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Sept. 11, 1912

Mr. A. W. Wohlford,
Escondido, Cal.

Friend Wohlford:

Will you kindly send to the Southern Title Guaranty Co. or the Union Title & Trust Co. your grant deed covering the Escondido Mutual Water Company's 28 ~~or~~ 30 acres in the San Luis Rey Valley and furnish a certificate of title showing everything free and clear excepting County Highways if any, and taxes for the year 1912-13. The \$2750. will undoubtedly be forthcoming within the sixty days agreed upon, which I understand is about the 29th of this month. We may want to take it up earlier.

Very truly yours,

F/K

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Dec. 24, 1912.

Mr. A. W. Wohlford,
Escondido, Cal.

Friend Wohlford:

Confirming telephone conversation will say that I distinctly recollect that the agreement between the Government and our people is for a hundred inches of water for the Indians at Rincon, and I have immediately notified Mr. Henshaw that they are now demanding 200 inches.

Regarding the Woods escrow if Cassou falls down, try and get the situation in shape so that I can step in and purchase it for my people. I would have to telegraph to New York, and for that reason let me know at an early date as possible before January 1st what the ranch can be secured at and the terms, in case Mr. Cassou falls down.

Very truly yours,

F:K

San Diego, Calif.
December, 18, 1918

Mr. A. W. Wohlford,
Escondido, California.

My dear Mr. Wohlford:

I am getting together data, and intend writing a history of the water development of San Diego County. I want you to give me a complete history, from the beginning of the Escondido Mutual Water Company System; who promoted it, who the engineers were, who built it, and a photograph of the dam, what the system cost originally, what the Mutual Water Company paid for it, who financed the building of it, etc. I also want a history of the development since you have been connected with it, including a photograph of each of your power houses and one of the ditch, and I want a photograph of you. Please let me have a full history of your connection with it.

I am getting a full history of the early water development of San Diego County from Spreckels, Babcock, U.S. Grant, Alberson, T.S. VanDyke, Howells, the Sweetwater water system, Linda Vista Irrigation District, etc. I will reimburse you for any expense you may be put to in order to get any of these documents. I expect to put several thousand dollars into this work, but when it is finished it will be the best that money can produce and Fletcher's brains can put together.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

March 22nd, 1920

Mr. A. W. Wohlford,
Escondido, California.

My dear Mr. Wohlford:

I have, for years, given you credit for being far-sighted, but you certainly over-looked your hand a year ago when they started the formation of the Irrigation District from Escondido to Vista and Oceanside. Escondido should have gone in 100% at that time, but I am more than pleased to read in the papers that you have resurrected the idea. Mr. Henshaw will undoubtedly sell to the first people who will buy, yet I will give you all the cooperation I can, for I do not want to see Warners water go out of the County.

There is considerable danger in the situation, for the State Engineer has reported that the only practicable, available source of supply for the Perris Valley is from Warners. The Perris people raised their own money for the surveys that are now being made, and I was surprised to find that both the Santa Fe Railroad and Harry Chandler of the Los Angeles Times have made liberal subscriptions toward this fund. These people mean business. Four Hundred of them agreed that they would assess themselves \$150. per acre to get the Warners water.

I read by the papers that the U.S. Reclamation service have written the City of Oceanside or its attorney, months ago, urging the formation of this Escondido District. I do not know what you people have been thinking of to let this matter slip, for it is vital to you. On the other hand, the City of San Diego has not, since 1916, caught enough water in its reservoirs to take care of the evaporation. The truth is, there is only enough water in the City's reservoirs to take care of the City until the 1st of January, 1921. The City is over-bonded, and there is only one thing to be done and that is to form a Municipal Water District. This movement is now on, and in my opinion, one of the first sources of supply that they will try to get will be Warners. I am writing you a confidential letter as a friend to a friend, but am sending a copy to Alex. Stewart. My advice to you is to get busy.

With kind personal regards,

Yours very sincerely,

EF/bm
cc AB

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