

October Thirty-first,  
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Mr. R. G. Townsend,  
1335 Fifth St.,  
San Diego, Calif

Dear Mr. Townsends

I understand that you are the one that is stocking  
the Lakeside Lake with fish.

I thought you were going to play ball with me  
in the mountains.

Yours truly,

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STATE COUNTY PARKS AND BEACHES ASSOCIATION

June 11  
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Mr. R. G. Townsend  
1711 University  
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Townsends:

Replying to yours of the 5th instant relative to the  
"55 acres bordering on Lake Hodges", I would say as follows:

Your letter was laid before our Board of Directors yes-  
terday, and the following response was directed to be made to  
it:

First, the Board appreciates your public-spirited action  
and believes that this area should be acquired as a city or  
county reservation. The acquiring of such reservations around  
city-owned reservoirs of lakes and along public highways is in  
accord with the best practise of city, county, and state au-  
thorities.

Second, the Board believes that it would be advantageous  
for the city or county to accept your offer and acquire the  
property in question as promptly as possible. If financial  
considerations prevent now such action by the city or county  
authorities, this Board believes that some such proposition  
as a trust deed agreement, entered into by public-spirited  
citizens as might be willing to advance the cash necessary  
to complete the transaction with you, would be most fortunate  
if it can be carried out so as to insure a title to this  
property ultimately coming to the city or county, thus pre-  
venting the property from falling into other hands.

Protection of Lake Hodges itself through the acquirement  
of this land sloping from a road into the lake is essential.  
Should the necessity ever arise for increasing the height of  
the present Lake Hodges dam, the acquirement of this property  
would then be necessary, and to acquire it now would probably  
avoid greater expense and difficulty at that time.

Mr. R. G. Townsend # 2

June 11, 1930

The property has decided scenic and recreational values, which can only be preserved through the acquirement of the property by public authorities before its values shall in any way be diminished through private action. We believe that prompt action is necessary, not only to avoid, as above indicated, much greater expense later, but also in fairness to you.

By direction of the Board.

Very respectfully yours,

President W. T. Hart (signed)  
By G

Committee on Lake Hodges:

(signed) W. C. Crandall - By G  
W. C. Crandall - Chairman

(signed) W. W. Crosby - By G  
W. W. Crosby

(signed) Tam Deering  
Tam Deering

WNC/G

May 1st, 1931.

Mr. R. G. Townsend,  
1717 University Avenue,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Townsend:-

I want a map immediately showing the lands that you deeded to the syndicate, now being held in trust by the First National Bank, along the shores of Lake Hodges.

I got the First National Bank to advocate the purchase. They have written to the City Council and it will be considered by the Budget Committee. It has been offered on a basis of \$5,000.00 down and \$5,000.00 a year until paid, with 6% interest, actual cost. One of the bank officials has agreed to go down and present this matter, so let me have as big a map as you can find and be sure it's right. On a big map it will show up much better than on a small one.

Let me have it assoon as you can, please.

I have written a letter to Whitcomb. Enclosed find copy. We will see what results come from it.

Yours very truly,

EF/RC

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