

CUYAMACA WATER CO.  
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November 12, 1915.

State Railroad Commission,  
833 Market Street,  
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

We desire to call your attention to a so-called irrigator on the La Mesa Orchard Tract located almost exactly in the center of the City of La Mesa and only a few blocks from the Railroad Station.

Mrs. F. Young is the owner of Lots 19, 20 and 21 and the west 20 feet of Lot 22, containing .51 of an acre and having attached thereto .042 Miners Inch of water, for which this Company charges 25 cents per month, which just about covers the cost of meter reading, bookkeeping and collection.

Mrs. Young is making no attempt whatever at irrigation and the use of water on this land is confined entirely to domestic purposes and to keeping up a lawn.

In view of these facts we ask that we be allowed to charge Mrs. Young a domestic rate of 15 cents per thousand gallons with a monthly minimum of 75 cents. A plat of the tract is attached.

This tract is served through a privately owned pipe line and is in a well defined residential district.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

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November 26, 1915

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Mrs. F. C. Young,  
1700 Grafton St.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:-

We have made an examination of the use of water on your property in the Orchard Tract at La Mesa and find that your use is strictly domestic and not irrigation. We will therefore be compelled to charge you the domestic instead of the irrigation rate after December 1st of this year.

Very truly yours,

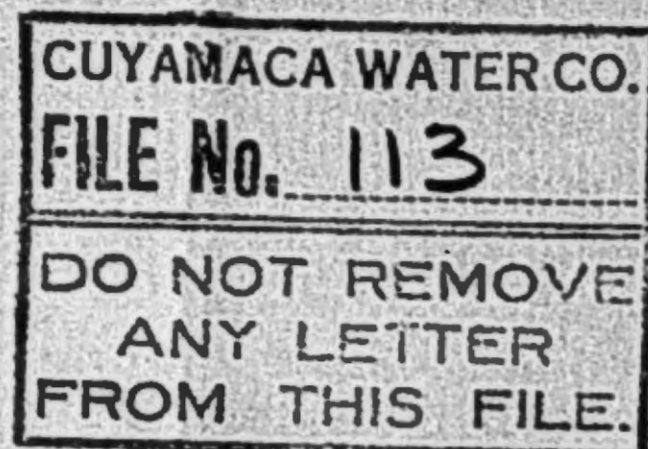
Assistant Manager.

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Los Angeles, Calif. Nov. 29, 1915.  
1700 Grafton St. Los Angeles.

Mr. F. M. Fraude, Asst. Manager,  
San Diego, Calif.



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Dear Sir:

Your communication of Nov. 26 duly received, and I was sorry to learn of the change made in our water rate, and would like to tell you why. When a mutual friend of Mr. Fletcher and myself spoke to me about my  $\frac{1}{4}$  acre of ground and the few lemon trees I had; also about our house being unoccupied so much, he thought I was entitled to irrigation rates, and as this neighbor has always been a friend of the company, as well as of Mr. Fletcher's, the company I think, has not lost very much.

One of my tenants, with my permission cut down the lemon trees, there were too few to bother with, and he wanted the ground for a croquet court for his son who was in poor health. The son has since died, and tenant moved away and croquet court is overgrown with weeds. Since April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1915, nearly 8 months, the house has been unoccupied, but the water has not been shut off owing to small irrigation rate, and I have had a

man do just enough watering to keep a few flowers and small plot of grass from drying up. He waters once a week, I believe.

You can see no water has been used for domestic purposes, really, and I thought I had my taxes (water) paid up in advance for some time. The water has never been shut off from our little place since it was built, but as the house may be vacant for years as there are over 50 unoccupied in La Mesa, most of them more rentable than mine I am told, although I have it listed with 4 real estate agents, I feel unable to pay the domestic rate, although the irrigation ~~rate~~ I can keep up indefinitely, and avoid the trouble to your company of turning the water off, and then on again, if a tenant should happen along for a month or two.

Personally I shall esteem it a favor if rate can be left as it is. Receipts can be mailed here to Los Angeles instead of La Mesa with no extra expense or trouble to your company, and I shall be grateful also to Mr. Fletcher whom I do not know personally. We are not rich. However if this course is impossible, will you kindly refund \$25.00 (I have that amount to my credit on your books) and shut off water Dec. 1, 1915. Hoping to hear from

you at your earliest convenience as I must notify the old ~~care~~ care taker that on account of no water, I can no longer pay him his small monthly wages, and trusting that you will find it in your power to grant my request, I am

Yours truly  
Ella G. Young.

Address:

Mrs. Fred C. Young,  
1700 Grafton St.,  
Los Angeles,  
Calif.

P. S. your letter of Nov. 26 gave me less than 25 days notice, <sup>for \$1.25</sup> I would have written you sooner, <sup>1/24</sup> E. G. J.

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December 9, 1915.

Mrs. Frederick C. Young,  
1700 Grafton St.,  
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:-

We have your letter of November 29th regarding irrigation rate on your property in the Orchard Tract, La Mesa, and we regret very much that we can not continue to give you the irrigation rate on this property.

