

September 12, 1923.

Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Spreckels:

This is probably the last time I am going to ask you for money on national highway work.

I have been, within the last two weeks, over to Arizona on business and while there went over the road situation. Phoenix has been industriously working for a direct highway to Blythe marked in red. A bunch of public spirited citizens of Southern Arizona are determined to outwit Phoenix at her own game and they have prepared a map similar to the one herewith enclosed.

Enclosed herewith find copy of letter from Mr. Hunt that is explanatory. This money must be raised. I am giving \$100 myself toward this expense and ask that you send me \$150 to \$250 for the good of the cause to complete the building of the road Gila Bend to Casa Grande along the Southern Pacific Railroad. It is practically as short a route as the Ajo, and is more attractive to the Eastern tourists on account of its following the Southern Pacific Railroad the entire distance. It gives them a safer feeling.

The highway is already built in good shape from El Paso via Lordsburg to Douglas, Tombstone and Casa Grande. It is all built and in good condition from El Paso via Globe and Superior to Casa Grande. It is already completed or under contract from Gila Bend to Yuma, a magnificent highway, which I went over the other day. The connecting link between Gila Bend and Casa Grande is mostly in Maricopa County, dominated by Phoenix, with the result that not one dollar will be spent by Maricopa supervisors to build the Gila Bend, Maricopa Casa Grande road and it all must be done by private subscription.

San Diego will then get its share of the travel without a doubt, when the road is built, and this is the best money we can ever spend.

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Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Spreckels:

Mr. W. C. Smith, the county engineer in charge of the road work on the Gila Bend - Casa Grande road, writes that the work is progressing in good shape, which means that any money San Diego citizens are donating for the good of the cause must be sent to Arizona at once.

Mr. Fletcher promised that he would raise \$1,000 or \$1,500 in San Diego, and inasmuch as this road will divert much travel our way and will rebound to the benefit of San Diego City, he felt sure he would meet with prompt response to his request.

Ex-Governor Campbell of Arizona went over this road on his way back to Phoenix, and writes that he was surprised to see with what ease a good passable road could be constructed.

If you have already sent your check to Mr. Clement direct, will you please telephone to this office that we may keep a record of same? If not, we would like to have a check payable for whatever amount you can give for this work, made payable to Mr. W. C. Clement, treasurer, that we may send it to him promptly.

Thanking you, we are

Yours sincerely,
ED FLETCHER COMPANY

By

KLM

P. S. Mr. Fletcher is still in the East, and we are writing this in his absence for the reason that it is necessary that the money be raised as quickly as possible.

KLM

Our activities in helping Southern Arizona get a highway direct to Yuma have borne wonderful results. We have many friends and the San Diego & Arizona Railroad is getting a tremendous benefit on account of the friendliness of Southern Arizona toward San Diego.

This money must be raised immediately. We propose to have the work completed in 90 days and I hope to have a check from you by return mail for whatever you can afford to give, made payable to J. E. Franklin, President of the Yuma National Bank, who is custodian of the funds.

With the completion of a good passable road San Diego to El Paso, my highway work is completed.

I want to thank you for the hearty cooperation I have received from you in the past. Our work is bearing fruit. Nearly 100 machines a day are coming thru Yuma now to El Centro. With the work completed you will soon see three to five hundred machines a day coming thru Yuma to the coast. This is the number of machines that are now coming thru Needles and by Barstow. The Chamber of Commerce should immediately take steps to put up proper signs at advantageous points between Holtville and Phoenix and all the way to El Paso, telling of the advantages of San Diego.

Thanking you again for your kind cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM



SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY

SAN DIEGO & CORONADO FERRY COMPANY

OFFICE OF VICE PRES. AND GENERAL MANAGER

CLAUS SPRECKELS.
VICE PRES. AND GENERAL MANAGER

E. J. BURNS.
ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

October 2, 1923.

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,

San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your communication under date of September 26th regarding the matter of donation in connection with the road work on the Gila Bend- Casa Grande road, there is being forwarded to you herewith Mr. Claus Spreckels' check in the amount of \$100. which he filled out before leaving the city.

