

*City Council*

23 September 1921

Mr. Harry K. Weitzel,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Weitzel:

I urge you to take up with the council a plan of sub-division of 50 or 100 acres of pueblo lands that can be watered by gravity between the biological station and Torrey Pines, cutting same up into one - three and five acre tracts. It will not be necessary to go thru the formal sub-division of same, but simply have an engineer lay out the tracts and mark them "A", "B", "C" and "D", and offer them for lease on fifteen years' time, and either specify what the rent is, or ask for bids. Let the tenant agree to remove any houses that they may build. They can put up portable houses that can be removed.

I am sure anyone will pay \$25.00 an acre for three acres of land per annum. That is cheaper than owning it, but even if you only get \$10 or \$15 an acre cash rent, on a graduated scale upward, or give the rent free for the first two years, I am sure you can eventually create a colony between biological grade and Torrey Pines. That land is as near frostless as any land in the United States. It will grow winter vegetables to perfection and they can afford to pay a high price for irrigating water.

It might be advisable to cut the price of irrigating water on the pueblo farm later on to 8 or 10 cents per hundred cubic feet to encourage farming, but with the shortage of water I would not advise it at the present time.

The city should have control of the character of the buildings, and have the first right to buy the improvements at the end of the lease, or agree on their value by arbitration.

The above is a suggestion. It seems a crime that these pueblo lands are not put to work. Think it over.  
Yours sincerely,

EF:KIM

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OFFICE OF  
COUNCILMAN HARRY K. WEITZEL

CITY OF SAN DIEGO  
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

June 27, 1923

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
In care of Mr. Charles F. Stern,  
First National Bank,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

You stated to me the day before you went away that you expected to be gone about twenty days. I trust you will be able to return within that time, if not earlier as you have given the city only thirty days in which to accept or reject your proposition to buy the Cuyamaca Water Company.

In order to be able to decide whether or not we will buy this system, it is necessary that we go into all of the details in order to ascertain what obligations we will accept, and the only person qualified to give us this information is yourself.

I see by the morning paper that East San Diego has voted to annex to the City of San Diego by a majority of 235. This phase of the situation will have considerable bearing on our action in the matter. I believe it advisable, if possible, that you return to San Diego at your earliest convenience that we may have your assistance.

Very respectfully,

*Harry K. Weitzel*

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CONVERSATION BETWEEN ED FLETCHER AND

HARRY WEITZEL

April 17, 1924.

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Mr. Fletcher: Hello.

Mr. Weitzel: I want to ask you a question.

Fletcher: Yes.

Weitzel: About ten days or two weeks ago Heilbron told us that you people wanted a conference on your interest sold - your interest in the river. We authorized him to go ahead and fix the date of a conference with you folks Did he do that?

Fletcher: No, Senator Flint asked for a conference.

Weitzel: I understood it came that way.

Fletcher: And he waited for three or four weeks and Heilbron never notified him, and then just before I signed up with the irrigation district, an option on our system, I telephoned Heilbron twice -

Weitzel: Yes.

Fletcher: As a brotherly Mason, you understand

Weitzel: Yes

Fletcher: and told him what was going on and that we were going to sign and he pooh-hood the whole thing and we gave him to the last minute. I rang him up at the very last minute, and I got no satisfaction from him, so we signed up on last week Monday morning

Weitzel: Well, I wanted to ask you that question - I thot he wasn't shooting straight with you. We had agreed down there that there would be a conference. I, myself, favored ~~a conference with~~ *that*

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Senator Flint, as your representative, and our representative get together and thrash out some kind of \_\_\_\_\_ we could submit to the city council.

Fletcher: We were crazy to do it.

Weitzel: Now, let me tell you Heilbron would not agree to that at all He wanted to be in on that - so we finally acceded to his demand that the whole council ( if the whole council were there we would never get anywhere), and my advice was that Mayor Bacon and Shelley Higgins, that the two attorneys get together and see if they could arrive at some sort of amicable settlement and then submit it to the city council, but Heilbron would not adhere to it at all and we acceded to his demands that the whole council be present, but the attorneys do the talking, but I know Heilbron would not have kept out of it. He notified usm \_\_\_\_\_ that you had called him up and told him a conference was off, that you were selling the system to this district. I did not think he had acted faithfully in this for his attitude has been just the reverse.

