Exhibit H

Raymond M. Cossey

21 Hazel St. / PO Box 681

Norwood, CO. 81423

970-729-0017

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I am submitting this letter asking for an appointment to one of the available rural seats on the board of the Norwood Water Commission.

I am personally excited to see that the SMWCD has a new and active board. It has been a long time coming! I have been concerned that your organization would become defunct and that the Town of Norwood would then be the sole entity for appointing NWC Board members. At the March 2023 NWC meeting there was discussion amongst some NWC board members whether the SMWCD would survive if they(you) lost the "river rights" and then would the SMWCD even serve a purpose? And who would do all the NWC Board appointments?

The intent of the original Merger Agreement in 1992 and the First Amendment to Merger Agreement in 1997, I believe was to preserve a voice for the rural water customers on the board and to make sure that the Rural system received the same attention that the Town system received. This is certainly necessary to keep a balance and continue the intent of those original documents.

I reside in the Rural area where the SMWCD is tasked with appointing NWC Rural Board members from.

The community, water system and the Norwood Water Commission would greatly benefit from some new faces on the board and with that comes a clear path of succession for the NWC board's future.

The NWC is facing some serious challenges ranging from being basically a single source water system, aging and deteriorated infrastructure and more than expected growth in the community along with a general lack of funding. All these challenges are becoming more and more apparent at a rapid rate.

I bring strong and practical no nonsense business practices and demeanor to the board and at the same time represent SMWCD and the community in a courteous and professional manner. It is of utmost importance to be able to work with a group and achieve common goals. According to the 2020 SGM Water Master plan and the 2022 Water Supply Adequacy Update there is a long list of goals that need to be achieved.

I bring and offer to the San Miguel Water Conservancy District Board all the life experiences and knowledge I have gained from growing up in this community, starting and operating two businesses from the ground up, employing 12 to 13 people full time, successfully operating for nearly 24 consecutive years and being a strongly vested member of the community.

General Background Information:

-Own 6 Water Taps; 3 Rural and 2 Town, 1 Raw

Experience with public financing and Stacking funding sources:

-Experience with financing, creating deposit and payment/draw schedules for clients for construction projects, budgeting funds to maintain perfect credit ratings and see that vendors and Sub-contractors are paid timely without fail.

Grant writing Or Management Experience:

Writing: Construction Company: I personally write the client engagement letters, project descriptions and scope of work letters. Draft scheduling letters and the deposit and payment schedules and Write multiple estimates per day.

Management: Reflected in Business experience

-Manage Two companies and Staff for both.

-Manage Five residences/rental properties with tenants.

Other Experience Relevant to the NWC:

-General knowledge of water law pertaining to how water can be used based on its decree, diversion points, beneficial use and due diligence to maintain water rights.

-Have read and started to study the 2020 NWC/SGM Master Water Plan.

- Have read and started to study the 2022 Water Adequacy Update.

- Have proven business knowledge and acumen.

-Direct experience with infrastructure and utility installation to commercial and residential projects with installations being inspected and approved with governing entities.

-Worked for the Town of Norwood water system under Bob Mckeever and Twila Hovey the summer of 1989, walked every street in town reading meters, helped locate and replaced shut off valves, Painted the big tank out at the treatment plant and Helped repair multiple main line water breaks along Hwy 145.

- I have direct knowledge of what the current crew deals with to be in an excavated trench full of water repairing the main line.

It was June of 1988 when I moved here; it's going on 35 years now. When I moved here as a fourteen-year-old kid I knew I would never leave. I graduated from Norwood High School in 1992 and have remained here ever since. I am now 49 years old.

I look forward to the possibility of being part of a board that can hopefully make a positive impact on the future of the Community, water sources, the water system overall and the Norwood Water Commission.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Raymond M. Cossey

Exhibit K

AFFIDAVIT OF CLAY WADMAN

Clay Wadman, being of lawful age, states the following:

1. I am the Vice-President of the Board of the San Miguel Water Conservancy District; I was the Vice-President of the Board in 2023 and 2025; and I make this Affidavit based on my own personal knowledge.

2. I was present at the meetings when the SMWCD Board appointed Ray Cossey as a rural member of the Norwood Water Commission in 2023 and reappointed him in 2025.

3. I do not recall Mr. Cossey advising SMWCD of any conflicts of interest, and I do not recall him advising SMWCD that he had ever claimed that NWC was not a legal water supplier outside the Town of Norwood.

