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- 1979      Memorandum of Agreement between Mesa County and City of Grand Junction - Faxed to Wayne Schroeder 09/01/94.
- 01/79      "Municipal Wastewater Management - Citizens Guide to Facility Planning" - EPA publication. [CDOH Documents]
- 01/03/79      City Council Minutes: HDR hired to perform study of interim sewer plant and River Road interceptor. [Dan Wilson Files]
- 01/09/79      City Council Minutes: Council meets with the Commissioners (Albers, Enstrom and Snider). Discussion concerning valley wide sewer memorandum of agreement. Council decides to make a counterproposal to the County offering for the County to take on total ownership and that there be a transitional period of two years between City to County ownership. Commissioner Albers agrees to prepare a form a agreement for the Council's consideration. Commissioners not prepared to respond to City's new proposal. [Documents by Category - Volume V]
- 01/11/79      Letter from Jim Patterson to Sherman Robinson (721 Galaxy) re residence at 721 Galaxy will be disconnected from the sewer on 1/25/79 if Mr. Robinson fails to pay the past due sewer deposit, plant investment fee, and sewer charges and further fails to sign and return the power of attorney (to be signed by Mr. and Mrs. Robinson [this letter is mistakenly dated January 11, 1978 but the dates in the body of the letter clearly indicate that this was 1/11/79]).
- 01/31/79      County Commissioners hold a public hearing concerning a request for re-zone west of 25 Road and north of H Road from AFT to PR and outlined development plan. Health Department comments that the soil is not appropriate for on-site sewer (septic tanks). Commissioners are advised the Mesa County Health Department Board "past regulation last August precluding on-site sewage systems in new subdivisions unless sewer connection will be available in the future. This particular parcel is not included in the 201 Plan, therefore sewer connection will not be available". [Commissioners Minutes]
- 02/05/79      Letter from Duane Scott, Wester Colorado Contractor's Association to County Commissioners written on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Western Colorado Contractor's Association and urging the Commissioners, on behalf of the Association, for an "early settlement as to the management of the proposed new sewer plant". [County file - Reso/Valley Wide Sewer - Box 3]
- 02/20/79      Daily Sentinel Article "County Will Own Sewer System: Enstrom's Not So Sure - 'I Am Just Afraid of Buying a Pig in Poke'." Author: George Orbanek. Long running impasse between City and County resolved - County to own and operate the new valleywide sewer system - County will take over operation of the entire City Sewer System - most likely sometime in 1981. [CDOH Documents]
- 02/20/79      County Commissioners hold a public hearing to consider the Mt. Garfield Sanitation District proposed plan. The County Planning Commission recommends against the District's formation because it would be contrary to the growth and density policy and because the area is primarily agricultural land. [Commissioners Minutes]

- 02/20/79 Daily Sentinel article written by George Orbanek "County Will Own Sewer System - Enstrom's Not So Sure: 'I Am Just Afraid of Buying Pig in Poke'." [EPA Documents - Grant Section]
- 02/28/79 Letter to Jim Patterson from Harvey Hornberg, EPA, notifying the City of their requirement that the City develop a pretreatment program pursuant to 40 C.F.R. 403.8(a) of the pretreatment regulations as a condition of the grant. [EPA Documents - Grant Section]
- 03/07/79 City Council Minutes: Council passes a resolution recognizing and accepting the decision of the Board of County Commissioners to construct and operate the new wastewater treatment plant, pledging the City's full cooperation, through its staff, "in getting the County into the sewerage business, such activity to continue for a period of two years and that the City and County "get together, as soon as practical, to determine how best the transition may be made". (Unanimously passed). [Documents by Category - Volume V]
- 03/19/79 County Commissioners hold a public hearing concerning their request to re-zone from AFT on a parcel northeast of Highway 340 and north of the Colorado National Monument west entrance. The developer proposes large lots with septic tanks. "The County Health Department regulations prohibit septic tanks in new subdivisions unless within a five year period they will tap into a main." The developer stated "they would prefer to have the on-site system on the 5 - 15 acre sites, because of the difficulty of running sewer lines to large acreage, and if this is not possible, the density would have to be increased to offset the costs." [Commissioners Minutes]
- 03/19/79 Memorandum from Connie McDonough, City-County Development Dept., to City Department Heads, transmitting maps to areas which the City Council may wish to consider for annexation in the future; 5/11/? Memorandum from Connie McDonough, to Jim Patterson, attaching present DDA boundaries. [008]
- 03/19/79 Memo from John Tasker to Ashby and Patterson in reference to POAs, PIFs and back due sewer charges. Listed are those residences which need to sign POAs, pay PIFs or make appropriate deposits or pay other sewer payments.
- 03/23/79 Letter from Duane Jensen to Mesa County Commissioners re Grand Junction 201 Plan Tiara Rado Interceptor Sewer. [038]
- 04/79 Preliminary Report "Ammonia Toxicity Study in Colorado River Near Grand Junction, Colorado" prepared for the EPA by engineering-science (excerpts). [EPA Documents - Grant Section]
- 04/10/79 County Commissioners hold a public hearing and approve the preliminary development plan for Kingsview Estates (south of Fruita). One of the comments taken was from the Fruita Town Administrator who, among other things, requests powers of attorney for annexation to the Town (which would include the annexation of the proposed on-site sewer package facility). The Commissioners approved the Plan without the requirement of a power of attorney for annexation. [Commissioners Minutes]
- 04/18/79 City Council Minutes: Council approves sewer service agreements with Tidewater & Reece. [Dan Wilson Files]
- 04/23/79 County Commissioners table consideration of the final plat for Valley West Commercial Park No. 3 Subdivision located north of Highway 6 & 50 and west of 22 Road. The petitioner requests a temporary vault type sewage system until the valley wide system is complete at which time the property would tie into the valley wide system. [Commissioners Minutes]

