

August 29, 1922

File 290-25

Mr. W. H. Schwaff, Pres.,  
Board of Directors,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Dear Sir:

I have received what is purported to be the tentative valuations of property within the San Dieguito Irrigation District. I either own, or represent 800 to 1,000 acres of land within the San Dieguito Irrigation District, and on behalf of these I do represent and myself I wish to protest the present valuations.

Within the last six weeks, 240 acres of land in Sections 14, 23 and 22 have sold at less than \$30 per acre. You have it assessed at \$150 per acre.

Within the last six months I have purchased 160 acres in Sections 15 and 22 at \$36 per acre. It is assessed at \$150 per acre.

You have only assessed the lands west of the railroad track at \$250 per acre, lands that the owners would not sell today at less than \$750 to \$1,000 per acre, and which I can immediately sell at \$500 to \$600 per acre within a week.

In other words, lands that can be immediately sold, without water, at \$500 to \$750 per acre are assessed one-half to one-third their value, while lands in Sections 23 and 22, and 14 and 15 you assess at five times their value. Then again, lands which you assess at \$250 per acre west of the railroad you make the same assessment (\$250 per acre) one-fourth to one-half mile east of the railroad. I am referring particularly to the 80 acres which I own in Section 9, while in Section 4, lands which are nearer the railroad and nearer the ocean are assessed at \$100 to \$150 per acre, and I protest against the lands being assessed at \$250 per acre east of the railroad in Section 33, as compared to a \$250 per acre assessment on the lands west of the railroad, suitable for subdivision, in Sections 4 and 9.

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If the \$200 and \$150 an acre valuation for lands must stand in Sections 23, 15, 10 and 3, then I urge that the valuations in Sections 9 and 4 and 33, west of the railroad be increased to \$750 per acre, and east of the railroad, commencing at \$500 an acre, reducing gradually the farther east you go and farther away from the ocean and transportation.

My private opinion is that, in a general way, a fair valuation would be \$100 per acre for all the lands in Sections 14, 23, 15, 10 and 3, excepting \$150 to \$200 per acre for the westerly 40's of Section 15 and excepting the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 15, which is in a canyon and practically worthless, and should not be assessed for over \$25.00 per acre. It is owned by George Donnersberger, and is in a deep canyon. Based on the last mentioned valuations, I believe the lands west of the railroad should be assessed at \$500 an acre and east of the railroad \$400, \$300 and \$200 an acre for the balance, according to location and condition on the ground. The above is simply a suggestion.

I desire that a time be set to hear our protest, for my attorney will present our case. The present valuation is wholly unsatisfactory, and will not be accepted except after the courts have approved it.

Yours very truly,

RF:KLM  
cc - Tolle  
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SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
FIELD OFFICE  
ENCINITAS, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
CITY OFFICE  
924 EIGHTH STREET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

THOMAS H. KING, CHIEF ENGINEER  
924 EIGHTH STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CAL.

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September 5, 1922.

Encinitas, San Diego Co. Cal

Sept. 1 1922

Ed Fletcher Esq.  
San Diego.

Dear Sir: Reply reug to your letter  
to W. H. Schoaf. will state that the  
Board of Directors of the San Dieguito  
Irrigation Dist. will sit as a Board of Equal-  
ization on Sat. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2 o'clock P.M.  
Yours truly

Elizabeth Ashe Cactus Sec.

File 280-25

Mr. W. H. Schauf, Pres.,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

My dear Sir:

I have sent to your engineer, Mr. King, a map  
which more than bears out my argument as to relative  
values.

The acreage West of the railroad track, as  
assessed by the County Assessor, averages \$75 per acre  
and your Board has assessed it at \$250 per acre, or about  
three times as high as the assessed valuation. The  
lands back of Cardiff are assessed on an average of about  
\$15 per acre, and you have assessed them at \$150 per  
acre, or ten times as much.

If you assess the lands back of Cardiff at  
\$150 per acre, you should very materially increase  
the valuations of the lands West of the highway.

All the lands in Sections 23, 14, all of 15  
excepting the West Quarter, all of 10, all of 3, and the  
East Quarter of 4, comprising 38 quarter sections, do  
not average a valuation of more than \$20 per acre, and you  
have assessed it on an average of \$150 per acre, six or  
seven times as much as the assessed valuation.

I still maintain that the coast lands will be  
favored to a very great extent if you value the lands  
west of the railroad track at \$600, east of the railroad  
track for 2 quarter sections around \$300, and the balance  
of the lands at \$150, while those quarter sections  
farthest east should be reduced to \$125 per acre.

I want particularly to protest against the  
assessment of \$250 per acre on my 80 acres - the East  
Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9. It should be  
reduced to \$150 per acre, providing the South Coast  
Land Company's lands, particularly the West Half of the  
Northeast Quarter of Section 4, which is now assessed  
at \$100 per acre. The two valuations should be the same.

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September 12, 1922.

I ask your particular attention to reducing the valuation of George Donnersberger's land, on his 80 acres, on account of 40 acres being in a canyon and practically valueless, and also ask you to particularly take into consideration the fact that practically all of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22, is in a canyon and should be assessed low; also a considerable portion of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, and a part of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23 is also in a canyon.

The map which I have sent your chief engineer, Mr. King, at his request, shows the actual valuations copied from the county assessor's books this day, on each tract.

Thanking you kindly for your serious consideration of my protest, I am

Very sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

cc- Mr. King

File 280-25

Board of Directors,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

I have been furnished a copy of the revised valuations of the San Dieguito Irrigation District lands, and while I feel sure there should have been a relative value of at least five to one, instead of four to one, yet I am sure your directors have given it serious thought and your best judgment.

I do not question your integrity for I am sure you have the best interests of the district at heart, and for that reason I shall make no further effort in court to change valuations.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

October 24, 1922

File 280-25

Board of Directors,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

It has been reported to me that between \$1500 and \$2,000 was spent just in advertising the formation of the San Dieguito Irrigation District. I cannot believe this is true, because we are forming a 12,000 acre irrigation district, the Santa Fe District, and our advertising will be less than \$125, by advertising in the Oceanside Blade, which we are doing, and we could have gotten it advertised in the Escondido Daily Advocate, a daily paper, for roughly \$200 or \$250.00.

What I understand is that someone insisted upon having the ad put in the San Diego Sun, the most expensive paper in the county, and over \$1,000 was spent on that alone, when it could have been done in the daily newspaper at Escondido for less than \$200.00.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

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## San Dieguito Irrigation District

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ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA, Dec. 19, 1927

Ed Fletcher Company,  
920 Eighth St.  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

We have not as yet received your Petition for Exclusion of the 3 acres in the K. L. May Tract, which we returned to you under date of December 7th, for correction of description, which must be given in metes and bounds. It is necessary that we have this property described in this manner before we can continue with the process of excluding same from the District, and as our next Board Meeting is January 3, 1928, would ask that you get this Petition back to us at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,

Stephen Jones Secretary

January 4th, 1928

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

To: ED FLETCHER, Dr.

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To rent of Lots 1 and 21, Block "D", Avocado Acres No. 4 for pumping plant, etc, also rent of that portion of Lot 16 used for tank site from September 1st, 1928 to January 1st, 1929                            \$100

January 4th,  
1929

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find bill for \$25 a month from September 1st, 1928 to January 1st, 1928 for rental of Lots 1 and 21, Block "D", Avocado Acres No. 4 as per our verbal understanding. Also for that portion of Lot 16 which you are occupying in Avocado Acres No. 7.

I would like, also, for you to tell me what reasonable compensation I am entitled to for the number of years that you have occupied my lands heretofore.

Not alone am I out the use of the land but I can't plant it, cannot sell it and have had to pay additional taxes on account of your improvements which matter should be settled up in a manner agreeable to all parties in interest at an early date.

If you desire, I am willing to arbitrate the question of compensation that is due me for the occupancy of this property by you for the last few years but something definite must be settled immediately and early action on your part will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

February 4th,  
1929

Mr. Stephen Jones, Secty.  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, Calif.

My dear Mr. Jones:

This will introduce Mr. Cecil Hodgetts, a thoroughly reliable chap and any courtesy you can extend him will be more than appreciated.

Yours truly,

February 6th,  
1929

Board of Directors,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

In the near future I will want to install cast iron mains under the usual refunding plan for Avocado Acres No. 4, 5, and 7.

Would you kindly have your engineer submit plans showing the size of the pipe lines and the estimate of cost for installation as well as location and greatly oblige me.

I am enclosing map of Avocado Acres Nos. 4, 5 and 7 in case you have not already a copy of same.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

EF:AK

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## San Dieguito Irrigation District

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ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA, Feb. 7, 1929

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Replying to your letter of January 4, relative to your charge of \$100.00 covering rent of Lots 1 & 21, Block D, Avocado Acres #4, on which our pumping plants are located, and also rent of portion of Lot 16, used for tank site, this matter was taken up at the last regular meeting of the Board of Directors, Tuesday, Feb., 6, and was tabled until Monday February 11, 1929. We will advise you what action the Board takes at that time.

Very truly yours,

SJ-s

*Stephen Jones* Secretary

February 8th, 1929.

San Dieguito Irrigation District  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

On Wednesday with your Mr. Brown I went over the whole matter in controversy.

I am very much pleased with your plan both as to location of future pumping plants, etc. I believe it is for the best interests of the Irrigation District in every way.

I don't object to any easements across my property so long as the pipe lines are sufficiently deep and in all my deeds have reserved rights-of-way which protect you. I do not care for any consideration in relation thereto.

What I do object to is that your pumping plant and other buildings are located on Lots 1 and 21, Block D of Avocado Acres #4 in such a way that it has been impossible for us to do any planting of avocado trees or sell. The property adjoining is all sold. Mr. Mills has stopped selling my property and if this property had been planted it would have been sold by this time. I have also lost three or four sales on account of the big tanks stuck 30 feet in the air on Lot 16, Block L of Avocado Acres #7. In the meantime, I have been paying State, County and District taxes on all this property for three or four years and you have occupied it.

I am willing to take \$400 in full of account up to the first of February for damages and \$25.00 a month rental until such time as you remove the eye-sore from my property.

Mr. Brown says that he desires Lot 20, Block M. It is .57 of an acre. I will sell it to the District for \$500.

I hope we can get an early adjustment of our matters.

February 16th,  
1929

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Attention Mr. Brown:

After talking to you on the 'phone will say that the pumping plants on Lots 1 and 21, Block D, Avocado Acres No. 4 are such an eye sore I don't feel that I can sell these lots but want the pumping plants removed.

It is a detriment to the rest of the property around there.

I feel that I should be paid a rental until such time that they are removed, with an agreement that they will be removed within two or three years at the latest.

I hope that the board of directors will take some prompt action in this matter.

Yours truly,

EF:A,

February 8th, 1929.

San Dieguito Irrigation District

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Answering yours of February 7th, I will be out of the State or I would appear in person at your next meeting. I want to make an adjustment with you that is satisfactory to all parties in interest.

Yours very truly,

HF:GMF

# San Dieguito Irrigation District

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February 23, 1929

#2 - Col. Ed Fletcher

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Col. Fletcher:

The following letter was received from your dictation over the phone Wednesday February 20, 1929, which we would be pleased to have you confirm:

"Mr. Chas. H. Webster,  
President of the Board of Directors,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Dear Mr. Webster:

There will be a meeting of all the irrigation districts of the state in Sacramento, California, on the 24th and 25th of February to pass the bond and recommend a law to include all of the districts of the state, and giving certain authority to this new organization over all irrigation districts.

