Sept. 19, 1916.

Mr. A. Ray Sauer, Jr., 738 Fifth St., San Diego, Calif.

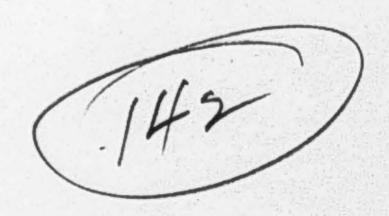
Dear Mr. Sauer:

I attach hereto copy of a letter which I have written to the State Railroad Commission regarding rate for water used for street sprinkling purposes.

Very truly yours,
CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY,

Manager.

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Mr. Ray Sauer, Chairman, Proposed District Committee, East San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Sauer:

In answer to your inquiry today in relation to the Sutherland water project on the Santa Ysabel River, will say the Sutherland damsite controls the headwaters of the Santa Ysabel River. It is part of the Volcan Water Company's system, so-called. The elevation of the damsite is 1930 feet above sea level. In selling the so-called Lake Hodges San Dieguito System to the San Dieguito Mutual Water Company, we reserved all of the water that originates east of the Sutherland damsite on the Santa Yeabel River. This is a matter of public record, covering our contract with the Santa Fe people, so we are in position to sell the Sutherland damsite and reservoir site to your proposed district, if desired.

We have made complete surveys from the Sutherland demsite to the so-called Fletcher damsite at the head of the Cuyamaca flume, all as per map hereto attached. The distance is 15-1/2 miles from the Sutherland damsite to the head of the Suyamaca flume. The conduit can be constructed for approximately \$500,000, the water will flow by gravity in the conduit, or pipe line, from Sutherland damsite to an elevation of 1858 feet, adjoining the diverting dam. There is a power drop of between 900 and 1000 feet, which should bring in a source of \$30,000, or \$40,000 revenue annually for electricity.

It would not be necessary in the beginning to build Sutherland dam, as there is a large amount of water flowing 9 or 10 months of the year at Sutherland damsite. By diverting the normal flow now, and later on building the Sutherland damsite, the net safe yield, according to our engineers, of Sutherlanddamsite, is approximately 8 million gallons daily, covering the ten dryest years known in history. The U.S. Reclamation Service, who made an exhaustive examination, in their report approved by the Director of the U.S. Reclamation Service, show

the net safe yield to be 7.6 million gallons daily.

The chapest water that can be developed in San Diego County, in my opinion, will be from the Sutherland dam, and bringing it thru the Cuyamaca System to the city, or to your district. Without the construction of Sutherland dam, our engineers estimate a net safe yield of approximately 3 million gallons daily delivered at the head of the Cuyamaca flume.

I am satisfied that the Sutherland damsite and reservoir site can be purchased on the installment plan, on the payment of \$100,000 down, and the balance on terms acceptable to the district.

I would be pleased to show your committee this project in connection with the Cuyamaca System, and if agreeable, I can go next Saturday, taking you and two or three others for a personal investigation. We could leave here, say about 7:30 in East San Diego, and if we make the trip I should like to show the committee, not alone sutherland but come back down the San Diego River so as to tie in, as it were, on the ground, the connection between the diverting dam and the Sutherland proposition.

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System is sold for \$1.500.000, and take 6 percent bonds of the district at par. I am sure that an arrangement can be made with the owner of the Sutherland damsite, whereby the damsite, reservoir site and water rights which they control can be acquired for, roughly, \$1,000,000, on the basis of a payment of a small option, and so much a year, and possibly, if it is desired, if a payment of \$100000 is made, the balance can run for a long time on a six percent basis, providing the district immediately votes sufficient bonds to construct the conduit from Sutherland to a connection with the Cuyamaca. In other words, if your district votes,

