

Manti, Utah  
May 9, 1969



State Engineer,  
State Capitol Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:

*Re: Lower San Pitch - Manti City*

I am the spokesman for about 40 irrigators within Manti City who use water from Manti Creek on their lots. We are now having considerable difficulty getting the water to which we are entitled to our property.

This is our problem. Until two or three years ago we took the water from Manti Creek in the center of town through a rock-lined channel measuring about  $2\frac{1}{2}' \times 2\frac{1}{2}'$ . After travelling through this channel for a short distance, the water was divided into three streams providing irrigation water for the 40 or so irrigators. We had easy access to this rock-lined channel for the occasional removal of sand, gravel and debris.

Two or three years ago, without obtaining the approval of the irrigators, and over the vigorous objections of some, Manti City replaced the rock channel with a covered cement pipe without providing access for clearing purposes. This was done as a part of the beautification program.

Since then we have had frequent difficulty getting water through this pipe line because of clogging with sand, gravel, etc.

Last winter we met with the Manti City Council to seek a remedy. The city and the irrigators agreed, following the recommendation of a Soil Conservation Service engineer, to construct on an experimental basis a cement settling basin along the pipe line so that the sand and gravel could be removed with a back hoe. The two groups shared the cost. The theory was that this basin would need to be cleared only two or three times a summer, at most.

This basin is not working satisfactorily. It fills up very rapidly and we, the irrigators, are not in a position to stand the expense of clearing it, or for that matter have the means of raising the money.

The question that we now direct to you is this: Who is responsible for keeping this basin and pipe line cleared? In the past, when the city has covered an irrigation channel, it has assumed this responsibility. However, the present city administration apparently feels that this is not their burden, but ours.

It is our contention as irrigators that Manti City had no right to interfere with our previous method of obtaining water from Manti Creek and is now obligated to keep the pipe line clear so that we can obtain the water we are entitled to.

Can you advise us on this matter? We shall appreciate an early reply.

Yours truly,

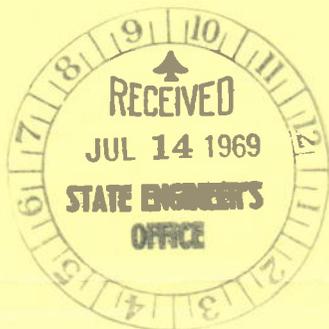
*Bruce Jennings*  
Bruce Jennings

July 11, 1969

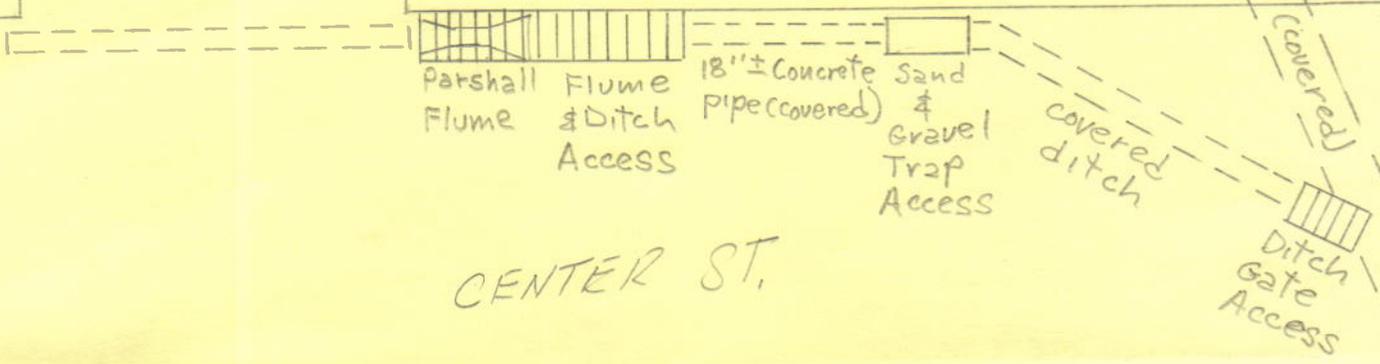
son,

Here is the memo, letters, sketch  
etc., on the distribution problem  
in Waukegan city about which Bruce  
Tennings wrote. If you don't  
like my drafted reply, or think  
it's not diplomatic enough feel  
free to draft another.

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MAIN ST.  
HIWAY 89



CENTER ST.

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SKETCH indicating conditions found on July 2, 1969 at indicated place in Manti City. Examination made by K.H. McKinney & L. Gardner, in answer to a request made in a letter to the State Engineer, dated May 9, 1969 from Bruce Jennings of Manti.

MANTI CREEK COVE