I feel that it is very important that the San Dieguito Irrigation District should be represented by Judge Sloane in Sacramento to protect our interests, and hope that the board will immediately order him to attend this convention and represent the District.

The total expense will not exceed \$150.00, I believe. If it should be more, I will pay for it myself because I feel that this is very important.

I hope that, today or tomorrow, you will authorize Judge Sloane by telephone to go."

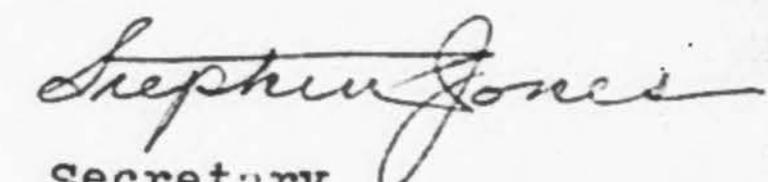
Very truly yours,

ED FLETCHER (By phone)

The Board of Directors appreciate the interest you have taken in this matter and the proposition made to them to defray all the expense over \$150.00. On the strength of this proposition the Board of Directors have instructed Judge Sloane

to proceed to Sacramento in the interests of the District.

Very truly yours,



Secretary

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CC - Judge Sloane

February 25th, 1929.

Mr. W. C. Brown  
San Dieguito Irrigation District  
Encinitas, California.

Dear Mr. Brown:

I thank you for your letter of the 21st.

A little later on as soon as conditions warrant  
it I will make the installation.

Yours very truly,

EF:CMF

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

Attention Mr. Stephen Jones

Answering yours of February 23d,  
same is my understanding and satisfactory.

I am glad that you all took favorable  
action.

Yours very truly,

EF:KJM

March 5, 1929.

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

I have sold you this day Lot 20,  
Block "M", Avocado Acres No 7, San Diego County,  
California.

The title is clear, excepting that  
the land is within the irrigation district; there are  
no delinquent taxes. I will furnish certificate of  
title to that effect without expense to you within  
10 days from date. The second half of the state and  
county and district taxes, payable this following  
spring you are to assume.

Yours very truly,

E. F. Akers

March Fifteenth,  
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San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find certificate of title from the Southern  
Title Company covering Lot 20, Block "M", Avocado  
Acres No. 7 in the name of the Morse Construction  
Company free and clear of encumbrance excepting  
easements heretofore granted and the second half  
of state and county taxes.

Yours truly,

E. F. AK  
Enc. 1

# San Dieguito Irrigation District

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March 21, 1929.

March 25, 1929

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Attention Mr. Jones, Sec'y

Gentlemen:

I have your note with certificate of title No. 86529. You were to record the deed immediately. It was executed and delivered to you on March 5, 1929.

I waited a reasonable length of time and then ordered the certificate brought down in the new owner, assuming, of course, that the deed had been recorded. It now means an added expense to me which would not have occurred if the deed had been recorded. I cannot very well bring a certificate of title down in the new owner until the deed is recorded. Please let me know if you have recorded the deed and when.

I have not yet received the \$200 that we agreed on, and shall I prepare a lease, or will you, covering the \$15.00 a month from date of March 5, 1929.

Yours very truly,

B.P.KLM

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

I am in receipt of your letter of March 21, 1929, relating to Certificate of Title No. 86529.

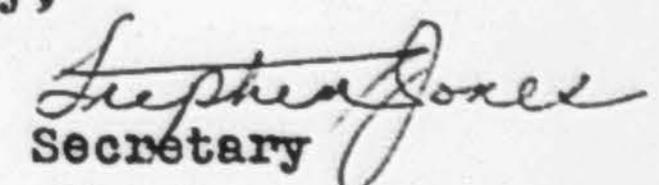
The property it covers was purchased from you about 4:30 P. M. on March 5, 1929, at which time you delivered deed to us. It was physically impossible to leave here at that time and go to San Diego to have said deed recorded before the recorders office closed on March 5th. The deed was recorded at 41 minutes past 11 o'clock on the morning of March 6, in Deed Book No. 1604 page 206, which is about as early as it could possibly be recorded. We find that the said Certificate of Title was brought down to 8 o'clock A. M., on March 6th, actually before the deed could possibly be recorded. We therefore cannot concede that a reasonable length of time was granted before bringing the title down in our name.

In view of these facts we expect you to comply with the terms of your proposal to bring down the title of Lot 20, Block "M", Avocado Acres No. 7 in the name of the San Dieguito Irrigation District.

Regarding the \$200.00 to be paid you for the use of property for our pumping plants etc., all bills are presented for payment at the regular meetings of the Directors. The next meeting will be held April 2, at which time a check will be drawn in your favor and formally approved for payment. A check will also be made to you at that time covering the rent of \$15.00 per month for rent of said property for pumping plant purposes.

We will prepare a lease covering the terms of said rental etc., and forward same to you for your signature.

Yours respectfully,



Stephen Jones  
Secretary

*(p. 8)*  
March 26, 1929.

Mr. Stephen Jones,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

My dear Mr. Jones:

Answering yours of March 25th  
will say I feel that your contention is right under  
the circumstances.

I thought that the matter had  
run over a period of two or three weeks. I will have  
the certificate brought down in your name at my expense.

Thanking you for your attention  
to this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

ef/n

March Twenty-sixth  
1 9 2 9

Mr. Stephen Jones,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Dear Mr. Jones:

Answering yours of March Twenty-fifth will say I feel  
that your proposition is right under the circumstances.

I thought that the matter had run over a period of two  
or three weeks.

Please return the certificate and I will bring it down  
in your name at my expense.

Thanking you for your attention to this matter, I am

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

March Twenty-ninth,  
1 9 2 9

April 1st, 1929.

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Attention Mr. Stephen Jones.

Gentlemen:

I am sending you up the two copies of the lease which are being sent to you on the following condition: That I am to be given a check for \$200.00 past rent, and a check for \$15.00 for this month's rental on lease herewith enclosed.

Kindly return one copy of lease properly executed.

Yours very truly,

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

MEF:AK

# San Dieguito Irrigation District

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SUPERINTENDENT . . . . .		W. C. BROWN

April 8, 1929

Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Enclosed please find copy of Land Lease properly signed for  
your files.

Very truly yours,

*Stephen Jones*

Stephen Jones, Secretary

SJ-S

April Eighteenth,  
1 9 2 9

# San Dieguito Irrigation District

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SUPERINTENDENT . . . . .		W. C. BROWN

April 17, 1929

Ed Fletcher  
1020 9th St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

We are enclosing herewith statement covering labor charges  
on Tank #4, which items were overlooked in rendering you  
invoice covering this work, previously.

Regretting our oversight in this matter, we are,

Yours very truly,

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

*Stephen Jones*  
Secretary

Yours truly,

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find check for \$14.77 to cover  
the statement received from you for labor on  
Tank No. 4.

Kindly acknowledge receipt, and oblige.

MEF:AK

July Seventeenth,  
1 9 2 9

July 23, 1929.

Board of Directors,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, Calif.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find copy of letter that is explanatory  
and for your information.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

It is costing us from \$200  
to \$400 a month, in addition to our usual expense,  
in order to irrigate owing to the low pressure.

The only solution that I can see  
is for rotation of irrigation and have a definite time  
for us to irrigate. Everyone should be put on a schedule,  
in my opinion, and those who have permanent overhead  
irrigation systems should be forced to irrigate at night.

I sincerely trust that some  
immediate action along these lines will be taken as it is  
not fair to me to be compelled to pay out the extra  
amount that I am now paying on account of your low pressure.  
My labor for irrigating last month alone was between \$1,000  
and \$1200.

May I please have your reaction  
to this letter at an early date as every day counts.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

O. M. Connor

# San Dieguito Irrigation District

ENCINITAS, San Diego County, CALIFORNIA

## SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Encinitas, Calif.

July 26, 1929

Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th St.  
San Diego, Calif.

July 30, 1929.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Replying to your letter of the 23d, if you will inform us which of your tracts are most severely affected by the low pressure condition, we will endeavor to make some local change whereby it may be possible to give you better pressure without resorting to rotation.

I suppose that we will have to have rotation sooner or later, but I should like to postpone it or at least limit it to small areas as long as possible, as it is almost certain to cause some difficulties and hard feelings due to differences in opinion as to the amount of water required and the best time for applying it.

Thanking you for the above information and for any suggestions you may have to offer, I remain

Yours very truly,

W. C. BROWN,  
Superintendent

WCB-s

original sent to J. D. Conner

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Colonel Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th Street,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Colonel Fletcher:

Your check dated July 23 for \$94.14 in payment of Invoice #1880 is a duplicate payment. Said invoice was paid by your check of July 10 for \$310.30.

Kindly instruct us regarding this check, whether we should refund the amount to you or whether we should apply it against your July water bills.

Very truly yours,

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By *Stephen Jones*  
Secretary.

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M*Return*

August 2, 1929.

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

Answering yours of July 30th, please  
return our check for \$34.14 and we will send check  
in full for the July bills.

Yours very truly,

KLM

August Ninth,  
1 9 2 9

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Mr. Petz desires permission to tap on your line to get  
some water for an oil well.

I would recommend that you grant him permission to tap  
the line and install the meter at his expense and  
furnish him with water.

I think it is very important that you should cooperate  
with him in this matter.

Kindly give me a ring if this cannot be done.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

August Fourteenth,  
1 9 2 9

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find letter from Mr. Conner that is explanatory.

I know that it is wholly an over-sight. Will you please credit us up with the over-charge for water, and oblige.

Very sincerely yours,

August Twenty-second,  
1 9 2 9

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send me what literature you have on cost of meter, installation, etc. and oblige.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

EF:AK

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ED FLETCHER - S. D. I. D. Page 2.

August 23, 1929

Colonel Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th Street,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Colonel Fletcher:

In compliance with your request of August 22, we are enclosing you, herewith, a copy of our Rules and Regulations, on pages two and three of which you will find information regarding the cost of meters, installations, etc.

This is the only literature we have covering the subject.

You will note that the Rules and Regulations do not give the cost of the meters because of the possibilities of the market changes in same.

The present invoice prices of meters and the estimated cost of their installations, according to size, are as follows:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Cost of Meter</u>	<u>Est. cost of Inst.</u>	<u>Est. Total Cost</u>
5/8"			
x3/4"	\$10.75	\$11.25	\$22.00
1"	23.10	11.90	35.00
1 1/2"	42.00	15.00	57.00
2"	63.00	18.00	81.00

Larger sizes than the 2" meters are not carried in stock.

After the installation is made, invoice is rendered showing the actual cost of the meter, material used, and labor time in installing same. If the total meter and installation

cost is less than the amount deposited, a refund of the difference is made, or credited against future water bills on said meter, and if the cost is greater than the deposit, a bill is rendered for the excess installation cost.

The object of this plan is to charge the owner of the meter with the actual cost of the installation, no more or no less.

In your case, however, we require no deposit. We simply render you a bill for the actual cost of the meter and its installation.

