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Memorandum for Hon. E. V. Izak, Member House of Representatives,
San Diego, California.

SUBJECT: P. W. A. Application No. California 1868,
Fallbrook Public Utility District,
Fallbrook, California.

This is a brief summary of this P.W.A. application which was filed in San Francisco on June 22, 1938. The application, after having been approved by the Engineering Division, Finance Division and the Legal Division, was forwarded to Washington some time during July and has not yet been acted upon. On August 25, 1938, H. A. Gray, Assistant Administrator, wrote that the application "is under active consideration." On the same date additional information was asked for by the Regional Director and that letter contained the following language:

"In order that plans, specifications and contract documents may be submitted to your Regional Office for examination in time to permit construction to be started at the earliest possible moment, and in any event not later than January 1, 1939, or such earlier date as may be specified in the government's offer, the following diversions from customary practice are permitted..."

To date nothing further has been heard from Washington or San Francisco.

1. Nature of Project and Application. Fallbrook Public Utility District asks for 45% grant in the amount of \$62,514.00 for additional water development and water distribution system for public domestic and irrigation use within Fallbrook Public Utility District.

Total cost of project is \$138,919.00 of which amount 55%, or \$76,405.00, will be provided by Utility District through sale of Serial Notes. Responsible offers from banking and security houses declaring willingness to bid for these notes have been filed with P.W.A. office.

2. Location and Area of Project. Town of Fallbrook and area adjoining Fallbrook, approximately 4,500 acres, all in San Diego County. (See attached map).

3. Approximate Population of District 1500 to 1600.

4. Description of Project. Well and pumping plant to be installed on diversion point on San Luis Rey River (see map) on land now under option to District; pipe line to be constructed on right of way to be owned by District, to new reservoir to be constructed and to existing reservoir in Fallbrook; new water supply from San Luis Rey River to be added to present inadequate water supply being secured by District from Santa Margarita River.

5. Economic Justification of Project. In answer to information asked on this subject, on the P.W.A. application form

"This project is part of the water development of the Fallbrook Utility District which was created in 1922, and serves the District with public domestic and irrigation water. This District is now in the process of annexing, by petitions for inclusion, approximately 4000 acres of partly highly developed, and partly undeveloped citrus and avocado land, in a practically frostless region. This approximate 4000 acres was part of the existing Fallbrook Irrigation District, which is in process of dissolution. The Utility District contemplates the inclusion only of the most appropriate adjacent lands now part of the Irrigation District and to the extent only that water will be available. The applicant's present available water supply is definitely inadequate for the District's present and immediately prospective needs, and the San Luis Rey development covered in this application is the only available and economical additional supply. This District's prosperity and growth is absolutely dependent upon the immediate use and development of the San Luis Rey supply as contemplated in this application."

And further,

"The territory to be served with domestic, public, industrial and irrigation water by the enlarged Fallbrook Utility District, if this application is granted, is one of the oldest settlements in the State and an area exceptionally well adapted to citrus and avocado culture and to the development of self-supporting home sites and small citrus farms. Climate and living conditions, if a reasonably adequate water supply is assured, are as favorable as anywhere in the country. For many years this district has struggled, at much expense, to secure the additional water essential for its maintenance and growth. The San Luis Rey allotment, permit for which was transferred to applicant on June 13th of this year, is the only practical permanent supply applicant can use, and such use can promptly be made reality if this application is granted. State approval for use of water has been granted subject to the early construction development and use and subject to certain other conditions which applicant can and will fulfill."

In the additional information asked for as to the "necessity and social desirability" of the project, we said:

"It may here be said that this project, from the viewpoint of necessity and social desirability, will stand up, we are sure, under the most thorough scrutiny and investigation. This is a domestic, public and agricultural irrigation water supply project, urgently needed by an old, well developed community of hard working American farmers and workers and business people, of essentially modest means. The project is not a promotional venture and the speculative element is noticeably absent. Without this water development and the completion of this project, the District is bound to suffer serious and increasing loss and its further growth, so deserving on all counts and so certain, if only the available water can be put to its highest use, will inevitably be at an end. An inspection by a representative of your office, which we respectfully invite at the earliest possible moment, will make this clear. This is not a newly made project; it is part of a larger essential public enterprise, but one that cannot be carried through without federal assistance."

6. Revenues and Expenses. Detailed estimate was filed with P.W.A. showing that with an average revenue of \$25.00 per acre foot per month all expenses, including amortization of Serial Notes, can be met and a slight net revenue to the District will be obtained. It will be noted that the provision covered in the P.W.A. application does not contemplate construction and distribution of the entire 2500 acre feet included in the State permit; only 900 acre feet will be developed at this time.