We also have your letter of December 7th stating that the house has been rented and that Mr. F. C. Grable would act as your agent and attend to the payment of water bills. We have accordingly given you credit for \$1.25 to apply on your future bills which will be figured at the domestic rate.

The meter at your premises is out of repair, and we are having this meter replaced with another one which is in first class condition.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

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December 9, 1955

Mr. C. Harritt,  
La Mesa, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Please have the meter at Mrs. F. C. Young's house on the Orchard Tract, La Mesa, taken out and replaced with one in good condition. The present meter is 5/8 Inch Lambert No. 339680.

F. M. Fende.

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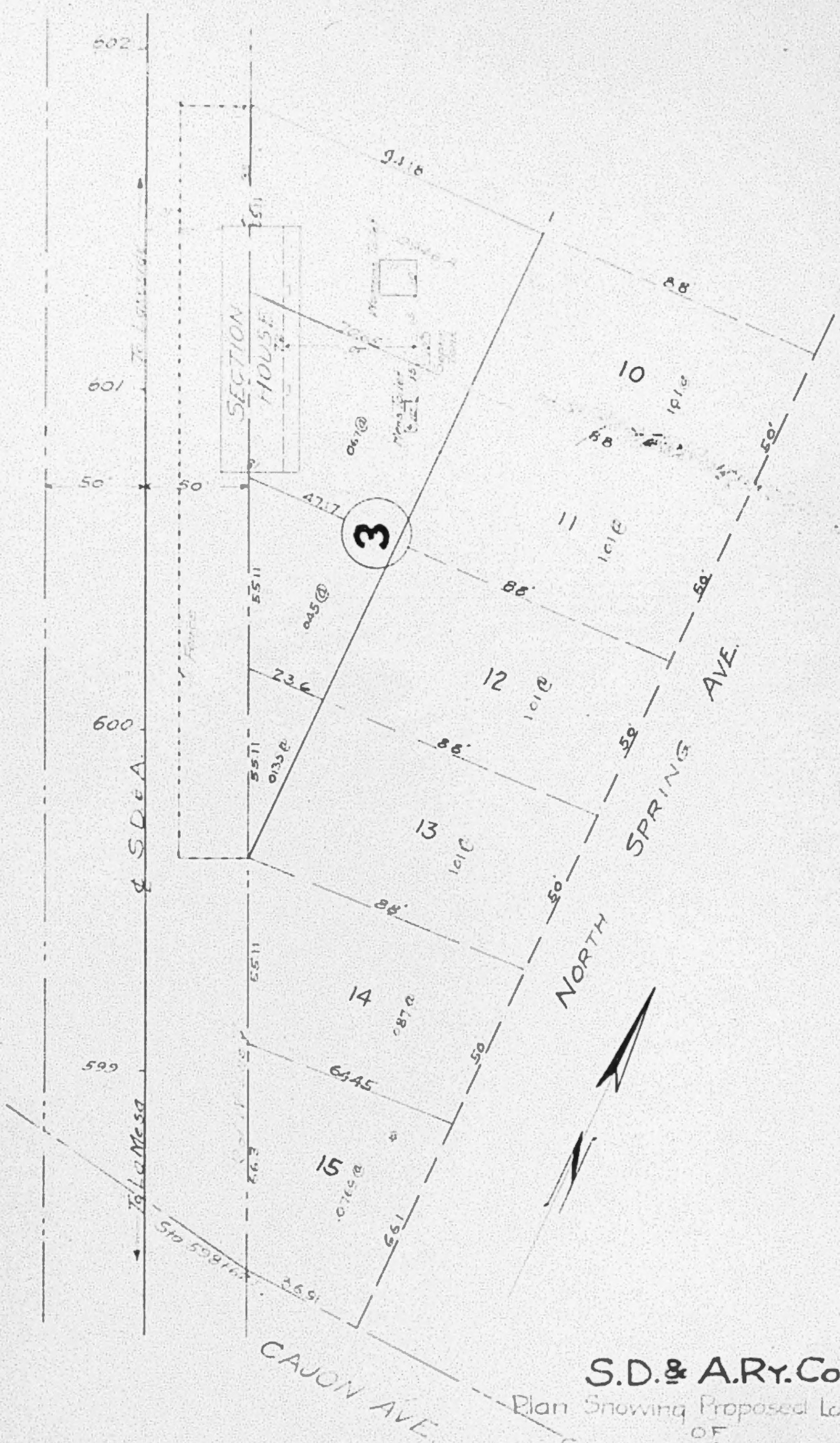
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 Chief Engineer



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Plan Showing Proposed Location  
OF  
Standard Section House  
La Mesa, California  
Scale 1 in = 40 ft 9-24-1918

Office of Asst. Chief Engr

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

**1870-1955**

**MSS.81**

**Box: 55 Folder: 13**

**Business Records - Water Companies - Cuyamaca  
Water Company - Cuyamaca Customers -  
Customer correspondence - La Mesa Orchard Tract**



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