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and the Sutherland, you will be in a very strong strategic position. You will get outright deed to the densite and reservoir site known as the "Fletcher" site; bedrock has been demonstrated there by test pits and core drillings, and any type of dam can be built there. A multiple arch

dam, 132 feet high, can be built there for less than \$400.000. In addition you will have an outright deed to both of the El Capitan damsites, and a mile of reservoir site, or reservoir lands, which we now own. You will also have our most valuable asset, the El Monte gravels, from which can be pumped 5 or 6 million gallons of water 2 day for several years in case of emergency. There is a storage of 9 billion gallons of water above the El Monte pumping plant, and available, according to Government officials. This water can be pumped economically, roughly 4 or 5 cents a thousand gallons - underground waters from which there is no evaporation.

pumping rights between the Bl Monte Pumping Plant and Lakeside, lands that will be affected by our pumping at El Monte. These will be transferred also, and I consider the El Monte pumping plant and its water possibilities the greatest asset the Cuysmaca Company has.

in enyway, and furnish any further information desired.

We have completed the survey from Sutherland dam to the Fletcher site within the last few weeks. We are now considering a power proposition, which includes a pipe line from Sutherland dam, with a 1,000 foot power drop into Pamo. He contract has yet been signed up for the sale of the power, but if any contract is signed up, it will then be impossible to ever bring the Sutherland water into the San Plago watershad thru the Cuyamaca System.

with the Cuyamaca System developed by the construction of a \$100,000 dam at South Fork, and a \$400,000 dam at the Flotcher site, the U.S. "oclamation records show a net safe yield of 6.4 million gallons daily. With Sutherland developed completely, the U.S. Reclamation Service records show a net safe yield of 7.6 million gallons daily for the Sutherland slone, making a net safe yield. gravity supply, for the congined development of 14 million gallons daily. To this you can add at least a net safe yield of 3 million gallons daily from the El Monte pumping plants, making a total net safe yield, completely developed of 17 million gallons daily.

as we are going to put the flume in good condition for 8 or 10 years immediately. If your district purchased our system, the total cost of the complete

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development would be, roughly

Cuyamaca System	\$1,500,000
South Fork Dan	100,000
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Sutherland dameite and reservoir	
site	1,000,000
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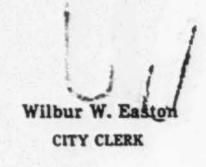
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convince any representative you care to select to investigate it that such are the facts, then you have a net safe yield of 17 million gallons daily, costing less than \$5,000,000, or between \$300,000 and \$350,000 per million gallons daily net safe yield. When you take into consideration the City of San Diego will have nearly \$9,000,000 invested in the city's water system, with a net safe yield, according to the Savago of 9.2 million gallons daily, and according to other competent engineers, 6 million gallons daily, or a cost in excess of \$1,000,000 per million gallons daily not safe yield, you can better appreciate the cheap cost of the water developed thru the combination of Sutherland and Cuyamaca.

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Very sincerely yours.

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City of East San Diego

EAST SAN DIEGO, CAL. Aug. 22, 192b.

Mr. Ed. Fletcher, San Diego, Calif.

My Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Have core drillings ever been made to determine depth of bedrock at the Southerland dem site? If so, will you kindly furnish me the records of same? If not, when can these drillings be made?

It is imperative that this Committee have this information if we are to consider the Southerland project in conjunction with the Cuyamaca System, as a source of water supply for our district.

Very truly yours,

Chairman Proposed Dist. Com

Interview between A. R. Sauer and Ed Fletcher, Jan. 20, 1922 between 11 and 11:30 A. M.

Mr. Fletcher: "What's on your mind?"

Mr. Sauer: "I am discharged."

Mr. Fletcher: "You are discharged? By whom?"

Mr. Sauer: "The city attorney."

Mr. Fletcher: "How long die you work for them?"

Mr. Sauer: "Three days."

Mr. Fletcher: "Did he actually pay you?"

