

May 16, 1916

Mr. J. M. C. Warren,
President Helix Mutual Water Co.,
Spring Valley, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

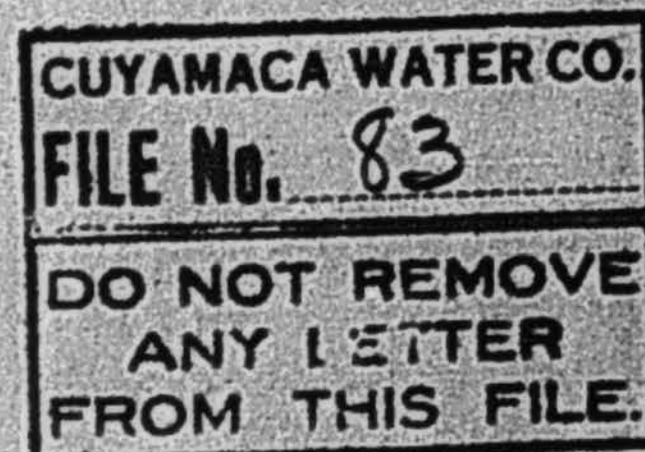
We have a letter dated May 10th from Mrs. H. B. Gillespie making application for water at domestic rates for use on the premises of the Spring Valley Store, delivery to be made through the Helix Mutual Water Company's pipe lines. This application has your OK as Chairman of the Water Company.

The Cuyamaca Water Company has no objection to furnishing this water at your master meter for delivery by you through your pipe lines to the Spring Valley store property and we have so informed Mrs. Gillespie.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

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May 15, 1917.

Mr. J. M. C. Warren,

La Mesa, Cal.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your favor of May seventh, will say our offer of cheap water was to encourage the domestic consumer, primarily, in the planting of gardens as it was obviously impossible for him to do this under the domestic rate. We feel that the irrigator is receiving his water at a price that is extremely reasonable, therefore the new consumer you mentioned on the Helix line would be obliged to pay the regular irrigation rate. The present consumers are not entitled to a lower rate for water used in excess of their former water rights.

Yours very truly,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY

Superintendent

CH:B

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August 27, 1917.

Helix Mutual Water Co.,
Mr. J. M. C. Warren, Pres.,
La Mesa, Calif.

Dear Mr. Warren:

We beg to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$110, and have given you credit on the water bill for July, 1917. This still leaves a balance due of \$305.40, which is a rather large unpaid balance at this late date in the month, and if we can be of any assistance to you in trying to collect this from any of the consumers, we shall be only too glad to do so. It is very important that you call the attention of the different ones that the water bills must be paid by the 10th of each month. We know you are doing all you can, and we want to make it as easy as possible for you in making your collections,

Yours very truly,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY,

Secretary

M-S

Mr. Mathews

[FROM: WARREN, J. H. E., PRES]
HELIX MUT. WTR. CO.
CSM

La Mesa, Calif.,

July 28TH 1918.

Railroad Commission
State of California;
San Francisco, Calif.

Gentlemen:-

In pursuance of permission granted by Commissioner Irving Martin in the hearing on the application of the Cuyamaca Water Co. for a surcharge on their present water rates, the directors of the Helix Mutual Water Company desire to present the following additional matter, a copy of which is mailed to the Cuyamaca Company.

1. In addition to the cost of \$16.85 to \$25.07 per acre to consumers of the Helix Mutual Water Company, as presented at the hearing, we call attention to the following:- During the next three years for maintenance, distribution of water, interest and cost of construction, we are under obligation to make assessments of at least \$5.00 per share each year on all outstanding stock. This stock is held in blocks of 4 to 216 shares, and the average holding is about three shares per acre to be irrigated.

Also we have about 3500 FT. of 8 inch branch lines yet to be rebuilt, and will not be able to defer all of this construction until we are out of debt. There are about 60 acres of gardening under our line, 80% of this has developed since our new line was assured. All of these gardeners are renters but one. If water rates are too high for profits, these renters can, and we think will mature the

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crops now on the ground and quit. Some of our stock will go delinquent and further add to the burdens of the rest of us.

2. A raise of water under the present circumstances will not necessarily produce more income. We say "present circumstances" because a shortage of water produces an ever abiding apprehension for the future and a pronounced tendency to retrenchment. Wells not used for years will be pumped, gardeners who are free to do so will quit, no winter gardens will be planted, and we will all of us cut the use of water to the lowest possible limits. This condition will be general all along the line, and will make serious inroad in the Cuyamaca Company's income.

We all feel that with the nightmare of uncertainty before us, we are strained to the breaking point now, and that the only conditions under which we can pay more for water than we do now is to purchase water and future security at the same time.

3. The value of our lands was mentioned several times at the hearing and always with the underlying idea that values are high, and credit for this belongs to water. For the production of Lemons this end of San Diego County has the best soil, the best subsoil, the least interference of climate and the least expense in fighting disease and pests of any part of our state. And yet, the market value of our orchards is not more than 50% of the value of similar orchards around Santa Paula, Ontario, Whittier and other points north of us. This difference is entirely attributable to the difference in water rates and especially to the difference in future security.

When the Cuyamaca Company makes the future reasonably secure for us and convinces us that we are not going to pay out all our money

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this year and have neither money nor crop next year, we will do all within our power to bring prosperity to the Cuyamaca Company.

4. The question of the financial ability of the Cuyamaca Company was brought up by themselves. We hold that their finances are in no detail any part of our business. They have voluntarily assumed a public duty. Our understanding of the law under which the Railroad Commission works is that they are constituted to see that their duty is performed, and that the beneficiaries make a proper return for this performance. We claim that under present conditions the quantity of the reward is superior to the quality of the present performance of the duty. We claim that the reward should be adjusted according to the proficiency of the performance of the duty, and that according to this standard the Cuyamaca Company is being over paid. If this Company has undertaken more than they are able financially able to perform, they should take their troubles to a court of bankruptcy and not to their patrons.

