

A regular meeting of the Water Quality Control Commission was held on Tuesday, June 1, 1976 in Room 150, Colorado Department of Health Building, 4210 E. 11th Avenue, Denver. The meeting was called to order at 9:40 A.M. by Vice-Chairman Howard Lewis upon the establishment of a quorum. Mr. Harris Sherman, Chairman, arrived a short time later and presided at the remainder of the meeting.

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Mr. Harris Sherman, Chairman
- Mr. Howard Lewis, Vice-Chairman
- Dr. Norman Evans
- Mr. John Fetcher
- Mrs. Patti O'Rourke
- Mrs. Myrna Poticha
- Mr. Wayne Seaman
- Dr. E. Robert Weiner
- Mr. Ray Wells
- Mrs. Ruth M. Wright

- Bluffs West, Inc.
Goat Wash WWTF

- William Duttolph
Valle Vista Subd.

COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Mr. E. Proctor Nott

Staff members present:

- Mr. Evan Dildine, Technical Secretary, WQCC
- Mr. Frank Rozich, Director, Water Quality Control Div.
- Mr. Fred Matter, Dpty Dir., Water Quality Control Div.
- Mr. Ronald Schuyler, Chief, Grants Section, WQCD
- Mr. Jonathan Love, Grants Section, WQCD
- ~~Mr. Richard Bowman~~, District Engineer, WQCD
- Ms. Sue Ellen Harrison, Asst. Attorney General
- Mr. Michael Isbell, Asst. Solicitor General
- Mrs. Rogene Rupp, Recording Secretary

Visitors Present:

- Mr. E. B. Howard
- Mr. Fred Carpenter, Upper Thompson Sanitation District
- Colonel Giles Gere, " " " "
- Mr. Bob Engelke, Bluffs West, Grand Junction
- Ms. Conni McDounough, Mesa County Planning Division
- Mr. Bob Gerlofs, Gerlofs Eng., Grand Junction
- Mr. Bill Buttolph, Valle Vista, Grand Junction
- Mr. Julius Friedrich, YMCA of the Rockies
- Mr. Jack Vahrenward, Upper Thompson Sanitation District
- Mr. Peter Keppler, AMAX, Inc.
- Mr. Thomas Mikulecky, Summit County
- Mr. Carl Houck, Summit County
- Mr. George Olson, Brook Forest Inn
- Mrs. Katherine Nelson, Brook Forest Inn

Public Hearing Registration Cards

- Mr. George Clough, Gen. Atty. Great Western Sugar Co.
- Keith M. Crouch, Colorado Contractors Assn.
- Steven Goering, Public Service Co. of Colorado
- Peter Keppler, AMAX, Inc.
- William C. Robb, CF&I Steel Company
- Eldon Carpenter, Continental Oil Company
- F. A. Eivsness, Jr., Larimer-Weld COG
- Sherman Hamilton, KBTU, Channel 9
- Pierre DuBois, Colo. Contractors Assn.

William Buttolph - Valle Vista Subdivision - #2042
 Mesa County - Richard H. Bowman
 Engineer - Robert P. Gerlofs

This is a site application for 21,000 gpd non-discharging (evaporative) aerated lagoon system.

It appears to be cost prohibitive at this time to connect to the Orchard Mesa Sanitation District.

I recommend approval of this site application with the following conditions:

1. That there be a firm legal agreement between the developer and the Commission that when a regional sewer line is within 400 feet of the proposed wastewater treatment plant that the plant be abandoned and connected to the regional sewer system.
2. That the proposed lagoon system be moved over the hill to the west to get it as far from the proposed houses as possible (at least 1000 feet).
3. That the problem of flash flooding be adequately addressed.
4. That a legal description of the site be obtained before the full Commission meeting.

Bluffs West, Inc. - Goat Wash - #2040
 Mesa County - Richard H. Bowman
 Engineer - Robert P. Gerlofs

This is a site application for a 100,000 gpd extended aeration treatment plant. The Grand Junction 201 Facilities Plan calls for an interceptor to be extended up Goat Wash and connected to the new regional plant. The 201 does not include an interim plant in Goat Wash. This interim plant could be beneficial for the following reasons:

1. The plant at Monument Meadows could connect to this proposed plant. The 201 calls for the abandonment of the Monument Meadows plant when the interceptor is extended up Goat Wash.
2. The proposed plant could alleviate the problem of failing septic tanks in the surrounding existing homes.
3. The City of Grand Junction has tentatively agreed to operate the proposed plant. The above-listed benefits are only speculation on the part of the developer and are not confirmed.

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of original Site Application*

19. Attach proof that a copy of this application was sent by certified mail to each of the following federal agencies, requesting their comment.

(a) United States Forest Service, Director of Watershed, Soils and Minerals Management, 11177 West 8th Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80225.

(b) National Park Service, Office of Cooperative Activities, Rocky Mountain Regional Office, 655 Parfet Street, P. O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225.

(c) Bureau of Land Management, State Director (911 Planning), Room 700, Colorado State Bank Building, 1600 Broadway, Denver, CO 80203

Please note: These federal agencies do not need to be contacted if the site that is being proposed bears no relationship to any of the lands, streams, lakes, or rivers operated by these agencies. The burden is on the applicant to show that the proposed site does not affect anything within the jurisdiction of these agencies.

20. Please attach proof of mailing to Director of State Parks, 1845 Sherman, Denver, CO 80203. The same criterion applies here as in No. 19.