Fletcher: "Harry, Senator Flint came to San Diego to have a conference with Fred Heilbron and Fred Heilbron made the definite arrangement with Senator Flint to ask the council for an immediate conference with the city council, the city attorney and our people-our attorneys. I religiously kept out of it on account of personalities. Senator Flint waited a week or ten days and asked me to find out from Fred Heilbron why he had not heard from him. Heilbron had agreed to notify him, this was on Friday ## that Flint came down. Heilbron did not notify him and Flint waited ten days

and then I asked Heilbron what was the trouble, and then Heilbron reported to me that the council would not have any conference and that the council had referred the whole matter to the city attorney and told us to go and see the city attorney. In the meantime, however, Heilbron came to my office and asked me to prepare a statement showing what the cost would be - a fair value for El Capitan, Mission Gorge, Murray Dam and the distribution lines to the city. On my own desk here he figured out and in his own figures it came to \$875,000. I offered it to him for \$750,000, El Capitan, Murray dam, Mission Gorge No. 3, everything that we own that would be wanted, and the entire pipe line to the city, taking \$50,000 down and \$100,000 a year until paid with 5% interest, the condition being that we were to be allowed to build Fletcher dam to hold 6 billion gallons and South Fork to hold 1 billion gallons, and he said, "I will never agree to allow South Fork to be built." I said, "I will recommend to Mr. Stern that we sign a contract never to build Fletcher dam to hold over 6 billion gallons and we will abandon the thing entirely of building Fletcher dam, and you can build El Capitan dam. You can have all the water rights below, and we reserve the right to pump such water as may be there from El Monte pumping plants.

I gave him that entire proposition and waited two weeks for him to do something, and notified him a week ago last Monday that negotiations were on with the district and if anything was done he better arrange a meeting, but he said he would let me know

Weitzel tries to interrupt -

Fletcher: Now wait a minute - I waited until Saturday night and the contract was all ready for my signature, to take up to Stern for his signature. On Saturday night, no, on Sunday night I rang him up, Sunday night a week ago, and told him I was on my way to get it signed, and he would give me no encouragement, He simply said, "I may be able to get the council to meet you this coming week, but". I said, "I notified you last Monday that this deal was going thru and everything was ready for signature. All he said was, "I cannot promise you anything more tonight, but may be able to make arrangements for a meeting next week" and hung up.

Weitzel: He did not shoot straight with you.

Fletcher: You know Flint? \_\_\_\_\_

Weitzel: "I never met Flint at all.

Fletcher: He came down here on a special trip and Heilbron showed him the scantest of courtesy.

Weitzel: Well, now, I tell you, I am simply talking to you - Heilbron did not shoot straight.

Fletcher: You know what

Weitzel: (interrupting) If Fred has not been square with you, nor square with anyone else.

Fletcher: You see how he attacked me yesterday. He has made them all mad at him

Weitzel: I want to tell you on that day he said he could not do anything, I asked him myself if he had fixed a date for a conference and he said, no, it's all off, you fellows didn't seem to want to meet with the council. We had all agreed to

that but we preferred to leave it to the attorneys to get together.

We would never get anywhere - the whole bunch of us together.

Fletcher: What Senator Flint had in mind was that the orderly thing to do was to have the council, the city council and the city attorney and Flint get together to discuss the matter in a general way and then have your city council in open meeting to trash it out.

Weitzel: We were going to get together with him but Heilbron - I didn't think he was doing right. I don't know what was the matter with him.

Fletcher: I waited until the last minute, and then --

Weitzel: He never acted right, and you know it.

Fletcher: Have you seen this afternoon's paper? You read the afternoon Tribune. I brought it all out today in a state. I said that in the last six weeks we had made an unofficial offer to the city council thru Fred Heilbron - I came right out with it.

Weitzel: If everyone would do the right thing it would be all right. You ought to sell to the La Mesa Irrigation District -- You may think that Fred was doing right by you, but you get hold of Sonka and see what he told Sonka.

Fletcher: Who?

Weitzel: Sonka - see what Heilbron told him. That's a tip for you.

Fletcher: I appreciate that.

W: ~~Heilbron~~: He is doing everything to knock the thing. Higgins and I said why should we interfere - they know the litigation is on - if they buy with the litigation on it is their own lookout, but he and another one that it was their duty to knock it --

Fletcher: Don Stewart?

Weitzel: yes. Higgins and myself both - - - - -that we should not interfere.

