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## **SPEEDY MEMORANDUM**

TO: Mike Georgeson

FROM: Steve Onysko

DATE: October 18, 2002

SUBJECT: Plan Review: Emigration Improvement District Tank & Waterlines, Sys. #18143

On October 16, 2002, I prepared for your review a draft letter to Emigration Improvement District (E.I.D.) in which I concluded that the proposed 8" waterlines do not meet the minimum requirements of *R309-510-9 Distribution System Sizing*:

R309-203-9. Distribution System Sizing

(1) General Requirements.

The distribution system shall be designed to insure that a minimum of 20 psi exists at all points within the system during peak instantaneous demand conditions. If the distribution system is equipped with fire hydrants, the system shall be designed to insure that a minimum of 20 psi exists at all points within the system when needed fire flows are imposed upon the peak day demand flows of the system.

(4) Fire Flows.

(a) Distribution systems shall be designed to deliver needed fire flows if fire hydrants are provided. The design engineer shall consult with the local fire suppression authority regarding needed fire flows in the area under consideration ...

You have concluded that the design does meet the requirements of *R309-510-9 Distribution System Sizing* principally on the basis of a letter from Salt Lake County Fire Marshall, Rand Andrus, dated October 7, 2002, in which he states: Michael B. Georgeson October 18, 2002 Page 2 of 2

According to Carollo [Engineers, Inc.] all homes in the area would have fire flow of at least 1,300 g.p.m. with a residual of 20 psi with this one home that is over 3,600 square feet being covered with 1,500 g.p.m. The fire department feels that with the installation of an eight-inch line, the system would be in compliance with the State of Utah and Salt Lake County regulations concerning the fire codes.

Rand Andrus, Fire Marshall, Salt Lake County

In my opinion, the Fire Marshall clearly implies that if the Carollo Engineers' representations are assumed to be accurate, then the subject project is in compliance. If you have inferred that the Fire Marshall has reviewed or verified the Carollo Engineers' representations, then your understanding of the situation is different from mine.

My application of engineering principles to review of the Carollo Engineers' representations leads me to a conclusion different from yours. That is, I remain unconvinced that the 8" waterline design complies with *R309-510-9 Distribution System Sizing*. I also remain unconvinced that the 8" waterline design will not result in danger to the public in the event of a fire emergency in the Emigration Improvement District.

I will not jeopardize my Utah Professional Engineer license by preparing an approval letter for the subject project under these circumstances. If you believe that approval of the subject project is appropriate, you will have to assign the task of approval letter preparation to someone other than myself.

The record of the subject project shows that the consultant, Carollo Engineers, has stridently protested my repeated recommendations that the 8" waterlines be upgraded to 10" waterlines at a cost that I have estimated to be \$119,000. The record also shows that I have concluded that the design storage tank capacity of 1 million gallons is preposterously oversized beyond the 300,000 gallon capacity that would fulfill the requirements of *R309-545-5 Size of Tank(s)* and *R309-510-8 Storage Sizing*. The consultant's refusal to consider the \$500,000 cost savings

associated with construction of a more appropriately sized tank – an amount more than four times that necessary to upsize the 8" waterlines to 10" – defies all logic. Also, the Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 prohibit the use of State Revolving Fund (SRF) monies for construction of water system infrastructure for future growth.

I previously communicated to you that an allegation has been made by a citizen of the Emigration Improvement District that there is a secret agenda to construct excess water storage capacity in Emigration Canyon. This is allegedly for the benefit of developers who wish to promote growth in the Canyon. I have no opinion on this allegation but I am certainly curious over the construction of a 1 million gallon storage tank that would provide E.I.D. with the water storage capacity sufficient to double its present number of service connections in the Canyon.

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\_\_\_a database search (electronic output)

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The information being sought is as follows, include date ranges if applicable:

October 18, 2002: Memo, Onysko to Georgeson, Subject: Plan Review: Emigration Improvement District Tank & Waterlines, Sys. #18143

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