21. Consulting engineer: Robert P. Gerlofs

Address: P. O. Box 2872, Grand Junction, Co. 81501

Telephone: 243-8966

22. Please include all additional factors that might help the Water Quality Control Commission make an informed decision on your application for site approval.

The proposed treatment facility is temporary in nature
and the entire project site should eventually be served
by the Orohard Mesa Sanitation District.

Date MAY 15, 1976

R. H. Butt York
Signature of Applicant

Other recommendations were: #1914, Town of Severance, continue to table for results of feasibility study; #2030, E.B. Howard, tabled for more information; #2042, Valle Vista Subdivision, Mesa County and #2040, Goat Wash, referred to full Commission.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Poticha and seconded by Dr. Weiner to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve #2041, #2038, and #2044. Motion carried unanimously.

#2030, E. B. Howard, La Plata County: Mr. Rozich reported all the information necessary had been received for this site application with the exception of the report from the state geologist. Mr. Howard requested the Commission to consider approving his application and replied to questions from members of the Commission regarding his proposed non-discharging sewage disposal system.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Fetcher to approve #2030 conditionally on hearing from the state geologist. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman directed that the state geologist's report be expedited as quickly as possible and Mr. Rozich assured Mr. Howard that he would take the necessary action immediately.

#2042, Valle Vista Subdivision and #2040, Goat Wash (Bluffs West, Inc.) Mesa County: As noted in the Executive Committee minutes, representatives from Grand Junction, Mr Bob Gerlofs, Gerlofs Consulting Engineers, Ms. Connie McDonough, Senior County Planner, Mr. Bob Engelke, Bluffs West, Inc., and the District Engineer, Richard Bowman, attended the Executive Committee meeting to present in detail the facts relating to these site applications and it was the decision of the Executive Committee to table these for discussion before the full Commission. Mr. Gerlofs, Mr. Engelke and Ms. McDonough were invited to this meeting and were in attendance. Mr. Rozich described the applications and the district engineer's recommendations and Mrs. Wright reviewed the background of the Executive Committee's concerns: (1) a new plant in the Goat Wash draw was rejected as an alternative in the 201; (2) the Goat Wash plant would sewer new development at least partially and would not resolve the septic tank problems in the area; (3) financial impact on the residents of the area; and (4) have increased development and impacts of the present and projected growth of the area been adequately addressed by planners for the Grand Junction/Mesa County area.

Mr. Gerlofs pointed out the items under discussion on a map identifying the 201 area and the drainage area involved and explained that the proposed plants were interim plants to be phased out when the regional facility was completed. Ms. McDonough presented official comments from the Planning Division of Grand Junction and Mesa County and the Mesa County Commissioners in support of these interim plans. To the question of whether she viewed the interim plan as being inconsistent with the 201 plan, Ms. McDonough replied she did not, that she saw the interim plan as being the phasing approach to the ultimate plan and that Mesa County's plan did address environmental concerns and the right solution for adverse environmental impacts. She added that total intergovernmental cooperation on these site applications had been obtained and an agreement had been reached whereby the City of Grand Junction would operate and maintain the Goat Wash Plant.

A lengthy discussion was held and although the two applications were considered concurrently, separate action was taken at the conclusion of the discussion.

Motion: It was moved by Mrs. Wright and seconded by Mr. Wells to table application #2040 (Goat Wash) until the next meeting; that the questions involved be addressed and resolved by that time by an onsite inspection by members of the Commission, if necessary, and by contact with the officials of Grand Junction/ Mesa County, the entities involved and the Land Use Commission. Motion carried with 6 ayes, 3 no's.

Commission members who will be making the Grand Junction trip are Mrs. Ruth Wright, Mrs. Myrna Poticha, Mrs. Patti O'Rourke and Mr. Ray Wells, accompanied by the Technical Secretary.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Sherman and seconded by Mrs. Wright that site application #2042, Valle Vista Subdivision be approved with conditions #1, #2, #3, and #4 as set forth in the district engineer's recommendations. Motion carried unanimously.

#2043 - Glen Eden Ranch: This application was tabled by the Executive Committee for more information because the district engineer had not visited the site. Mr. Bowman visited the site and worked out his concerns with the engineer and stated he would recommend approval of the site but additional information would be needed before approval of the plans and specifications.

Motion: It was moved by Mr. Lewis and seconded by Dr. Evans to approve site application #2043 with plans and specifications to be approved later. Motion carried unanimously.

Division Director's Recommendations:

#1818A - YMCA of the Rockies: Mr. Julius Friedrich, Attorney for YMCA of the Rockies, Mr. Giles Gere, Chairman of the Board, Upper Thompson Sanitation District, Mr. Fred Carpenter, Manager, Upper Thompson Sanitation District, reported on the progress of the negotiations between these two entities and although nothing has been finalized, it was stated that the parties were hopeful of reaching an agreement by the July meeting of the Commission.

At this time, the Chairman ruled that consideration of the remainder of the Division Director's recommendations for site approvals would be postponed until 4:00 P.M. and recessed the Commission meeting for the public hearing scheduled for 11:00 A.M. on "Procedural Regulations for Administrative Enforcement of the Water Quality Control Act". A separate transcript of this hearing was made for the record and copies will be made available upon request.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Commission recessed for lunch and reconvened at 1:15 P.M.