4. Further affiant saith not.

Clay Wadman

Exhibit M

APPLICATION FOR BOARD OR COMMISSION

PO Box 528; 1670 Naturita St, Norwood, CO 81423 **Phone:** 970-327-4288 - **Fax:** 970-327-0451

Once application is complete, please either deliver or mail to the above address by the deadline.

Application for:

- ☐ Board of Trustees
- ☐ Norwood Sanitation District
- ☒ Norwood Water Commission
- ☐ Norwood Planning and Zoning Commission
  - ○ Alternate or Regular Member
  - ○ Ex-Officio Member

Full Name: RAYMOND M. COSSEY **Phone:** 970-729-0017

Current Physical Address: 21 HAZEL ST NORWOOD CO 81423

Mailing Address (if different): PO BOX 681 NORWOOD CO 81423

Length of Residency at Physical Address: 22 Years ____ Months

Are you a registered voter? If Yes, what county: SAN MIGUEL **Registered Town Voter?** ☐ Yes ☒ No

Employer: SELF **Occupation:** BUSINESS OWNER

Please list any specific skills, education or occupations that would be helpful as a board member:

CURRENT WATER BOARD MEMBER, BUSINESS OWNER

Please list any civic activities you participate in:

WATER BOARD, SEWER BOARD - STRONG COMMUNITY MEMBER

Are you familiar with any ordinances or master plans relating to the board or commission for which you are applying?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you related to any employee, appointed, or elected official of the Town of Norwood?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please list name and position of relative(s): ____

What do you feel you can contribute to the community that may not be evident from the information on this form?

I NOW HAVE SEVERAL YEAR EXPERIENCE WITH WATER COMMISSION, 3½ YEARS AS A BOARD MEMBER, 2 YEARS OF GOING TO MEETINGS BEFORE BEING A BOARD MEMBER

Have you served on a community board previously? ☐ No ☒ Yes

If yes, indicate name and year/s Name: WATER BOARD, COUNTY PLANNING ADVISORY, SEWER BOARD Year/s: 2007, 2024, 25 & 26

Do you feel there is or could be of Conflict of Interest based on your current or previous history with the board you are applying to? ☒ No ☐ Yes **If yes, what COULD be considered a conflict?** ____

Applicant's signature is indicating, under penalty of perjury that, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, the foregoing is try, correct, and complete. Falsifying documents is against the law.

Signature: Raymond M Cossey

Date: 9/30/26

- Additional documents may be attached if necessary

Internal Use Only

Date Received: 9/30/26

By: SO

Approved By: ____

Date: ____

Notes: ____

Cossey takes exception with all statements and inferences in the SJ Order related to the NWC's service area as extending beyond the Town's jurisdictional limits.[9] Colorado law is clear that the NWC's authority is derived from its enabling entity, which is the Town of Norwood. The weight of the evidence supports amending the SJ Order to:

1. Remove all references to the NWC as a legal water supplier under Guideline 2003-5. Guideline 2003-5 is not controlling and Cossey disputes that the NWC qualifies as a "legal water supplier."

2. Remove all references to the NWC's service area. The NWC's authority does not extend beyond the Town and the NWC's self-proclaimed (albeit unlawful) service area boundary is irrelevant to the SJ Order.

3. Order that the DWR remove the NWC's service area map from its website because it incorrectly represents the NWC's authority.

D. The Complaint did not have a factual or legal basis and therefore it lacked substantial justification.

As explained herein and in Cossey's prior briefs, the Priestleys' Complaint was not well-grounded in the facts or the law. The Priestleys did not research the law or attempt to substantiate the groundless allegations in the Complaint before this action was instituted, or thereafter.[10] The substantive law does not authorize revocation of a well permit based on whether an applicant or DWR staff filled in the boxes on a well permit application or DWR's application of a non-binding guideline (i.e., Guideline 2003-5). *W. United Realty, Inc. v. Isaacs*, 679 P.2d 1063, 1069 (Colo. 1984) (a well permit cannot be contested based on an administrative guideline or its application).

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[9] Cossey also disputes that the NWC qualifies as a "legal water supplier," under Guideline 2003-5 for the reasons set forth in Cossey's prior briefs.

[10] Both Harold Priestley and Drue Priestley admit that they are not claiming injury to water rights in this action, but instead the sole legal premise upon which they ask the Hearing Officer to revoke the Cossey Permits is an unsubstantiated allegation that Mr. Cossey fraudulently filled out the well permit applications.