Fletcher: Do not get mixed up in this newspaper scrap. Heilbron went after me yesterday and he is going to get what is coming to him.

Weitzel: I am keeping my mouth shut.

Fletcher: I deliberately brought it out in this afternoon paper.

Weitzel: I tried to see if we could not effect a compromise and buy from El Capitan down, and I was talking to Higgins and said I contend you will get twice in a condemnation proceeding what you will get the other way. I really believe -- I didn't know what your offer was, \$750,000, but I believe it will amount to more than that.

Fletcher: Of course it will. That was only a compromise to get the bloody thing out of the way.

Weitzel: I was in hopes - if they just simply get together. I don't know what in the world is the matter with them.

Fletcher: This fight is going to kill the bond issue.

Weitzel: It is \_\_\_\_\_ business to settle this thing. You have got something there you are willing to sell - we want it and I cannot understand ---

Fletcher: Will you get hold of the Tribune right off and then ring me up.

Weitzel: Yes. I have always felt that things were - it was unanimous on the condemnation suit. I could not stand out on that. It would not have mattered anyway.

Fletcher: Ring me up when you have read the Tribune.

May 23, 1924.

Mr. Harry K. Weitzel,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Weitzel:

As per your request, the following information may be of interest, the comparative merits of No. 3 and No. 2 Mission Gorge sites, and I wish also to call your attention to the attached statement of capacities of Mission Gorge No. 2 and No. 3, prepared by our engineer, Mr. Shropshire.

Please take note that a dam holding 44,500 acre feet at No. 2 floods 2420 acres, while the same amount of storage in No. 3 floods only 1424 acres, 40 percent less evaporation area.

A dam holding 56,542 acre feet at No. 2 floods 2771 acres, to the 350 ft. contour. While a dam at No. 3 holding 54,000 acre feet only floods 1720 acres, to the 335 ft. contour.

A dam holding 71,500 acre feet at No. 2 flooding to the 355 ft. contour floods 3050 acres, while at No. 3 a dam holding 74,500 acre feet only floods 2430 acres. A dam at No. 2 holding 87,000 acre feet, flooding to the 360 ft. contour, including the town of Santee, floods 3320 acres, while a dam at Mission Gorge No. 3 holding 86,000 acre feet, flooding to the 350 ft. contour only floods 2880 acres.

With Fletcher dam built, as it surely will be by the district, certainly a dam at Mission Gorge No. 3, holding 86,000 acre feet, flooding only to the 350 ft. contour has sufficient storage, in my opinion, as the annual run-off on the San Diego River with Fletcher dam built is only 15,394 acre feet, and with Fletcher dam not built 25,500 acre feet, from which should be deducted, of course, the evaporation losses.

I call your attention to the following for comparison purposes only.

If a dam at No. 3 were built to the 350 ft. contour, it would hold 86,000 acre feet of water, or approximately 28,660,000,000 gallons.

If a dam were built at No. 2 to the 350 ft. contour, it would only hold 56,542 acre feet, or 18,880,000,000 gallons.

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This means that if No. 3 were built that 29,450 acre feet of the 86,000 acre feet would be stored in the canyon below No. 2 and above No. 3, where I feel it belongs, with ideal storage capacity and practically no evaporation.

If a dam were built at Mission Gorge No. 3 to the 350 ft. contour, holding 86,000 acre feet, those lands within this reservoir site can be acquired for a million dollars less, in my opinion, than if you build at site No. 2 to the 365 ft. contour, as one would not wipe out the town of Santee and the other would. It is between the 350 and 365 ft. contours that most of the expensive lands are damaged for which the city will have to pay.

Unquestionably a single arch type of dam at Mission Gorge No. 3 can be built to the 350 ft. contour for the same price that a gravity arch type of dam can be built at No. 2 to the same contour - 350 ft. while Mission Gorge dam No. 3 built to the 350 ft. contour will hold 86,000 acre feet while Mission Gorge No. 2 built to the 350 ft. contour will hold only 56,542 acre feet.

Mission Gorge No. 3 has 12 square miles of watershed more than No. 2.

You save a mile and a half of pipe line, a \$100,000 saving, as compared to No. 2, and with Mission Gorge No. 3 built to the 350 ft. contour, 85 percent of the water will flow by gravity to the lower levels of the city. As you know nearly 60 percent of all the water consumed in San Diego at the present time is below the 150 ft. contour.

