

Mesa View Water Users Association
P.O. Box 2872 Rapid City, SD 57709

March 3, 2014

City of Rapid City
Public Works Department
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Ref: East Rapid City Water Expansion

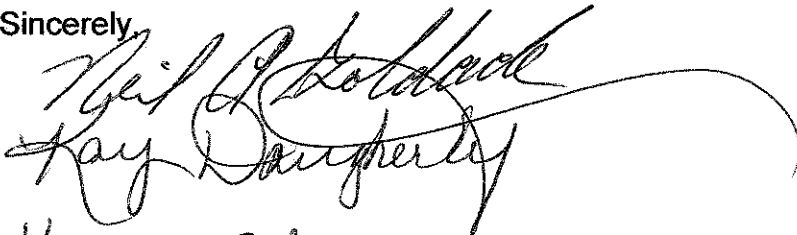
Dear Mr. Titus:

Mesa View has 40 homes with low and fixed household incomes. We have been serviced by our own water system that has failed to meet EPA Safe Drinking Water Standards for over 10 years. Therefore, on behalf of Mesa View Water Users Association, we would like to express our support of the proposed East Rapid City Water Expansion project that will provide quality water to our subdivision.

The cost estimates for this project suggest that homeowners could face a surcharge of \$65 per month. This is extreme for median household incomes, but compared to the cost we face now on personnel costs, chemical testing, filters, appliance replacement, clothing replacement and the decreased property values we support the project. We would however ask the council to seriously consider helping us by waiving the 150% water rates to 100% water rates.

This project is critical to our homeowners. Clearly our options for a source of safe drinking water are limited. We need your assistance and appreciate your consideration with our predicament.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Johnson

Board of Directors
Mesa View Water Users Association

cc. Mayor's Office
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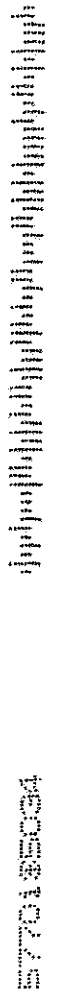
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