



City of Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

250 North Fifth St.,

Dear

The purpose of this letter is to bring you to to date as of early September, 1981, regarding the City and County plans to construct the new Persigo Wastewater Plant and related interceptors. The status of each element of the project is as follows:

1. River Road and Paradise Hills Phase II Sewer Interceptors:

Work has been completed on these lines. The engineer has final inspected the work and recommended approval. It is expected that the County Commissioners will pass a resolution accepting the work and the City will ask for final EPA inspection in September, 1981. Although the construction of the lines has been completed, sewage cannot be discharged into the lines at this time. The lines cannot be put into use until the interim plant is completed.

2. Interim Plant:

The interim plant is the first phase of the new Persigo Wastewater Treatment plant. Upon completion, the interim plant will be able to treat up to one million gallons of sewage per day for the two year period while the Persigo plant is being completed. The interim plant is under construction and about 85% complete. It is expected that the construction work will be completed in November, 1981, and that it will be in operation in December, 1981. At that time the River Road and Paradise Hills Phase II Sewer Interceptor lines can be put into use.

3. Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant:

Construction plans have been approved for the new 12.5 million gallons per day treatment plant. Bid documents are being printed and advertisement for bids will begin in September, 1981. Bids will be opened on November 12, 1981. Construction is expected to take two years with plant operation beginning in early 1984.

4. Goat Draw Interceptor Sewer:

Construction plans have been completed for this interceptor which will transport sewage from the Redlands to the River Road Interceptor. Construction has been delayed due to cutbacks in the EPA grant program. It is hoped that this line can be constructed in 1982. It is being proposed that this line be built with 100% local funding if EPA grant funds are not available and local funding can be accomplished. The City will proceed to obtain easements for the line in late 1981.

5. Tiara Rado Interceptor Sewer:

Construction plans have been completed for this interceptor which will transport sewage from the Redlands to the River Road Interceptor. Construction has been delayed due to cutbacks in the EPA grant program. It is hoped that this line can be constructed in 1982. If grant funds are not available, it is being proposed that this line be built with 100% local funding provided that enough local funding can be obtained to construct both the Goat Draw and the Tiara Rado Interceptors.

6. Scenic School Interceptor Sewer:

No work has been done on this interceptor. As local funds become available, this line will be designed and then constructed. It is hoped that this can be completed by 1984 or 1985.

The above described projects are all of the construction projects that are being planned for construction by the City and County at this time. Under this program sewage treatment capacity will be provided for the urban service area until about 1990. At that time the Persigo Plant capacity will be doubled to 25 million gallons per day which will accommodate a population of about 200,000.

At this time the County cannot form sewer improvement districts to install local sewer collection systems to collect sewage in subdivisions and connect to the interceptors described above. Therefore, it is the responsibility of local property owners and developers to install the sewage collection systems as part of their improvements and make the connections to the nearest existing collection line or to one of the interceptors described above. This can be done by forming a sanitation district, a property owners association, or as a "front end" development improvement. The City and County will assist in making these improvements by such methods as reimbursement agreements or perhaps paying for oversizing of lines.

I hope this information will be of use to you. Always be sure to check with us for the latest information because financial conditions and projected construction dates change often.

Sincerely,

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Utilities Director

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