Mr. Sauer: "I am to get it between now and noon. He accused me of writing that article in the San Diego News. I told him Cooke writes his own editorials. He said there was no one in San Diego could write an article like that except you. It sounds like you. I want to tell you whether it is you or Mr. Cooke, the man who would write that article ought to be in the penitentiary."

Mr. Fletcher: "What for?"

Mr. Sauer: "For betraying the city's interests - the way that (I did not understand) He fired me before we got down to this. I said "Now Mr. Cook has written the article. I knew something about this article. Cooke came to me for information - - - - I gave it to him and he put it in nearly as I gave it to him. In other words, can you have Mr. Cook put in the penitentiary for - - - more brains than you have got. So I said, ' I am mighty glad you don't want me any more. I ought not to work for you for \$50.00 a day for my time is worth more than that for what I have done. you are being paid \$4,000 a year. I am furnishing you the brains, you get \$4,000 and I get nothing. I would rather work for the city than anybody. I have already been sent for by the Spreckels' people to work on their side. I said I did not think I should. I will not take the insults and injustice and indignities - -. I may go over and play the game against you. Higgins wants to see me again this afternoon when I go to get the money".

Mr. Fletcher: "For heavens sake!"
Mr. Sauer: -----"Higgins hasn't any sense. What I told
you yesterday. Was going to move the ----- You would not
hire an attorney at \$50 a year who did not have more brains than he."

Feb. 3, 1922

Mr. A. R. Sauer brought in an article which he said he was going to print in the San Diego News and wanted me to approve it. I protested, said it was not fair to the owners of the Warner's project and not fair to Mr. Spreckels and did them an injustice. Asked him not to print it to hold off.

ED FLETCHER

The above statement is corrobated by me as I was in the office and heard the conversation.

Mast San Diego, Calif., October 11, 1922.

Honorable State Railroad Commission of California, Flood Building, San Francisco, California.

Gent le mon :

The City Council of East San Diego unanimously voted to call an election, which will be held on October 30th, to vote bonds for the purchase of the Fairmount Water Company's distribution system, the price being \$31,000. This action was taken after all the civic organizations in East San Diego had unanimously endorsed the purchase.

Your Honorable Body established rates sometime ago for water in East San Diego, which on the basis of 7% interest on the investment, might be construed as placing a value on the Fairmount Water Company's system at roughly \$65,000 or \$75,000. We believe we are making a good buy at \$31,000 and we are anxious, if possible, to have your Honorable Body in advance give us, some encouragement that if the people of East San Diego vote the bonds to purchase said system, that you will ratify said purchase, and we would appreciate very much any favorable action you might take, formally or informally, on the matter, before the election so that the people of East San Diego may know that you are in hearty sympathy with East San Diego acquiring its own distribution system, and eventually we hope to acquire our source of supply as well.

May we please have a reply from you by return mail as our time is short.

Yours very truly.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF EAST SAN DIEGO

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November 3, 1922.

Mr. Ray Sawer. East San Diego. California.

My dear I'r . Samer:

In case within eix menths from date you create a fund thru a district or otherwise to rurchese the Pairmount Water System, so-called, and are able to pay cash, I will call you the Fairmount Water Company's system within the limits of East San Diego for \$31,000.00.

It will be a crime if the city of East San Diego does not avail itself of this opportunity.

in my opinion.

Yours very truly,

registration, divide it into sections and give one small section to each worker, with instructions that he is to mark opposite each name Yes - Not - Doubtful - Non-committal, one or the other straight down the line regarding the question of the coming bond election for water. Do missionary work on the "Doubtfule".

Instructions for mr. Sauce.

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NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

San Diego, Calif. Oct. 19th

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State Railroad Commission, Flood Building, San Francisco, Calif.