- 04/24/79 County Commissioners approve a temporary vault sewer system for Valley West Commercial Subdivision in spite of the Health Department's concern about adequate maintenance of the system. The Commissioners' approval was based upon their understanding that the interim sewage treatment plant is to be on line in September, 1980 at which the time the vault system would be discontinued and hook-ups to the interim sewer plant will be accomplished. The direct that adequate sewer lines be installed and capped during construction of any buildings prior to the completion of the interim plant. **[Commissioners Minutes]**
- 05/07/79 Memo from Patterson to Wysocki re subjects to be discussed at the City Council Retreat, including "ownership and operation of the new sewage treatment plant".
- 05/08/79 Wayne Weathers, Director of the Ute Water Conservancy Board appears before the Commissioners to discuss the wording of powers of attorney for upgrading water lines for domestic use as well as fire protection. **[Commissioners Minutes]**
- 07/10/79 Commissioners hold a public hearing concerning the amendment of the 201 Facilities Plan to allow Clifton Sanitation District No. 2 to construct a new sewer lagoon which would enable the District to take care of 75 additional housing units. The District's lagoons are currently at 90% at capacity. Connie McDonough, the County Development Director, advised that the Planning Commission recommended approval of the amendment to the 201 Plan even though it would be a departure from the present 201 policy which states that sewer lagoons will be abandoned at the time the Valley Wide Sewer Facility becomes operational. **[Commissioners Minutes]**
- 07/17/79 HDR memo from John Horst to Karl, Bill, Jime, Pete & File, re State and EPA Meeting re Grand Junction/Mesa County (mentions State's concern is lack of an operating authority for wastewater program - City & County should negotiate formal agreement). [027]
- 07/24/79 Commissioners table the preliminary request for approval of Panorama Subdivision No. 8 as a result of a dispute between the developer and Panorama Sanitation District - the District refuses to service the proposed development even though their main sewer line runs diagonally through the development and as a result the developer proposes approval and on-site sewer plant for eight lots.
- 07/30/79 The Commissioners approve the "In-Kind Agreement between Mesa County and the Council of Governments for the 208 Study". **[Commissioners Minutes]**
- 08/79(?) Memorandum (undated and prepared by David Hahn, Esq. representing Boettcher & Co.) discussing the assumptions behind a City/County Agreement for the ownership and operation of the joint sewer system and for the issuance of the sewer revenue bonds to fund the local portion of the design and construction of that system. Identified as 1980 by the fact that it refers to efforts to obtain the issuance of the bonds "by November of this year" - the bonds were issued in November, 1980. Attached to the memo are someone's handwritten notes (three pages), the first page of which appears to be a reference to the fact that the notes were taken during a meeting with Bob Talmadge and David Hahn (whom we know to be members of the law firm of Talmadge, Wallace & Hahn - the underwriter/Boettcher's for the 1980 Bonds.) Attached also is a draft copy of a "Memorandum of Agreement" with some handwritten marginal notes. This same form of Agreement appears together with the 11/21/78 memo from Patterson to the Valley Wide Sewer Committee. **[County file - Bonding Info. file - Box 2] [two additional copies, one clean and one with handwritten notes and attachment - from David Hahn]**
- 08/07/79 Valley Wide Sewer Advisory Committee Minutes: Patterson reports that the City and County have met and discussed ownership on several occasions. Recently the City has passed