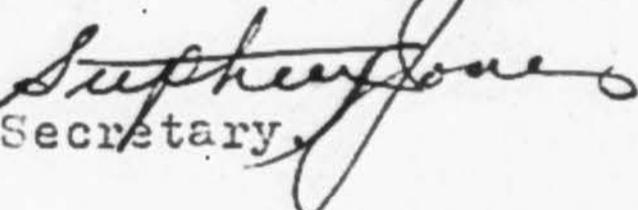
We trust that this information is what you desire, but should you wish further information, we shall be glad to supply same to you upon request.

Very truly yours,

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By

Secretary,


SJ:M  
Enc.

**Rules and Regulations  
of  
San Dieguito  
Irrigation District  
Encinitas, California**



**As Amended  
October 6, 1925**

# **Rules and Regulations of SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

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It is requested that all water users will familiarize themselves with these rules and endeavor to assist in the businesslike conduct of the District's work.

## **1—Control of System.**

All reservoirs, pumps, pipe lines, gates, meters and other property of the District are under the exclusive management and control of the Superintendent, appointed by the Board of Directors, and no other person, except his employees and assistants, shall have any right to operate the said reservoirs, pumps, pipe lines, gates, meters or other District property in any manner. The Superintendent shall be held responsible by the Board of Directors for the economic and efficient operation of the system.

## **2—Employees.**

The Superintendent shall employ, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, such operators, meter men and other assistants as may be necessary for the purpose of properly operating and maintaining the system.

### 3—Complaints.

All complaints regarding service shall first be taken up with the Superintendent before any action will be taken by the Board of Directors.

### 4—Application for service.

Before water will be supplied to any consumer, written application on form furnished by District must be made at the office of the Secretary, by owner of the property, or his authorized agent.

In the case of houses which are rented to temporary tenants, the account will be carried in the name of the owner only and he will be held responsible for the prompt payment of water bills.

Where application for water service is made without endorsement by landowner or where the landowner disclaims any responsibility for the payment of any water bills to be incurred by a Tenant, the District will require the Tenant to establish credit to the satisfaction of the District and the District may require the Tenant to make a cash deposit to secure the payment of water bills. The amount of such deposit shall be determined by the Operating Department of the District.

### 5—Installing Meters.

(a) Each consumer will be required to deposit with the District an amount equal to the actual cost of the meter applied for, a schedule of which costs may be obtained from the Secretary; and to make a deposit to cover installation charge as shown in the schedule below.

(b) Meters must be of a type and size approved by the Superintendent. Crest

type meters will be installed only where they will be operated at approximately their maximum capacity at all times while delivering water; and only when delivering into open flumes or ditches.

(c) Deposits to be made to cover cost of installing service line and meter, where no service previously existed.

<del>Not used</del>	<del>\$ 8.00</del>	<del>11.25</del>
1 "	\$12.00	
1 1/2 "	\$15.00	
2 "	\$18.00	

The actual charge to be made shall be the cost of labor and material used plus 10% to cover overhead expense. If the cost exceeds the deposit, consumer will be billed for the difference; if the deposit exceeds the cost, balance will be refunded or will be credited to the account of the consumer at his option.

The Superintendent shall have the authority to change these deposits to meet special conditions, and to determine the amount to be deposited for moving a meter or for other work not covered in these rules.

(d) All service connections and meter installations must be made only by properly authorized employees of the District.

(e) The service pipe and fittings from the lateral to the property line shall remain the property of the District.

### 6.—Rates.

#### (a) Irrigation Rates.

Gravity water per hundred cu. ft. ....	3c
Pump Unit No. 1 per hundred cu. ft. 4 1/2c	
" " " 2 " " " " " 6c	
" " " 3 " " " " " 5c	

(b) Domestic Water, which is water used in the dwelling, also water used for irrigating lawns, flowers, ornamental shrubs, kitchen gardens, live stock, and like purposes.

Gravity water per hundred cu. ft. ....	7½c
Pump Unit No. 1 per hundred cu. ft.	9c
" " " 2 " "	10½c
" " " 3 " "	9¾c

(c) Service Charge.

It is the aim of the District to sell water to its consumers at cost. As overhead, etc., brings the cost of operating each meter to at least \$1.00 per month, a service charge will be collected for each meter, whenever the charge for water at the regular rate would be less than \$1.00. Said service charge shall be the difference between the computed amount due for water actually used, and \$1.00. Whenever a sufficient amount of water is used during the month to bring the amount due up to or above \$1.00 no service charge will be made.

7.—Meter Repairs.

When repairs to the meter are made necessary by accident or wear, the Superintendent shall cause such repairs to be made and the consumer shall pay the actual cost thereof; and when, in the estimation of the Superintendent, the meter can no longer be repaired in such manner as to cause it to register with resonable accuracy, the consumer will be required to make a deposit for a new meter.

A water meter is a delicate mechanism, and its accuracy depends upon perfect adjustment of its parts. Any meter which has been repaired or tampered with by anyone other than the District's employees

or the meter manufacturers, must be tested at owner's expense before service is resumed.

8.—Adjustment for Meter Error.

(a) Any consumer may demand upon deposit of three dollars at the office of the District that the meter through which water is being furnished be examined and tested for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not it is registering correctly the water being delivered through it. If upon such examination and test the meter shall be found to register over five per cent more water than actually passes through it another meter will be substituted until meter in question is corrected, and the sum of three dollars repaid to the person making the application, and the water bill for the current period adjusted in an equitable manner. If the meter be found accurate the three dollar deposit shall be forfeited to the District and the water bills paid as rendered. Arrangements will be made for consumer to be present if he desires.

(b) When a meter fails to register during any month a charge shall be made on an estimate based on the assumption that the ratio of the amount of water used in that month to the amount used in the preceding month is the same as the ratio of the water used that month in the entire District to the amount used in the preceding month in the entire District. Where this method is manifestly unfair, the Superintendent shall make an estimate based on the circumstances.

9.—Discontinuance of Service.

(a) Should a bill for water be unpaid by the 10th of the month following the use

of water, the District may remove the meter and discontinue service until bill is paid in full. A charge of \$2.00 will be made to re-install the meter and renew service and the District may at its discretion require an advance deposit of an amount equal to the estimated use of water for two months.

(b) Where a temporary discontinuance of service is requested a charge of 50c will be made for turning off the water, and a charge of 50c will be made for turning on the water again.

(c) In case of a consumer permanently discontinuing service, the meter will be removed and an amount equal to the value of the meter as appraised by the Superintendent, taking into consideration the cost of reconditioning the meter, shall be returned to the consumer, less any unpaid water bills.

If the consumer is not satisfied with the appraisal of the Superintendent, the meter will be sent to the manufacturer to be reconditioned and upon receipt of their bill for same, the consumer will be refunded an amount equal to the difference between the first cost of the meter and the cost of reconditioning it, including all transportation and handling charges.

Meters larger than 2 inch may not be turned back to the District for refund.

(d) In the event that the original holder of the deposit receipt transfers his rights in the property served, he must notify the Secretary within ten days after such transfer if he desires to have the meter removed and deposit returned. If he fails to notify the Secretary within said ten days the rights to the meter refund

shall be considered to have been transferred with the property.

#### 10.—Extension of Water Service, Cost and Ownership on Private Property.

Upon application by a bonafide applicant for service, the District will, at its own expense, furnish and install service pipe of suitable capacity from its water mains to the curb line or property line of property abutting upon a public street, highway, alley, lane or road along which it already has or will install street mains, except that where an owner of property within the District desires to subdivide such lands which will require the laying or construction of additional lateral pipe lines to serve such subdivided lands or lots, the owner shall deposit with the District the necessary money to provide for the labor and material to construct such lateral pipe lines as may be necessary for supplying water to the various lots and tracts along the streets or alleys of said subdivision. Such construction shall be according to estimates, plans and specifications to be prepared and approved by said Irrigation District.

Said lateral pipe lines when so constructed shall be subject to the use of said Irrigation District as part of its distributing system but shall be and remain in the ownership of the owner of the property until such time as the said Irrigation District shall repay to the owner, the cost of said construction, the Irrigation District to maintain and keep in repair such lateral lines in consideration of the right to use and connect with the same as a part of its general distributing system, until such

time as the owner is repaid for his investment in such construction.

Such repayment for the cost of such construction to be made semi-annually, but only from funds derived from collection of the annual assessments levied on said lands for Irrigation District purposes and in amounts equal to the difference between assessments to be paid on said lands as subdivided as compared to what would be the amount of assessments levied if said lands were assessed as unsubdivided acreage property.

Upon full repayment by said Irrigation District of the amounts advanced by said owner, or Subdivider for the construction of said lateral pipe lines, the same shall become the property of the Irrigation District.

#### **11—Shortage of water Supply and Interruption of Delivery.**

The district will exercise reasonable diligence and care to furnish and deliver a continuous and sufficient supply of water to the consumer, and to avoid any shortage or interruption of delivery of same. The District will not be liable for interruption or shortage or insufficiency of supply, or any loss or damage occasioned thereby, if the same is caused by unavoidable accident, act of God, fire, strikes, riots, war, or any other cause not within its control.

The District, whenever it shall find it necessary for the purpose of making repairs or improvements to its system, will have the right to suspend temporarily without notice the delivery of water, but in all such cases, as reasonable notice thereof as circumstances will permit will

be given to the consumers, and the making of such repairs or improvements will be prosecuted as rapidly as may be practicable, and, if practicable, at such times as will cause the least inconvenience to the consumers.

In case of shortage of supply, the District shall have the right to give preference in the matter of furnishing water for domestic use, the residue to be pro-rated to the irrigation consumers in proportion to their assessed valuations.

#### **12—Certain days for use of Irrigation Water.**

Whenever the Superintendent shall deem it necessary in order to secure an equitable distribution of water for irrigation, he shall specify certain days on which the various consumers or divisions of the District shall be entitled to use water for irrigation either for the District as a whole or for any part of same. The consumers affected shall be notified forty-eight hours in advance of the time when such schedule shall become effective or when any change in same is to be made.

#### **13—Re-sale of Water.**

No consumer can enter into any contract or agreement to resell any portion of the water to which he is entitled without the special permission of the Board of Directors.

#### **14—District's Right of Ingress to and Egress from Consumer's Premises.**

The District or its duly authorized agents shall at all times have the right of ingress to and egress from the customer's

premises at all reasonable hours for any purpose reasonably connected with the furnishing of water and the exercise of any and all rights secured to it by law, or these Rules and Regulations.

As provided for in the Rules and Regulations herein contained the District shall have the right to remove any and all of its property installed on the consumer's premises at the termination of service.

#### 15—Service Connections Made by District's Employees.

Only duly authorized employees of the District are allowed to connect the consumer's service to, or disconnect the same from, the District's water mains.

#### 16—Damage to District's Property.

Any damage occurring to a meter or to other appliances, pipes, or any property of the Irrigation District caused by carelessness or neglect of the consumer shall be paid for by the consumer on presentation of a bill therefor.

#### 17—Compensation to District's Employees.

All inspectors, agents and employees of the District are strictly forbidden to demand or accept any personal compensation for services rendered to a consumer.

#### 18—Loaning Property of the District.

The employees of the District are forbidden to loan any books, maps, charts, papers, records, tools, machinery or other property of the District to any one not in the regular employ of said District, or to sell or rent any District property without

an order from the Board of Directors or Superintendent.

#### 19—Wrong Use or Waste of Water.

No consumer shall provide water regularly to any person, Company, or Corporation other than the occupant or occupants of the premises of said consumer, nor shall any consumer knowingly permit leaks or waste of water.

