

Cuyamaca Water Company
Wells Along Flume El Cajon

**CONCERNING WELLS AND PUMP PLANTS UPON LANDS NOW SUPPLIED
FROM THE CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY'S FLUME.**

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CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY'S FLUME, AND
UPON LANDS RELYING ALONE UPON PUMPING FOR THEIR WATER SUPPLY. T.P. ELLIS.
TOPOGRAPHY, GROUND WATER AND SOIL: From the ranch of Mr. Ralph Earl,
Mgr., the first consumer, one and one half miles east of Lakeside to
Mr. Geo Legge ranch just east of Grossmont store the flume follows
along the 700 foot contour around the southeasterly slope of the El
Cajon Valley a distance of some twelve miles thru badly weathered gran-
itic hills. Above the flume the contours shelf rapidly and break into
many small gulleys. Comparatively little has been done to cultivate the
ground here although in a few instances where the slope would permit,
lifting by pump from the flume has been resorted to. The ground on the
low side of the flume drops gradually into the various stream beds and
El Cajon Valley. The ground water plane conforms somewhat to the
topography but does not shelf so rapidly. It is broken often near the
flume but is almost continuous in the valley. Decomposed granite is
usually the undersoil near the flume and this carries some very
heavy strata of good water notably in the vicinity of the Chase Ranch
on the south, F. M. Jennings Ranch on the east, and E. A. Seidel Ranch
on the southeast. The undersoil on the Legge Ranch and the immediate
vicinity is poor in water but even here is developed 2 M.I. Along the
remaining portion of the line good results in water flow have been
obtained.
SUPPLY: A majority of the ranchers along the flume have developed wells
of their own and many agree that with care in irrigating they can carry
their orchards over a dry summer period, without the aid of the flume,
some of these are: J. P. Rogers, manager Chase Ranch, E. A. Seidel,
Ralph Earl, W. Hemel, Manager Lakeside Inn, O. J. Elmer, Z. Ray, E. F.
Kelsey, Manager of J. W. Sefton Ranch, F. A. Springsted, F. M. Jennings,
Sheriff, and H. H. Locke.

The belt along the flume is practically free from winter frosts and here is found the bulk of the citrus growth. In the Valley proper frosts occur and few citrus orchards are found.

In the valley formation we find by examination of the existing wells, a body of good under ground water capable of considerable development of continuous flow at a depth of 60 ft or less, near the flume. In the lower parts of the valley where frost has prevented the growth of citrus fruits, a plentiful supply of water can be obtained at 30 ft. depth.

(Memorandum .A.)

COST: From inquiry made in the valley, we find that very few ranchers in this vicinity have kept substantial account of the cost of pumping. Consulting the available cost data we procured from nearly a half hundred ranchers it is evident that their unit costs vary several hundred per cent for hydraulic conditions that are quite equally uniform. (i.e. a lift of 30 to 50 ft. Discharge 8 to 20 M.I.)

Four of the records among the lot which appear most substantial are here quoted and take into account, Cost of Installation, Maintenance Interest and Depreciation.

(1) 6¢ per 1000 gals. for a 8 M.I. plant lifting about 30 ft.

C. D. Nichols, foreman of Boston Ranch.

(2) 3¢ to 4¢ per 1000 gals. for a 6 M.I., 5 H.P. plant lifting from 30 to 50 ft. (Geo Peak who has installed numerous plants in the El Cajon Valley.)

(3) 1.1¢ per 1000 gals. - 30 M.I. - 20 H.P. Electric Driven Pump, lifting water 30 feet. Power at 2¢ K.W. hour. (F.M. Jennings) This cost was figured on a 16 day continuous run test in which depreciation, interest and operative charges were taken into account at the following rates: Depreciation etc, 15%, interest 7%, operator \$15 per month.

(4) E. A. Seidel 3.4¢ per 1000 gals, 6 M.I. - 10 H.P. electric driven pumps lifting 50 feet and operating 10 hours a day.

Depreciation and interest at 2% and labor at \$10 per month was used.

CONCLUSION: About 870 acres of land was examined. This includes nearly all the land jointly under flume and well.

The pumps deliver 252 M.I. in about 12 hrs to 765 acres and the flume delivers 81 M.I. to 860 acres, giving a rough average of 207 M.I. to 812 acres for 24 hours. By continuous pumping this would mean something less than 330 M.I. to 812 acres.

