

Oceanside Mutual Water Company

MAIN OFFICE
910 GARLAND BUILDING
LOS ANGELES

March 19, 1923.

BRANCH OFFICE
CARLSBAD, CALIFORNIA



Mr. Ed Fletcher,
920- 8th St.,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

I enclose herewith your voucher under
date of March 16th, 1923.

I thank you for your check, and also
your kindness in extending to the writer hunting fa-
cilities on your various impounding reservoirs.

Assuring you that I was glad to be of
service to you, I am,

Very truly yours,

SDF/O

April 11th,
1922.

Mr. Thomas O'Hallaran,
Watts Building,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

Inclosed find descriptive information
furnished the State Railroad Commission pertaining
to the Cuyamaca System. The things not included
in the Cuyamaca Water Company property are as follows:

No. 5 is the land within the Murray
Hill Reservoir.

No. 6 is the land within the Webster
Reservoir.

No. 7 is the small Miles Reservoir.

No. 8 is a small tract of land of
120 acres which we bought in Poverty Gulch intending
to build a dam, but found it was impracticable.

No. 9 is the Kuehner Property -- or
where we proposed to build El Capitan Dam, but
found it impracticable.

Nos. 10, 11, 12, and 13 are small lots
on which Grossmont Reservoirs are built.

No. 14 is the land on which the repair
shop is located in Normal Heights.

No. 15 is a small strip of land acquired
by purchase from Healion, near the La Mesa Reservoir.

No. 16 is about one and a half acres
of ground, condemned from Healion, around La Mesa
Reservoir, now known as Murray Reservoir.

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No. 17 is Right-of-Way for pipe
line connecting Murray Reservoir with Eucalyptus
Reservoir.

All the rest, I believe, are
explanatory, until you get down to -

No. 50, which is the Sweetwater Cement
Syphon, and is 1,240 feet long and 39 inches in
diameter.

Yours very truly,

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August Twelfth
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Hon. James M. Oliver
U. S. Commissioner
Yosemite National Park, Calif.

Friend Oliver:

I thank you kindly for your letter of August 9th and the
compliment you pay my son, Ferdinand.

He is a good kid, clean as a whistle, high minded and I am sure
will make good. He just graduated from Oregon University with a
wonderful record and it gives him the privilege of taking a two year
course at the University of Southern California and getting his degree.

He had 9 A's and 6 B's, his record shows. With it all, however,
he is an all around kid and I am proud of him.

I thank you for the invitation and only wish I could come to
the valley, but my nose is to the grindstone as never before to feed
my family and carry on.

Kindly remember me to Col. Thomson and particularly to the good
wife.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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JAMES M. OLIVER
UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER
YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK
CALIFORNIA

Aug 9/33.

Col. Ed Fletcher
1020 9th St.
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Col:

Just a note to tell you before you are
dead that you have a fine son in Ferdinand.
We have become real friends and pitney
pals and see something of him besides
at our home as the family seem to have
"adopted" him.

It has been a real pleasure to us to have him
here and we are sorry the summer is so short.

I have found him fast intellectually and
forward looking and very much a gentleman
and it just occurred to me that it might
please you and his Mother to hear about
it now and not years later.

If you could get the time to run up this

way and give this young man the once over, Mrs
Olivia and I will be very glad to see you and Mrs
Fletcher and the Supt. Col. Thompson and I will
try to "sell" you the valley.

Sincerely

J. M. Oliver

July 6, 1935

Mr. Patrick F. O'Rourke
2000 Sixth Avenue
San Diego, California

My dear Pat:

As per your request, my suggestion as to our future steps re water development, which I submit to you as only my point of view, are as follows:

If I were City Manager I would -

First, acquire the right to complete Sutherland Dam between Sutherland and Hodges from the riparian owners, the cost not to exceed \$200,000 or \$300,000. These farmers have put the matter in my hands to settle and it will cost \$1,000,000 five years from now, in my opinion, with the return of normal conditions. Now is the time to act.

Second, Complete Sutherland Dam where we have nearly \$5,000,000 invested and run a pipe line or cement conduit into El Capitan. The whole job will not cost to exceed \$1,500,000. The pipe line should be laid on the surface of the ground which can easily be taken up when San Vicente is finally completed, in which case Sutherland water could be diverted into San Vicente. This Sutherland Dam should be financed if possible with federal money, the city only raising sufficient money to pay for the material.