#### 20—State Laws.

The Superintendent of the District is authorized to immediately swear out a warrant for the arrest of any person who violates the following state laws in regard to stealing water, opening or closing gates and valves, etc., to-wit:

Section 499, Penal Code—Stealing water or taking water without authority or making unauthorized pipe or other water connections.

Section 625, Penal Code—Drawing water from works after they have been closed.

Section 592, Penal Code—Water ditches, etc., penalty for trespass or interference with.

Section 607—Destroying or injuring flumes, aqueducts, etc.

Section 657, Penal Code—Destroying or injuring flumes, aqueducts, etc.

Section 624, Penal Code—Breaking or Obstructing water pipes, etc.

#### 21—Amendment.

The Board of Directors of said District may, from time to time, at their discretion, alter, amend or add to these rules and regulations.

Above adopted at meeting of the Board  
of Directors held May 7th, 1924, as per rec-  
ords on page of Minute Book.

Amended November 5, 1924

Amended October 6, 1925.

# San Dieguito Irrigation District

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September 3rd, 1929.

San Dieguito Irrigation District  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

Regarding meter on Lots 24 to 29, Avocado Acres #3, Meter #943-I, I want to call your attention to same.

We used in March water to the extent of \$2.73, April \$10.77, May \$23.88, June \$118.98, July \$4.12.

Certainly, there was some mistake in June. I am asking you to check up and make us the proper reading.

There are only 5 or 6 acres in the entire tract and that amount of water could not have been used an acre foot during the month of June for every acre.

Your attention to this matter, would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

PP:CMF

September 5, 1929.

Colonel Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th Street,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Colonel Fletcher:

Replying to your letter of September 3, regarding the amount of water consumed during the month of June on Lots 24 to 29, Avocado Acres #3, through meter Service No. 943, we wish to advise that our June charges for water used against this service amounted to \$24.84 representing 82,800 cubic feet of water, or 1.90 acre feet.

We inadvertently added the cost of meter installation of Lot 2 of the Cläussen Tract, our Service #1081 amounting to \$94.18 to this water bill of Service #943 when same should have been added to Service #1081, Fletcher & Walter account.

These two items \$24.84 and \$94.18 make the total of \$118.98 in question.

We had billed you for the \$94.18 by Invoice #1880.

Your remittance for the month of June water paid this \$94.18 and later you also sent us a check for \$94.18 which duplicate payment we refunded you by payment of our Warrant. #1888 August 7.

Trusting that the above explanation will clarify any question regarding the present condition of this account, and that you have not been too greatly inconvenienced, we are

Very truly yours,

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By *Stephen Jones*  
Secretary.

SJ:M  
CC-J.D.Conner

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September Twenty-fourth,  
1 9 2 9

October 2, 1929

San Dieguito Irrigation District Directors,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

I see that Judge Sloane has resigned as Irrigation District judge.

I hope you will appoint his son, Harrison Sloane,.

I have found him thoroughly responsible and he has a splendid knowledge of Irrigation District law.

I am writing this letter without his knowledge but I feel that Harrison Sloane has had a wonderful education with ten or twelve years experience in his father's office as junior partner and of course, the son can always go to the old man if there is anything that he cannot solve and ask for advice.

The above is just a suggestion for your consideration.

Very sincerely yours,

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th street,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Col. Fletcher:

Your letter of September 24th., suggesting and recommending the appointment of Harrison G. Sloane to succeed Judge Wm. A. Sloane, as attorney for this District, was read to the Board of Directors at their regular meeting yesterday, October 1, 1929.

I have the pleasure to advise you that your expressions were fully endorsed by the action of the Board yesterday in voting to officially appoint Harrison G. Sloane as successor to his esteemed father, as legal advisor for this District.

Official notice of the appointment has been this day mailed to Mr. Harrison G. Sloane.

Yours respectfully,

*Stephen Jones*  
Secretary

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October 22, 1922.

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

Please turn off the following meters  
but leave them installed as they will be needed a little  
later on.

Avocado Acres No. 3 ---- L-4-C-1023 2" I

Yours truly,

ED FLETCHER COMPANY  
By

November Fourth,  
1 9 2 9

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Regarding the three acres bordering on the Santa  
Fe railroad on the east that the La Costa Sloughs  
on the north which Salmons and I own, a sketch  
of which is herewith enclosed, please let me know  
if this land always has been in the irrigation  
district. If not, when did it join the district  
and oblige me.

Very sincerely yours,

KM

EF:AK

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November 5, 1929

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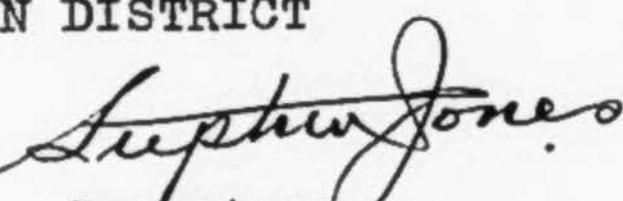
Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Replying to your inquiry of November 4th., the 3 acres referred to has been in the District since its original formation.

Prior to this year the Irrigation District Assessment on said property was paid by the South Coast Land Company, but they recently notified us that the land had been deeded to you in an exchange transaction.

Yours very truly,

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

  
Stephen Jones  
SecretaryS  
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NOVEMBER 7, 1929

# San Dieguito Irrigation District

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Col. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th Street,  
San Diego, Calif.,

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

Mr. Zachary of the South Coast Land Company has called my attention to the need of a pipe line to serve the lots in the subdivision of your land in Sec. 4, southeast of the Coutts' ranch.

The logical location for a pipe to serve these lots is in the road lying west of the property. I would recommend a six inch pipe which would cost about 80¢ per foot installed. A smaller pipe could be used if its purpose were to serve only the lot on which the house is to be erected, but this would not fit in with any scheme of future development. If possible, the pipe line should be completed at this time entirely through the tract, along the road easement extending in a general north and south direction. This would give connection to our existing lines at both ends and would provide much better service than otherwise.

I estimate that the cost of such a line will be approximately \$1400.00. This work could be done under one of our regular agreements, providing for future refund of the cost to you.

I regret that this matter did not come to our attention before the regular monthly meeting of our Board, which was held on the 5th of this month. The next regular meeting will be held on December 3rd. If it is desired to take action before that date it will be necessary to call a special meeting, the expense of which would be about \$40.00.

On account of this fact, and also because we are very busy just now, moving pipes and pumps on account of paving construction, I suggest that it would be better to give your purchaser a temporary connection to our main line and let him use some pipe which he could use later in his distribution system, pending the completion of arrangements for a permanent line.

Very truly yours,



W. C. Brown, Superintendent

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November Ninth,  
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San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Attention Mr. W. C. Brown:

My dear Mr. Brown:

I wonder if the property owners in the San Dieguito District realize that we are at the mercy of one pipe line - anything is liable to happen. We have no storage and must have some, if for insurance purposes only.

I wonder if the people in the San Dieguito District realize that our property is appraised at a valuation averaging \$2000 an acre through the entire district.

Millions upon millions of dollars of property is jeopardized and each year that we don't put in storage it is the more serious.

For one, I am in favor of immediately putting in additional storage as recommended by the engineer.

The only way it can be done is through a bond issue and if the directors will consider this matter I will give it my hearty support in case it is put up to the vote of the people.

Yours very truly,

November Ninth,  
1 9 2 9

Mr. W. C. Brown,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas, Calif.'

Friend Brown:

Answering yours of the seventh will say we had both put in just a temporary connection and I will ask Mr. Salmons to, a little later on, put in the six inch line as recommended by you.

I will pay for a cheap second hand pipe for temporary connection. Could you attend to it for me?

The above refers to the Zachary sale to Mr. Wilde. If agreeable put it in and send me the bill.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

EF:AK

November Twelfth,  
1 9 2 9

Board of Directors,  
San Dieguito Irrigation District  
Encinitas, California.

Gentlemen:

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Millions upon millions of dollars of property is jeopardized and each year that we don't put in storage it is the more serious.

For one, I am in favor of immediately putting in additional storage as recommended by the Directors of the District.

The only way it can be done is through a bond issue and if the directors call an election I will give it my hearty support.

Yours very truly,

EF:AK

November Twenty-first,  
1 9 2 9

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

We have checked over your bills carefully and  
find that we did not receive a bill for the E<sub>2</sub>  
of the SE<sub>1</sub> of the NE<sub>1</sub> of 22, 13.

We would also ask you to please send us bill  
for Lots 3 and 4, Block E, Avocado Acres No. 4  
which was formerly sold to Mrs. Depue as we  
have now sold this property under another contract,

Will you also send us bills for Lots 6, 7, 9,  
10, and 11 of Avocado Acres No. 3 which was sold  
under contract to J. B. Roe and he has not fulfilled  
his contract. Also duplicate bill of Lots  
32, 33 and 34 sold under contract to Fred and  
Elizabeth Coutts.

I think when we receive these the bills will be  
complete.

Yours very truly,

MEF:AK

December Sixth,  
1 9 2 9

San Dieguito Irrigation District ,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Replying to your favor of November twenty-fifth  
to Don Walter regarding balance due of \$83.02 on  
invoices No. 1963 and 65 would say that we hold  
your receipt for these payments as they were  
charged upon our water bills for the month of  
October and we paid them early in November.

Will you kindly look up your records and I  
think you will find this correct.

Yours very truly,

MEF:AK

December Ninth,  
1 9 2 9

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

I was amazed to find out that the main irrigation district line east of Coutts runs through private property 100 feet to 150 feet from the present road.

We have sold one small piece to a Mr. McLean, another tract to Mr. Wilde and two more pieces in process of selling. At least two houses will be built immediately and three pieces are planted.

I ask that you move your main pipe line out of private property, put it along the present county highway where it belongs and we will pay a reasonable amount toward its expense and any advances will be refunded in the usual subdivision agreement.

There are only  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land to be irrigated on the bluff. The balance of it is side hill stuff into the valley. We intend, later on, to put in the pipe line down the valley to the east running north and south.

I understand from your engineer, Mr. Brown, that it will cost us \$1400 to put in a six inch pipe line. Certainly we should not be compelled to advance all this money to irrigate three acres when thru no fault of our own the Irrigation District's main pipe line is put thru private property 100 to 200 feet from our road.

I have no desire to criticise and all I want is to help solve the problem and ask your assistance.

December Twenty-seventh,  
1 9 2 9

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find tax bills and check for \$1800, also check for \$1596.82, covering the first half of district taxes.

We would appreciate it if you would let us know of any delinquencies in the usual manner.

Yours very truly,

AK

12-9-29

As a compromise, I am willing to sing a subdivision agreement, advance \$700 now which will be refunded to me later and this \$700 should pay the expense of taking the main line out of private property where it is now located and put it where it belongs in the county road.

Can an arrangement of this kind be made?

Your early and favorable action will be very much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:AK



# San Dieguito Irrigation District

ENCINITAS, SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

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July 30, 1930.