Very truly yours,

Secretary to Vice-Pres. & General Mgr.

GHM:c

October 8, 1923.

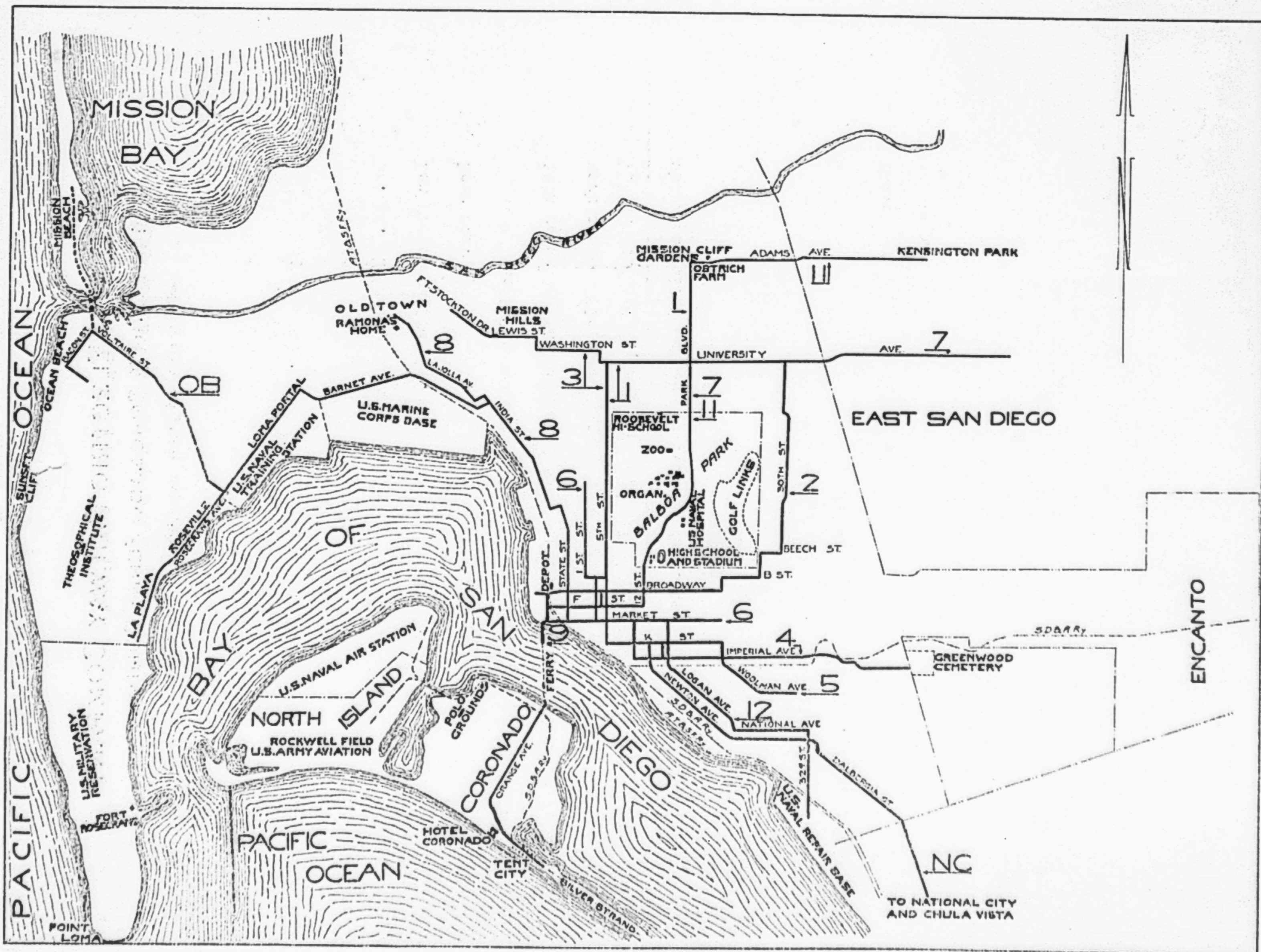
Mr. Claus Spreckels, Gen'l Mgr.,
San Diego Electric Railway Co.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Spreckels:

Many thanks for your generous subscription to the Casa Grande-Gila Bend road work. The work is progressing nicely and will be completed within the specified time, and it will be of great benefit to us all indirectly.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM



October 9, 1923.

Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Claus:

Enclosed find copies of letters from Mr. Walter C. Smith, county engineer of Pinal County, who has charge of the work on the Casa Grande-Gila Bend road, also copy of letter from Mr. W. P. Clement, president of the Casa Grande Valley Bank, who is handling the funds. These are sent to show you the progress of the work and how your money is being spent.

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Same letter to Claus Spreckels, J. L. Russell, Globe Grain & Milling Co., Wholesale Grocers Ass'n., Brunswig Drug Co., Schiefer & Sons, Sanitary Ice Cream Co., Western Metal Supply Co., Geo. W. Marston, Sam Porter, M. F. Heller, Material men's Ass'n., Mrs. F. M. White

June 12, 1924.

Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
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My dear Claus:

I am more than happy to see you take an interest in the subject of water development. You will never regret it and I will never forget it. The problem is a vital one and deserves your most earnest attention.

The City water Commission was fired by Mayor Bacon the day after it made its report recommending the acquisition of Sutherland and Cuyamaca System, the building of Fletcher dam and Mission Gorge No. 3 as the most economical development for the city of San Diego. Since then we have contracted to sell to the La Mesa Irrigation District and there is no question but what the deal will be consummated.

The only economical solution and one within the city's means to solve the water problem today is to make a compromise with the La Mesa Irrigation District, let them confess judgment to the city on the paramount right question; allow them to build Fletcher dam to hold 17,000 acre feet, or a little less than 6 billion gallons, and for a nominal figure, in perpetuity, lease the water that has already been diverted and the water that would be impounded by the Fletcher dam, so-called. Let the city acquire No. 3 and complete it at an early date.

The Sutherland damsite should be purchased, or condemned, and for \$500,000 the water can be brought to the Fletcher damsite from Sutherland, a 950 ft. power drop will be developed with a large revenue resulting thereto, and for roughly 2 cents a thousand gallons, I am sure the district will be glad to transport the water into the city.

It may not be necessary to build Sutherland dam for years, only divert the water that originates there, the natural flow of the stream, depending entirely upon our future rainfall, but the damsite and reservoir site should be acquired immediately for the city's benefit.

Any talk of building San Vicente dam at the present time is a mistake, for the following reasons: The dam itself, including the acquisition of the reservoir lands, will cost approximately \$3,000,000. The cost of the pipe line to the city is an additional \$1,000,000.

There is not enough water there to warrant its construction without being reinforced by the Sutherland supply.

The entire cost of the project would be \$4,500,000. With interest at 5 percent, depreciation 2 percent, operation and maintenance 1 percent would make 8 percent per annum, or an annual charge of approximately \$325,000 a year

For \$500,000 you can build a cement conduit from Sutherland to Fletcher, get a handsome revenue from the power drop into Fletcher of 950 feet, running water thru the Cuyamaca flume at a nominal rental, saving a capital expenditure at this time of nearly \$4,000,000, and delivering the water into the city cheaper than thru the San Vicente scheme.

I would recommend the acquisition of San Vicente immediately and hold for future development; The acquisition of Sutherland; the building of Mission Gorge No. 3 and the eventual construction of San Vicente means an additional net safe yield during the seven driest years of record, in excess of 20 million gallons daily, and an average for the last 20 year period of approximately 28 million gallons daily. Including our present net safe yield of 10 million gallons daily from the city system, 3 million gallons from Hodges, gives us a supply for a city of 350,000 people, at least, independent of the La Mesa Irrigation District supply.

In addition to the above undoubtedly you can develop 4 or 5 million gallons daily from the Tia Juana River by pumping.

Certainly we are rendering a service to this community and future generations by this plan of development and no more could be expected.

