

AGENDA

MESA COUNTY SEWER GROUP

February 16, 1987

2:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Summary of the Situation A general chronology

-Persigo plant and interceptors are constructed as a joint venture between the City and the County, using EPA Water Quality Control Act funds (201 program). Jim Patterson, City Public Works Director, is lead agent.

-Bond contract, State Health Dept., EPA and the Agreement between the City and County define collectively the responsibilities, requirements, and roles associated with the Persigo system. Implementation of these guidelines is through the City Public Works Director and his staff.

-Numerous issues arise which call for the development of County policies for sewer service- active involvement of the County with the Persigo system increases with the adoption of policies (See Mesa County Sewer Paper)

-Jim Patterson leaves; active management of the Persigo system is diffused, but primarily based in the City's Public Works Dept, Finance Dept., and administration. The County's interest steadily increases due to further accumulation of issues.

-A new sewer manager is hired. Communication commences on the variety of issues that have emerged about the system. These are basically:

a. Financial management of the Sewer Fund, including a proper budget review process, rate structure, capital improvements program and accounting practices.

b. Meeting environmental standards under state and federal guidelines: water quality, air quality, OSHA, and waste disposal requirements.

c. Consolidating and clarifying the requirements under which the sewer system is to be managed, as defined by the Bond contract, EPA grant, State health statutes, the Joint Sewerage Agreement, and the City of Grand Junction's and Mesa County's subsequent Ordinance and Resolution.

d. Integrating the County Health Department enforcement of ISDSs' with connection policies into the Persigo system.

e. Establishing policies which promote the connection of properties into the Persigo system. (Called for by the State's 208 water quality plan, and the Redlands Policies.

3. Summary of current actions

a. Assignment of Environmental Health Director as County representative for Persigo.

b. Refinancing bonds, and thus revising bond agreement, through County Administration and Sewer Manager.

c. Sewer Manager and County Health Dept. working with State Water Quality staff

meeting air quality and OSHA standards.

1. County Committee appointed to review City County Joint Sewerage Agreement, with recommendations to be presented to elected officials.
2. Meetings with sundry parties to discuss issues related to Sewer system.