



January 18, 1994

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Re: Mesa County letter on billing arrears

Dear Art:

The City received the attached letter from J. Michael Casey, County Administrator, regarding the Fruitvale Sanitation District billing arrears. At the December 6, 1993 meeting Mesa County Commission Board Chairman Doralyn Genova and several members of the Grand Junction City Council meet with the Fruitvale Board and agreed not to collect the billing arrears from Fruitvale. Commissioner Genova said that she had talked to the other two commissioners who agreed with this decision. She also said that the County would send a letter to Fruitvale confirming this decision.

On December 28 the City received a letter from Commissioner Genova stating that they were undecided about the issue of the billing arrears and requested additional information. The January 11 letter from Mr. Casey is also inconsistent with the promise made by Commissioner Genova at the December 6 meeting. The County has now stated that they will forgive the Fruitvale debt but may hold the City of Grand Junction responsible for it.

As we have previously discussed the City is willing to forgive the arrears if Mesa County agrees to do the same. Mesa County's attempt to transfer the debt to the taxpayers of the City of Grand Junction is not acceptable. Since Mesa County has not followed through with their promise to the Fruitvale Board, the City has no choice but to bill Fruitvale for the billing arrears. We are compiling the total amount of the billing arrears and plan to bill Fruitvale within the next week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Shanks", is written over the typed name.

James L. Shanks  
Director of Public Works & Utilities

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Mesa County Commissioners  
City Manager  
County Administrator

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