I am sure that the district will build Fletcher dam to 150 ft. in height and the bonds for the building of same are already financed. With Fletcher dam built, I feel that the economical height of Mission Gorge No. 3 should be 330 ft. but if it is deemed advisable to build it to the 350 ft. contour this can easily be done at site No. 3 and the water stored in an ideal location with less evaporation surface for the acre feet stored than any dam in the county excepting one. It will be an added attraction for San Diego to have this lake in the canyon and several thousand acres of the finest bottom lands in the county around Santee and Lakeside will be saved for future generations for taxable purposes.

The La Mesa Irrigation District has an option on our holdings which include Mission Gorge No. 3 damsite, surveys, core drilling records, and nearly 400 acres of land that would be flooded, also all riparian rights to the ocean that we control; the price being \$150,000. The district owns in addition to our lands 400 acres in the reservoir site, and with the exception of possibly 150 or 200 acres that might have to be condemned, any lands necessary can be quickly acquired within the reservoir site of Mission Gorge No. 3 and the city could commence building a dam at Mission Gorge No. 3 this summer providing a compromise is made with the district.

El Capitan is so much more expensive to build, and Mission Gorge No. 3 having the advantage of over 200 additional square miles of watershed as compared to El Capitan, makes preferable I feel, the immediate construction of Mission Gorge No. 3, as there is less to contend with and practically no litigation.

If there is any other information I can furnish you do not hesitate to call on me.

Enclosed find list of questions that it might be interesting for you to ask Mr. Freeman.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

INTERVIEW OF  
COUNCILMAN HARRY K. WEITZEL  
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Notwithstanding Mr. Freeman having recommended San Vicente first, Mission Gorge #3 second and #2 third, with many qualifications, I am thoboly convinced that the first economical development for the city on the San Diego River calls for the immediate construction of Mission Gorge dam No. 3, providing, a satisfactory arrangement can be made with the La Mesa Irrigation District to acquire its option on No. 3 and for the purchase of the 400 acres of land <sup>which they own</sup> that would be flooded by the construction of a dam in Mission Gorge No. 3.

Mr. Freeman's last report recommends No. 3 if it can be purchased at a reasonable price, and specifies that a dam should be built at No. 3, or some other location in Mission Gorge.

Following are my reasons for building in Mission Gorge No. 3:

It will take the least amount of money.

It has the least obstacles and our water can be developed at approximately 7 cents a thousand gallons in Mission Gorge No. 3, a much lower price than the cost of any other water development on the river.

With Fletcher dam built, which the La Mesa district will insist upon building, the average run-off at No. 3 for the last 35 years is approximately 15,400 acre feet annually, or approximately 5 billion gallons.

With Fletcher dam not built, the run-off has averaged 25,500 acre feet, or approximately 8,500,000,000.

The above figures do not include evaporation and transmission losses, approximating 40 percent.

By any stretch of the imagination the largest dam that should be built in Mission Gorge is one having 87,000 <sup>acre</sup>/ft. storage, or

approximately 29,000,000,000 gallons. It is Mr. Freeman's last recommendation to build No. 2 to contour 365 ft. flooding 3320 acres, and holding 29 billion gallons. A dam at Mission Gorge No. 3, holding the same amount of water floods only 2880 acres and to the 350 ft. contour. If both dams were full evaporation loss, based on 4 ft. a year evaporation, on No. 3 would be 10 million gallons daily and on No. 2 11 million gallons daily, a saving of a million gallons a day in evaporation loss alone in favor of No. 3.

The lands to the above height in No. 3 can be acquired for \$1,000,000 less, in my opinion, than the lands in No. 2, holding the same amount of water. By building at No. 3 we would store 29,450 acre feet of the 87,000 acre feet in the canyon below No. 2 and we would save the town of Santee and nearly 2,000 acres of valley land which would be destroyed for taxable purposes if No. 2 were built, for it is between the 350 and 365 ft. contour that most of the expensive lands are damaged, and for which the city would have to pay.

To my certain knowledge the La Mesa District can immediately deliver us possession, if a compromise is made, of over one-half of all the lands that would be flooded in No. 3 to the 350 ft. contour.

Personally I am opposed to building any dam to hold in excess of 45,000 acre feet, or 15 billion gallons in Mission Gorge. It is an economical loss to build a dam to any greater height, owing to tremendous evaporation losses. Let future generations do it if deemed advisable at that time.

