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March 16, 2010

The Board of County Commissioners
Archuleta County
P. O. Box 1507
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Re: Annual Report Request

Dear Commissioners:

We have received your letter dated March 8, 2010 requesting an annual report from the Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District. From the tone of your letter, it is now clear that communication between us has been inadequate. We regret that this has happened. It is the intent of the Water and Sanitation District Board to continue to respond fully and work cooperatively with the Commissioners, all in the best interests of Archuleta County.

We also continue to believe that water and water storage will be among the most important foundations for a positive lifestyle and prosperous future for Archuleta County. Action must be taken now to preserve our ability to meet the water needs of future generations. We look forward to the opportunity to present to you in the report you have requested all of the data and analysis that has guided our activities. We hope that this opportunity to place the studies, the analysis, and the Water Court directives together in this report will show that the District has acted within its statutory authority, and effectively in the best interests of the citizens of Archuleta County. Time will tell.

To that end, we acknowledge your request for a report by April 30. Given the complexity of the report, we may not be able to meet that short timeframe. While we note that Section 32-1-209, Colorado Revised Statutes provides an absolute deadline of nine months, we believe this compilation can be completed before the end of May. We will work to achieve the very shortest timeframe, and keep you advised.

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Once the report has been assembled and is ready for presentation, we look forward to a joint meeting with the County Commissioners and an open forum for the presentation.

Thank you for this opportunity to resolve the miscommunication that has arisen between us. Please let us know of any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Karen A. Wessels', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Karen A. Wessels, Chairman
Bob Huff
Harold Slavinski
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Pagosa Area Water and Sanitation District
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