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JUL 131976 WATER QUALITY CONTROL DIVISION

The Honorable Lawrence Kozisek, Mayor City of Grand Junction 250 N. Fifth Street Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

Dear Mayor Kozisek:

At the July 6, 1976, meeting of the Water Quality Control Commission, the Commission in its consideration of site applications for waste treatment facilities discussed the development of the proposed West plant. A resolution was passed by the Commission directing the City to further evaluate land treatment of their wastes in accordance with national policy. A copy of that resolution is attached hereto.

The Commission was also briefed on the consideration being given to proceeding with the interceptor system and the West treatment plant as proposed in your 201 Plan. A question was raised by the District Engineer as to the Commission's recommended course of action for the City considering (1) further study of land treatment; (2) the Environmental Protection Agency's study of the need for ammonia removal and dechlorination; and (3) the need to meet the schedule contained in the 201 Plan. This question was raised late in the day and there was not a quorum present so no official action by the Commission could be accomplished.

I cannot speak for the Commission; however, it is my opinion that the City can proceed toward construction of the West plant and that additional study of land application should not materially delay the total project. Financing is still not approved by the Commission since the availability of funds, both existing and possible future funds, is very much in question. I would guess that as a minimum the Commission could make funds available for preparation of plans and specifications in the near future. There are a number of interceptor sewers which must be designed and constructed independent of the treatment facility. These could be phased for initial work in preparation of plans and specifications.

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It also seems to me that the City, giving due consideration to the Commission's concerns; i.e., adequate consideration of land application, of the need for advanced waste treatment, and for a timely schedule to meet Grand Junction's waste treatment needs, should <u>advise the Commission</u> of the City's wishes to best serve the City and at the same time comply with the state and federal water quality statutes. It is requested that the City, if possible, make such a presentation to the Commission on August 3, 1976. If this is not possible, please advise when this could be accomplished and I will schedule it for a subsequent Commission meeting.

Sincerely yours, E-**-**

Evan D. Dildine, P.E. Technical Secretary Water Quality Control Commission

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cc: Jim Patterson Frank Rozich Harris Sherman Richard Bowman

Attachment