7. Why Prompt Action by P.W.A. on our Application is Necessary. Since the filing of our P.W.A. application the Fallbrook Public Utility District has diligently pressed its application for San Luis Rey water before the Division of Water Resources of the District of Public Works of the State of California. Within the last two weeks the State has granted the Fallbrook Public Utility District an appropriation of 2,500 acre feet, which amount of water may be taken from the San Luis Rey River under certain conditions. Among those conditions is the requirement that construction and diversion works be promptly undertaken. Without prompt action the permit will lapse. The District is also anxious to start construction before the rainy season and, most important, there is a real water shortage in the District.

The importance of this application and this water development to the District is indicated by the practically unanimous vote (above 99%) of the interested property owners and water users agreeing to the dissolution of the former Irrigation District and expressing their willingness to be incorporated in the enlarged Public Utility District. Another indication of this importance of the project is the declared willingness of the Fallbrook High School District to ask that its application to P.W.A. for funds for additional high school construction be disregarded in favor of the application for this additional water supply. Mr. Potter, Principal

of the High School, will himself confirm this statement to you.

8. Our Request. We would very greatly appreciate if you would take this matter up with Hon. Harold L. Ickes, Administrator of P.W.A., and, for the reasons stated above, urge upon him prompt action on our application.

We understand that Mr. Ickes will shortly be in California and that his itinerary includes an automobile trip from San Diego to Riverside. His route, as you will note from the attached map, leads directly through the Fallbrook Public Utility District and we would be very happy if you and he could stop at Fallbrook for as long, or as short, a time as may be possible and that we might have an opportunity to show him our country. We have no doubt that Mr. Ickes would then see, as you do, the importance and social and economic justification of this relatively small project.

Richard Sachse,
Consulting Engineer.

RS:1

October 4, 1938.

P. W. A. Application No. California 1868.

Mr. Izac:

If you will be good enough to communicate with Mr. Ickes of the P.W.A. the following points might be emphasized:

1. Our application was first filed in the San Francisco P.W.A. office on June 23, 1938; it was approved by the Engineering, Finance and Legal Departments of the San Francisco District Office in July.
2. Legal steps for incorporation of additional lands into the Public Utility District, referred to in the P.W.A. application have been completed and District can now go forward immediately with construction work.
3. State water permit for diversion of 2,500 acre feet from San Luis Rey River has been granted, subject to condition among others that construction of water works be promptly undertaken. Delay may jeopardize water permit in view of fact that other applications for water from same source are on file.
4. Public Utility District is extremely anxious to start construction work in order to complete pumping plant and pipeline before rainy season.
5. Arrangements for District's 55% of financing may become jeopardized if action on application is further delayed.
6. Most important, the Public Utility District is at present experiencing an actual water shortage and is most urgently in need of this additional water development.

Richard Sachse.

October 4, 1938.

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October 6th

HON. SNYDER, CALIFORNIA EXPEDITOR
PUBLIC WORKS ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

RE PWA PROJECT CALIFORNIA 1868 FOR FALLBROOK PUBLIC
UTILITY DISTRICT REQUEST YOUR AID IN EXPEDITING
APPROVAL THIS PROJECT AT EARLIEST MOMENT TO PERMIT
THEM TO PROCEED WITH WATER PROJECTS WITHOUT WHICH
THE NEEDS OF THE DISTRICT CANNOT BE SUPPLIED.
BELIEVE IT TO BE A MOST WORTHY PROJECT. REGARDS.

ED. V. IZAC

M.C.

October 22, 1938

Mr. Ed. Hiatt
State Engineer
State Office Building
Sacramento, California

Subject: P.W.A. Application
No. California 1868 for 45%
grant of cost of Fallbrook
Public Utility District Water
Project

My dear Mr. Hiatt:

I am writing this letter in behalf of the Fallbrook Public Utility District. Since June of this year I have tried to assist the District in its application for P.W.A. grant (the 45% grant amounting to \$62,514; the 55% to be provided by the District, amounting to \$76,405 and the total project cost being \$138,919.00).

Let me say that I have done what little I have because of my genuine interest in the District, without compensation. Unfortunately I don't seem to have had much success because on the 12th instant we were notified by W. Bruce Macnamee, Special Assistant to the Administrator, that our project had been "recommended for disapproval for financial reasons."