ASSESSOR	{	MAUD A. WARNER
COLLECTOR		
TREASURER		
SECRETARY . . . . .		STEPHEN JONES
ENGINEER- SUPERINTENDENT		W. C. BROWN
ATTORNEY . . . . .		HARRISON G. SLOANE
FOR DISTRICT		

*Dice Jacobs*

*Dice Spurlock*

August First,  
1 9 3 0

Mr. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 Ninth St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

My Dear Mr. Fletcher:-

Replying to your favor, of the 29th. Inst.  
Lots 2 to 6 inclusive, Avocado Acres No. 3 in the name of  
Spurlock shows delinquent water bill of \$31.45 and one  
2" Meter and installation, \$78.77, making a total of \$110.22.

So far Mr. Spurlock has paid no attention to our notices.

No water is being served on the little two acre piece  
adjoining the Santa Fe Railroad on the west end of LaCosta  
slough .

Yours very truly,  
SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT ?

*O. C. Jacobs*  
O. C. Jacobs,  
Secretary.

San Dieguito Irrigation District,  
Encinitas,  
California.

Gentlemen:

Answering yours of July thirtieth will say that  
we sold to Mr. Spurlock and deeded him the property  
described as Lots 2 to 6, inclusive, Avocado Acres  
No. 3 and took back a trust deed.

We have given him official notice of cancellation  
and will take possession today.

We are out a bad loss in this matter and would  
like to know just what is the legal situation.

We are willing to pay \$110.22 when I can resell  
the property and don't feel we are under any  
obligation in relation thereto but we want to  
comply with the wishes of the San Dieguito  
Irrigation District and be treated as you are  
treating others.

A reply by return mail would be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

EF:ASK

*Copy to Mr. Fletcher.*

TELEPHONE: ENCINITAS 60

# San Dieguito Irrigation District D

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December 17, 1930

ASSESSOR	MAUD A. WARNER G. E. THRAILKILL THRAILKILL-JONES
COLLECTOR	
TREASURER	
SECRETARY	W. C. BROWN
ENGINEER-SUPERINTENDENT	
ATTORNEY FOR DISTRICT	HARRISON G. SLOANE

September 15, 1930

Mr. W. O. Spurlock,  
Route #4, Box 272,  
Anaheim, California.

Dear Sir:

It is a matter of extreme regret to us that our previous attempts, made in the spirit of friendship and good will, to obtain payment of your account amounting to \$110.22 have utterly failed. Consequently we must now say, though with great reluctance, that unless a remittance comes within the next week, we shall be compelled to remove your meter.

We never decide upon this course except as a last resort because of the \$2.00 charge for re-installing each meter, and then, as a matter of fairness and justice to our customers, we advise them in advance of what we intend to do.

We are sorry to send you such a message, but as you will not answer our reminders, or pay the slightest attention to our requests, we have no other alternative.

We hope you will understand that a feeling of friendship has prompted this notice, unpleasant as it is, and that you will respond in such a way as to render any hostile action unnecessary.

Very truly yours,

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By  
Secretary.

GET:BS

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 9th St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Col. Fletcher:

Your letter of December 13th., addressed to Mr. Thraillkill has been referred to me for reply. I understand that you wish to have information as to the amount of water delivered in this District during one year and the total cost of same delivered to the consumers in this District.

In the twelve months from October 1, 1929, to September 30, 1930, we delivered 85,903,300 cu. ft., or 642,599,636 gallons, and our net expenditures after deducting those for assets, amounted to approximately \$95,000 for the same period.

Considering the District as a unit, the average cost of the water was therefore approximately 11½ per 100 cubic feet, or 14.8¢ per 1000 gallons. These figures do not include any depreciation on our plant and equipment - if we include depreciation at the low figure of 4% on our plant valuation of over \$500,000, the cost per 100 cu. ft. becomes 13.4¢ or 18¢ per 1000 gallons.

Under the terms of the contract for the purchase of our water from Lake Hodges, we are obliged to pay \$41,600 to the City of San Diego each year, regardless of the actual amount of water taken. During the above period we paid \$10,857 for water to which we were entitled, but which we were unable to use.

Trusting that the above will be of value to you, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*W.C. Brown*

W. C. Brown, Superintendent

# SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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ENGINEER	SUPERINTENDENT	} W. C. BROWN
ATTORNEY FOR DISTRICT	HARRISON G. SLOANE	

July 13, 1931

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
1020 Ninth St.,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Col. Fletcher:

In reply to your letter of the 10th., I wish to submit the following information:

Total acreage within the Boundaries of the San Dieguito Irrigation District	3900
Amount of irrigable acreage in District	3200
Amount now under cultivation	2200
Average cost of tax per acre	17.76
Operation & Maintenance cost for year	27,438.42
Purchases - materials etc.	47,188.72
Improvements	6,321.36
Misc. expense	510.13
Bond interest on \$400,000 bonds 1930	24,000.00
Bonds retired Jan. 1, 1931	<u>11,000.00</u>
Total expenditures for year	\$ 116,458.63

We are enclosing herewith a copy of our financial Statement for your further information.

We appreciate your efforts in trying to get a reduction in valuations, and will be glad to render you any assistance possible.

Very truly yours,

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

*G. E. Thraikill*  
Secretary

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENT Agua Irrigation District

Encinitas, California  
F DIRECTORS  
IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

submit, herewith, a statement covering the receipts and disbursements of the San Dieguito Irrigation District, commencing January 1, 1930, and ending December 31, 1930, pursuant to and in accordance with Section 14-A of the California Irrigation District Act, requiring the Board of Directors to publish a Financial Statement.

## GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT ASSETS:

Treasurer—Cash on Hand	\$46,510.38
Secretary—Revolving Fund	1,500.00
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Uncollected Assessments 1930:	
First Installment	8,723.89
Second Installment	36,659.61
Water Accounts Receivable:	
Domestic	1,060.75
Irrigation	2,733.64
Misc. Accounts Receivable	
Inclusion Fees	980.60
Land Contract	1,130.37
Certificates of Sale Held by District	1,800.00
Assessment Deeds Held by District	10,137.27
Warehouse Stock Inventory	2,212.71
Meter Inventory	4,735.76
Bonds	709.05
	5,000.00
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<b>CAPITAL ASSETS:</b>	
Main Pipe Line	\$256,583.25
Lateral Pipe Lines	222,915.10
Tanks	10,739.08
Pumping Plants	18,999.18
Chlorinator & Purification Plant	3,595.17
Rights of Way	1,757.91
Buildings	4,179.40
Real Estate	3,624.99
Automobiles and Trucks	2,270.50
Engineers Equipment	620.91
Office Furniture & Fixtures	2,027.24
Tools & Equipment	1,549.27
Tool House	78.90
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<b>DEFERRED CHARGES:</b>	
Unamortized Discount on Bonds	11,932.07
Prepaid Insurance	151.62
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$664,918.62</b>

### LIABILITIES

#### CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Warrants Outstanding	\$ 27,354.61
Water Contract Payable	2,456.28
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#### CAPITAL LIABILITIES:

Bonds Outstanding	389,000.00
Subdividers Construction Deposits	56,637.17

#### DEFERRED CREDIT

Unearned Discount on Treasury Bonds	
	175.00

#### SURPLUS

<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$664,918.62</b>
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<b>STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS</b>	

#### CASH ON HAND January 1, 1930

<b>REVENUE:</b>	
Assessments	\$ 63,767.46
Delinquent Penalties & Costs	272.13
Certificates of Sale Redeemed from District	5,592.33
Interest on Certificate of Sale	877.14
Tax Sale Certificates Assigned	19.64
Assessment Reports	59.00
Interest On Bonds	300.00
Interest On Bank Balances	620.52
Domestic Water Sales By Cash	\$ 8,092.03
By Refund Deductions	328.00
Irrigation Water Sales by Cash	23,395.14
By Refund Deductions	5.00
Dep. on Meter Installations By Cash	3,664.73
By Refund Deductions	46.31
Material & Labor Sales	1,800.69
Interest on Land Sale Contract	126.00
Inclusion Fees	112.75
Payments Received for Pipe Extensions (Jobs)	2,386.33
Subdividers Deposits (Projects)	250.00
Telephone Calls	67.17
Map Sales	19.75
Tenants Water Deposits	11.50
Meter Rent	41.80
Misc. Earnings	29.32
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<b>TOTAL CASH &amp; REVENUE EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$141,469.01</b>

#### DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM:

Superintendence	\$ 774.59
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Repairs to Main Pipe Line	1,290.79
Repairs to Lateral Pipe Lines	1,288.69
Repairs to Meters	129.83
Repairs to Services	20.17
Misc. Labor	443.35
Misc. Supplies & Expense	35.35
Meter Reading Expense	278.98
Labor Installing Meters	247.45
Automobile & Truck Expense	1,134.19
Engineering Expense	139.08
Engineering Supplies	95.29
Small Tools Expense	117.35
Shop Expense	379.23
	\$ 6,374.34

#### CHLORINATOR & PURIFICATION SYSTEM:

Operation & Maintenance	\$ 665.13
	665.13

#### PUMPING SYSTEM:

Superintendence	84.15
Power	3,185.95
Pump Repairs	1,103.76
Misc. Labor	410.45
Land Lease Rental Expense	180.00
Misc. Supplies & Expense	44.02
	5,008.33

#### ADMINISTRATION:

Salaries Officers & Clerks	\$10,684.20
Legal Expense	600.00
Directors Fees & Mileage	643.90
Office Expense	710.89
Office Supplies	718.27
Legal Advertising	351.60
Insurance Expense	705.53
Official Bond Premiums	187.50
Telephone Expense	238.71
Interest on Outstanding Warrants	54.78
Auditing Expense	175.00
General Expense	320.24
	15,390.62

#### PURCHASES:

Water Purchases	\$41,862.74
Meter & Material Purchases	5,325.98

47,188.72

#### IMPROVEMENTS & EQUIPMENT:

Chlorinator & Purification Cost	28.03
Pipe Line Projects	105.35
Jobs	4,254.48
Real Estate (Reservoir Site & Street Improve.)	1,326.00
Office Building Improvement	366.14
Office Furniture & Fixtures	105.28
Automobiles	15.00
Pumping Plant	22.14
Tools & Equipment	96.46
Main Pipe Line Equipment	2.48
	6,321.36

#### MISC. EXPENSES:

Refund of Meter Installation Deposits	\$353.74
Refund of Water Deposits	66.39
Misc. Accounts Receivable	90.00

510.13

#### BOND INTEREST:

Semi-annual Interest Payment on Bonds	*12,000.00
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#### TOTAL EXPENDITURES

(NOTE: Second Bond Interest Payment made and \$11,000.00 Bonds retired on January 2, 1931.)	
Total Cash & Revenue	
Total Expenditures	

\$93,458.63

#### Cash on Hand Dec. 31, 1930 SUMMARY

Cash on Hand January 1, 1930	\$29,584.27
Cash Receipts from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1930	111,884.74

June Seventh  
1934

To the Voters of the San Dieguito  
Irrigation District

So many misstatements have been circulated maliciously, I believe, as to my early connection with the San Dieguito Irrigation District, my present and future attitude toward the district, it compels me to write you a frank statement that may be of interest.

I conceived the construction of Lake Hodges Dam, promoted the enterprise was made President and for seven years continued as president of the . . . company until the property was sold. The following letter speaks for itself:

"July 21st, 1924

My dear Colonel:

Some time before the 1st of July, the San Dieguito Mutual Water Company will pass out of existence as an operating company, and the last act will be the execution of a deed transferring all its property to the new Water Company.

The deed may be executed by the Vice President, but as you are responsible for the origin of the Mutual Company - was its first, and is its last and only President - it seems to me most appropriate that you should "execute" the Mutual Company as well as the deed.

