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- 1988 Sewer System Operations & Maintenance 1988 Budget. [004 - loose]
- 01/11/88 Memo from Maxine Albers to Mayor Ragsdale with multiple attachments. [County file - 2100.50 Waste Disposal Bond Refinancing - Box 1]
- 01/11/88 Memo to O. F. Ragsdale, Mayor, City of Grand Junction, from Maxine Albers, Chairman, Mesa County Commissioner, re Oversight of Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant and Associated Infrastructure.
- 02/17/88 E-Mail from Mark Achen to Greg Trainor/Jim Shanks re "ownership of Persigo Sewer Plant". The County, through Eckert, appears to support transferring sole ownership of the plant to the City. Achen requests a detailed ownership transfer proposal to be prepared ASAP.
- 02/29/88 Memo from Russ Caldwell, Kirchner, Moore & Co. to Larry Cleaver, City Debt Manager, Finance Department, re: refunding the County sewer bonds and issuing new sewer bonds in the name of the City (for the purpose of obtaining ownership of the system by the City). [County - Stack 2]
- 03/88 Memo by Greg Trainor re: Persigo Ownership Transfer Outline with attachments, 3/2/88 E-Mail from Larry Cleaver to Greg Trainor re: bond issue to replace County sewer bonds; 2/29/88 memo from Russ Caldwell, Kirchner Moore & Co. to Larry Cleaver, re: City/County sewer bonds - advance refunding of the County sewer bonds for purposes of acquiring the sewer system (with two worksheets). This outline was attached to Jack Morgan's 3/14/88 Memo to Lyle Dechant. [County - Stack 2]
- 03/01/88 Water Quality Management Plan for Region 11 - 208 Plan prepared by CDOH (Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, Rio Blanco Counties, Colorado).
- 03/02/88 City Ordinance 2375. An ordinance concerning industrial waste and surcharges for use of the wastewater system. [Documents by Category - Volume V]
- 03/02/88 E-Mail from Larry Cleaver to Greg Trainor re: bond issue to replace County sewer bonds. (Attached to the E-Mail is a copy of the 2/29/88 memo from Russ Caldwell to Larry Cleaver re: refunding the County sewer bonds and issuing new bonds in the name of the City. This E-Mail together with the 2/29/88 memo was attached to the 3/88 Persigo Ownership Transfer Outline prepared by Greg Trainor and delivered to Jack Morgan at the County. See Morgan's 3/14/88 memo to Lyle Dechant. [County - Stack 2]
- 03/11/88 Letter from Greg Trainor to Mark Eckert transmitting the City's proposal for transfer of the Persigo Plant from the County to the City together with its attachments (3/2/88 E-Mail from Larry Cleaver, controller, to Greg Trainor re; bond issue to replace County sewer bonds, 2/29/88 memo from Russ Caldwell to Larry Cleaver re: City/County sewer bonds, spreadsheets and the 1/11/87 memo from Commissioner Albers to Mayor Ragsdale re: oversight of Persigo Wastewater Treatment Plant and associated infrastructure. [County file - Ownership Proposals/City - Box 3]
- 03/14/88 Memo from Jack Morgan, Mesa County Accounting to Lyle Dechant, County Attorney re: "Persigo Treatment Plant and sewer system transfer to the City of Grand Junction". Refers to a request from Greg Trainor that the County consider transfer of complete control and ownership of the sewer system from the County to the City including the treatment plant. Attached is Mr. Trainor's March, 1988 "Persigo ownership transfer outline" which has, as its attachments, 3/2/88 E-Mail from Larry Cleaver to Greg Trainor re: bond issue to replace

County sewer bonds; 2/29/88 memo from Russ Caldwell, Kirchner Moore & Co. to Larry Cleaver, re: City/County sewer bonds - advance refunding of the County sewer bonds for purposes of acquiring the sewer system (with two worksheets). [County - Stack 2]

