## Historic Preservation Commission of Rapid City

300 sixth st. rapid city, s.d. 57701

January 15, 2003

Rapid City City Council City of Rapid City 300 Sixth Street Rapid City, SD 57701

Re:

South Dakota State Historical Society

Bennett Ditch Nomination to the National Register of Historic Places

Dear Council Members:

The Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission is recommending that the Rapid City City Council support the nomination of the entire length of the Bennett Ditch, the control gate and the lake to the National Register of Historic Places as proposed by the South Dakota State Historical Society.

As indicated by the supporting documentation the nomination discussion with the South Dakota State Historical Society was initiated by area property owners who abut the ditch. The attached letters and e-mails represent the property owners support for the nomination project, their interest in the history of the ditch and their efforts to secure its place in the City's future.

The Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission thanks you for your consideration of the nomination request and encourages your support of the Bennett Ditch nomination application to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

Lee Vierling, Chairperson

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Rapid City Historic Preservation Commission

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