EXHIT A

COLORADO
Division of Water Resources
Department of Natural Resources

May 11, 2021

Norwood Water Commission
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PO Box 726
Telluride, CO 81435

via email: steve@8750law.com

RE: DWR Response to NWC April 26 Letter with subject, Determination to Serve Parcels in Redvale CR 35.75

Dear NWC:

We appreciate your detailed letter of April 26, 2021, explaining the Norwood Water Commission's (NWC) intent is to serve the thirteen parcels owned by Raymond Cossey on County Road 35.75, upon a corresponding purchase of taps. As such, the NWC does object to the issuance of the thirteen well permits to Raymond Cossey. Thank you for pointing us to the materials in water court case no. 10CW202, it has been determined that the parcel of land in question does lie within the NWC Service area, as depicted on Figure 1 of water court cases, 10CW202 and 10CW203.

As you are aware, DWR's Guideline 2003-5 directs well permit evaluation staff on how to evaluate well permits in consideration of section 37-92-602(6), C.R.S. We have determined that DWR staff followed both statute and the guideline and correctly issued well permit nos. 321172-321180, 321183, 321185-321187 on March 29, 2021. Those permits are valid and in full force and effect.

The Division of Water Resources (DWR)-Division 4 has previously attempted to identify the water suppliers located within Water Division 4; however, the NWC was not identified as a water supplier in that process. Based on the direction provided by Guideline 2003-5, and our lack of information regarding the NWC at that time, the 13 permits in question were issued without input from the NWC.

With respect to the evaluation of future well permit applications within your service area, we encourage you to provide our office with documentation to clarify that the NWC is indeed one of the three types of entities described in Guideline 2003-5 that we would consider as legal water suppliers in the State of Colorado:

I. A municipal or quasi-municipal water supplier (e.g., water district) that would assess property taxes for individuals within their taxing boundaries;
II. A private water company who is registered with the Secretary of State and/or the Public Utilities Commission; or,
III. An operator of a decreed plan for augmentation (e.g., homeowner associations) to augment on-lot wells or central wells for a residential or commercial development.

We do not find that supplying water to Norwood residents qualifies NWC under Item I of Guideline 2003-5 because NWC is not assessing taxes. If NWC meets any of the three requirements in the future, combined with mapping in case no. 10CW202, future permit applications for exempt permits within NWC's service area would require a letter from NWC.

With regards to the subject well permits, the NWC may request the revocation of the permits under the APA pursuant to the the following process:

The complainant will send a letter to the State Engineer, Kevin Rein, requesting such a hearing with the hearing officer to state their case for revoking a well permit. The letter must be signed and sworn (notarized) by the complainant. The request must be clear and complete and follow this instruction:

> *Colorado Revised Statute 24-4-104(5).* "A proceeding for the revocation, suspension, annulment, limitation, or modification of a previously issued license shall be commenced by the agency upon its own motion or by the filing with the agency of a written complaint, signed and sworn to by the complainant, stating the name of the licensee complained against and the grounds for the requested action."

This initiates the process and the State Engineer will forward any such request to the Hearing Officer. The Hearing Officer will then send a Notice of Complaint to all parties which includes the staff of the State Engineer. Pursuant to this Notice the Respondents are required to file a written answer/response to the complaint. Once the response(s) are received, the matter will be set for a hearing. All parties must participate in this hearing.

Finally, on May 6, 2021, a sworn complaint was received from Drue Priestly, HDP Revocable Trust, contesting the well permits issued to Mr. Cossey and Ms. Barrett. This appears to qualify as a request to revoke the subject well permits. That request will be forwarded to the Hearing Officer.

The NWC may also elect to submit a sworn complaint to request revocation of the subject well permits, as explained above.

Sincerely,

Bob W. Hurford, PE
Division Engineer, Water Division 4

ec: well permit files, 321172-321180, 321183, 321185-321187
Megan Sullivan, Megan.Sullivan@state.co.us, Team Leader, Water Divisions 4, 5, 6
Jeff Deatherage, Jeff.Deatherage@state.co.us, Chief of Water Supply
Raymond Cossey and Pamela Barrett, RaymondCossey@gmail.com
Harold and Drue Priestly, HDP Revocable Trust, druepriestly@yahoo.com

Guideline 2003-5
Regarding the Use of Wells Within Water Service Areas

In an effort to provide consistent review of well permit applications pursuant to section 37-92-602(6), CRS (2003), the following guidelines were prepared. Section 37-92-602(6) states:

"It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state of Colorado that the exemptions set forth in this section are intended to allow citizens to obtain a water supply in less densely populated areas for in-house and domestic animal uses where other water supplies are not available. It is not the intent that these wells be used to cause material injury to prior vested water rights, and, wherever possible, persons seeking the use of such individual wells may be required to develop plans for augmentation pursuant to section 37-92-302 or to develop other replacement plans acceptable to the state engineer."