May I take this occasion to say, that, while I have received considerable "honorable mention" in connection with the results obtained you are responsible for the development of the Lake Hodges system and of the country it serves. May I also express my regret that we shall no longer be associated in this enterprise.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours

J. E. Hodges (signed)

Vice President

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe R. R.

I was instrumental in organizing the San Dieguito and Santa Fe Irrigation Districts. The bonds were advertised for bids twice and no offer to purchase was made. The second time they were offered I understood Mr. W. G. Kerckhoff would buy same but he failed so to do. The third time the bonds were advertised for sale we were the only bidders and thru an arrangement with the Security Trust and Savings Bank of Los Angeles, Mr. Kerckhoff and I jointly purchased the \$400,000 of bonds. This made it possible to go ahead to install pipe lines and put water over all the San Dieguito Irrigation District lands, the result being the development you see today. I sold my share of bonds at a loss of \$335.

Before Lake Hodges water came we had practically no water supply along the coast and what we did have was salty. Many people shipped their water in to drink.

It is a matter of official record that I was instrumental in getting a three cent rate for water for the Santa Fe and San Dieguito Irrigation Districts, the lowest of any water supply in the county under similar conditions.

As your worthy president, Mr. Webster, knows, I encouraged the filing of the suit for the securing of the judgment approved by the court against the City of San Diego where the San Dieguito District gets the first right to the waters of the Lake Hodges Dam.

The Fletcher family are only property owners as the rest of you. We have never asked for any special favors or received any since the district was organized, in fact, we feel that part of our lands have been valued entirely too high in comparison to lands of similar character. A good many of us are in the same box now. The Fletcher family have not been able to pay their taxes for two years and no relief is in sight as yet. We have tried to do our share in the development of the San Dieguito District and have made our mistakes like others.

My ire was aroused when Mr. Tolle told me that the bonds of the San Dieguito Irrigation District could not be refinanced for less than 75. Owing to the depression and extreme financial world wide condition I felt the price of 75 for the bonds was well nigh criminal. Since then he has modified his position somewhat.

Mr. Emil Schramm, Chief of the Irrigation Division of the R.F.C. publicly stated that the R.F.C. had cancelled 86 million dollars of bond indebtedness paying 32 million or approximately 38¢ on the dollar for outstanding delinquent bonds.

Last Saturday dispatches from Washington state that the Vista District's application for refinancing has been turned down. The San Dieguito District bondholders will be fortunate if they get 40 to 50¢ on the dollar from the R.F.C. The U. S. Government has seen fit to arbitrarily make a profit of three billion dollars on its gold reserve. It is legal but whether ethical or not only time will tell. When England, Germany, and France repudiate their honest debts and only went to settle on the basis of 10¢ on the dollar, when our best bank stocks can be purchased today for 10¢ on the dollar of what we were paying for them five years ago, when nearly 2000 cities in the United States are delinquent in their interest and sinking fund payments and Congress has just passed a bankruptcy law allowing municipalities and irrigation districts to liquidate their obligations by any compromise settlement certainly it is up to every land owner and every official of the district to make the best settlement possible refunding our bonds.

While in Washington, at the request of the city attorney of San Diego, I have been helping in expediting the plan of refinancing with the R.F.C. and P.W.A. re El Capitan which I believe will be successful. Also, I personally made the last

appeal to the P.W.A. for refinancing the La Mesa Irrigation District bonds and we succeeded. I do not desire to detract one iota of credit for the splendid work of the directors and officials of the La Mesa District including their good attorney, Mr. Albert J. Lee. It was a pleasure to work without pay both for the district and the city and a resolution of thanks for my services dated January 2, 1934, was passed by the directors of the La Mesa Irrigation District in assisting in the final settlement.

While in Washington, I naturally took an interest in the Santa Fe and San Dieguito Districts refinancing owing to the Fletcher company's holdings in both districts. I felt it my duty, gladly served without pay, directly or indirectly, owing to my early association with the project. Irrespective of what malicious individuals may say referring to me as the "nigger in the woodpile" I am not directly or indirectly or any of my family or friends interested to the extent of a dollar in the purchase or sale of the San Dieguito Irrigation District bonds and will not be a party to it.

Any service that I can render the district will be freely given without compensation while this emergency lasts. Three times I have offered to cooperate with the board of directors of the San Dieguito District and Mr. Tolle. The directors agreed to furnish me a copy of the application and data re the R.F.C. loan but Mr. Tolle never has seen fit to cooperate with me.

I have been informed Mr. Tolle wanted to go to Washington in behalf of the district's refinancing and estimated the cost of the trip to be \$1000. This is a wholly unnecessary expense. While in Washington, without pay, I gladly expedited the loan having been there last month for ten days in Washington on other matters. There are something like 12,000 applications for loans before the R.F.C. All I could hope to do was to expedite and get the R.F.C. to make an early report as to whether or not they will refinance the San Dieguito District and on what terms. I have reason to believe that within the next ten days the San Dieguito District will receive a definite statement from the R.F.C. as to what basis they will refinance the San Dieguito District, if at all.

As Mr. Schramm stated when here at the directors meeting, the operating and maintenance expenses are entirely too high. I believe the expenses should be cut to the bone under these extreme financial conditions. The directors should be willing to accept a 50% cut in pay or volunteer their services as the case may be.

I do not like Mr. Tolle's attitude re adjustment of the controversy between the city and the San Dieguito Irrigation District. The city has settled all its controversy with the La Mesa District and the Santa Fe District. Litigation is ruinous if a fair compromise can be made. Definite plans were made by the city to file suit against the San Dieguito District jeopardizing your paramount rights to water and bringing on endless expense. I begged the city attorney recently not to file the suit and secured his consent to delay matters until after the 15th of June when I hope directors will be elected who will in a spirit of compromise meet the city half way and settle their differences with all fairness to the city and for the best interests of all.

In voting, please do not be misled with the wild rumors that the Bank of America or some other outfit are going to foreclose and sell our home or that

there is some sinister motive in my efforts to render service to your community. They are absolute lies. The Fletcher family own less than 400 acres in the San Dieguito District. We have absolutely no ulterior motive, only a desire to serve in time of distress to all of us.

Let's put in a board of directors and officials that will work in harmony without expense to the board during this emergency and render a service to your fellowman, your only thanks being in your own heart for work well done.

Yours very truly,

July Twenty-third  
1 9 3 4

To the Voters of the San Dieguito Irrigation District

So many misstatements have been circulated maliciously before and during the recall campaign, I wish to have my fun now and issue the following statement.

I was not consulted and had nothing to do directly or indirectly with the recall of any director or the financing of the campaign. I never opposed Mr. Toller's appointment as manager and was not consulted. There was no reason to consult me. Neither directly nor indirectly have I ever asked any special favors or received any, in fact, we have protested time and again on valuations with no reductions and today more than half of our properties we will gladly sell for cash at 75% and some 50% of their appraised value.

We are not delinquent in our water bills if the district will credit us with the purchase of property on which the pumping lands and reservoir sites are located the valuations of which were made by Mr. Toller and accepted by us. We gave the district free rental for five years for the land on which the pumping plants are located, a nominal rental for five years more and then took Mr. Toller's valuation of \$550.00 on which the pumping plants are located. One site occupied by the district's tank we leased to the district for \$1 a year.

Neither directly or indirectly do I or we, the Fletcher Companies, own or ever owned any interest in the Encinitas Dispatch or furnished any funds to the Dispatch at any time whatsoever excepting in the purchase of our weekly copy of said newspaper.

All together we only own approximately 400 acres in the San Dieguito District. The taxes ~~for the~~ last two years are not paid because we did not have the money to pay and could not borrow it.

The statement circulated that I was interested in the recall that I might escape paying my just proportion of taxes is a malicious lie. The directors of the district, in the first place, could not do it legally and would be liable under their bond.

The scurrilous sheet that was distributed during the night with no name attached charging that the Grossmont Park Company was putting something over on an unsuspecting public in the sale of Lot 21, Block F, Avocado Acres #4, a ~~1/4~~ acre, is some more of the dirty work of unscrupulous men. We sold this property for \$200, received our full consideration and will gladly sell 10 or 15 more at that price if any one cares to buy. There was nothing irregular in this transaction whatever. Our books are open to any one desiring the facts.

It was inferred by the papers and it was also rumored that the Bank of America or the bondholders were going to foreclose, that we were in danger of losing our homes, a ridiculous statement. The worst that could happen would be to have the district go into bankruptcy taking advantage of recent legislation affecting a compromise, by refinancing. 2000 municipalities in this country are not paying their sinking funds and interest and will undoubtedly, many of them, take advantage of this act to refinance themselves.

There is a "nigger in the woodpile" and I propose to help ferret him out and get the district back on a harmonious footing where "one is for all, and all are for one," quoting from the Progress of April 10, 1924.

For your information, I wish to make the following statement:

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Some time before the 1st of July, the San Dieguito Mutual Water Company will pass out of existence as an operating company, and the last act will be the execution of a deed transferring all its property to the new Water Company.

The deed may be executed by the Vice President, but as you are responsible for the origin of the Mutual Company - was its first, and is its last and only President - it seems to me most appropriate that you should "execute" the Mutual Company as well as the deed.

May I take this occasion to say, that, while I have received considerable "honorable mention" in connection with the results obtained you are responsible for the development of the Lake Hodges system and of the country it serves. May I also express my regret that we shall no longer be associated in this enterprise.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

W. E. HODGES (signed)  
Vice President  
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry."

*San Dieguito*

I was instrumental in organizing the San Dieguito and Santa Fe Irrigation Districts. The bonds were advertised for bids twice and no offer to purchase was made. The second time they were offered I understood Mr.

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Mr. G. Kerckhoff would buy same but he failed so to do. The third time the bonds were advertised for sale we were the only bidders and thru an arrangement with the Security Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, Mr. Kerckhoff and I jointly purchased the \$400,000 of bonds. This made it possible to go ahead to install pipe lines and put water over all the San Dieguito Irrigation District lands, the result being the development you see today. I sold my \$200,000 of bonds at a loss of \$385.

Before Lake Hodges water came we had practically no water supply along the coast and what we did have was salty. Many people shipped their water in to drink.

It is a matter of official record that I was instrumental in getting a three cent rate for water for the Santa Fe and San Dieguito Irrigation Districts. The original intention was to sell mutual water company stock and I had an exclusive agreement to sell this stock on a 15% commission basis. By mutual agreement the plans were changed and the irrigation districts formed at my suggestion and with the approval of the state engineer of California, Mr. McClure. My salary during that 7 year period was \$200 a month and the total payment that I received from the Santa Fe Land & Improvement Co. for originating the idea, promising the enterprise and cancelling my exclusive agreement to sell mutual water company stock. The Santa Fe Railroad People are entitled to much credit for their splendid cooperation at a time when no one else would finance the development. Seven years later they sold their interest, the sales price being actual cost of the investment plus 6% interest.

I encouraged the filing of the suit for the securing of the judgment approved by the court against the City of San Diego where the San Dieguito District gets the first right to the waters of the Lake Hodges Dam.

