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& OTHER 1938 CORRES

BETWEEN E. FLETCHER &
E. HYATT ORIGINALLY
FILED UNDER

"DOANE VALLEY DAM AT
PALA"

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① COVINGTON, J. H.
Exec. Sec, ST. PARK COMMISSION

② RABER, W. F.

③ HENNING, A. E.

④ WEBB, W. S.

⑤ KRAMBER, L. M.

March 16, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Friend Dewars:

Answering yours of the 8th, enclosed find copy of
letter I have written Ed Hyatt, a personal friend.

In the first place, let me know what you are trying
to do. The Board of Supervisors of San Diego County are the
ones to sponsor a WPA project. I know of no small County
projects that are being sponsored by the State, but may be I
am wrong. We will see what Ed Hyatt has to say.

Let me know what you are attempting to do, the amount
of money involved and are you willing to put up the sponsor's
share, or do you want the Board of Supervisors to put up the
sponsor's share, and I will be glad to be of assistance if I
can.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv
Encl.

(Re: conservation of water of Pauma Creek)

Jala, March 21, 1938.

Dear Senator,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of the 16th, also for sending my letter to Mr. Ed. Hyatt.

What I am trying to do is to interest county or State officials in (a WPA project?) building a water-storage dam in Pauma Creek. That would mean that Pauma Valley would become a most fertile and prosperous valley with room for many more farms.

The San Diego Gas. and Electric Company once planned to construct such a dam; it has all the necessary data, I understand that it would cost less than the fancy gardens now created for the Fall Brook High School by the WPA (a future burden). Why waste so much money on play gardens when the men could ^{do} something most necessary at home. There is no organization here able to put up a sponsor's share, but if the County advances the money it can bond thousands of acres becoming valuable.

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The State bought part of the watershed for a State Park; the Park Commission is understood to be interested in impounding the water of Pauma Creek, creating a lake.

Oceanside shows an interest in the plan. As an individual I am unable to do more than suggesting a dam in Pauma Creek.

The WPA has the man, it concerns a self-liquidating project, it only requires the initiative by a few men of influence.

Mr. Hyatt will probably advise me how to proceed. I will ask Supervisor Sweet to introduce the subject in the Board.

Thanking you again for your kindness,

yours sincerely

P. DeWard.

March 23, 1958

Mr. P. Dewares
Pala, California

My dear Mr. Dewares:

In answer to your question, who owns the dam site and reservoir site on Fanna Creek? I am sure this would have to be sponsored by the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County unless it is on State Park Commission land, in which case, the State Park Commission would have to sponsor it.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

March 30, 1958

Mr. P. Dewares
Pala, California

Friend Dewares:

I have before me copy of letter written you by Ed Ryatt, State Engineer of March 24th.

Let me know if I can be of any further service.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

E. DEWARS

Pala, April 1, 1938.

Dear Senator,

Thanks for your letter of March 30. Engineer Mr. Gleason, representing Mr. Hyatt, got a very favorable impression of Pauma Valley, he liked the plan to build a dam to store the water of Pauma Creek.

Mr. Gleason doubted however whether any money from the State Flood Control Fund would be available as Los Angeles and Riverside Counties required so much work.

Therefore Pauma Valley will send a petition and a delegation to the Board of Supervisors asking it to sponsor a WPA project here.

The WPA can afford ^{to spend} \$100,000 - to beautify the grounds around Fall Brook High School, it will cost less to bring prosperity to a fertile valley to create a lake in Palomar State Park.

I will very much appreciate when you kindly advise me as how to interest the Board of Supervisors for a WPA project here. Would it not be a good idea to invite a newspaper-reporter here in order to arouse public interest in the matter? Anything you may do for the cause will be highly appreciated sincerely P. Dewars

April 6, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Friend Dewars:

Answering yours of the 1st, congratulations on getting things started. It is just as I wrote you sometime ago - your recourse is with the Board of Supervisors who must sponsor this project - no one else in the County can unless some private individual puts up the money.