There are three types of entities that we would consider legal water suppliers within Colorado. Additionally, to qualify, we must have on file or access to, the legal boundaries of each water supplier.

I. Municipal or quasi-municipal water supplier (e.g., water district) that would assess property taxes for individuals within their taxing boundaries.

II. Private water company who is registered with the Secretary of State and/or the Public Utilities Commission.

III. Operators of decreed plans for augmentation (e.g., homeowner associations) to augment on-lot wells or central wells for a residential or commercial development.

The guidelines are as follows for permit applications requested under section 37-92-602 (including areas where ground water is available for appropriation).

A. Each application will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis in accordance with these guidelines.

B. Verify if location of well is within a water service area.

C. Economic or associated costs with connecting to a water supplier's system cannot be considered by this office as a basis for granting an exempt well permit. Additionally, we cannot issue any exempt permits because of water quality issues of a water supplier's system. However, the water supplier may decide to allow an applicant to drill a well based on cost or water quality issues.

D. The operational condition of a water system or augmentation plan will not be considered in determining whether to grant an exempt well permit. However, the water supplier may decide to allow an applicant to drill a well on this basis.

E. If a proposed well will be in a known water service area that is served by a central system, we will not issue an exempt well permit unless accompanied by a letter from the supplier stating that they cannot provide water to the applicant or they do not object to the applicant obtaining a well permit within the water service area.

F. If an augmentation plan decree specifically states that all water or well uses must be covered by the augmentation plan, no exempt well permits should be issued until the decree is modified or vacated.

G. If an augmentation plan decree does not specifically state that all water or well uses will be covered by the augmentation plan, no exempt well permits should be issued unless the augmentation plan operator provides in writing that they have no objection to the issuance of exempt well permits (if they qualify) within the augmentation plan area. If they provide a letter of objection, we will abide by their request.

H. If an augmentation plan decree specifically allows for exempt wells, these should be evaluated on their own merits.

I. If the well is in a subdivision approved on or after June 1, 1972, the water supply must be per recommendations stated in our response letter to the county's referral request.

J. Water Conservancy Districts do not qualify as water suppliers under these guidelines. As such, exempt well permits may be issued within such district's boundaries without regard to Section 37-92-602(6).

K. A request to late register a well pursuant to section 37-92-602(5) or 37-90-105(4) will be evaluated on its own merits. It is the interpretation of this office that such wells are not subject to the provisions of section 37-92-602(6).

L. A request for a replacement well permit will not be subject to the provisions of section 37-92-602(6), unless the replacement well will be completed in a different source than the well being replaced, or for a change or expansion of use.

M. A request to permit a well pursuant to Article 90 will be evaluated on its own merits and shall not be subject to the provisions of section 37-92-602(6).

Approved:

Hal D. Simpson
State Engineer

9/16/03
Date

EXHIBIT B

Gmail

Raymond Cossey <raymondcossey@gmail.com>

Re: Form Submission - New Form - Norwood Water Commission/Mafia

8 messages

Jenny Russell <jenny.russell@lawtelluride.com> Thu, May 13, 2021 at 9:50 AM

To: raymondcossey@gmail.com
Cc: info@lawtelluride.com

Ray,

Thanks for reaching out by email. I have a new phone, so that may be the problem with you getting a busy number. I wasn't aware that was happening, so thank you for bringing it to my attention.

I have meetings all day today until about 1:30pm, but I can call you after that if you send me your phone number.

Regards,
Jenny Russell
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> On May 13, 2021, at 9:48 AM, Squarespace <form-submission@squarespace.info> wrote:
>
> Sent via form submission from *Russell & Pieterse*
>
> **Name:** Raymond Coseey
>
> **Email Address:** raymondcossey@gmail.com
>
> **Subject:** Norwood Water Commission/Mafia
>
> **Message:** Hello, your Firm came highly recommended, I have called a few times but only left one message. I have tried calling the number for Ms. Russell as well but that number is always busy? Anyway please contact me as soon as possible.
> Thanks
> Ray Cossey

Raymond Cossey <raymondcossey@gmail.com> Thu, May 13, 2021 at 10:09 AM
To: Jenny Russell <jenny.russell@lawtelluride.com>

Thank you so much for getting back to me, you came highly recommended.
Ray Cossey
970-729-0017
[Quoted text hidden]

Jenny Russell <jenny.russell@lawtelluride.com> Fri, May 14, 2021 at 10:24 AM
To: raymondcossey@gmail.com

Ray,

I wanted to let you know that I took a hard look at my schedule, and I really can't take on any additional work right now. I wanted to let you know right away so that you could retain other legal counsel if you desired.