- 03/14/88 A joint meeting between the Commissioners and the Council at Two Rivers Plaza and the issues concerning future ownership and operation of the Persigo Treatment Plant were discussed. The City Council "took the position that ownership by the County and operation by the City was no longer a viable option and that the only option was either sole ownership and operation by the City or the City would somehow withdraw from any further participation in the Persigo Plant". The Commission (at least Albers and Holmes) took the position that the present system was workable and that with a few possible adjustments, the present Joint Sewerage Agreement should continue to work. The Commissioners are opposed to the City gaining full control over the system without County input. [Source: Background Information Memo attached to Albers 5/12/88 letter to Mayor Bennett, author unknown]
- 04/11/88 Meeting between Mark Achen and Mark Eckert, County Administrator, to discuss ownership issues between the City and County concerning the Persigo Wastewater System. Meeting summarized in the 4/14/88 report, below.
- 04/14/88 Report of meeting between Mark Achen and Mark Eckert re Persigo Ownership Issues, POAs, revenue bond issues, sewer rate issues, 201 boundary, etc. [Achen's files?]
- 04/14/88 Memorandum entitled "Persigo Ownership Issues". This document recites notes taken during a 4/11/88 meeting between Mark Achen and Mark Eckert at which they discussed the ownership issues between the City and the County concerning the Persigo Wastewater System. [County file "Sewer 1990-1994"]
- 04/21/88 Letter from Gerald Ashby to Harry Tucker, requesting someone contact Ralph Sterry to dispel confusion in implementing City's agreement to collect on sewer taps for the Vineyards and elsewhere. [025]
- 04/25/88 A meeting was held involving the County Commissioner and Representatives from OMSD, CGVSD, Valley West Water and Sanitation District and Grand Junction West Water and Sanitation District. The purpose of the meeting was for the districts to express their concern to the Commissioners that the County should not relinquish any of its control in the Persigo Plant or the Persigo System. The districts asserted that they represent approximately 6,000 sewer taps. The districts complained that in spite of their requests for information from the City on billing and budget issues, the information frequently has not been received. More specifically, the districts have requested breakdowns on line cleaning schedules and amounts allocated from revenues received from the various districts that are used for maintenance and repair of system-wide lines. The districts further complained that they bear the sole cost of collecting all past-due accounts for the customers within the districts even though the City receives more than half of the revenues. [Commissioner Albers 5/12/88 letter to Mayor Bennett]
- 04/26/88 Memo from Ralph Sterry to Sandi Glaze advising of moratorium on any further tap sales in the Vineyards until City has firm agreement. [025]
- 05/12/88 Letter from Commissioner Maxine Albers to Mayor John Bennett re: 4/25/88 meeting held between the Commissioners and the Special Districts. The Special Districts need representation and a "say" in the management and budgeting with respect to the joint system. The Districts represent approximately 6,000 sewer taps and oppose the County relinquishing control of the sewer system. In spite of the fact they represent 1/3 of the users, they have no vote on the rates and charges set by the manager and they have no way of requiring the City to provide them with needed information. Their only voice is through the County and that's why they resist the County getting out of the sewer business. Requests an

additional meeting to discuss these issues with the Districts, the County and the City represented. Undated attachment: summarizing the past few months of discussions including those held at the 3/14/88 meeting. Discussed were the future ownership and operation of the plant. City's position was present operation by the City and ownership by the County is unacceptable, only option is sole ownership and operation by the City or the City would withdraw from any further participation with the Plant. Commissioners Albers and Holmes wanted to keep the present system with a few possible adjustments. The Commissioners oppose full control over the system without County input. Memo contains an analysis of the 5/1/80 Agreement re: ownership, system management, sewer rates, relative powers between the City and the County, etc.

- 05/12/88 Letter from Commissioner Albers to Mayor John Bennett re: 4/25/88 meeting between the Commissioners and the Special Districts. Attached to the letter is a two page undated, unsigned memo which begins "over the past few months there have been numerous discussions involving the future ownership and operation of the Persigo Treatment Plant". Also attached are copies of C.R.S. §31-12-101 *et seq.*, Municipal Annexation Act of 1965, together with amendments appearing in the pocket part through 1987. [County - Stack 2]
- 05/24/88 Letter from Central Grand Valley Sanitation District to City of Grand Junction, requesting request for info be in writing and expressing not enough time given. [004 - clipped]
- 05/24/88 Memorandum to Grand Junction City Council from Greg Trainor, Utility Manager re Special Sanitation Districts Summary of Information - Part 1.
- 05/26/88 Letter from Ralph Sterry to CGVSD listing items requested for City/County Management files; Working Trial Balance CGVSD. [052 -attached to 5/24/88 CGVSD letter]
- 06/15/88 Memo from Terry Franklin to Greg Trainor re: updated flow data for interceptors (I & I Study) results accumulated over the past sixteen months.
- 06/21/88 Letter from Greg Trainor to the Special Districts enclosing preliminary information concerning the I & I Study that had been conducted over the last sixteen months. The letter reminds the Districts that it is their responsibility to make sure that excess infiltration of surface or ground water not be allowed into the system and if that occurs it is to be rectified immediately by the Districts at their expense upon notice from the City. The letter asserts to be notice to the Districts to consider how they will address the problem since the repair and replacement of the collection system to reduce infiltration is a significant budgetary matter.
- 06/21/88 Letter from Greg Trainor to Debbie Davis, Manager, OMSD, requesting OMSD meet with City Council prior to 7/19/88. [048]
- 06/28/88 E-Mail from Mark Achen to Jim Shanks expressing Achen's concern that Trainor's 6/21/88 letter to the sewer districts is not significantly sensitive to the District's concerns and worrying that in light of the difficult communications that exist with the Districts, the latest communication from Mr. Trainor may compound misunderstandings. Although the intent is good to make a reminder to the Districts and update them on the monitoring data, etc. Achen questions whether or not the City needs to further consider attempting to assist the Districts in solving this problem and determining what the appropriate timeframe for implementation solutions ought to be. He also wonders whether there are any federal or state regulations mandating I & I repairs.
- 07/05/88 Special District Association meeting minutes of the 6/15/88 meeting. Represented, in addition to others, were OMSD, Ute Water, Grand Junction Drainage District, Ridges, and Mesa County (in the person of Mark Eckert). OMSD Manager W. Davis complains that the City's sewer plant "stinks" both literally and figuratively. County Administrator Eckert gave a history of the plant and the agreement and explained "the County is the owner and has full liability even though the plant is operated by the City". His analogy was "that of the train

