

Edw. B. Light  
San Diego, California

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September 30th., 1914.

Cuyamaca Water Co.

San Diego.

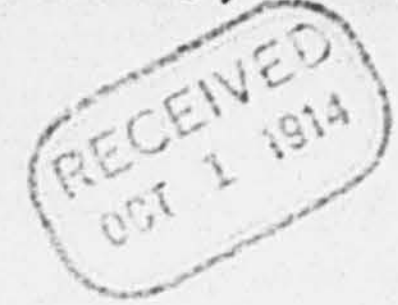
Gentlemen:-

In payment of the enclosed bill I send my check for \$5.00.  
I own but one half of lot 22. This would reduce the charge 1/6 or  
\$1.75.

Kindly make this correction on your books, that your future  
bills may be correct, and oblige,

Yours truly,

Edw. B. Light



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Edward B. Light  
La Mesa, California

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La Mesa, Dec 15th., 1915.

Cuyamaca Water Co.  
San Diego.

Gentlemen:-

Answering yours of the 13th inst; would say. I enclose herewith your statement received December 1st; To me it is not intelligible. I took it to the bank with my gas bill, Electricity and Phone bill before the 10th inst; to pay, and asked the Cashier of the bank how much it called for and he said he had never seen a bill like it before and did not know how much to collect. I should have paid 75¢ as heretofore, but for the little brock<sup>hire</sup> received with the statement. I was unable to decide whether you wanted to collect more or what your object was, so I determined to hold the bill until I went into the city, when I would call at your office for an explanation. Judging from your letter there is no change in the service, and I herewith enclose my check for 75 cts. Under the circumstances, I believe the apology is due from you for sending such imperfect work and form of letter, rather than from me for not being prompt in remitting. You better take this matter up with the Manager, with whom I am personally acquainted.

Very truly yours,  
*Edward B. Light*

P.S. In future please mail a bill that can be understood.

*Made out check for 75¢*

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December 16, 1915

Mr. Edward B. Light,  
La Mesa, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of December 15th regarding your November water bill and other matters.

There seems to have been some misunderstanding regarding your November bill, statement of which was sent you about December 1st, although the office informs me that this was made out in the usual way and I do not see how any misunderstanding could have occurred. Not receiving a remittance from you by the 13th of the month, we sent you a request for a deposit as provided for in our Rules and Regulations.

In view of this apparent misunderstanding, it will not be necessary for you to make any deposit, but we would call your attention to the fact that if bills are not paid on or before the 10th of the month hereafter, we will be compelled to secure a deposit from you.

In response to your request, we will endeavor in the future to mail you a bill that can be understood, although this has been our aim in the past, and needless to say will be so in the future.

Very truly yours,

*Mr. Matthews  
for your info  
JmJ  
FME-K*

Assistant Manager.



May 23, 1916.

CUYAMACA WATER CO.

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Mr. Edward B. Light,  
Secretary 3-C Brotherhood,  
La Mesa, Calif.

My dear Mr. Light:

I received your notice to be at the Brotherhood meeting tonight, but have been sick for nearly three weeks, and am not able to get out and around.

At the last meeting I attended, there was some considerable discussion about the methods and management of the Cuyamaca Water Co., shortage of water, etc. I made a statement at that time that some person or persons were unnecessarily alarmed; also that we had the situation well in hand.

The floods took place, as you know, on January 27 and 28. The City of San Diego, besides losing \$1,500,000 worth of water, had a damage to its system of nearly \$1,000,000, in addition to many lawsuits that will soon be filed for damages.

The Sweetwater system lost water to the value of \$1,000,000; and its system was damaged to the extent of approximately \$300,000 or \$400,000, and I am informed it has not commenced furnishing water for irrigating purposes yet.

Regarding the Escondido system, all the water had to be taken out of the reservoir in order to repair the dam. As I understand, the entire structure moved down the canyon two feet.

The flood damage to the Cuyamaca water system is between \$50,000 and \$60,000; but, as you know, we saved all our reservoirs and water, with the result that we have been able to sell to the



City of San Diego water to the value of over \$50,000, and furnished our consumers with a full supply, as well, with the exception of about three weeks after the flood.

Within ten days after the flood we had 1,000,000 gallons of water daily coming down the flume, by means of a temporary flume 1/2 mile in length, diverting water from Foster Canyon. We also installed a pumping plant at Los Coches Trestle. On the 20th of February, we had 3,000,000 gallons daily coming down the flume from South Fork. On the 10th of March, we had 10,000,000 gallons daily coming to La Mesa, and on the 4th of April we had a full head of water, approximately 20,000,000 gallons, coming down the flume and delivering approximately 18,000,000 gallons daily at La Mesa. Cuyamaca Lake is full; the river will run for sometime to come, and La Mesa Lake today is within less than five feet of full to the spillway. We shall have La Mesa Lake full within the next week or ten days, in all probability. In addition thereto, we have furnished over 520,000,000 gallons of water to the city, since February 1, 1916.

With an ordinary rainfall the next two years, we have a three-years' supply of water on hand.

I regret that I cannot be at the meeting tonight, and take this means of submitting to the consumers of the Cuyamaca Water Co. the facts pertaining to the management of our system the last four months.

Yours very truly,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY,

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By

Manager.



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