I only wish I could get into the thick of it, but my actions would be misjudged if I were publicly identified with this plan at the present time. I am more than deeply grateful to you for your interest in the water development of San Diego County, and you can rest assured of my hearty cooperation all the way down the line.

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Fletcher to put in safe.

June 16, 1924.

Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
San Diego, California.

My dear Claus:

As per the request of the committee, I furnished Mr. A. P. Johnson, Jr. with the legal description of the lands within the Sutherland reservoir site on Friday.

Attached hereto is grant deed which I have secured from Dr. C. L. Good, deeding to the City of San Diego the 40 acres of land just below the land owned by the water company on the Santa Ysabel River, adjoining Sutherland damsite, so-called.

Dr. Good is not aware of it, but there is an ideal damsite on this 40 acres, and it will be of inestimable value to the city in court, to show that it owns the Sutherland damsite, and that it is only condemning certain lands that are necessary to be flooded. The strategic value to the city is in the damsite itself, and the water fillings.

I have delivered to Mr. Jack Thompson, at his request, the papers prepared for the City of San Diego to file on the waters of the Santa Ysabel River, on the lands that I have induced Dr. Good to deed to the city free of charge. I believe this completes all the papers asked for.

If the city council fails to act, the La Mesa District, I am sure, will make this filing themselves, and turn it over to the city, unless your committee of six decides that you desire to make the water filing yourself on behalf of the city.

In preparing all these papers, it is my understanding that your committee is in thore sympathy with my suggested plan of bringing the water from Sutherland into the Fletcher site and making arrangements for a nominal figure for the irrigation district to bring the Sutherland water from there into the city.

It is the most economical way for the next 10 or 15 years, altho I would advise the acquisition of the San Vicente damsite and its construction at a later date. The city would then be in a position to bring Sutherland water both ways, but the most economical thing for the city to do today is to build No. 3, a single arch or radial cone type of dam, holding not to exceed 15 billion gallons, and acquire and build Sutherland. You will then be adding approximately 14 million gallons daily net safe yield during the 7 driest years of record, and in excess of 20 million gallons daily, based on the last 30 years' records.

Attached hereto is copy of contracts between the San Dieguito Mutual Water Co., Santa Fe Land Improvement Company and Henshaw, which were put of record in 1918 whereby Henshaw reserved from the Lake Hodges system the Sutherland water for other uses, and to which the water company agreed to lay no claim, all for your information.

I also enclose permission from Dr. Good and wife

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As it is practically certain that our Cuyamaca System will be sold to the Irrigation District, I am not going to make any active fight in behalf of any dam on the San Diego River and it is up to your committee and the council to thrash it out.

Yours very truly,

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ED FLETCHER

EP:KIM

Charles L. Good and Effie A. Good, husband and wife

For and in consideration of Ten -----
and no/100 ----- (10.00) ----- DOLLARS,

Do hereby grant to The City of San Diego

All that Real Property situated in Section Sixteen (16) Twp. 12 S., R 2 E., S.B.M.
San Diego

County of San Diego, State of California, bounded and described as follows:
Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of the Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$)

of Section 16 all in Township 12 South, Range 2 East, S.B.M.

subject to the following conditions, ie: That said City of San Diego shall by appropriate deed, re-transfer to grantors within five years from date any lands described in this deed not necessary or useful for the construction, operation and perpetual maintenance of any Dam or Pipe Line for the impounding and diversion of water into other watershed in perpetuity by the City of San Diego, from the Santa Ysabel River.

Providing a dam is built, a condition of this transfer is that the grantor shall be furnished with a tap and water shall be furnished free of charge in perpetuity for stock purposes.

To Have and to Hold the above granted and described premises unto the said Grantee its heirs and assigns forever,

Witness our S S 14th day of June 4 192

Signed and executed in presence of

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
County of San Diego. } ss.

On this.....day of.....Nineteen Hundred and
..... before me,.....
a Notary Public in and for said County and State, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn.
personally appeared
.....
known to me to be the person.... described in and whose name.....subscribed to the within
instrument and acknowledged to me that.....he.....executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal,
at my office, in said County of San Diego, State of California, the day and year
in this certificate first above written.