The cost of developing 1000 gals ranging from 1¢ to 6¢, for electricity it is about 2¢ and the mean for gas engines now on the ground from 3 to 4 cents.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Blk</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Subdiv</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Irrig</u>	<u>Crop</u>	<u>Depth</u>	<u>Gas or well</u>	<u>H.P.</u>	<u>Elec</u>	<u>M.I.</u>	<u>Running Cost</u>	<u>S.D.Fl.</u>	<u>Cost of pump & Motor (Gas-Elec)</u>
1. G Legge		Pt 12-14	Tr E	6			30	2½	G		2		1"	
2 Shearer Pl		E 8-12	Vineyd	40	Vineyd								1"	
				3	citrus								1"	
3. P M Price		E 3-7	"	8	oranges		50	5	G		3	5¢ hr	2½"	\$500
				20	citrus									
4. " " "		E 3 pt Somermont	Pl	16	"									
				20	5 grapes									
					5 Decid.		50	5	E		5		2"	\$350
5. Alex Legge		E 1-2	Vineyd	3	oranges		23	6	G				1"	
				20	Vineyd									
6. Chase Ranch	Pt trt A	El Cajon		40	oranges		50	5	G		3	6¢ hr	2½"	\$325
7. E S Delacour	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Sec 23		25	oranges		55	2½	G		3	5¢ hr	1"	\$400
8. Cox	SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$	Sec 23		40	"		48	3	G		4		1"	\$415
9. J W Sefton	Sec 26 T 16 S R 1 W			15	Alfalfa									
				15	Corn									
				10	Decid.									
				60	citrus									
							32	G						
11. E S Vasher	Sec 24 S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$			25	citrus		47	2½	G		3½	4¢ hr	3"	\$700
12. E S Paul	Pt S-24 T-16-S R-1-W			9	oranges		48	4	G		3		1"	
13. A Roberts	NW of NW S-19			20	"		55	2	G		3/4		1"	\$125
14. H H Locke	C E Pt Hillsdale			7	"		60	4	G		4	4¢ hr	-	\$1500
15. G A Martin	C E "	"		20	citrus		40	2	G		Dev.		2"	
16. C E Preston	Pt S E of SE S-19				"							"	1½"	
17. Liffening	C E SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ S-19						58						2½"	
18. Cristie	C E Pt NE of SW S-19			10			39						1½"	
20. F M Thompson	lts 1-4 Pt S-18			7	"		57	5	E			\$5 Mo	½"	\$200
				6	Vege									

LIST OF WATER CONSUMERS
BETWEEN EL MONTE RICO AND GROSSMONT SUPPLIED FROM
THE SAN DIEGO FLUME AND THEIR PRIVATE WELLS. (WITH COSTS)

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Blk</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Subdiv</u>	<u>Acres</u> <u>Irrig</u>	<u>Crop</u>	<u>Depth</u> <u>Well</u>	<u>H.P.</u>	<u>Gas</u> <u>or</u> <u>Elec</u>	<u>Run-</u> <u>M.I.</u>	<u>S.D.</u> <u>Fl.</u> <u>Cost</u>	<u>Cost of pump &</u> <u>Motor(Gas-Elec)</u>
										<u>M.I.</u>	
21. J M Ashor		4	S-18	9	oranges	60	6	G	3	8¢ hr	2"
				7	lemons						
				2	Gr frt						
22. F H Taylor						Dev.					
23. F A Springsted	26	8	S Tract	4	Grapes	90	10	E	6	\$150 yr	5"
				45	citrus	73			2		
				25	"	92			2½		2/3"
24. E V Clark				27	citrus	65	5	E	4	\$100 yr	2"
25. C C Clark				50	grapes	50	4	G	2		\$350
26. O R Gross	24	1-6	S tract		14 oranges						2"
				25	citrus	75	10	G	6	3 4/10 M	
				32	"	50	4	G			\$650
27. E A Seidel	36	2	S tract	37	"	70-50	12-6	G	8-2	6¢ M	30"
					525 grapes						\$1600
28. Bostonio		7 pts	9-10 "								
29. Smith & Francis	1	1	Somermont Pl								
	6	9-11	S Tract	17	citrus	25	12	G	3		2½"
30. C J Rother	2-3		Somermont Pl	20	Olives	30	2½	G			3"
31. F M Jennings	41	2-5	S Tract	30	alfalfa	10 wells					
						36' to 40'	20 E	30	1	1/10 M	4"
32. Z Ray	1	19	Lakeview	1½	"	Cr.	2½	G	2		1/3"
				½	berries						
33. Lumis & Lumis	1 Pt	4 & 5	"	10	citrus	28	3	G	2	4¢ day	1"
34. O J Elmer	3	½ Pt	4 "	6	"	Res.	2	G		5¢ day	2/3"
35. Ralph Earl	102,120	Tr 2 Hill Est		10	alfalfa	38	6	G	6		1"
36. W Hembel	700 acres	Lakeside		35	"	20 wells					
37. J H Kleine	on Los Coches Cr			25	vege	25' deep	20 E	100	25¢ hr	4"	
				50	citrus		5		5¢ hr	1 7/10"	\$1600

