry that our Board was not invited to offer our opinions during the past year when the City and its engineers, Nelson, Haley, Patterson and Quirk, were working on the plans and reports which were finally presented for public comment on July 23, 1975.

We would have informed you that we would prefer to form a regional waste treatment district for all of the area east of Grand Junction and to have all construction, operation and rate setting controlled by a Board composed of a representative from each Sanitation District in the region.

Your plan apparently does not provide for this kind of an organization. It is essential that this type of controls are included in the plan.

Sincerely yours,



Fred Selan, President, Central
Grand Valley Sanitation District

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