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250 North Fifth St.,

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Maxine Albers
Chairperson, Mesa County Commissioners
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Dear Chairperson Albers:

I have received your recent letter of 6/27/83 concerning the proposed Section 201 Wastewater Facilities Plan update and requesting equal participation by the County in the scoping and management of the study.

It would be useful to review the history of the development of this study in order to clarify its status and purpose.

The Commissioners were alerted over three months ago during a public hearing on the 201 Boundary Extension request by Alex Thompson that a study and re-evaluation of the 201 Facilities Plan and Service Area was going to be prepared by the City, as the designated Manager/Operator of the joint sewerage system. Since then our staff, at Commissioner White's suggestion, has contacted the directors of County Planning and Comprehensive Planning regarding this study. Several meetings were subsequently held regarding the scope of work for the consulting contract under consideration. County staff comments on the proposed scope of work were favorable, and their particular suggestions were incorporated into the proposed contract.

The 201 update will primarily produce new maps and numbers enabling the City to adequately assess the current capacity of the system, including both collector and treatment capacity. A system for continuous monitoring of capacity will also be developed as part of the study. In addition, the potential impacts of new growth will be analyzed both inside and outside the current 201 Service Boundary by development of a predictive model.

Another result of the study will be to suggest procedures by which to change the 201 Service Area boundary in the future. The proposed scope of work contemplates that our staff, rather than consultants, will do the basic research on amendment procedures. We would welcome participation by the County Attorney on this aspect of the study.

In contrast to research on boundary amendment procedures, the Update will also identify possible criteria for 201 boundary revisions. As previously indicated, we will continue to work closely with the County and Comprehensive Planning staffs in development of the criteria for your consideration.

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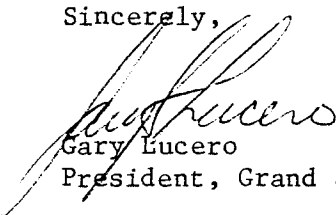
The 201 update will enable subsequent service area revisions to be made in an informed and comprehensive manner. No adjustments to the 201 Service Area boundary, nor limitations on future adjustments, will be accomplished by the study itself. We anticipate that adoption of criteria for boundary revision, and decisions on specific adjustments, will continue to be made by the County Commissioners.

We would encourage you and the County staff to further participate in monitoring the 201 Update, once the contract is let by the City in the near future. In scoping the Update, we have assumed a willingness by the Commissioners to participate in evaluating and acting upon the conclusions and recommendations of the Update report.

Due to the requirements of special condition #5 of the Persigo Sewer Works grant which is referred to in the attached letter from the Colorado Dept. of Health, the City desires to avoid further delay in undertaking this study by reworking the Update proposal and jointly selecting a consultant. It is our fundamental obligation as Manager/Operator of the joint sewerage system to provide regional sewer service, to ensure grant compliance, and to designate facility capacities for specific drainage basins and the treatment works. We intend to proceed to conduct the 201 Facilities Plan Update while continuing staff-level cooperation, and by inviting further County participation as outlined above.

I trust that this letter will alleviate some of the Board's concerns about the proposed 201 Update. I would be happy to respond to any other questions or comments that you may have about this Update and other grant-related or joint sewerage system management activities.

Sincerely,



Gary Lucero

President, Grand Junction City Council

Attachment

cc - City Council Members
Jim Patterson
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