On Wednesday, the 19th, I had a wire from Mr. W. A. Anderson of Fallbrook reading as follows: "I talked with Ed. Hiatt, State Engineer at Brawley, Monday evening. He is to meet Secretary Ickes in San Francisco Wednesday and would like to do everything possible in our behalf." Hiatt asked that I telegraph him copy of letter received from Macnamee. Will you contact Ed. Hiatt, 620 State Building, San Francisco, giving him full information?" Signed W. A. Anderson."

I called at Room 620 State Building in San Francisco but was told that you were in Sacramento. I am therefore taking the liberty to enclose the following papers:

(1) My memorandum of October 4th to Hon. E. V. Izac, Member of Congress, San Diego, California. This memorandum gives an outline of the project and the application.

(2) Copy of Mr. Macnamee's letter to Mr. C. E. Lamb of October 12, 1938.

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(3) Telegram from Mr. C. E. Lamb to Mr. W. Bruce Macnamee of October 17, 1938.

(4) Copy of Mr. C. E. Lamb's letter to Mr. Macnamee of October 21, 1938.

I know only too well that what the District needs in order to have the application considered favorably by P.W.A. is the endorsement and the follow-up of a man like yourself. You are well acquainted with the Fallbrook situation and I know that you are satisfied as to the economic justification of the project and the absolute need of the District for additional water. Anything you can do, therefore, to help this good cause along will be written up to your credit in the next world, if not in this one, and the District will be profoundly grateful. Time, of course, is the essence of this matter.

I also want you to know that I have written Senator Ed Fletcher and forwarded him the same information.

With kindest personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

RS:m
Encl.

Richard Sachse

RICHARD SACHSE
CONSULTING ENGINEER
215 WEST SIXTH STREET
LOS ANGELES
TRINITY 5401

October 28, 1938

Hon. Ed. Fletcher
State Senator
1020 Ninth Avenue
San Diego, California.

Re: W.P.A. Docket, Calif. No. 1868,
Fallbrook Public Utility District.

My dear Senator Fletcher:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 27th instant together with the enclosure.

I want you to know how much I, personally, appreciate your understanding of and your interest in the Fallbrook water situation and the very valuable assistance you are giving us. The Directors of the District and the Fallbrook people, I am sure, feel the same way.

In order to keep you informed, I am taking the liberty to enclose copy of a telegram I sent to W. Bruce Macnamee, Special Assistant to the Administrator, on the 27th instant. You will note in the last paragraph of that telegram that I referred to you and I trust that in doing this I did not go beyond the bounds of our understanding and of our friendship. A copy of that telegram together with a special delivery, air mail letter and certain other supporting papers on the same day went forward to Mr. H. A. Gray, Assistant Administrator, Washington.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Richard Sachse

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Enclosure (1)

October 27, 1938

Mr. Richard Sachse
Consulting Engineer
Fallbrook Public Utility District
215 West 6th Street
Los Angeles, California

Re:-WPA Docket, Calif. No.1868
Fallbrook Public Utility District

My dear Mr. Sachse:

Thanks for your letter of the 22nd. Enclosed find copy of letter from Ed Hyatt, the State Engineer to Mr. Lamb.

I am following up this matter in every way I can and you will hear from me later.

Confirming our meeting at the Palace Hotel Monday night, I have taken the matter up with Ed Hyatt and with Senator Johnson direct. Will also take the matter up with a personal friend of mine in Washington who will personally contact Mr. Gray.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv
Encl.

RICHARD SACHSE
CONSULTING ENGINEER
215 WEST SIXTH STREET
LOS ANGELES
TRINITY 5401

November 11, 1938

Hon. Ed. Fletcher
State Senator
1020 Ninth Avenue
San Diego, California.

Re. Fallbrook District

My dear Senator Fletcher:

Will you let me express my congratulations to your Senate victory (which I felt sure was a foregone conclusion) and my best wishes for a long continued happy career and useful and successful public service.

Having said this - it sounds sort of trite and beside the mark - you don't need anybody's congratulations. But let it go; the sentiment is sincere, anyway.

You will be glad to know that in our Fallbrook matter we have now given the P.W.A. in Washington definite and unmistakable proof of the District's ability to finance its 55%. We have assurance from the San Francisco office that our application is now complete and in good order and that there is a good chance for us to receive the grant. If we do Fallbrook's success will be due in no small measure to your assistance and help.

Hoping to see you soon, and with kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Richard Sachse

L/Richard Sachse

November 14, 1938.

Mr. Richard Sachse,
Consulting Engineer,
215 West Sixth Street
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Sachse:

Enclosed find copy of letter to Mr. Lamb which is explanatory; also clipping showing the returns from the elction.

Am following this matter up in every way.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours sincerely,

EF M

Ed Fletcher Papers

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