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									Elec	M.I.	ting	Fl.	pump & motor
										M.I.	(Gas - Elec)	M.I.	
38 H Culbertson by B Hurley		Pt Tr 5	Hill Est	2.5 strbres	58	3.5	G						
39 S G Roberts	"	"	"	12 citrus &c	25	3.5	E	4	4¢ hr	3"			
				4 peaches									
				4.5 oranges									
				10 grapes	60	5	E	2	2¢ hr	1"		\$500	
40 R W Martin	"	"	"	8 fruit									
				4 grapes	50	5	E	3	2½¢ hr	1"		\$400	
				4 peaches	60	5	E	6	2½¢ "	3"			
41 A C Novia	"	"	"	10 grapes	no well								
42 Chrisler & Gardner	"	"	"	10 peaches	78	5	E	4	2½¢ hr	2"		\$405	
				2 citrus	68	5	E	6	2½¢ hr	2"			
43 Mrs A E Richards	"	"	"	8 oranges	50	5	E	3					
				3 strbres	50	5	E	3					
					50	5	E	1	3¢ hr	1"			
44 A A Armitage	"	"	"	11 citrus									
				12 Decid.	80	5	G	3	6¢ hr	2½"		\$475	
45 See 3A		7 & 8	Somermont Pl										
46 C D Walker by J S Wise Mgr	6	"	"	18 citrus	70	4	G	2	5.3¢ hr				\$500
					58	4	G	5	5¢ hr	1"			
47 Fred Patterson by A Ballantyne	5	"	"	12 citrus	windmill								
					& 60	5	E	5	8¢ hr	2"		\$800	
48 Henry Patterson by A Ballantyne	12	"	"	12	none								
49 Miss Lemberger	13	"	"	8 citrus									
				2 strbres	small one								
50 H R Glenn	4	"	"	12 citrus									
				3 Decid.									
51 Candee	Pt 3	"	"	small amt									
29 Smith & Frances C J Rother See 30				20		80	5	E	2	\$5 Min Mo	1"		\$550
53 E Lisco	3	S Tract		1	No								
54 Graves Bros by C R Freeman	4	"		40 citrus	60	5	E	4	6.5¢ hr	5"			
				8 lemons									
55 D H Gorden	3	"		3 oranges									
				10 vineyd	65	5	E	1½					
				7 olives	70	3½	G	4"+	2½ H	2"			\$200

USES OF SAN DIEGO FLUME WATER ALONG HAWLEY FLUME LINE GIVING NOTATIONS BY OWNERS OR THEIR MANAGERS.

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56 Kilpatrick by W Harpe		6-7	S Tract	14	citrus	Dev. another	80 9	G	3		1"	
57 J W Going by C E Rimsey	39	1	"	12	"	70 65	8 3	Gm G	1 1	1½"	\$560 \$400	

Sheets 5A ~~show~~ and 5B show 208 acres getting 79 M.I. total from flume and wells, 56 M.I. of this is well water and 23 M.I. is from the flume.

The total running expenses equals about $3\frac{1}{2}\%$ per 1000 gals. Oil costs 25¢ per gal and distillate 10¢ per gal.

