

April 4, 1922.

Mr. R. E. Starr,
Merced, Calif.

My dear Mr. Starr:

I want to call your attention to the following:

The river is too high to cross with an auto truck carrying a core drill, and confirming our conversation by telephone today, in which you state you are sending two core drills down, I call your attention to the following - if you want one of the core drills, which you are sending down, to work on the south side, the only way you can get it there is to send it by truck via Occanside, Escondido, Ramona and Santa Ysabel. The road is being put in condition so that a truck can get from Warner's damsite down on the south side of the river to Site No. 2 or the lower site.

If you are putting a core drill to work on the north side then you could send the core drill up the San Luis Rey from Occanside to Pala, keeping on the north bank of the river until you reach the damsite. It is out of the question to attempt to send any truck by way of Temecula or Hemet to Warner's as the ford is impassable on the northern end of the Warner's ranch, but you can send a truck via Temecula and Pala, thence up the north bank of the San Luis Rey to the lower site. But if you are going to send the core drill on the south side of the river it will have to go via Escondido, Ramona and Santa Ysabel. The above for your information.

I got hold of Mr. Case this morning after my talk with you over the phone, and found that Mr. Bent had not talked to Mr. Case, so I gave your instructions to Mr. Case to commence work at the lower site just below the road on the left hand bank looking down stream at the lower site, and asked Mr. Case to telephone to Mr. DuBois to get the road on the south bank of the stream passable today for our trucks that will arrive their tonight with the core drill.

Mr. Steinbach is writing me for all the necessary things so that his equipment can work day and night, and he was pleased to know you are on the job and says he will go the limit to get results. Mr. C. E. Hickock who was the engineer who prepared the Warner's tunnel data for us is

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Mr. R. C. Starr,
Merced, California.

WARNER DAM

My dear Mr. Starr:

Answering your telegram of April 6th, which I received on my return from San Francisco Friday, will say the diamond drill has not yet arrived, but arrangements have been made to rush it to Warner's immediately on arrival.

On Monday Mr. Treanor instructed me to get the core drill to Warner's at the earliest possible moment. We had the trucks Tuesday morning at Sutherland to get the drill, but the core drill was not dismantled until Tuesday afternoon. It commences to rain and snow Tuesday afternoon, and there was from 4 to 6 inches of snow and rain during Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with the result that the trucks got stuck on the road, had to be unloaded and lighter trucks secured. The whole road was a sea of mud. They had to cross the Santa Maria River 100 ft. wide, and the waters were clear up to the bed of the truck, but am glad to report that after working all night Wednesday night and Thursday night the trucks got thru the river at 4 o'clock this morning and should arrive at Warner's today.

I confirm my telegram to the effect that J. H. Steenbach is desirous of having 2-4½ in. shot bits; 1-4½" core barrel; 1-4½" core barrel plug; 1-4½" Calyn.

Your men have arrived.

Enclosed find copy of letter from Mr. King, which is explanatory. My opinion is that if we have three or four dry days we will be able to get anything to the dam.
Yours sincerely,

EE:KLM

P. S. Have just received telephonic information that the two trucks have arrived at Warner's with most of the equipment and have gone back for the balance.

cc- Mr. Treanor
Mr. Henshaw

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now the city manager of Alameda. If you care to ask him any questions in relation there to you can get in touch with him there.

Yours truly,

RF:KLM

cc- Mr. Treanor
Mr. Henshaw

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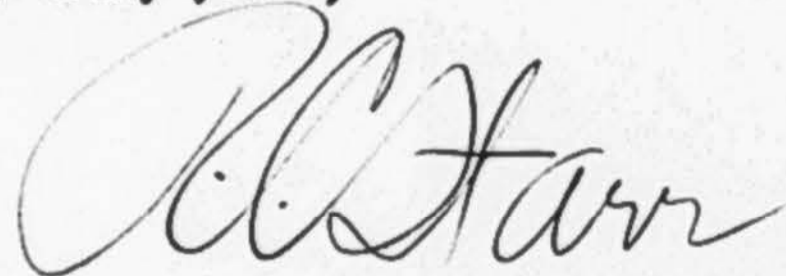
Ed. Fletcher, Esq.,
% Volcan Land & Water Company,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

I am enclosing copy of letter I have just written Mr. Treanor regarding the shipment by boat of another gasoline driven diamond drill outfit, to arrive in San Diego on the S. S. Admiral Dewey Monday night at six p.m.

Will you kindly arrange to get this equipment hauled to the Warner dam at the earliest possible date?

Very truly yours,



RCS.W
AMT
Treanor

Merced, California
April 15, 1922

John Treanor, Esq.,
800 Corporation Bldg.,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sir:

The gasoline driven drill was shipped by the International Diamond Drill Contracting Company from San Francisco this morning on the Admiral Dewey of the Pacific Steamship Company, billed to the Volcan Land & Water Company, San Diego. This boat will arrive in San Diego on Monday evening at six p.m.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Fletcher and asking him to attend to the delivery of the drill, etc., from the boat to the dam.

The extra drillers for this rig will leave San Francisco Tuesday night.

Received work from Torpen today that the Calyx drill had struck material making a two-thirds core approximately 16 ft. below the ground surface on the south side at the upper site. This is good news, and I hope that our investigations will locate a good dam site at the upper site. I feel, however, that it is a dangerous thing to predict that we will be able to get Mr. McClure's approval to a concrete dam at that site until we have completely explored the same.

I am planning to make a trip to the dam next Friday night unless I am advised by Torpen that there is no need of my coming at that time.

Very truly yours,

RCS.W
AMT
E. Fletcher ✓

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Mr. R. C. Starr,
Merced, Calif.

My dear Mr. Starr:

The core drill arrived at 6:30 last night from San Francisco, but Mr. King very kindly got the truckmen down there when the boat came in and loaded it right on and got it off by 9:30 last night so it should arrive at Warner's dam this Tuesday morning.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KIM

cc- Mr. Treanor
Mr. Henshaw

Dictated April 18th

April 26, 1922

Mr. R. C. Starr,
Merced, California.

My dear Mr. Starr:

We are agents for the Trojan Powder Company and will be very much disappointed if we do not get the business at Warner's, particularly as I have an interest in the proposition. I would appreciate anything you can do to help us in this matter.

We have a technical expert to select quarries also a demonstrator to help with any shot that might be necessary, all without charge, and we have a magazine between here and Warner's where any amount can be drawn out at any time on an hour's notice.

We have sold 8 or 10 carloads of Trojan powder to the Riverside Portland Cement Company. We are furnishing the City of San Diego with practically all of its powder and have sold 90 percent of the powder for the Barrett Dam construction. In competition with Hercules we sold 180,000 pounds to the Government at Camp Kearny.

In talking the matter over by telephone with Mr. Lippincott, I told him that our engineer Mr. Strand, would be glad to go up there and locate a quarry site and make a report without any expense to the company and Mr. Lippincott said it was satisfactory to him. I hope it meets with your approval, and would appreciate anything you can do for us in the matter.

With kind personal regards, I am
Sincerely yours,
MORSE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY

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EF:KIM

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