We can build a single arch dam at #3 to the 330 ft. contour, holding 15 billion gallons, for approximately \$1,500,000, including a connecting pipe line to the city. We will flood only 1380 acres, practically all of which is controlled by the La Mesa district. Our evaporation losses will be the least of any dam in San Diego County, owing to its small evaporation area and the lands themselves can unquestionably be acquired for not to exceed \$400,000 or \$500,000.

If Mr. Freeman had his way, the reservoir lands in No. 2, which 2 or 3 months ago he called a "cow pasture" would be acquired at a cost of between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, as it will flood to Lakeside, wipe out the town of Santee, flood 3 or 4 miles of the S. D. & A. Railroad and state highway and destroy thousands of acres of our best land, which should be preserved for taxable purposes.

No. 3 has 12 additional square miles of watershed that would not flow into No. 2, as much as the entire Cuyamaca Lake watershed, and would be invaluable in wet years.

By building at No. 3 you save a mile and a half or two miles of pipe line, as compared to No. 2, a saving of at least \$200,000 for this alone.

I recommend a single arch type of dam at Mission Gorge No. 3 for the reason that the U. S. Government has built so many of them. The highest dam in the world is the Shoshone dam in Wyoming, built by the U. S. Reclamation Service, 305 ft. in height at a cost of \$515,730. Lake Spalding dam, built by the Pacific Gas & Electric Company in California is 275 ft. high, and was built at a cost of \$1,500,000. In Mission Gorge No. 3 a dam will only be 230 ft. high and cost approximately \$1,000,000. A multiple arch dam, the Eastwood type, could be built for approximately \$750,000 but I believe everyone would be better satisfied if a single arch type of concrete dam were built.

Mission Gorge No. 3 is the choice of five of our most prominent engineers, who know this country so well: M. M. O'shaughnessy, chief engineer of San Francisco; Francis L. Sellev, U. S. Government Reclamation Service engineer; F. M. Faude, hydraulic engineer for the State Railroad Commission of California; W. F. McClure, state engineer of California, T. H. King, chief engineer for the San Dieguito, Lakeside and La Mesa Irrigation Districts, and W. C. Earle, former city engineer of San Diego.

I am strong for a fair compromise with the district. It is no cinch we are going to win our paramount right suit claiming

ownership of all the waters of the San Diego River. One city attorney has ruled against us. One superior judge has also ruled against us, and there is always a chance to lose. It seems to me that a fair compromise can be arranged and I shall work to that end with every effort to solve the water problem of the San Diego River at an early date.

May 30, 1924.

Mr. Harry K. Weitzel.  
1970 Front St.,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Weitzel:

I was glad to have you tell me the other day that you are in favor of No. 3 Mission Gorge instead of No. 2, and at your request I am mailing you a statement giving the advantages of No. 3 over No. 2, simply as a suggestion for the announcement you say you are going to give to the people.

I am sure you are making no mistake in this matter and time will prove that our judgment is correct.

Yours very truly,

HF:KLM



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October 2, 1924.

Mr. Harry Weitzell,  
1970 Front St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Weitzell:

Enclosed find clipping that is explanatory, and illuminating, but I cannot believe Mr. Higgins has told the truth.

Is it not so that Cosgrove and his company are paid \$5,000 a year retainers fees and in addition to that is not Mr. Cosgrove being paid, or his company, an additional fee for the work that he is doing preparing papers and when he is in court?

I would like to know the actual facts. I cannot believe that Cosgrove's company would take a fee of \$5,000 a year for all services at any time, and I would like to know just what the arrangement is.

If it is embarrassing to you I will have the records searched.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

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**CITY OF SAN DIEGO**  
LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENT  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

October 6th, 1924

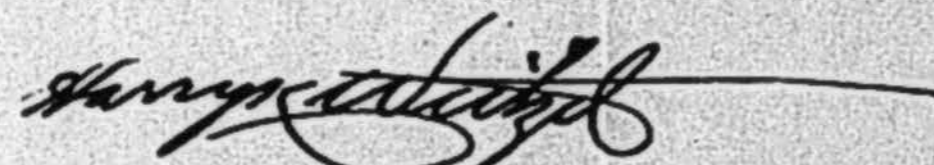
Colonel Ed Fletcher,  
920 8th Street,  
San Diego,  
Calif.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:-

In reply to yours of the second instant relative to the employment of the firm of Hunsaker, Britt and Cosgrove, as attorneys for the City in the water litigation on the San Diego River, will advise you that I have investigated the letter and find that the \$5,000 fee to this firm covers all their services for the year. No additional compensation is paid for time while in court.