Third, Mission Dam No. 3 should be built to the 330 foot contour at a total cost of not to exceed \$2,250,000 or \$2,500,000 with a connection to the city. The question of the value of the site can be left to arbitration if we can't agree. It should be financed one-half by the state government through its flood control program and the other half through federal funds with some little money from the city.

Fourth, Raise the water supply in Lake Hodges 10 feet by putting in tainter gates at a cost of not to exceed \$50,000 and impound thereby 9,000 acre feet of additional water. I am assuming that the money will be raised, \$160,000 to strengthen the dam so as to impound the additional 10 feet and specified by the State Engineer to strengthen the dam and insure its safety.

The above are just suggestions.

May Twenty-sixth
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Mr. Fred Osterman
P. O. Box 356
Beverly Hills, Calif.

My dear Mr. Osterman:

Mr. Eck was in to see me today. I am sure that everything is okay and there is no reason why you should not move on your property immediately.

I wrote to Mr. Mulit, Vice President of the Bank of America and enclosed find copy of his reply. Mr. Mulit is the head credit man of the Bank of America and vice president, one of my personal friends.

There is no reason why you should not move down there at once and I will guarantee that it is only a matter of a short time that the trust will be dissolved and all papers recorded.

I hope to meet you personally and you can rest assured of my cooperation.

I regret very much the predicament that Dr. Hansen has got into or forced himself into but I have recently taken drastic action and I again repeat there is no reason why you should not go down there immediately because I will see you thru.

Yours very truly,

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Mr. Patrick F. O'Rourke

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Don't be misguided about bringing water from the Tia Juana River. Sufficient records of the run-off are not available. I have this definitely from the State Engineer's office. The building of Moron Dam now is out of the question. It will be one of the most expensive water developments ever made by the city. If some deal can be made with the Mexican Government whereby it is a joint development and Garcia Dam is built, which takes in the North fork of the Tia Juana River from Canto, something along that line might be practical, but the building of Moron Dam will be the most costly experiment San Diego has ever made and nothing should be done until we have at least a complete 15 or 20 year record of the run-off at the Moron site, something I have been urging Savage and the city to do for 20 years but they would not do it. That country absorbs the water and the run-off is not there, as has been proven by the run-off at Moreno and Barrett, as well as Otay. It would be easier to go down into the Tia Juana River below Tia Juana and pump right into Otay, ten times less expensive and at least a quarter the cost compared to the building of Moron, for every 1000 gallons impounded.

Fifteen or twenty years hence we should build Pamo Dam site and bring the water across the Linda Vista mesa into San Diego by gravity although the town may grow and that development be made earlier. The first move would be to build a pipe line from University Heights Reservoir right across Linda Vista mesa to Pamo and catch the flood waters above Pamo and below Sutherland without building the dam. The big advantage in doing this is that you could install pumping plants in the San Pasqual Valley and pump 10,000,000 gallons of water a day during the 3 months' dry period right into the pipe line, the pumping plants to be put on the lands that the city now owns and will acquire. They should acquire the Fenton Ranch immediately. It has wonderful possibilities for an underground water supply. This also applies to the lands in the San Pasqual Valley which the city now owns.

The above are suggestions for your consideration and not for publication under my name.

With kindest regards

Sincerely yours

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MAY TWENTY-SIXTH 1922

Mr. Fred Osterman
P. O. Box 888
Beverly Hills, Calif.
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Mr. McKee is in to see me today. I am sure that everything is okay and there is no reason why you should not move on your property immediately.

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September Twelfth
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Barry
Mr. Fred Osterman
Box 356
Beverly Hills, Calif.

My dear Mr. Osterman:

Mr. Eck informs me that Dr. Hansen has promised you that we will redate the trust deeds and bring them up as of this date.

Dr. Hansen had no authority to make this pledge but in the interest of harmony it might be considered providing you paid all the back taxes.

Please let me know if this is your understanding and are you willing to deposit the money with the title company here to pay the taxes if the deed is recorded in time to take advantage of the saving in penalties and under a ruling of the tax collector and auditor that no back taxes can be paid on your property unless and until same has been deeded or unless we pay the taxes on the entire property which makes it too much of a hardship.

I can give you an estimate of the taxes if this is your understanding. Or better still if you will write a letter stating that you will take the property subject to the delinquent taxes and then pay them yourself at your pleasure, this will be satisfactory.

Please let me hear from you by return mail.

Yours very truly,

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Ed Fletcher Papers

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General Correspondence - O - Miscellaneous



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