Regards,
Jenny Russell
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On May 13, 2021, at 9:50 AM, Jenny Russell <jenny.russell@lawtelluride.com> wrote:

Raymond Cossey <raymondcossey@gmail.com> Fri, May 14, 2021 at 10:31 AM
To: Jenny Russell <jenny.russell@lawtelluride.com>

Hi Jenny,
I understand, I really appreciate your time yesterday, Anyone you would recommend?
Thanks
Ray
[Quoted text hidden]

Raymond Cossey <raymondcossey@gmail.com> Fri, May 14, 2021 at 10:42 AM
To: Jenny Russell <jenny.russell@lawtelluride.com>

Jenny,
What about someone else at your firm? Nicole perhaps?
Thanks
Ray
[Quoted text hidden]

Jenny Russell <jenny.russell@lawtelluride.com> Fri, May 14, 2021 at 10:51 AM
To: Raymond Cossey <raymondcossey@gmail.com>

She doesn't practice water law. You may want to try Marti Whitmore in Ouray.

Martha Whitmore

Bar #: 8696
State bar admit date: 5/22/1978

Ouray County
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Ridgway, CO 81432
P (303) 886-0597

On May 14, 2021, at 10:42 AM, Raymond Cossey <raymondcossey@gmail.com> wrote:

Raymond Cossey <raymondcossey@gmail.com> Fri, May 14, 2021 at 11:35 AM
To: Jenny Russell <jenny.russell@lawtelluride.com>

Thank you
Ray
[Quoted text hidden]

Raymond Cossey <raymondcossey@gmail.com> Tue, May 18, 2021 at 11:53 AM
To: Jenny Russell <jenny.russell@lawtelluride.com>

Hi Jenny,
Is there any way you could send me the document you mentioned for the Norwood Water Commission / it was maybe a resolution?? dated in 1998. About ownership of

the water system by the Town. I have the Agreement 1992 and the first amendment to merger 1995. Anyway I'm getting stonewalled a bit from Town Hall on getting the info. If you could help it would be more than appreciated. I'm happy to send you a check for your time, you don't have to do a bunch of billing just tell me the amount and i'll send it. If you can't, I understand.

Thanks

Ray Cossey

[Quoted text hidden]

Exhibit C

November 8, 2026

Norwood Water Commission
P.O. Box 528
Norwood,Co. 81423

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing this to address what seems to be misinformation about the appointment of Ray Cossey to your board. I served on the NWC and was privy to the situation concerning Ray Cossey and the Priestleys. Ray did not file a suit against the Norwood Water Commission, he was defending the actions the Priestleys were taking against him. Later, Ray interviewed with the San Miguel Water Conservancy District, of which I am a member, to become a member of the NWC, and San Miguel Water Conservancy District member Clay Wadman asked him directly during the interview if he had a personal agenda , and that's why he wanted on the board. I remember a discussion between Mr. Cossey and Mr. Wadman about the legal status of the Norwood Water Commission. After the discussion was over, Mr. Cossey was appointed to the NWC.

Sincerely,

Jim Wells

EXHIBIT D

Carrie Andrew
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carriesandrew@gmail.com

November 8th, 2026

To Whom It May Concern,

I served on the board of the San Miguel Water Conservancy District from January, 2023 until July, 2024 with April Montgomery, Candy Meehan, Clay Wadman and Jim Wells. I was on the board when Ray Cossey and others were interviewed and appointed to the Norwood Water Commission.

In regards to the question as to whether we on the board were aware of the conflict between Ray Cossey and the Norwood Water Commission, yes, we were. It was brought up when the board met to review the applicants for the three open positions and it was addressed directly during the interview between the SMWCD board and Cossey. In addition, I had seen Ray and Pam Cossey at a local restaurant and sat down to discuss the matter directly to understand if it would create a conflict of interest were we to appoint him to the Norwood Water Commission.

The matter was directly addressed during the interview and the board (all members mentioned above) determined that it was not a conflict of interest to appoint Cossey to the Norwood Water Commission.

Sincerely,

Carrie Andrew

Carrie Andrew