

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert Morgan, State Engineer
Lee Sim, Director of Distribution

FROM: Mark Page, Price Office Area Engineer *MP*

DATE: May 16, 1990

RE: Mill Creek - Grand County Distribution System
1) South Mesa Diversion Structure - Doug Farnsworth
2) Janie Walker - Moab Irrigation Company Agreement
Walker - Ditch #5 Diversion

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On April 25, 1990, the annual meeting of the Mill Creek-Grand County Distribution System was held. Several items of concern were discussed. Two of them required our attention. They are noted above.

Concerning the South Mesa Diversion structure, I made a field examination on May 8, and found a culvert pipe with a slide gate placed in the creek. It was held in place by small rocks on one side, and a sod bank on the other. Water was flowing around one side, and there was no way to lock the gate at the appropriate setting. During high flows, water would enter the ditch without having to pass through the gate, and it is conceivable that the gate/pipe could actually be washed out of place. The parshall flume located immediately downstream is operating satisfactorily.

I feel that Mr. Farnsworth should install a concrete wall with a lockable gate, with a short length of pipe to deliver a controlled quantity of water into his ditch. This would be a little expensive and labor intensive because of the location, but it would provide a good solution to the problem. There are other solutions possible. I would be open to his ideas, but we need to have this situation resolved. Mr. Farnsworth and previous owners (Youngs and FHA) have been contacted about this matter on several occasions. Copies of these letters are attached.

Concerning the Walker-Moab Irrigation Company Diversion Agreement, I feel that we should correspond with Janie Walker and give her a deadline to have the agreement in place, and have her delinquent assessment paid, as well as the assessment that is currently due. We have been dealing with this "Agreement" for several years. This matter needs to be brought to a resolution this year. I would be happy to get involved to help mediate the discussion, if it would be helpful. Copies of some of the correspondence is enclosed for your review.

Your help by writing these two individuals about these matters would be appreciated.