Fairmount Water Company is stilling City of East San Diego its

water distribution system for Thirty one Thousand dollars. City of

East San Diego election voting bonds to purchase same on October

thirty first. We hereby petition your Honorable Body to hold

hearing and pass on this. If you can hold hearing first of next

week and give your formal consent to this sale in advance of

election it will be greatly appreciated by us and of material

value to the voters of East San Diego Kindly wire answer

FAIRMOUNT WATER COMPANY

RAY SAUER, PRES. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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DEALER 3985 UNIVERSITY AVENUE

EAST SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

Col. Ed. Fletcher 920 - 8th Street San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:

April 18 1925

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Being absolutely convinced myself that the Compromise is the very best possible plan for comprehensive water developement for San Diego, I have made up my mind to do everything within my power to help put the plan over. The organization of which I speak is to have a meeting next week, at which time the Compromise plan is to be discussed. I have been told that I would be invited to attend this meeting and take part in the discussion. In order that I may present the compromise in the best possible manner I desire all possible information on the subject, and know of no one who can give me as much authentic information on the subject as yourself.

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Will you kindly write me covering the entire stuation as thoroughly as possible, giving me all information available so that I may be enabled to persuade this organization to be for rather than against the compromise.

Thanking you, I remain

Very truly yours

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Very truly yours,

A. RAY SAUER, Jr.

April 20, 1925.

Mr. A. Ray Sauer, 3985 University Ave., East San Diego, Calif.

My dear Ray:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 18th and contents noted. I am amazed there can be any fight on settling the water question as outlined by the Railroad Commission.

In my telephone talk with you today, you said those opposing the water compromise wanted the question of the paramount right settled first so it would apply to all riparian owners on the river. The Railroad Commission plan, so-called, calls for the Cuyamaca Water Company and the La Mesa Irrigation District to immediately go into court, as a condition precedent, and confess judgment, granting in perpetuity to the City of San Diego the paramount right to the waters of the San Diego River. This gives the city absolutely a commanding situation, for the Cuyamaca Water Company and the La Mesa Irrigation District own over two -thirds of the riparian rights on the river. There is absolutely no reason for the few riparian owners whose rights the Cuyamaca Company or the District have not yet acquired to litigate with the City over the paramount right for the reason that the bill passed by Congress giving the City of San Diego the right to build El Capitan specifically states as a condition precedent that the water supply of all riparian owners below shall first be protected.

It is going to cost \$50,000 to \$100,000 for each side to fight this case to the United States Supreme Court, if the fighting continues, and it will take six years to settle the question. If you don't believe it, ask any responsible attorney. In the meantime think of the terrible loss to the entire community --- an average of \$600,000 worth of water a year running to the ocean! Which can be saved by this Railroad Commission plan being approved by all parties in interest.

The City of San Diego has voted \$4,000,000 of bonds to build El Capitan, a damsite which they do not own and cannot get possession of for the following reasons: The City of San Diego cannot, under the law, condemn the property of an irrigation district.

We made a contract with the irrigation district on the 5th day of April, 1924. The conditions of that contract,

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or option, have been completely lived up to. The district spent \$40,000 and some odd dollars in so doing, and eventually by a four to one vote voted to buy the Cuyamaca System subject to a ratification of the sale by the Railroad Commission of California. The Railroad Commission will certainly at a very early date ratify the sale, in my opinion, if the city of San Diego does not take prompt action to rafify officially the plan as agreed to in San Francisco, with the Mayor, city attorney, city manager and four members of the city council being prosent and agreeing thereto, with the La Mesa District and the Cuyamaca Company.

condemn El Capitan until two weeks after we had signed up our contract to sell to the La Mesa District. With the approval of the Railroad Commission of California to the sale of the Cuyamaca System to the district, the city is foreverbarred from condemning El Capitan dam, and will have to pay the district whatever price it asks for it later on. Never again will the city be able to compromise with the district as favorably as at the present time.

Those who want to see El Capitan dam built should got behind the so-called Railroad Commission plan to which all agreed to informally in San Francisco on the 24th day of February, and which the La Mesa Irrigation District and the Cuyamaca Water Company have officially agreed to, as per their letter of acceptance, without amondment, on March 2, 1925.