resolution stating that the County will take over the entire sewer system in two years. Wysocki reports that the City and County representatives have met with the bonding people at Boettcher & Co. It looks like the County will issue all of the bonds and that the bonds will be issued to cover the construction projects for the next three years. **[Documents by Category - Volume V]**

08/08/79 County Commissioners approve preliminary plat for Nisley's Redlands Subdivision and direct the petitioner to work with the County Health Department to solve the on-site sewage disposal problems. Dry sewer lines and caps will not be required. Instead a power of attorney will be required with reference to "connecting to a sewer system when available (as it is not known at this time where the sewer lines will be located for connection)." Developer also required to sign power of attorney for participation of upgrading the Ute Water lines to Broadway. **[Commissioners Minutes]**

08/08/79 Commissioners give preliminary approval to Nisley's Redlands Subdivision with the understanding that because of the extremely adverse soil conditions, engineered sewer systems may be necessary and therefore the developer and the County Health Department are to work together to solve the on-site sewage disposal problems and that each lot buyer be notified of the status of the on-site sewage disposal problems and that each lot buyer be notified of the status of the on-site sewage problems, and that the on-site sewage problems, and that the on-site soils test be recorded on the final plat, subject to review sheet and staff comments with the exception that Dry Sewer Lines not be required, instead to take power of attorney with reference to connecting to a sewer system when available (as it is not known at this time where the sewer lines will be located for connection).

Commissioners reconsider previous request for approval of the Panorama Subdivision No. 8. The dispute between the developer and Panorama Sanitation District has not been resolved. The County attorney recommends the developer bring legal action. Matter is tabled until the dispute can be worked out.

Commissioners give final approval to Nyla Subdivision (minor) with the exception that Dry Lines not be required as it is unknown at this time where the sewer lines will be located and instead, require power of attorney for future connection with the sewer, and to take power of attorney for adequate fire flow, subject to receipt of the open space fee in the amount of \$140.00. **[Commissioners Minutes]**

08/09/79 Letter to Stanley May, CDOH Water Quality Control Division from Jim Patterson re: the violation of NPDES Permit conditions resulting from the treatment plant nearing capacity. Occasional additional violations are anticipated. Status of design and construction: Plant design 30% complete; River Road Interceptor design complete; construction anticipated to commence: plant -mid 1980, River Road Interceptor - fall 1979 (if Step III grant approved). Interim treatment plant suggested as an interim measure to handle the excess flow until 1982 when the new plant and interceptors are anticipated to be completed. **[EPA Documents - Grant Section]**

08/13/79 City of G.J. Memorandum from Jim Patterson to Ralph Sterry listing sewer contracts and status of each. **[005 - loose]**

08/20/79 Administrator Ford advises the Commissioners that three members of the Valleywide Sewer Committee have resigned and new members need to be appointed. **[Commissioners Minutes]**

08/21/79 Letter to Ron Schuyler, CDOH from Karl Henrichsen, HDR resubmitting for approval copies of plans and specifications, Step III grant application, and additional documents (Step III grant

request in the amount of \$3,146,250.00 for the River Road interceptor sewer and Paradise Hills interceptor - Phase II). **[EPA Documents - Grant Section]**