My ire was aroused when Mr. Tolle told me that the bonds of the San Dieguito Irrigation District could not be refinanced for less than 75. Owing to the depression and extreme financial world wide conditions I felt the price of 75 for the bonds was well nigh criminal. The U. S. Government has seen fit to arbitrarily make a profit of three billion dollars on its gold reserve. ~~gold~~ When England, Germany, and France repudiate their honest debts and only want to settle on the basis of 10¢ on the dollar, when our best bank stocks can be purchased today for 10¢ on the dollar, of what we were paying for them five years ago, when nearly 2000 cities in the United States are delinquent in their interest and sinking fund payments and Congress has just passed a bankruptcy law allowing municipalities and irrigation districts to liquidate their obligations by any compromise settlement, certainly it is up to every land owner and every official of the district to make the best settlement possible refunding our bonds in the interest of the land owner.

On June 10th Mr. Emil Schramm, Chief of the Irrigation Division of the R.F.C. furnished me the following information: That the RFC had refinanced and purchased bonds of irrigation and drainage districts amounting to \$114,574,106.80 and paid for those bonds \$43,812,072.46. In other words the average purchase price of the total refunding bonds was \$37.99 on the hundred.

July Twenty-third

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To the Voters of the San Dieguito Irrigation District

So many misstatements have been circulated maliciously before and during the recall campaign, I wish to have my facts now and issue the following statement.

I was not consulted and had nothing to do directly or indirectly with the recall of any director or the financing of the campaign. I never opposed Mr. Tolle's appointment as manager and was not consulted. There was no reason to consult me. Neither directly nor indirectly have I ever asked any special favors or received any, in fact we have protested time and again on valuations with no reductions and today more than half of our properties we will gladly sell for cash at 7½ and some 30% of their appraised value.

We are not delinquent in our water bills if the district will credit us with the purchase of property on which the pumping plants and reservoir sites are located the valuations of which were made by Mr. Tolle and accepted by us. We gave the district free rental for five years for the land on which the pumping plants are located, a nominal rental for five years more and then took Mr. Tolle's valuation of \$ on which the pumping plants are located.

All together we own approximately 400 acres in the San Dieguito District. The taxes for the last two years are not paid because we did not have the money to pay and could not borrow it.

The statement circulated that I was interested in the recall that I might escape paying my just proportion of taxes is a malicious lie. The directors of the district, in the first place, could not do it legally and would be liable under their bond.

The scurrilous sheet that was distributed during the night with no name attached charging that the Grossmont Park Company was putting something over on an unsuspecting public in the sale of Lot 21, Block F, Avocado Acres #4, a half acre, is some more of the dirty work of unscrupulous men. We sold this property for \$200, received our full consideration and will gladly sell 10 or 15 more at that price if any one cares to buy. There was nothing irregular in this transaction whatever. Our books are open to any one desiring the facts.

I have been to Washington and New York five times since the first of January on private business, representing owners of redwood forests on the Klamath River which they desire to be sold the government, also representing a neon light flasher highway signal which I was able to have included in the U. S. Government code recently established. While there I had plenty of time on my hands and glad to be of service to the county. At the request of City Attorney Byers of San Diego I helped in expediting the loan of refinancing El Capitan with the R.F.C. and P.W.A. Also, I personally made the last appeal to the P.W.A. for refinancing the La Mesa Irrigation District bonds and we succeeded. I do not care to detract one iota of credit for the splendid work of the directors of and officials of the La Mesa District including their good attorney, Mr. Albert J. Lee. It was a pleasure to work without pay both for the district and the city and a resolution of thanks to me for my services dated January 2, 1934, was passed by the directors of the La Mesa Irrigation District in assisting in the final settlement.

While in Washington, I naturally took an interest in the Santa Fe and San Dieguito Districts refinancing owing to the Fletcher company's holdings in both districts. I felt it my duty, gladly served without pay, directly or indirectly, owing to my early association with the project. Irrespective of what malicious individuals may say I am not directly or indirectly or any of my family or friends interested to the extent of a dollar in the purchase of any of the San Dieguito Irrigation District bonds and will not be a party to it.

Any service that I can render the district will be freely given without compensation while this emergency lasts. Three times I have offered to cooperate with the board of directors of the San Dieguito District and Mr. Tolle. The directors agreed to furnish me a copy of the application and data re the RFC loan but Mr. Tolle never saw fit to cooperate with me.

I have been informed Mr. Tolle wanted to go to Washington in behalf of the district's refinancing and estimated the cost of the trip to be \$1200. This is a wholly unnecessary expense. While in Washington I gladly expedited the San Dieguito District loan and on my own initiative. There are something like 12,000 loan applications before the RFC. The application of the San Dieguito District to the RFC was formerly rejected on January 27th, 1934. I was instrumental in resurrecting the district's application to the RFC. I followed the matter up with Mr. Schramm seven or eight times. Also contacted the legal and administrative departments and feel sure that I was of assistance in getting an early decision.

Not alone was I working for the San Dieguito District but the Santa Fe, Vista and San Ysidro Districts as well.

I received by wire from Washington from one of the government officials on June 23rd last the good news that the San Dieguito, Santa Fe and Vista Districts would be refinanced under certain conditions. The Associated Press did not receive this information from Washington until four and a half hours later. I telephoned the good news to Mr. Hicks. He telephoned it to Mr. Webster and Mr. Webster telephoned the information to the Irrigation District office immediately, so I have been informed.

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I have been informed Mr. Tolle wanted to go to Washington in behalf of the district's refinancing and estimated the cost of the trip to be \$1200. This would have been wholly unnecessary expense for while I was in Washington I found out the application of the San Dieguito District to the RFC was formally rejected on January 27, 1934. I was instrumental in resurrecting the district's application to the RFC. I personally followed the matter up with Mr. Schramm six or seven times, also contacted the legal and administrative departments and feel sure I was of assistance in getting an early decision, particularly as there were over 12,000 applications for loans before the RFC, 5000 or 6000 of which have never been acted on as yet. I voluntarily kept the board of directors of the San Dieguito District posted as to my activities.

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Mr. Schramm personally wired me the result of the action of the RFC in the matter of approving the loans of the San Dieguito, Santa Fe and Vista Districts. I received this information four or five hours in advance of the Associated Press. It was a courtesy that I very much appreciated and certainly an acknowledgement of the service I rendered the district.

As Mr. Schramm stated when here at the directors meeting, the operating and maintenance costs are entirely too high. I believe the expenses should be cut to the bone under these extreme financial conditions. The directors should be willing to ~~cooperate~~ ~~work together~~ ~~serve~~ ~~cooperate~~ ~~work together~~ ~~serve~~. I have furnished my best of cost and will be glad to continue so doing where I can be of service.

I believe a fair compromise is for the city to accept 60% of what the district owes and the district be given a five year moratorium to pay for only such water hereafter as we use. Under no conditions could the San Dieguito District give up a drop of its water rights as we shall need it all in time.

I am convinced that unless we make a very drastic cut in administration, operation and maintenance expenses and unless we get a favorable settlement with the city of San Diego we will not be refinanced by the RFC.

Some skeptics ask, "Why is Fletcher doing this voluntarily?" "There must be something in it for him." In reply let me say that for the last 25 years I have given one-fourth of my time to public service without any thought of remuneration. I felt it my duty to help in this case and while helping myself I am helping every one else in the district.

We must pull together to attain our objects, being relieved of 45% of our principal debt thru government refinancing and reduce our rate of interest on our debt from 6 to 4%. If accomplished, this means a reduction of over 50% in our annual irrigation district taxes.

You have my pledge of 100% cooperation.

Yours very truly,

E.F.ASK

P. S. I am writing this letter wholly on my own initiative, without request of any one and am paying for the privilege of printing this letter thru the Encinitas Coast Dispatch.

E.F.

Mr. L.P.McChesney:

September 29, 1939

Mr. L.P.McChesney  
Cardiff, California

My dear McChesney:

Answering your inquiry regarding water for Encinitas. They originally got their water from wells and salt water at that. The first development for water for Encinitas was the location of a well just east of the Santa Fe Railroad bridge at Encinitas. A pumping plant was installed and water pumped to the town but the water soon went salty, so they put wells down about 1/4 mile east of the bridge up into the canyon and got a little better water, but that went salty. As a matter of fact, everybody for years that could afford it bought their own drinking water and shipped it in or brought it in.

The next move about 1913 or 1919, we formed the Cardiff Irrigation District which embraced everything from San Diego City limits, including Del Mar, Colonia Beach, Cardiff, Encinitas and La Costa clear to the Carlsbad slough, taking in about a mile from the ocean. The State of California, through the State Engineer, approved the organization of the District known as the "Cardiff Irrigation District", and the organization of the District was legally approved by a vote of the people, the plan being to have the District buy Lake Hodges Dam and complete it on long time payments, and issued bonds which we agreed to accept.

I had an exclusive sales contract with the Santa Fe L.&I.Co. to that effect through the San Dieguito Mutual Water Company, and built Lake Hodges and San Dieguito Dams. I was President of the Company as long as the Corporation existed, about 8 or 9 years. George Jones of Cardiff had his land in the District but for some reason changed his mind and opposed it after the election. The law called for all of the land in the District to be contiguous and we supposed it was contiguous territory, but George Jones found out something that we did not know ourselves - that it was really in two parcels and the creek bed of the Cardiff slough had been eliminated. In other words, a strip of land about 100 ft. wide, through which the Cardiff Creek ran, was not in the District. The State law made it compulsory that all the land of the District be in one piece and the Supreme Court declared invalid the creation of the Cardiff District, even though it was approved by the State officials, for that reason alone.

We then formed the Santa Fe and San Dieguito Irrigation Districts and you are familiar with the contract that we made with those two Districts for water. Cardiff got its supply of water from wells until J. Frank Cullum acquired properties up the San Elijo Valley for several miles and was preparing to put in wells. About 1918 we bought him out, all of his land and paid cash and those properties are now owned by the

San Diego County Water Company, controlled by the Henshaw interests. I made the deal myself. We formed the Santa Fe and San Dieguito Districts immediately thereafter.

Del Mar got its first water from wells. I was there 51 years ago when a Mr. Bonnett owned a good deal of the property and was pumping water out of some local wells there. In 1905 or 1906, I sold the property to H.H.Huntington, Wm. G.Kerrickhoff, G.A.Campfield and others and we formed the South Coast Land Company. I was its General Manager during the construction of the Del Mar Hotel, then known as "Stratford Inn," and we built a beautiful bath house at that same time which later burned - one of the best on the Coast. The pine trees in front of the Hotel I brought in my first automobile, a two cylinder Maxwell with kerosene lamps, and the first banquet held in Stratford Inn was in honor of Admiral Bob Evans who came around with the Atlantic Fleet.

We immediately made arrangements for a good supply of water and spent considerable money in putting down wells up the San Dieguito Valley, but they all turned salty, until at last we were forced to go up to Rancho Santa Fe and made arrangements with the Santa Fe railroad to put down wells up near the ranch house on Rancho Santa Fe which ranch house Bing Crosby now owns, and the wells were just east of the ranch house. We got water from there for Del Mar until Lake Hodges Dam was built, when, as President of the San Dieguito Mutual Water Company, we signed an agreement to furnish the South Coast Land Company a certain amount of water on a perpetuity basis, they not desiring to go into the District. That price, as I remember it, was 5¢ per 100 cubic feet and they had to pay for it whether they used it or not, a minimum amount.

