

*Read prior to Wednesday
meet w/ Sterry
& Achen*

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Gordon Tiffany, County Administrator
~~Mark~~ Eckert, Assistant County Administrator
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*Call Tom
Re: last
paragraph*

FROM: Stephen B. Johnson, Assistant County Attorney *ST*

SUBJECT: Persigo Sewer Plant Construction

DATE: April 8, 1985

The County will shortly receive a request by the City to adopt a joint resolution of acceptance of the construction of the Persigo Sewer Plant. At my request, Mr. Ashby is drafting a resolution so that the County is formally involved in acceptance of the plant.

I feel it is advisable for the County to satisfy itself as to the quality of the plant and performance of the contract prior to acceptance. I have had initial conversations with Jim Patterson and Ralph Sterry with regard to the plant. I have particularly focused upon the possibility that cracks in the raw sewage pumping station floor cap might require permanent repair prior to acceptance. After some initial investigation, however, it appears that no real leakage of sewage is involved and that temporary grouting of the cracks can be accomplished. The alternative is to empty the pump station by shutting down the plant and resealing the cracks. This is not an acceptable alternative, according to the City.

A number of the items on the contractor's final punch list are referenced in Jim Patterson's final report to the City and the County, which this Memorandum accompanies. According to Ralph Sterry, Plant Superintendent, the only remaining items on the punch list are repair and replacement of sidewalks at the plant. The plant has passed a final state and EPA inspection. Acceptance by the City and County, and final grant documentation are all that is required to close out the EPA grant.

I have also asked Ralph Sperry to provide to Mark Eckert a copy of the draft infiltration and inflow (I&I) study. The study is in final draft stage, and is being reviewed by Mark Achen before the report is sent to the state health department. I am concerned that the City's budget-cutting agenda may have some impact upon decisions regarding timing and location of sewage separation projects, whether within or outside of the City of Grand Junction. Mr. Sterry has indicated that the report must be provided to the state health department prior to April 15th. I believe the County should review the draft recommendations, and determine whether any substantial revisions are made by Mr. Achen prior to the report's submission to the state. These revisions, if any, could become an important political point of dispute as decisions are made in the future with regard to how the costs of storm sewer separation are allocated throughout the Persigo 201 area.

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