

**Comments for the May 17, 2022 Meadow Town board meeting, by Tony Cowley**

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If it was a phone conversation, I want:

1. The name of the state agency making the call(s) and requirements.
2. The name of the department making the call(s) and requirements.
3. The name of the state official(s) Meadow officials communicated with making the call(s).
4. The time and date of the call(s).
5. The substance of the call(s).
6. Phone number of the said state official(s).

I would like a signed response in writing within ten days, as required by Utah Law (63G-2-204 (4)). I would also like a detailed explanation if my request is denied."

**Request #2:**

"I am hereby requesting:

Any and all documents, engineering reports, water calculations, letters, or phone contacts with any engineering firms, or other professional entities supporting mayor Gary Bishop's (of the Meadow Town Council) claim in the March 22, 2022 town board meeting that their proposed 42 acre-foot water purchase will "translate" into 78 additional water hookups for customers in the town of Meadow.

Additionally, I am asking for any requests made by Meadow Town to the engineering firms that suggest any water usage amounts per tap connection in Meadow.

And, any criteria the engineering companies used (or suggested by Meadow Town officials) to arrive at their calculations for the amount of water to be considered for 78 tap connections within Meadow Town limits.

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I am hereby appealing the responses to my GRAMA requests of April 19, 2022 made by mayor Gary Bishop on April 23, 2022.

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Here are my reasons for this appeal:

1. I was not given any of the materials I requested in my GRAMA requests of 04/19/2022. I felt I was given a "snowstorm" of impertinent information.
2. I was given a copy of our existing Chapter 12 for our Meadow Town annexation policy (which I had), which did not address any of my requests for communications from the State that Channing Stott references, that I requested in GRAMA request #1. My request for communications from the State for information about "squaring up the town" was completely ignored altogether.
3. Mayor Gary Bishop's reference to <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title10/Chapter2/10-2-S401.5.html?v=C10-2-S401.5> 2021031620210316 does not address my request, and was used to promote a misleading claim.
4. In response to GRAMA request #2, mayor Gary Bishop gave me a "tutorial" of the State Engineer's website that used highly generic and subjective assumptions to arrive at what mayor Bishop used as a response to engineering data I requested from any engineers or engineering firms he and Channing Stott stated they used. In addition, mayor Bishop didn't offer any calculation summation of any type to support his figure for 42 acre-feet of water "translating" to 78 new water connections using those calculations from the State Engineer's website, or any other engineering source, for Meadow as he stated they did in the 3/22/2022 town board meeting. It does not address my request.

This is what I want:

As per my original GRAMA requests, I want all of the information I originally requested in my two GRAMA requests filed on April 19, 2022, as stated above.

**OR,**

The admission by mayor Gary Bishop that the information I requested in my GRAMA requests of April 19, 2022 does not exist.

The next level of appeal is the Utah State Records Committee, which I am prepared to do, where mayor Bishop can explain to the state officials why he can't, or won't comply with my requests. Yesterday (Monday May 16th), I spent 1 ½ hours in the GRAMA Records Ombudsman's office in Salt Lake City discussing my requests, and she likewise was not impressed by mayor Bishop's responses. She would like to visit with mayor Bishop in Meadow some time, as obviously he doesn't know what GRAMA is .

You have ten business days to satisfy my appeal, or then we go to the State level.

*Tony Cowley*  
5/17/2022

## GRAMA Request Form

used to request records from any governmental entity

**Note:** Utah Code § 63G-2-204(1) (GRAMA) requires a person making a records request to furnish the governmental entity with a written request containing the requester's name, mailing address, daytime telephone number, and email address if the person is willing to receive communications by email. The request must also include a description of the being record requested that identifies the record with reasonable specificity. The request must be made to the governmental entity that created or maintains the records.

### Requester information:

Name: *Tony Cowley* Date: *5/17/2022*  
Address: *P.O. Box 125, 95 E. 100 N*  
City: *Meadow* State: *Utah* ZIP code: *84644*  
Daytime phone number: *435-842-7214* Email address:

### Request made to:

Government agency or office: *Meadow Town Corporation*

Records officer's name (if known):

Address: *P.O. Box 88*  
City: *Meadow* State: *Utah* ZIP code: *84644*  
Phone number: Email address:  
*435-842-2203*

### Records requested:

**Note:** The more specific the request, the easier it will be for records officers to respond.

Title or subject of records:

Description of records including all relevant information -- date range of records, name of involved person(s), location of event(s), and other descriptive information:

*GRAMA appeal of GRAMA responses by mayor Gary Bishop, made April 23, 2022. See attachment.*

*Original GRAMA requests: April 19, 2022.*

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I would like the documents requested in my two GRAMA responses, along with a signed, written response. As by Utah law, ten business days are allowed to satisfy my appeal.

*Tony Cowley*  
5/17/2022