For nine years I was Manager of Rancho Santa Fe. The Santa Fe L.&I.Co. bought it with the idea of planting eucalyptus for railroad ties at a time when Roosevelt and Pinchot frightened us that our timber was fast going, and the Santa Fe Railroad as an extra factor of safety decided to plant 4000 acres to eucalyptus to raise ties, but they made no plans for getting water for irrigation, with the result that it was a complete failure. Later they found they could buy an Oregon pine tie at 12½¢ and dip it in creosote, costing not to exceed 25¢ a tie, a better tie with longer life than the proposed eucalyptus tie which could not be produced for \$1.00. They spent over \$300,000 in that venture, I have been told.

When I took over the management of the ranch, the Santa Fe L.&I.Co. were in the red \$25,000 or \$35,000 a year for maintenance and superintendancy of the ranch. I fired all the employees, but E.C.Batchelder, my brother-in-law, in the ranch house and had him lease the property out for cattle, and anything we could rent the land for. One year we raised 2200 tons of sugar beet off Rancho Santa Fe. Later I made a demonstration through the installation of a small pumping plant to show that the lands were practically

and the other two were away and those laboratories are now being run by  
others who are teaching at the time. The motto "work hard to learn  
and learn hard to work" is the motto of the school.

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Mr. L.P. McChesney:

frostless, and in that way I interested the Santa Fe Railroad and made a report recommending the development of Rancho Santa Fe which brought about the Santa Fe L&I. Co. going into the real estate business and joining in with Henshaw and myself in water development and the Lake Hodges System.. I had sold Mr. Henshaw Warner's Ranch. I had a 25% interest in a partnership deal after Henshaw got his money and interest back. I then got him to buy Sutherland Damsite and also Lake Hodges Damsite.

When the World War broke out in 1917, everybody was hard up and Henshaw thought he was going broke, but being in charge of Rancho Santa Fe and believing it was for the interest of the Santa Fe Railroad to finance the building of so-called Hedges Dam, which was then known as the "Carroll Damsite", I got Henshaw to pay my expenses to Chicago, I saw the President of the Santa Fe Railroad - E.P. Ripley, got him interested in the project, showed him how they could get back the money they had lost in raising eucalyptus trees by subdividing the property and putting water on it, also what it meant for the whole Coast and the future of the Santa Fe Railroad. The result was that I brought home the bacon and it is all a matter of history. I am enclosing copy of letter from Mr. Hedges that is explanatory. I later sold the San Dieguito Mutual Water Company to Mr. Henshaw and when I made that sale, the enclosed letter was written me.

During the time I was Manager of Rancho Santa Fe, I cleared over 3000 acres in brush through means of a 75 horsepower caterpillar tractor. The Santa Fe Railroad only allowed me to spend as much money as I brought in, so it took me sometime to build those main roads that you are traveling over today. However, I feel that one of the vital things that helped me in selling the idea to the Santa Fe Railroad that they join in and develop the property was, the installation of a pumping plant from money that I got from rentals, and irrigated the 30 acres of land east of the Hotel and Rancho Santa Fe townsite. I leased it to some Japanese at \$30.00 an acre cash rental and for a number of years they operated there.

I had an exclusive sales contract for five years in selling all the Rancho Santa Fe property and we sold several hundred thousand dollars worth of property in the first few months. Mr. Clotfelter has the records, but I got into a controversy with Mr. Sinclair, whom you probably know, and could not work with him, so I made a settlement with the Santa Fe Railroad and with their approval went down and purchased and started the townsite of Solana Beach on my own with my own money.

Joseph McChesney would like to have a copy of the letter from W.A. Sloane to the San Dieguito Irrigation District Board of Directors, dated June 19, 1928, concerning the rights of the San Dieguito Irrigation District to water from Lake Hodges.

Mr. L.P. McChesney, President  
Board of Directors  
San Dieguito Irrigation District  
Encinitas, California

My dear Mr. McChesney:

Ais bring your inquiry regarding certain rights of the San Dieguito Irrigation District to water from Lake Hodges, will say, that Judge W.A. Sloane, formerly the attorney for the San Dieguito Irrigation District and the Santa Fe Irrigation District and later Supreme Court Justice, at my suggestion and with the approval of the San Dieguito Irrigation District he filed suit to acquire a prior right to protect the San Dieguito Irrigation District's water supply from Lake Hodges. The suit, as I remember it was contested in court and a decision given favorable to the San Dieguito Irrigation District, so it is now a matter of official record. Judge Sloane handled the proceedings and represented the San Dieguito District. The Santa Fe Irrigation District Directors refused to follow suit and no suit was brought by them.

You will find that the San Dieguito Irrigation District has a prior right as above mentioned.

Another matter that I wish to bring again to your attention is an additional water supply for the San Dieguito Irrigation District. I wrote you last some years ago on the subject. I am referring to the water supply from Escondido Creek, known as San Elijo Creek. We acquired the damsite when I was with Wm. G. Henshaw; Frank Cullen got us all the riparian rights from the damsite to the ocean, or practically so, and I believe we have all the surveys and records with estimates of costs of the dam, etc.

By all means you should investigate this matter for an additional water supply. You have the right of eminent domain and you can condemn; the matter should be handled very quietly. I will be glad to cooperate and without charge. If you care to I will be pleased to meet with the Directors of the District, bring up all the data that I have and we will go over it together, for I am satisfied that you will be surprised at the additional net safe yield of water that you can obtain.

San Dieguito Irrigation District--#2

the members are anxious or nervous about our own safety and health  
and ought to consider the right people who can help them  
and help them to make the work easier. We have a water company right  
now that is not up to par and I hope a corporation will take it over soon.  
I am the attorney for the San Dieguito Irrigation District  
and I am very much in favor of one like that. I am sorry that you  
are not in agreement with me.

I am in agreement with you all the time.

Mr. L. F. McCloskey: Director of Fallbrook Water Company  
in answer to your query, I am sorry our company wants to purchase the  
water rights from you and we hope to do this before the year is out.  
I am sure you know the San Dieguito has enough water for Fallbrook  
and we hope if we had two or three more good years, both the  
San Dieguito and the property between there and Solana Beach would  
have been built with homes today, but the 1929 depression hit us all  
and you know the rest.

With kindest regards, sincerely yours,

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Very sincerely yours,

My personal friend of twenty years standing, State Engineer Ed Hyatt  
is the one to discuss this matter with and on my invitation he will  
come down here for a conference. He is the last word on water matters.

Within the last few months at the request of the Fallbrook Irrigation  
District I have arranged for the State to pay half of the expense of  
the investigations for a water supply for Fallbrook; also I have ar-  
ranged for the State to pay half of the expense and the City of San  
Diego the other half for an investigation of our local water supply  
for the city of San Diego. I am sure we can make the same arrangements  
for the San Dieguito Irrigation District if you desire a report from  
the State Engineer as to the possibilities of a water supply from Es-  
condido Creek, with an estimate of cost, but with the data we already have  
it is worth while to spend a few hundred dollars more and tie up the Es-  
condido Creek supply, in my opinion and is some basis on which to act, if  
it is only an option to buy the damsite and file on the water.

With kindest regards to the Directors and assuring you of my hearty co-  
operation and with many thanks for your past considerations, I am,  
Very sincerely yours,

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ED FLETCHER, Director of Fallbrook Water Company

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CHAIRMAN  
DIV. 5-G. C. CUNNING

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA

October 2, 1946.

SECRETARY  
HERBERT NUNN  
ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR-TREASURER  
T. F. HARRINGTON

Ed Fletcher Co.  
1020 Ninth Avenue,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

In regard to:

Publication expense Sale No. 2661      \$ 85.76      33575  
First Payment      "      "      291.25      Paid  
Final Payment      "      "      3,257.50  
Total:      \$ 3,634.51      3343  
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This total is the amount we have paid the County  
in connection with acquiring the County Deed to Avocado  
Acres Nos. 4-5-7.

Please send us your check in the amount of  
\$3,634.51.

Very truly yours,

SAN DIEGUITO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

By T. F. Harrington

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October 3, 1946

Mr. T. F. Harrington  
San Dieguito Irrigation District  
Encinitas, California

My dear Mr. Harrington:

Answering your letter of October 2, will say  
that the \$3,634.51 is available on demand with the  
exchange of Deeds, as per our agreement. Am glad to  
get the matter cleaned up; the quicker the better.

Mr. McChesney told me that we would have com-  
ing immediately last week a Deed to Avocado Acres #7  
so that we can clear the title to seven acres that  
have been sold. Won't you please get this Deed down  
to us by return mail. Let me know what day you can  
clean up everything; we are ready.

Mighty glad to know that you are up and around  
again. Hurrah!

Very sincerely yours,

EE:mg

Mon Dec

Ed Fletcher's C.

fin

✓ ✓ ✓ fin

✓ ✓ ✓ fin

22 1/2 new pipe

19.7 1/2 old pipe

17.5 1/4 old pipe

21.6 1/3 old pipe

17.7 2 1/4 old pipe

16 1/4 old pipe

17.6 4/4

17.7 4/4

17.4 64.8

17.4 64.

17.4 62.8

17.4 64.5

17.4 63.6

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17.2

106.8

96.5

21.2

21.2

19.5

105.4

103.4

106.

101.7

88.5

99.5

C. Janett

7/27/24  
Fitters Ed Fletcher Co

✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ ✓ Clear

✓ 5 lb 20' com  
" nail

✓ 10 lb. 8' - - -

10 lb 2' Blue -

✓ 1 " Bit Braces  
#975-10"

✓ 1 " Bit brace

✓ 1 " Hammer  
#01112 are  $\frac{1}{2}$ "  
Jintandy  $\frac{1}{2}$ "

✓ 1 " Hand saw

#071-242 Sept

J. J. W.

19/11/1911

6 of Meteles

*Cec*

✓ ✓ ✓

- ✓ b. 6, 21/4 garden  
✓ 1. 7, 1/4 ~~globe~~  
✓ 1. 2 1/4 globe Vale -  
✓ 1. 2 1/2 - - -  
✓ 2. 1/4 - - -  
✓ 4. 3 1/2 - - -  
✓ 1. 2 3/4 - - -  
✓ 1. 2 3/4 B2f main  
✓ 3 1/2 x 4 1/2 P. shrubs

9-  
1/3 at \$100.

6 of Heleches Co

J. J. Cen-

✓ 3 - 1/2 x 4 inch

Bath

✓ 3 1/2 Ext. washers

✓ 1 only 1/2 flat back

✓ 1 - 1 1/2" or 1 1/2" flat  
file

✓ 1 only " 4 1/2  
Pipe Reamer

1 Pkg

1/3/21 10 AM

69 Flock E.  
Cess

✓ 5. 2 x 2 x 1 1/2 gal

✓ 3. 1/2 x 1/2 x 3/4 ds

✓ 3. 1/2 - - -

✓ 1. 2 " - - -

✓ 1. 2 " gal so Ece

✓ 2. 3/4 - - -

✓ 2. 1/2 x (3/4) t - -

✓ 6. 2 x 3 gal mips

✓ 3. 3/4 x 4 - -

✓ 16. 1/4 x 2 1/2 - -

✓ 11. 2 x 1/2 " Bush

✓ 16. 1 1/2 x 19" 6 ds

✓ 16. 1 x 3/4 - - -

✓ 2 1 x 3/4 r bushings

WBA

Levée pour la  
construction d'un  
gros mur  
entre deux rues  
à Paris

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