LIST OF PERSONS USING THEIR OWN WATER PLANTS FOR IRRIGATION IN VARIOUS
PARTS OF EL CAJON VALLEY.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Blk</u>	<u>Lot</u>	<u>Subdiv</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Irrig</u>	<u>Crop</u>	<u>Depth Well</u>	<u>H.P.</u>	<u>Gas or Elec</u>	<u>M.I.</u>	<u>Run-ning Cost</u>	<u>S.D. Fl.</u>	<u>Cost of Pump & Motor (Gas-Elec)</u>
F R Manning		18	Stevens & Hartley	5			24	3	G		40¢ da		
Joe P Miller		Pt J	El Cajon		5½ alfalfa 4 citrus		30	three 5 HP	E	5 ea	\$12.60 Mo		
S H Roberts		Pt L	"		5 peaches 1 alfalfa		30	5	E	8	\$5 Mo		\$350
A T Hawley		Pt M	"		50 grapes			6	G	12	50¢ da		\$500
M Gaston		Bet L & F			14 alfalfa		30	5	E	20	\$5 Mo		\$600

COST OF PUMPING IN EL CAJON VALLEY FOR CUYAMACA WATER CO.

DATA FROM HAZARD GOULD CO. AND HALLOWAY - S.D. GAS

AND ELECTRIC COMPANY.

A.Taylor.

Query: To deliver 8 M.I. of water in El Cajon Valley against a lift of 50 ft. what is the cost of:

Distillate Engine Plant
 Electric Motor Plant
 Operation
 Maintenance, repairs and depreciation.

Thru a lift of 50' to deliver 8 M.I. (72 gal per min) water it requires:

$$\frac{0}{50} \times \frac{62.5}{x} (50) = \text{by Distillate Plant} \quad \frac{0.91}{say overall effy of 30\%} \text{ Thoe H P} = \text{by Electric Motor Plant} \quad \frac{0.91}{Say overall effy of 36\%} \text{ Thoe H P}$$

$$\frac{.91}{.30} = 3 \text{ H P Engine} \quad \frac{.91}{.36} = 2.5 \text{ H P Motor}$$

FIRST COST (NOT INCLUDING WELL)

	S Y S T E M	DISTILLATE	MOTOR
1 Byron & Jackson centrifugal pump 100 gal min	52.50	52.50	
1 3 H P Faribanks Morse Engine	240.00		
1 3 H P Motor		48.00	
1 foot valve	2.80	2.80	
100' 2" W I Pipe	10.50	10.50	
Delivery and installing	40.00	20.00	
Building etc	50.00	50.00	
Total	\$395.80	\$183.80	

COST OF PUMPING EL CAJON VALLEY CONTINUED

(Pint of distillate or 1/8 gal per H P hour.)

Operational year	System Distillate Motor
1 yr distillate 5¢ per hr - say 90% continuous run	\$ 396.00 \$ 0.00
1 yr motor - 2.0¢ H P hr - $2.0 \times 2.5 \times .90 \times 24 \times 365$	<u>394.00</u>
1 yr Partial service of operator 1 Mo Dis 20.00	
1 Mo motor 15.00	<u>240.00</u> <u>180.00</u>
	 Total ----- \$636.00 \$574.00

MAINTENANCE, REPAIRS, DEPRECIATION AND INSURANCE.

	Distillate Motor
Distillate-15% minus installation .15x305	\$45.70
Motor 15% .15x163.80	<u>\$24.60</u>
Building 5% 2.50	<u>2.50</u>
	 \$48.20 \$27.10

TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENSE

	System Distillate Motor
Interest on 1st cost at 7%	\$27.70 \$12.80
Operation	636.00 574.00
Maintenance, repairs, depreciation and insurance	<u>48.20</u> <u>27.10</u>
	 Total ----- \$ 711.90 \$613.90

* Cost per 1000 gal
* Cost per ac. ft.

\$ 2.10	\$ 1.81
<u>6.85</u>	<u>5.90</u>

LIPPINCOTT'S GENERAL FIGURES.

1 Ac Ft raised 1' cost 5¢ 50 foot lift at 5¢ \$ 2.50

* The cost of the well is not entered into the computations.

COST OF PUMPING IN EL CAJON VALLEY COFT'D.

The S. D. Consolidated Gas & Elect Co., submitted the following rates for power on 5 years contract.

2¢ per K W hour for \$300 a year use guaranteed.

2½¢ " " " " \$150 " " " "

3¢ " " " " \$100 " " " "

3½¢ " " " " \$ 60 " " " "

Power delivered a reasonable distance of extension, probably 1000 feet under a 5 year contract for say a \$300 a year use guaranteed.

Ed Fletcher Papers

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