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M E M O R A N D U M

TO : Jim Patterson, Director of Grand Junction Public Works
FROM: Mark Eckert,^{ME} Assistant Mesa County Administrator
DATE: March 23, 1984
SUBJ: Septage Disposal

It is my understanding that the County has not received a definitive statement from the City of Grand Junction as to the intentions for handling septage at the Persigo plant. Ralph Sterry contacted Tom Douville about a month ago, but they were unable to get together and discuss this issue.

The City's position has been characterized to me as one of reluctance to accept the waste for disposal. It is my understanding that the plant has the capacity and a receiving location has been established. The City charge for disposal was estimated to be at least as much as the County rate at Orchard Mesa.

Due to pressure from BLM, the Board of Commissioners would ideally like to eliminate disposal of septage at the landfill. However, due to the uncertainties associated with the Persigo option and the advantage of two geographically separate sites, perhaps we should attempt to facilitate disposal at both locations.

The County will have to approach the Bureau of Land Management about their lease stipulation which currently directs the County to cease septage disposal at the time the new Orchard Mesa site is developed. Also Colorado Disposal, Inc. must complete installation of the liner at the Orchard Mesa site before septage disposal is a possibility.

Because the Commissioners, BLM and CDI will have to be soon notified of any decision that is identified, it is my thought that Tom Douville and I meet with you at your earliest convenience to resolve this issue.

Please let me know what you think.

cc: Tom Douville, Environmental Health
Odie Lenderink, CDI
Gordon Tiffany, County Administrator