- 08/22/79 Letter to Peter Heye, HDR from Johnathon Love, WQCD re: storm flows/engineering - questioning the design of the River Road interceptor and the Persigo Wash Plant with bypasses to handle 40 M.G.D. **[EPA Documents - Grant Section]**
- 08/22/79 Letter from Don Conn, Panorama Improvement District, to Jim Patterson, advising Panorama doesn't want to be part of Valley Wide Sewer system, requesting representative be made aware of future meetings. **[027]**
- 08/28/79 Letter to CDOH from Pete Heye, HDR, re: HDR's planned flow equalization concept clarifying information and responding to Mr. Love's 8/22/79 letter. Storm flows, River Road interceptor, plant design, etc. **[EPA Documents - Grant Section]**
- 08/28/79 Rough draft of the 10/17/79 Memorandum of Agreement ( contains the initials of Commissioner Albers, Kelley and possibly Enstrom). The rough draft appears to have been prepared by Gerald Ashby "GA" and typed by "jc". **[County file - Sewer Joint Ordinance - Box 3] [second copy - with David Hahn's handwritten notes and suggested revisions. Source: David Hahn]**
- 08/29/79 Letter from James Patterson to Colo. Dept. of Health advising City and County have reached critical point in development of additional sewage treatment capacity due to "tremendous pressure" associated with growth from renewed emphasis on energy development. Letter notes City and County's efforts to comply with CDOH/EPA requirements - the project needs state and federal action in order to stay on schedule and "to control [the project] on a timely basis rather than having to catch up and correct the situation that develops while we are trying to determine the right thing to do." **[029 - loose; CDOH and EPA documents]**
- 08/30/79 Memo from Jim Patterson to Councilman (Mayor?) Louie Brach re Colorado West Area 208 Plan, final main report. The report notes that the Grand Junction 201 Plan has been modified to show that the City is going to abandon the existing plant and build a new 12.5 million gallon per day plant.
- 09/01/79 Letter from Ronald Schuyler, Colo. Dept. of Health, to William Hornberg, EPA, advising Water Quality Control Commission approved Step III grant (CO80337-03) for Grand Junction River Road Interceptor and that Paradise Hills Interceptor - Phase II will also be built with the grant. **[031 - loose in file folder]**
- 09/07/79 Amendment No. 5 to City/HDR Engineering Agreement providing for the development of a sewer use ordinance, user charge system, industrial cost recovery system and a pretreatment program. **[EPA Documents - Grant Section]**
- 09/09/79 EPA document: "Cost or Price Summary Format for Sub Agreements Under U.S. EPA Grants." Request for grant eligibility for development of sewer use ordinance, etc. **[EPA Documents - Grant Section]**
- 09/18/79 Rough draft of the 10/17/79 Memorandum of Agreement. Appears to have been prepared by Jim Patterson - heading is "Rough Draft - JP:cc - 9/18/79."
- 09/21/79 Attorney's Certificate prepared by Gerald Ashby for the board of County Commissioners of Mesa County, the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Water Control Commissioner following an examination of the abstract of title to the tract of land where the Persigo Plant is located. Mr. Ashby certified that

"the fee simple title to said property stands in the names of the City of Grand Junction and the County of Mesa, Colorado, as tenants and common". NOTE: the legal description appears to be the same except for those parcels identified as "parcel 1 and parcel 2" in the 8/9/77 Warranty Deed which were excluded from the warranty and were conveyed by quit claim deed only.

- 09/25/79 Administrator Ford submits to the County Commissioners "the rough draft of the memorandum of agreement for the sewer." **[Commissioners Minutes]**
- 10/01/79 Recommendations for Changes in the Sanitary Sewer Rate Structure for the City of Grand Junction, Colorado, by James E. Patterson. **[031 - loose in file folder] [046 - attached to 10/11/78 Water Consumption memo]**
- 10/10/79 Letter to Harvey Hormberg, EPA, from Ron Schuyler, CDOH/WQCD advising the EPA that the Water Quality Control Commission approve a Step II increase (\$87,000.00) "for design of the interim treatment facility and development of a user charge system and the Value Engineering Study (i.e., Amendments 4, 5 and 6 to the HDR/City contract.) **[EPA Documents - Grant Section]**
- 10/16/79 County Commissioners approve the 10/17/79 memorandum agreement with the City concerning the Valleywide Sewer System (Commissioners Albers, Enstrom and Kelly). **[Commissioners Minutes]**
- 10/17/79 City Council Minutes: City/County Sewerage Agreement approved. Sewer Service Agreement with Brach, Inc., for Pioneer Village South approved. **[Dan Wilson Files]**
- 10/17/79 Memorandum of Agreement between County of Mesa and City of Grand Junction. **[COPIES found at (048), County file - Agreements - City/County - Stack 4, County file - Contract City/County - Box 1]**
- 11/79 "Carrying Capacity Study For The Grand Junction Area." Prepared by: Paragon Engineering, Inc. for Mesa County (financed in part through a grant approved by Colorado State Legislature from Oil Shale Trust Fund) presented by City/County Development Department. The Carrying Capacity Study analyzed system capacities for local, water, sewer and traffic systems as of November 1979. Contains "snap shot" of the sewer system as it existed at or about the time the October 1979 Agreement was entered into. Illustrates sewer system at or near capacity with consideration of proposed growth and additional taps resulting therefrom. **[CDOH Documents]**
- 11/02/79 Memo from Jim Patterson to City Manager Wysocki re proposed 1980 Utilities Department budget which includes \$14,465,000.00 for capital outlay for the new sewage treatment plant and interceptors, 75% of which will come from EPA grants, \$800,000.00 of which will come from oil shale trust fund money and the balance from County issued revenue bonds.
- 11/07/79 City Council Minutes: First reading of Ordinance altering the structure of and increasing the rates for the sewerage system. **[Dan Wilson Files]**
- 11/07/79 Citizen Paul Kerns, 2479 F 1/4 Road, appeared before the Commissioners for an informal discussion and "to express his disapproval of the sewer agreement between the City and the County."
- County Commissioners unanimously adopt a resolution "concerning the oil shale lease funds designated to the City/County sewerage project in the amount of \$195,787." **[Commissioners Minutes]**