5. Under present conditions the City of San Diego, a casual consumer, is paying 10cents per 1000 gals. which is 10 cents for 133 and 1/3 cu. ft. The La Nesa Mutual Water Company is paying 9 1/2 per 100 cu. ft. We protest against this as a gross injustice, and petition for a fair readjustment of this matter regardless of the outcome of the present case.

If the Railroad Commission feels constrained to over rule the unanimous protest of the consumers and grant in part or in whole the request of the Cuyamaca Company we claim that the surcharge should be added to this readjusted charge to the City of San Diego the same as to any other service. And because a surcharge is an extraordinary charge

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designed to cover an abnormal condition, we claim that it should be so adjusted as to fall equally on all consumers, and to this end ask that all verbal reference to a prefential made before Commissioner Martin by our representative be stricken from the records.

6. We wish to reinforce the verbal statement of our representative before Commissioner Martin in regard to the reconstruction of the El Monte pumping plant. We regard the proposition as preposterous. It would be a precedent for pushing onto us any and all other reconstruction work.

The Railroad Commission has never gone into the question of the full duty of the Cuyamaca Company to their public. We hope to have them do so at their next hearing, and when they do, the request of the Cuyamaca Company for us to rebuild the pumping plant will look like a joke.

This disposition on the part of Cuyamaca Company to push a part of its building burdens onto its patrons is a prolific source of discord and animosity between the Cuyamaca Company and its patrons, and to accede to their request would greatly increase the friction and hard feeling.

Approved by the directors of the Helix Mutual Water Company
in session.

Signed

Pres.

J. M. G. Warren

Sec.

CUYAMACA WATER CO.
FILE No. 83
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La Mesa, Cal.
Mar. 7, '19

Mr. Edward Fletcher,
Manager Cuyamaca Water Co.,
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

In behalf of the Helix Mutual Water Co, we the trustees, request permission to move our connection with the Cuyamaca pipe south from the present connection to the junction of the Cuyamaca line and Lincoln Street of Ross' addition to La Mesa, this point being the S.E. corner of Lot 85 La Mesa Colony tract.

We agree to pay the expenses of moving the meter, to pay the sum of twenty five dollars a year toward upkeep of the pipe line from above mentioned point to the Eucalyptus Reservoir, and to put in a pipe

2. To E. Fletcher from Helix Mutual Water Co.

that will provide ample facilities
for water in Hawley Heights
and as far south as the
cemetery.

A. K. Brink, Pres.

Helix Mutual Water Co. / Hawley etc.

John Campbell
J. M. C. Warren

CUYAMACA WATER CO.

FILE No. 83

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January 11, 1922.

Mr. J. M. C. Warren, Pres. and Sec'y,
Spring Valley Mutual Water Co.,
Spring Valley, California.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Enclosed find article in the La Mesa
Scout, also copies of resolutions passed by the
City of El Cajon and the City of La Mesa.

I would appreciate it if your Board of
Directors would pass a resolution at an early date
similar to the one enclosed herewith. You may
change it any way you may see fit.

We would certainly appreciate your
cooperation in this matter, as our interests are
mutual and the only possible source of future
supply for future development is from the San
Diego River, and by gravity thru the Cuyamaca
System. The excessive cost of pumping prohibits
any future supply ever coming into your section
in any other manner than thru the Cuyamaca System, as
planned by us.

Yours sincerely,

EP:KLM

February 20, 1922.

Mr. J. M. C. Warren, Pres.,
Helix Mutual Water Company,
La Mesa, California.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Enclosed herewith find copy of protest of the City of San Diego, which is explanatory. I believe it is for your best interests to have your attorney intervene before the State Department of Public Works, and file a protest against the city's protest and give your reasons why.

I hope you will take immediate action in this matter.

Yours truly,

EF:KLM

May 2, 1922.

Mr. J. M. C. Warren, Pres.,
Helix Mutual Water Company,
Spring Valley, Calif.

My dear Mr. Warren:

Major Kluegel, who is head of the State Water Commission, is coming to San Diego on or about the 10th of May for an investigation as to the right of the Cuyamaca Water Company to build a dam at the head of our flume.

The City of San Diego is the only one who has opposed the construction of this dam. Not a riparian owner protested against it on our claim of due diligence. It is important to all concerned that the Board of Directors of the Helix Mutual Water Company immediately send a telegram to Major H. A. Kluegel, Division of Water Rights, Department of Public Works, Sacramento, telling him that you understand he is coming soon to San Diego County, and you ask for a hearing to discuss the matter informally with Major Kluegel while he is here, and asking when he will be here.

The above is a suggestion for your consideration, however, I hope that your Board of Directors will present this matter clearly to Major Kluegel, urging the construction of the dam. Major Kluegel is going to have a conference with the City of San Diego, at which time they are going to protest the building of the dam. It seems to me that if you could have Major Kluegel come for a special hearing it would be much more impressive.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM



La Mesa, Cal.
Apr. 7, 1917.

Cuyamaca Water Co.,
San Diego Cal.

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Dear Sirs:-

We have one new consumer on the Helix Mutual line and several of the regular consumers are expecting to use more water than formerly. The entire line will probably use less than in former years owing to the fact that Bancroft

and Albright are not going to use much.

Under these circumstances, will new users and those who use in excess of former water rights be entitled to water at special rate of $2\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per 100 gals.?

Yours truly,

J. W. C. Warren.

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