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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

May 6, 1920.

Mr. Louis J. Wilde,  
San Diego,  
California.

My dear Sir:-

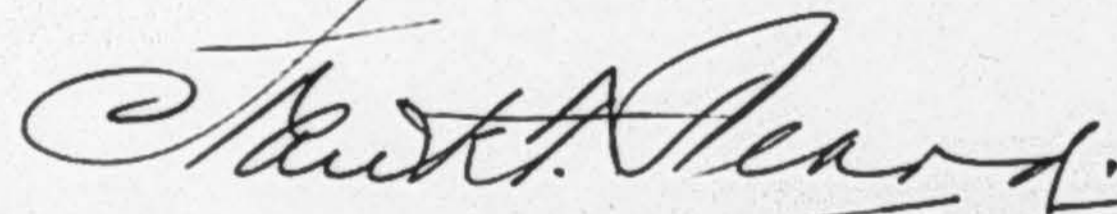
I am taking the liberty of writing to ask you if you can give me any information about a Water Company that is said to have its source of supply from Warner Springs.

I am interested in something over 4,000 acres of farming land adjoining Hemet, for which we wish to get water. We are considering several plans at this time, but if it is true that the Company utilizing the Warner Springs water, or whatever body of water it may be called, is about to bring its supply to Ferris, we would be much interested in discussing with the heads of this Company, supplying us with water.

I do not even know that I am justified in writing you, but if I am wrong you must accept that as a penalty for being one who is given credit for having much information about, and being in many enterprises.

I enclose stamped envelope for your reply, which I will appreciate, at your convenience.

Very truly yours,



FFP F

Original sent to Mr. H. N. Harford May 7, 1920

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Col. Edward Fletcher,  
San Diego,  
California.

Dear Sir:

I have written Mr. Wilde asking if he can give me any information about the Water Company which has the source of its supply at Warner Springs. I am very much in the dark about this project, as to whether it is actually under way or is something that is proposed. My interest is aroused from the fact that I am the Vice President of the above Company, which is taking over the Byrne tract of some 4000 acres adjoining the town of Hemet.

We are also prospectively interested in a still larger tract nearby, and while we have several sources of supply for water thereabouts, we are in a most respective state of mind, if anything better than that which has come to our notice so far, is offered.

Whether correct or not, I have been told you are shortly to bring water to Ferris and vicinity. If that is true you could easily leave some of it enroute.

I have probably told you enough to show my interest, and I will appreciate having as much information as you can place before me. Perhaps there is someone I can call upon in Los Angeles who is fully conversant with the subject.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply,  
Very truly yours,

FRANK F PEARD.

FFP F



May  
Seventh  
Nineteen  
Twenty

Mr. Frank F. Beard, Vice-Pres.,  
Richland Company,  
Johnson Building,  
Los Angeles, Calif.

My dear Mr. Beard:

I have referred your letter to the  
Perris Committee.

The surveys taking the water from  
Warners to Perris will be completed this week.  
The state engineer has approved the project, the  
U. S. Reclamation Service have passed on the net  
safe yield of water, and we guarantee to deliver  
all the riparian rights of diversion. It is a  
matter of negotiation.

My suggestion is that you take this  
matter up thoroly with Mr. H. N. Harford of  
Perris, and cooperate with him, and his committee.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

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