- 11/20/79 City Ordinance 1849. An ordinance increasing sewer rates. EQU raised to \$4.20 beginning January 1, 1980 per single family dwelling. Connection permit required. Ordinance effective 1/1/80. (volume v: documents by category) draft Joint Ordinance and Resolution of the City of Grand Junction and the County of Mesa, Repealing and Reenacting Chapter 25, Sections 14 through 61, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Junction and Establishing Resolution No. MCM 80-49 of the County of Mesa for Regulating the Use of Public and Private Sewers and Drains, Private Sewage Disposal, the Installation and Connection of Building Sewers, and the Discharge of Waters and Wastes into the Public Sewerage System. **[051]**
- 11/21/79 Letter from James Patterson to William Hornberg, EPA informal submission of information re status on required actions requested in 12/15/78 letter re C-080337-13 (Step 3) (this transmitted, among other things, a Memorandum of Agreement between City and County for intent of entering into a joint agreement for ownership and operation of the system, Joint Sewerage Service Agreement between the City and County [no copies w/this letter]). **[014]**  
**[031 - loose in file folder]**
- 12/03/79 Memo from John Kenney to Jim Patterson re City sanitary sewer line additions 1975-1979. Summarized are all newly installed sewer pipe excluding that installed within Ridges Metro District, Clifton Sanitation District, Orchard Mesa Sanitation District, or Fruitvale Sanitation District.
- 12/11/79 Letter from James Patterson to Al Reuter, CGVSD, listing items agreeable to City and District re billing and collection of fees. **[052]**
- 12/12/79 Letter from James Patterson to Kenneth Snider, O.M. Sanitation District, re refund of \$0.40 for each EQU for replacements needed. **[027]**
- 12/12/79 Letter from James Patterson to Howard Motz, Ridges Metro District, re refund of \$0.40 for each EQU for replacements needed. **[027]**
- 12/14/79 Letter from William Hornberg, EPA, to James Patterson re Federal Sewage Works Grant C080337-13 (Step 3) re preparation of approvable User Charge Systems. **[035 - loose In box]**
- 12/17/79 Letter from James Patterson to Art Crawford, Fruitvale Water & Sanitation District, advising rates to their customers will be less than City rates because City doesn't provide them with operation and maintenance or repair and replacement. **[027]**
- 12/18/79 Letter from James Patterson, to Howard Motz, Ridges Metro District, reciting items clarified and agreed upon between City and Ridges during 12/18/79 meeting. **[027]**
- 12/18/79 Letter to Jim Patterson from Harvey Hornberg, EPA, regarding review of the City's proposed sewer use ordinance, industrial cost recovery proposal and user charge system (proposed Ordinance 1849). **[EPA Documents - Grant Section]**
- 12/21/79 Letter from John Horst, HDR, Jim Patterson, enclosing drafts of Joint Ordinance and Resolution for Sewer Use, Surcharge Rate Structure for Above Normal Strength Wastes, Joint Ordinance and Resolution for Industrial Cost Recovery (to be agreed upon between City, County and sanitation districts) **[031 - loose in file folder]**