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Board of County Commissioners
Mesa County Courthouse
Grand Junction, CO 81501

Dear Commissioners:

The Mesa County Planning Commission endorses the County Commissioners' interest in developing a county-wide sewer management program and will assist in implementing the program. We have been aware for some time of the possibility of multiple independent sanitation districts being formed in the County as the new trunk sewer lines are completed and with the Persigo Sewage Treatment Plant coming on line. As an alternative, Mesa County could form a county-wide sewer district for the purpose of setting sewer extension policies, sewer management policies, and setting fees and taxes for sewer service.

The Mesa County Land Use and Development Policies state in Policy #6 (page 4): "The Colorado Department of Health has adopted a firm 'non-proliferation' policy to discourage multiple, small and scattered sewage treatment systems because of the difficulty of operating and managing small systems and because of the difficulty in regulating multiple systems. Mesa County supports and adopts that policy."

The County Planning Commission will assist the County Commissioners in identifying major issues and existing and future sewer service areas, and in preparing a sewer service master plan which would assist in determining line sizing, capital improvements, and financial planning.

We would also support the establishment of a professional and technical staff at the County level to deal with wastewater management.

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Please let us know if we can be of assistance in this important endeavor.

Sincerely,

Jim Young, Chairman
Mesa County Planning Commission

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