engineer who was not even allowed to toot the whistle on the train but was the one who got all the flack when it went off the track". OMSD Representative Davis urged the Special District Association "to do something with the City's operation of the Persigo Treatment Plant". She expressed OMSD's concern that the City "would acquire complete autonomy in the operation of the plant, much to the detriment of smaller sanitation districts who use the plant". Ute Water representative Charlie Stockton suggested that a meeting be scheduled and the City be invited so that the board could communicate its concerns and see if there was a resolution of the problem. A motion to do so was made and passed.

- 07/11/88 Letter from Art Crawford, Manager of Fruitvale Sanitation District, to Marjorie Garneau, Ridges Metro District (and representative to the Special District Association of Mesa County) advising that Fruitvale Sanitation District will not attend the scheduled special meeting to be held between the Special Districts, the City and the Commissioners concerning the sewer system. Fruitvale is very pleased with the City's management of the plant: "we have found them to be supportive, helpful and very competent in fulfilling their contractual obligations with this district". **[Achen's files]**
- 07/12/88 Minutes of OMSD Special Board of Directors Meeting re problems to cover at 7/19/88 meeting with City. **[048]**
- 07/19/88 Distribution of 201 Sewer System Costs Based on 1988 budget. **[041 - Sewer Rate]**
- 07/19/88 Meeting between the City (Greg Trainor) and OMSD (Board and Debi Davis) re: OMSD's areas of concern regarding the City/OMSD relationship - billing, financial information, I & I, and the desire of the district to have a representative Board formed for governance of the sewer system). (See OMSD's 7/12/88 Minutes and the handwritten notes regarding the 7/19/88 meeting attached to Greg Trainor's 7/20/88 letter.)
- 07/20/88 Letter from Greg Trainor to Bob Ellsberry, OMSD president, re 7/19/88 meeting, advising action being taken; handwritten notes re meeting. **[048]**
- 09/06/88 Letter from Larry Beckner to Greg Trainor advising Special Districts would like to know of any proposed rate increases prior to 9/20 in order to assist in their required budget process, requesting copy of preliminary sewer budget, requesting definition of "backbone system" for 201 area collector system. **[040]**
- 09/20/88 Letter from Mayor John Bennett to Board of County Commissioners enclosing a form of new agreement between the City and the County amending the 5/1/80 Agreement. **[Achen's files]**
- 09/26/88 Memo from Mark Eckert, County Administrator to County Commissioners re: 1989 sewer budget/City Memorandum of Agreement (i.e., the proposed Memorandum of Agreement, dated 9/20/88) - initial review comments of that proposed Agreement and an observation that the Agreement may be "the "drop dead" communication that sets the stage for the City withdrawal from the operation". **[County file - Ownership Proposals/City - Box 3]**
- 09/27/88 NPDES Permit No. CO-0040053. Identified as permittees are the "City of Grand Junction and Mesa County." NOTE: The terms and conditions setting forth the requirements imposed upon the "permittee." (Incomplete copy of document.) **[EPA Documents - Grant Section]**
- 09/27/88 Letter to Mark K. Achen, City Manager, from Paul Ferraro, Director, CDOH Water Quality Control Division re Final Permit, Colorado Wastewater Discharge Permit System Number: CO-0040053 - City of Grand Junction and Mesa County.
- 11/15/88 Letter from Mayor Bennett to Commissioner Albers enclosing a new copy of the proposed Memorandum of Agreement. **[County file - Ownership Proposals/City - Box 3]**