Trusting this will cover the desired information, I am,

Very truly,



Harry K. Weitzel,  
Acting Mayor,  
City of San Diego.

HKW/MM

**Conversation of Councilman Weitzel and Colonel Fletcher**  
Wednesday Afternoon, November 19th, 1924.

Councilman Weitzel rang up Col. Fletcher, and the conversation was as follows:

W. - I was down at the city hall and someone said there that you were going to have an article in the paper today taking quite a belligerent attitude. Is there anything to it?

F. - I don't think you will object to what I have said. Wait a minute; let me read the statement to you.

Statement

"The answer of the Cuyamaca Water Company filed in Orange County yesterday is a cross complaint to the condemnation suit brought in April by the city, asking that the courts place a value on our property at El Capitan.

It in no way interferes with the final consummation of the sale of the Cuyamaca System to the irrigation district, and the city's suit, above mentioned, will automatically be thrown out of court when the transfer is finally made by us to the district and confirmed by state authorities.

The overwhelming sentiment in favor of the construction of El Capitan, as evidenced by yesterday's vote, means much for success or failure in the development of the San Diego River at an early date, depending upon San Diego's treatment of her back country in a division of the waters of the San Diego River.

The La Mesa district is a little Belgium fighting in defense of its moral and legal rights, and the Cuyamaca Company,

with its resources, will fight with the district to the limit no matter how many years it takes to see that the La Mesa District gets a square deal. On the other hand, if the city shows a disposition to do the fair thing by the back country, to protect its only source of water supply, I will do everything I can to eliminate litigation so that development of water by the city can commence at an early date."

W. - There's nothing wrong about that Ed. Let me tell you just what I am figuring on, then you can tell me what you think of it. We want water development. The City Council have an opportunity to pull off one of the biggest things they have ever pulled off - that is settle the water question satisfactory to all parties and make peace with the back country. This election held yesterday has not, and will not eliminate litigation, and that can all be eliminated by La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley coming into the City of San Diego and paying for their proportionate cost of water development.

F. - They will never do that.

W. - What we want is to pay you a reasonable price for your system and get the irrigation district to turn it over to us and we will take care of the La Mesa people by bringing them into the city. That would eliminate all these objections. The only person that can bring about a friendly feeling between the back country out there and the City of San Diego is yourself. You have been dealing with them. If you were to go to them and try and persuade them to refrain from issuing bonds out there and they come in to the City they would all be taken care of then and develop the waters of the river for the mutual benefit of all concerned.