.....
Notary Public in and for the County of San Diego, State of California

Mail to.....

Grant Reed

TO

Dated 192.....

ARREY-JONES COMPANY
COMMERCIAL STATIONERS
933 FOURTH STREET
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

July 11, 1924.

Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Claus:

I was sorry you were not at the last meeting.

We missed you.

Enclosed find tentative draft of the agreement between the city and the district. This tentative agreement has been prepared at the request of Messrs. Rhodes, Halley and Thompson, as the result of our conference on Wednesday last.

Wish you would give it your earnest consideration as we desire to get together again at an early date and desire your friendly criticism, as well as attendance at the next meeting.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

July 16, 1924.

Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Claus:

Re our conference in your office with Mr. Rhodes Tuesday, enclosed find copy of my letter to Mr. Rhodes, also copy of the revised agreement between the district and the city.

Please destroy the old one so as not to get things mixed up.

I would appreciate any suggestions, and do thank you for your kindly interest in this matter.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

September 2, 1924.

Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
San Diego, California.

My dear Claus:

Enclosed find copy of option to the La Mesa
District, which was put in escrow with the First
National Bank. This option was also signed by
C. F. Stern, my partner.

Please have Mr. Dilworth look it over and let
me know what you think of the situation.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

October 25, 1924.

File
Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
San Diego, California.

My dear Claus:

I had your assurance that the Union and Tribune
would keep hands off on this question of sale of the
Cuyamaca System to the district, and would give us our
share of the publicity.

Thursday night the Board of Directors of the San
Diego Chamber of Commerce unanimously endorsed the sale
of the system to the district and a copy of this resolution,
which was real news, was delivered to the ~~Union~~ and they
refused to print it. I wrote a special letter yesterday
asking the editor of the Union to print it, and sent a
copy of the resolution with my letter, that it might be
published in this morning's paper. The San Diego Chamber
of Commerce also furnished the minutes of the meeting,
including the resolution.

The resolution was not printed but instead I
found in its place this morning two articles, located in
prominent places derogatory to the sale, one of them
written by a Union reporter sent out for the purpose
to Lemon Grove to attend the meeting.

If you consider this fair play, I don't, and
presume that you had nothing to do with it. I am anxious
to know if this is going to be the attitude of the paper
from now on. In all fairness I think I am entitled to
an answer. I am not looking for any trouble, but am trying
to cooperate with you in every way possible, and am writing
this from a friend to a friend and would like to know where
I am at on this proposition, please.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

cc - Dilworth
Stern
Jack Thompson



SAN DIEGO ELECTRIC RAILWAY COMPANY

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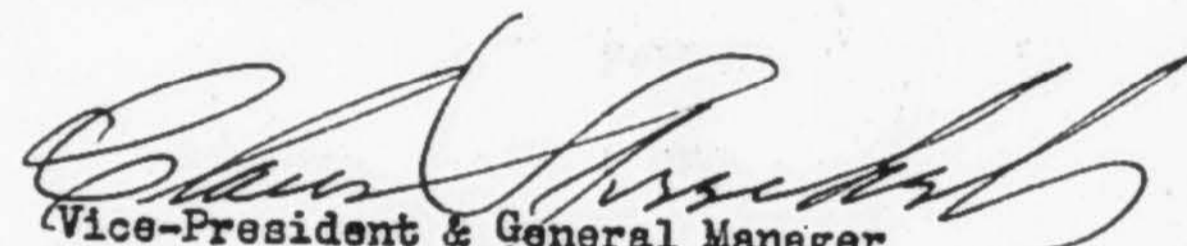
October 31, 1924

Mr. Ed Fletcher,
920 Eighth Street,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

Your communication of the twenty-fifth at hand
and you will kindly note what I have said to Mr. MacMullen.

