

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

MEMORANDUM

Reply Requested

Yes No

Date

May 12, 1980

To: (From:) Jane Quimby

From: (To:) Jim Patterson

Thank you for the information regarding deferred EPA construction funds for 1980. I don't think this will have any impact on our project. Our Step III Grant has been initiated with funds from FY '78 and FY '79. Of the three major parts of our project we have already received a grant for the River Road Interceptor; the grant for the interim plant was approved by the State Water Quality Control Commission on May 5; and we expect to receive a grant on the Persigo Wash Plant in September prior to any funding deferrals effective in October. Actually, all of our grants we are receiving for these projects are grant increases and are not new grants. I doubt that there would be any grant delays effecting a project in progress.

In general I have seen one analysis of this deferral policy that stated that there will be no real overall effect at all since actual expenditure of funds has been much slower than appropriations anyway. There has been a lot of discussion as to the reasons for this, mostly having to do with EPA rules and regulations causing excessive delays.

You also might be interested in the activities of the Rocky Mountain Water Pollution Control Association Government Affairs Committee. I have attached a copy of a letter to Tim Wirth regarding EPA construction funding. I think some good points are made; however, I'm not sure of the success of reducing EPA control by reducing the amount of grants made on projects.

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