

December 1, 1975

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Dear Mr. Rush:

I have not answered the letter from Mr. Cussen but will do so by sending him a copy of this letter.

It has been determined that the City of Grand Junction will have to make some modifications to the existing sewage treatment plant in order to continue to meet the standards for effluent quality set forth in the Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (Public Law 92-500).

To make those improvements the City applied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for a 75% grant. In section 201 of Public Law 92-500 it states that in order to receive a grant the applicant must provide a facilities plan outlining the method of providing sewage facilities for an area designated as the 201 planning area. Upon receipt of the grant application the Colorado Department of Health designated the Grand Junction 201 Facilities Planning Area. The area covered roughly is from the Colorado National Monument to 33 Road and from I Road to A $\frac{1}{2}$ Road. The purpose of the plan is to show how sewage in that area can be handled in a reasonable and economic way. The plan makes no attempt to dictate what agencies will own or operate those facilities.

The only project that the City is working on is the modifications to the plant and an interceptor line from H and 26 Roads to F and 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ Roads. The City has no plans at this time to build another sewage treatment plant although the City recognizes the need for another plant.

The 201 Facilities Plan suggests that a sewage treatment plant should be located in the area of 22 Road and G $\frac{1}{2}$ Road. There has been no attempt at site selection.

The City placed a public notice in the Daily Sentinel a month before the public hearing stating that copies of the plan were available

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to the public for review at my office, the Department of City-County Planning, and at the offices of N.H.P.O. on Horizon Drive. The purpose of the public hearing was to answer questions and receive input prior to the plan being accepted. I believe that the information was made well known judging from the number of people at the public hearing.

I feel that it was unfortunate that Mr. Cussen made his letter in the form of a protest since as he stated in his letter ".....I have no idea what is going on." The plans are still available at the above locations. I am always happy to review the plan with anyone who wants to make an effort to come by and see it.

The City Council of Grand Junction and the Mesa County Commissioners are presently making an effort to join forces to provide sewerage facilities to areas of the county that are densely populated and in need of a sewerage system. The purposes of a joint effort are to prevent duplication, pool resources, and prevent development of satellite systems that could never combine into one system. If the joint effort does materialize, an item of high priority will probably be a sewage treatment plant in the area shown on the facilities plan. Of course, after deciding who will build the plant, the major problem will be providing the funds to build it.

I hope this has explained what the current status is as far as sewerage facilities in the Grand Junction area. Of course the best explanation would come from reading the facilities plan.

If I can provide additional information, please feel free to call on me.

Yours truly,

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