Yours very truly,


Vice-President & General Manager

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October 31, 1924

Mr. James MacMullen, Editor,
San Diego Union,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

After the action of the Chamber of Commerce indorsing the purchase of the Cuyamaca Water System by the La Mesa District, you asked me whether the same should be published. I told you to publish both pro and con on the water subject. I find that after this, the decision of the Chamber of Commerce was not published and regardless of what any opinion may be, it rather looks as if we are trying to oppose the purchase of the Cuyamaca System by the La Mesa District. To me, that is not the point which we consider vital. The question was the proper location of the damsite.

It seems to me that the matter of the purchase of the Cuyamaca System was mostly legal conditions that interfered and therefore I am not trying to pass judgment. I don't think we should take any issue on this and believe it should be left entirely to the courts to decide. I think if we publish news facts on the subject and do not publish the report indorsed by the Chamber of Commerce, it would give a mistaken opinion, and it not giving the true facts of the case. By all means publish things that are any formal actions by any body such as the Chamber of Commerce, Water Committees and accounts of the City Council. I think that they should be quoted verbatim to the public.

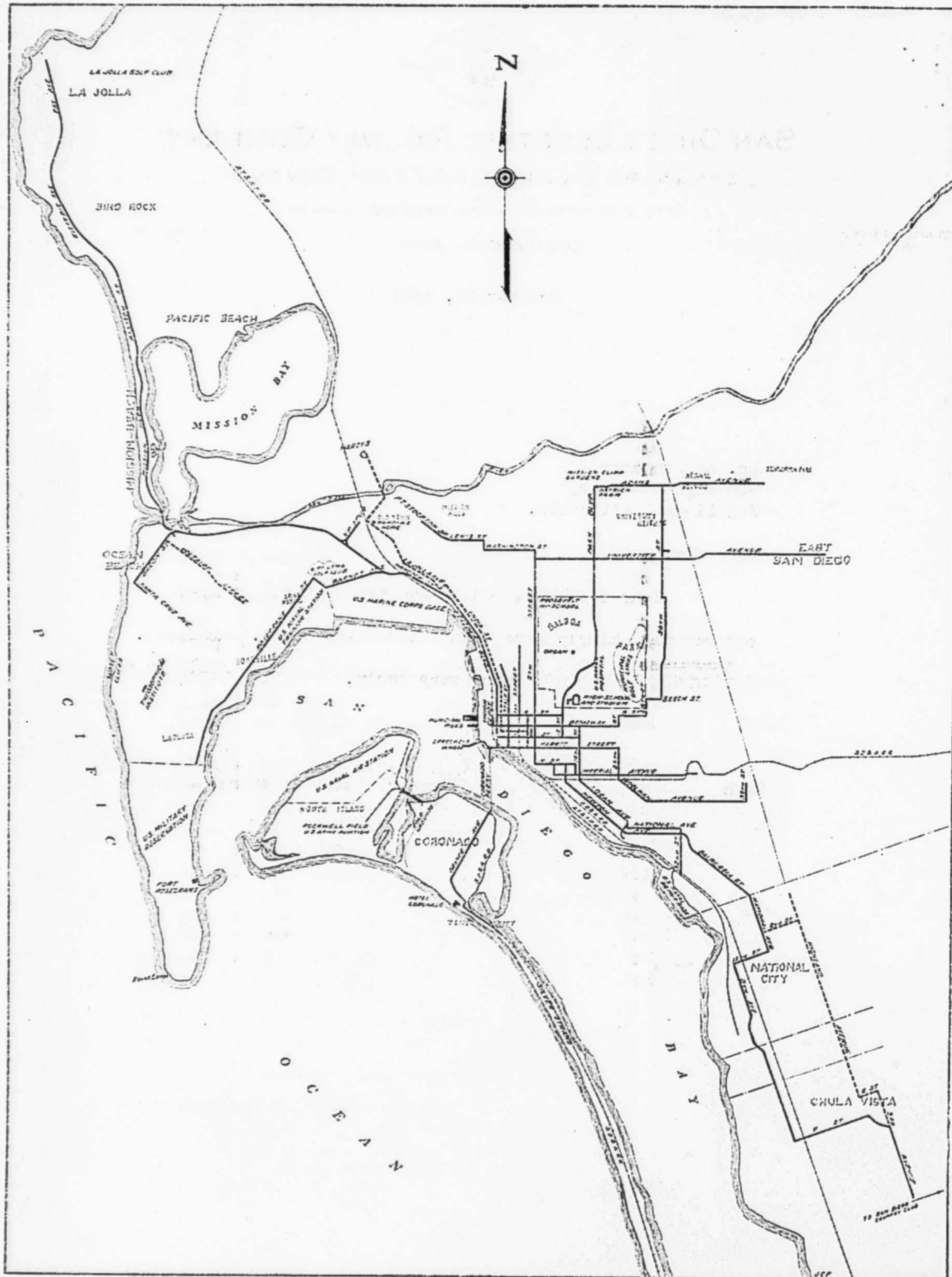
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(Signed) CLAUS SPRECKELS