It would be a crime to continue this endless litigation between the district and the city, while the settlement of the San Diego River problems means, in my opinion, an absolute boom both to the city and the irrigation district.

The city officials of San Diego accomplished a great deal at the San Francisco meeting. They made the Cuyamaca Company give up its hunting, fishing and boating rights on El Capitan and Cuyamaca, which the Cuyamaca Co. secured under the terms of the contract with the district. This was worth to the Cuyamaca Co. \$150,000. The Cuyamaca Company got nothing in return.

The Cuyamaca Company also gave up a 100 foot easement for right of way around all the lakes free of cost, which was not included in the sale to the district.

The city officials got the district to cut down their acreage from 22,000 acres, as approved by the State Bonding Commission and Stage Engineer of California, to 18,000 acres, thereby cutting down the demands for water for 4,000 acres.

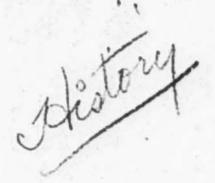
The City secured at a ridiculously low figure - \$100,000 - a large portion of El Capitan damsite, the water filings and considerable acreage that will be flooded by the building of El Capitan Dam. They are purchasing 400 acres of the valley lands of the La Mesa Irrigation District that will be flooded by the building of Mission Gorge No. 3 for \$85,000. By checking up values, you will find that this is a very low figure on today's market. Under the contract with the La Mesa District the Cuyamaca Company was to get \$150,000 for Mission Corge Damsite No. 3 and roughly 300 or 400 acres of land that is within the reservoir site. City officials secured a figure of \$125,000 for the same property with an additional 100 foot easement around the shore line, saving \$25,000 to the City in this one deal alone.

concern - the Cuyamaca Water Company - which took in last year \$172,000 for sales of water and made nearly \$100,000 profit. The net revenue is increasing each year 15 to 20 percent. This has been the experience of the Cuyamaca Company for the last four years. In other words the City of San Diego, according to the official report of the Railroad Commission's engineer and the city manager, at the end of forty years will have paid not one dollar for the entire Cuyamaca System, based on a reasonable idcrease of population as compared to the last five years.

I will be glad to answer any further questions and hope I have covered the situation to your satisfaction.

Yours very truly,

ED FLETCHER



May Seventh, 1929

San Diego, California.

Attention Mr. A. R. Souer, Editor

Dear Sirt

When you furnished the Board of Supervisors yesterday with a copy of the criginal petition, which they already had, covering the improvements of El Cajon Valley property, you either thru ignorance or uslice, I do not know which, mis-represented the situation completely in an attempt to question my versaity and sincerity.

The original petition which you presented yesterday to the Board of Supervisors called only for mater mains, grading and some paving under the Mattoon Act. The proceedings under that petition were never completed.

When I found out that the City of El Cajen was not alone taking an a large part of theland included in the petition within their city limits, but in addition the authorities were demanding sewers and storm drains, I had all my property withdrawn from the original petition, formed a separate district under the Matteon Act and improved all my Villo Caro Heights property under a different act from the ten year bonding plan covering El Cajon Acres.

My only ownership of land in the El Cajon Acres project, as I have stated before, consists of 12 lots only.

The only complaints that I have ever heard come from Adams Subdivision - 10 acres of land adjoining E: Cajon - that were not in the original patition and came in of their own accord at the suggestion of the City of El Cejon. These people feel that they have been taxed excessively.

I never had anything to do with Adams Subdivision coming into the El Cajon Acres district.

I have never examined to see whether their assessments are equable or not but I have every confidence in the county officials who have approved the assessments.

I regret that any one suffers but these improvements were expensive, the unit cost exceedingly low, but this is the case in all large improvement districts.

In fairness to me and considering the unfair publicity you have given me I ask that this letter be printed on the front page of your San Diego Herald.

Yours truly,

ED FLETCHER

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