

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

MEMORANDUM

Reply Requested  
Yes  No

Date  
Sept. 29, 1981

To: (From:) Steve Hansen From: (To:) Ralph Sterry

Re: Sewer stoppage and consequent damage on Central Grand Valley Sewer located at 2955 F Road

The sewer crew did receive notification of a sewer stoppage at 10:30 A.M. June 27, 1981, and at that time they did respond. Upon arrival at the location they could not find the manholes, and therefore did expend extra time looking for these manholes. They then called Central Grand Valley's installer and maintenance person, Fred Bishop, to come out. He was not available until after 12:30. At that time Mr. Bishop did dig out the manholes in question. They were covered by approximately 2 ft. of dirt.

The City crews at that time did clean out the lines by rodding and with a final cleaning by the jet wash procedure. They did find tree roots and grass clippings along with some rags which did block the sewer line.

I have asked for updated mapping of Central Grand Valley's system, and I am also aware of two memos, One (1) written by Dave Hickman and one (1) from Duane Jensen, notifying Central Grand Valley that the City would not be responsible for blockages or cleaning maintenance of sewer lines where manholes are not up to grade or are located where City crews cannot gain access due to fences or no open highway for maintenance.

If a person was to go over all of the Central Grand Valley system, they will find many areas where there are manholes that are located in hay fields and buried 3 ft. deep. In some of these there is no access at all. In other areas the manholes are behind fences or in yards.

I do feel that City crews did in fact respond properly on this stoppage and were hampered by conditions beyond their control. Following is a list of crew members who did respond.

Henry Miller  
Dewey Johnson  
Tom Boatright  
Bill Walcher

cc - Jim Patterson  
Wayne Warren  
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