Vice-President & General Manager

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CC to Mr. Fletcher.



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November 4, 1924.

Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Building,
San Diego, California.

My dear Claus:

Answering yours of October 31st with copy of your letter to Mr. MacMullen, I have read it with interest.

Our understanding was that you would remain neutral and print the pros and cons of the question of sale of the Cuyamaca System to the district. Not one word has been published in favor thereof, but Mr. MacMullen has seen fit to send out a newspaper reporter and report every meeting of the opposition. Please take note of this morning's Union, where over a half page has been devoted to it on Page 5, and the last page of the first section - all opposition. The district will win, however, in spite of all opposition.

I regret that you have been absent in San Francisco for I would have appealed to you for fair play, but it is too late now. The fight is over and victory at hand for the district. For ten long years we tried to sell the Cuyamaca System to the city with the result you so well know. Am glad to know now that they realize that there is some value to the Cuyamaca System as recently expressed by the city council themselves - but it has taken a long time for them to see it. It is

It was most unfair that Mr. MacMullen did not print the resolution favoring the sale of the Cuyamaca to the district as passed unanimously by the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, for such an important matter, a public record of a vitally important question should have been published. It is too late to get Mr. MacMullen's support now, but in any event there are no hard feelings as far as you and I are concerned.

Yours sincerely,

February 23rd,
1929

Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Bldg.,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Claus:

I have tried twice to get you this week in regards to that trip.

I am ready any time you give me a ring.

Sincerely yours,

EF:AK

EF:MM

cc Flint
Timm
White

March twelve, 1929.

Mr. Claus Spreckels
c/o Spreckels Companies
Union Building
San Diego, California.

My dear Claus:

When are we going out together?

Yours very truly,

EF:GMP

March 16th 1929.

Mr. Claus Spreckels
Union Building
San Diego, California.

My dear friend Claus:

I notice that you are delinquent at the Athletic Club
\$49.00 and it is published on the board.

I am sure it is a mistake and has been overlooked. I
hope you will cover it immediately.

Sincerely your friend,

3428 State Street,
San Diego, Calif.

July 2nd, 1929.

June Twenty-fourth,
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Mr. Claus Spreckels,
Union Bldg.,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Claus:

I do not know whether you are aware of it or not but I sold you Colonel Copley the Spreckel's home and have, through Mr. Sullivan, negotiations on for their additional property belonging to the estates.

I heard for the first time last Thursday that you had been negotiating to sell some of the properties yourself.

I don't want any chance of conflicting or having any misunderstandings or hard feelings between us and I hope that I am not in any way treading on your toes by trying to syndicate and purchase or sell certain properties belonging to the estates of your father and Mr. A. B. Spreckels.

If there is any conflict I wish you would let me know so that we can have no misunderstanding as I value your friendship and cooperation.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Claus Spreckels,
Union Bldg.,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:

I see by the records that you own Lot 19, Block 64, Coronado Heights, San Diego County, California.

There is a possibility of my selling this lot. Please let me know what you wish for it - if you care to sell.

I would want the usual commission.

Thanking you for an early reply, I am

Yours very truly,

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