I have been talking with the councilmen this morning, and they

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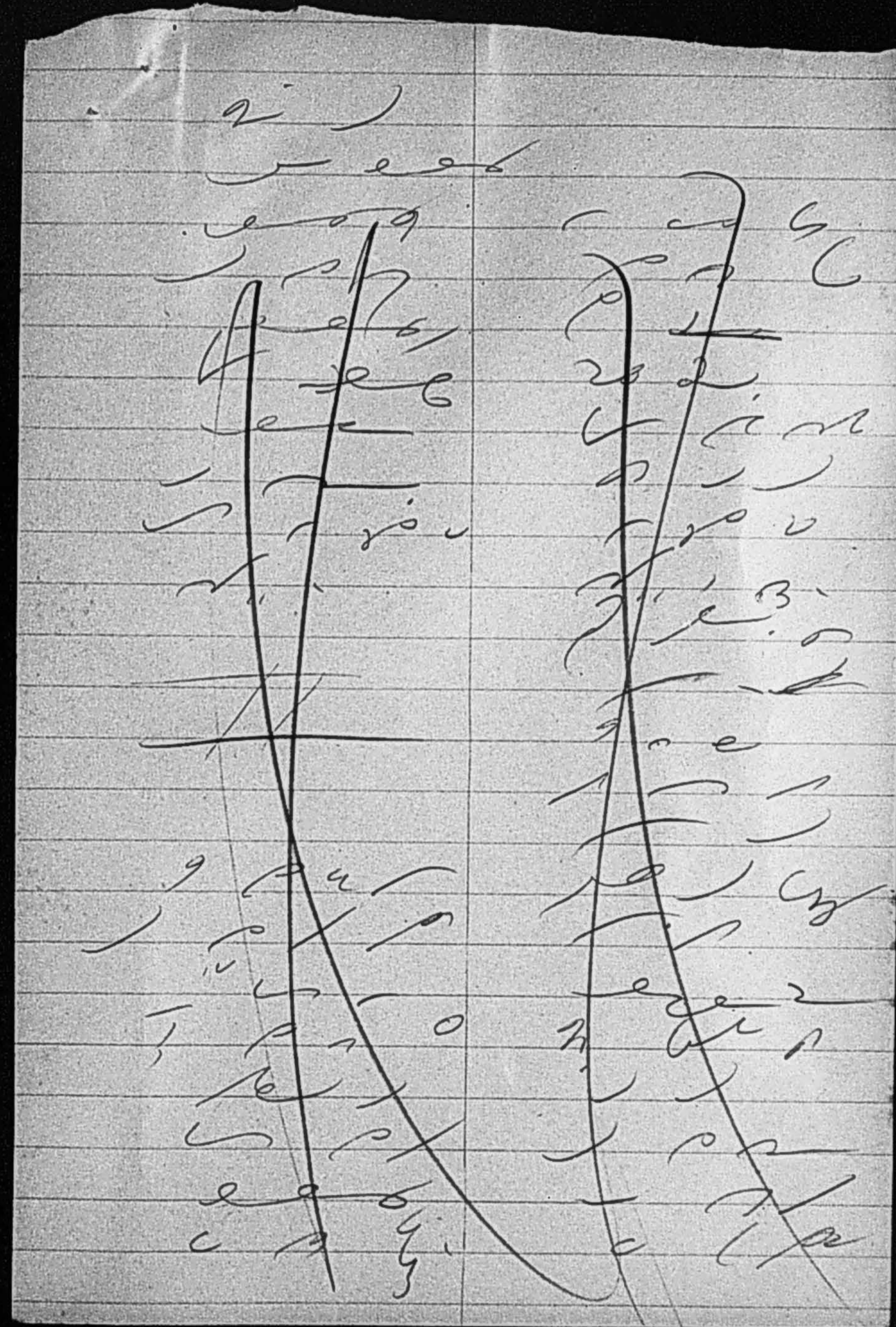
practically all agree with me except Stewart, and that is to appoint a committee of three or something like that to take this matter up with you. We are the factors at the present time and invite you to meet with this committee together with any other such representative as you wish and talk over this matter and settle the bond question also the price to be paid for these properties of the Cuyamaca Company, and then you do the best you could to have these people drop this matter and vote to come into the City of San Diego, and the City, of course, will go ahead. This would eliminate all this litigation and the price you would get for the Cuyamaca System will absolutely satisfy you.

F. - I can make no committment, Weitzel. I would have to consult with Mr. Halley, President of the District and with the La Mesa and El Cajon chambers of commerce people. I will take the matter up with them and see whether they favor the proposition or not.

W. - You wouldn't object to a meeting with a committee of that kind if they really mean business would you? I would rather not have anything to do with it, but we would appoint some people who are fair minded and try to bring about an equitable settlement that will satisfy you and the people in the back country for the mutual benefit of all concerned, and this darn litigation and ill feeling would all be ended. I will see that Heilbron is not on that committee for he is always contrary and making trouble for all of us.

F. - Have you talked this matter over with any councilmen?

W. - I have talked it over with Bruschi, and I sounded Held out on it, and I think he will be all right, also Heilbron. I am not so sure about Stewart, as he is on the fight. I talked it over also with the Mayor this morning, and he thinks it is a good plan. Moody thinks it is the thing to do and so does Higgins. You are entitled to a fair and just



compensation for your property there and no one can dispute that, and I am sure that if we can agree on some stipulated price, and you will promise to use your influence with the irrigation district to bring them around to this compromise, that it is money in your pocket and better for all concerned.

F. - Have you talked to MacMullen?

W. - No, but I am going to. I am going to take it up with Claus Spreckels too. See your people and I will see mine, and in a day or two we must get together and end all of this foolishness and start to develop water on the San Diego River.

F. - All right. I will sound my people out and we will talk it over in two or three days.

Weitzel rang off.

The above record of the conversation between Councilman Weitzel and Colonel Fletcher was heard by me over a third telephone connection in our office and taken down in shorthand.

Adelaide Hedquist

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