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Board of County Commissioners
Mesa County Colorado

Gentlemen:

All the meetings and conferences pripr to May 23 were concerned with providing information to the Board of County Commissioners about how the concept of a regional or Valley-wide sewer plan could be organized and financed.

On June 2 Commissioner Roland flew to Denver with us to attend a meeting of the Colorado Water Control Commission, for the purpose of getting Mesa County on the priority list for EPA Funding. We were told, after the meeting, to prepare data to present at the next regular meeting of the Commission on July 15. On June 16, the Board authorized Plateau Engineering to prepare data and represent the County at the July 15 meeting. After considerable effort was spent to gather data, it was learned that the City's 201 Facilities Plan was nearly complete and the Commission Staff in Denver would not support a separate effort by the County to implement the system.

Accordingly, on June 25, I made a trip to Denver to confer with State and Federal officials. This trip and information learned was reviewed with the Board on June 30. In a nutshell, the State Water Quality Staff would welcome a joint City-County regional approach to sewer funding; that the City's 201 Plan would serve as a basis for funding, and that no funds would be forthcoming for any further planning efforts within the 201 Plan Area.

Again on July 7, Tink and I reviewed with the Board, progress to date and discussed the City-County staff meeting to be held on July 10 to pick up other staff considerations pertinent to a City-County agreement. The minutes of the July 7 meeting state that we are proceeding to confer with City Officials to help put together an agreement which will be the basis for implementing the whole Facilities Plan.

The Staff meeting on July 10 with Mrs. Albers present was

quite fruitful and pointed out several areas where agreement is necessary and can probably be reached.

Again on July 14 I reviewed with the Board the progress to date, the staff meeting on the 10th and the proposed meeting on the 15th between the City Council and Board of Commissioners and staff people. At the joint meeting on the 15th I got the clear impression that there was a great deal of unanimity about a joint venture and that the Board was pleased at the effort put out and leadership which we had provided. At the public hearing on the 201 plan on July 23rd, I was asked by Mayor Kozichek to sit on the platform, but upon instruction from the Board, made no statements.

On July 28 I again met with the Board. Looking beyond the joint City-County agreement, and to give the Board a few policy statements to look at, I presented a status report and a proposed County declaration of policy. This declaration simply set forth the items which are the foundation and reasons why the County should enter into this joint venture for funding sewers. Its sole purpose was to provide some language to help the Board crystalize their thoughts and change in any way they saw fit. On July 30th I participated in the first joint County-City staff committee to work on an agreement. I have been asked to appear at the last two regular Commissioner meetings, but there has been no time to accomodate this.

*Check my
ownership!*

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Mr. Jim Patterson
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Dear Mr. Patterson:

I was unable to attend the sewer district meeting the other night, but have been informed that approval was given for the sewer facility to be built and that it might possibly be on land owned by Colorado Kendal, Inc.

While my Corporation has spent a considerable amount of money on plans for such a facility, and I have been attempting to develop the land, I believe someone has been remiss in their duty. This letter will be my protest of the action taken. No one has discussed the matter with me. I have seen no plans as to location, etc. If it is on Colorado Kendal property, it would seem that I should have been informed concerning these matters. As I said I am protesting based on information from other sources and have no idea what is going on. Specifically I would like to see the plan. If the facility is on my land, where is it? Do I have a chance for input as to location. Colorado Kendal presently owns about 180 acres in that area, 160 of which are south of the Interstate. This property was acquired for developmental purposes and 342 acres were sold to the State of Colorado who bought it with aid from the Preston Walker Estate. My plans called for a fairly substantial development including possibly a motel and store complex; a recreational vehicle overnight area and perhaps a mobile home park. You can see that while a sewage system was necessary for my plans, the location of said system is important. Since I don't know how much land is needed or the exact location, I am forced to protest.

I would appreciate any information you can furnish. While I do not wish to hold up this development for that area, I do think someone should let me know what is going on. Part of my land was sold to the Division of Wildlife to enhance the remainder. If the land being considered is not located on my land, I would still like to have the information.

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