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Colonel Ed Fletcher,
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My dear Colonel Fletcher:

I have read your letter of August 30, relative to the ~~repair of Hodges and San Dieguito dams~~ and the investigation of the San Diego River, with great interest, and have had these matters investigated by Mr. Vandegrift, Director of Finance, and State Engineer Hyatt, as you suggested.

Regarding the investigation of San Diego River, this appears to be a meritorious project and similar to what the State has heretofore done in other places. I am in sympathy with this investigation being made on the basis you suggest; namely, the cost to be paid half by the State and half by local interests. I do not see any way by which the State could advance this money immediately as the emergency unemployment program has depleted the emergency fund. However, it is but a short time until the 1933 Legislature will convene, and assuming that an appropriation is passed by the Legislature for this project you may rest assured that it will receive sympathetic consideration on my part. The delay occasioned in getting the work started by this method will not be great, and I would suggest in the meantime that you or the County of San Diego line up your end and be prepared to state to the Legislature that your funds are ready, which would help the passage of the bill and expedite the starting of the work.

I am sorry not to be able to put it into effect immediately, but under the circumstances you will agree that this is impossible and that the next best thing is to provide for it as soon as possible by other means.

out Regarding the repair of the Hodges and San Dieguito dams, I know of no legal way by which the State

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out can advance the funds and do the work, and even were the way legally open, no funds are available. I appreciate the difficult situation locally in view of the hard times that are upon us, and if it could be left to the State to carry out the necessary work and later be reimbursed by the responsible party, it would be an attractive solution - but the best advice I am able to get is that this is impossible.

With kindest regard and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

James Rolph
Governor of California.

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