Would you kindly send me a little map showing where you propose to build the dam, the legal description of the property, how high a dam, and is it the old so-called Doane damsite on Palomar, or is it on the main San Luis Rey River? My advice is to send a petition and delegation to the Board of Supervisors. The first thing the Supervisors will ask is - do you own the land on which the dam is going to be built as well as the land that is flooded, how much is it going to cost.

If you are going to create a lake in Palomar State Park, then this project should be sponsored by the State Park Commission of California, and if it is Doane Valley, I think it is a remarkable thing to have that dam up there - it is not alone a playground but will add much to the beauty of the country as well as help Pala Valley.

On receipt of your letter in reply to my questions, I will then give you a suggested program to follow. It may be that the State Park Commission of California will jointly sponsor the project with the Supervisors.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

La Jolla, April 11, 1958

Dear Senator,

Your optimistic letter of the 6th was highly encouraging. To answer your questions in full I'll have to wait for more research by engineer Gleason, assumed that Mr. Hyatt considers - reading the first report - it worthwhile to go further.

Yes, it is the old so-called Doane dam site on Palomar that is considered, located in Palomar State Park, the future lake flooding either state and federal property.

The State Park Commission no doubt will be glad to co-sponsor the project though it is not well provided with funds, I am told.

In case the Federal Government is interested too - as some say it is - it may be satisfied with a moderate sponsor's share.

A low dam (40 feet?) seems to do the trick.

You certainly will render San Juan Valley a great service by suggesting a program of action as none of us fellows here know this way about town well enough to be a guide,

Yours sincerely,
P. Dewar

Bulletin.

An estate wants to sell 40 acres of land located just below my place;
20 acres are planted in bearing Apricots
20 " " excellent for Citrus (were in Lemons)
These 40 " with good house, 140000 gal. reservoir, all piped, with \$5.- an acre gravity water are worth \$40000 - compared with what \$40000 - buys elsewhere. Excellent 100 ft. deep soil.

The Bank as trustee got an offer for \$7000 - (!) this offer will be accepted unless a higher bid will be received after advertising the \$7000 - offer for three months.

The only improvement these 40 acres need to be worth \$40000 - is cleaning out a well or drilling another one; a ^{new} 40 inch well will cost app. \$3000 - (incl. pump) and 40 inches is enough for several properties that will pay all of the interest etc on the original investment.

To back up my statement I have a 20 acre place in Lemon and Avocado's next to the 40 acres, raising these bearing trees on gravity water only.

It is rare that gold lays on the pavement to be picked up, so I report it to you. A nice opportunity indeed.

P. Dewar.

P.S. Gravity water runs the year round except in dry Summers during July, August & September, or like in 1934 during 5 months causing our valuable crop to drop, trees to suffer.

With water stored in Doane valley gravity water is guaranteed as the Panama Valley Water Company is entitled to a full pipeline (100 inches) supplying also the 40 acres ad. \$3.- an acre a year!

Of course all the land in Panama Valley that can be irrigated will become valuable as the soil is better than in Escondido, Vista etc. etc. except near the Fall Brook, but there sufficient water lacks.

We here can always penny plenty (no limit) at very small cost.

What than lacks this valley, you wonder? Just a few men with sense. Sir, a little of it!

April 13, 1938

Mr. P. Dewares
Pala, California

My dear Mr. Dewares:

Answering yours of the 11th will say, I am more than happy to cooperate in the completion of the Doans damsite - it is on park land.

This is the first damsite I tried to have built and the records will show I made the first water filling in 1905 or 1906. The dam ought to be built 100 ft. high and the State Park Commission should take an interest in the matter along with the Board of Supervisors.

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written to the State Park Commission to get a commitment out of them if possible.

Regarding the other matter, I will see what can be done, but it is a tough situation to get anyone to make investments at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

EP/jv
Encl.

April 13, 1938

State Park Commission
417 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

When we all joined in and helped to make Palomar State Park a reality, particular stress was placed on the wonderful opportunity to build a dam in Doans Valley in the center of the Park.

A dam of 100 ft. high can easily be built and one of the most attractive lakes in the country will be the result. We have somewhere the surveys of the damsite and the lands that are to be flooded. It would be a wonderful WPA project if the Park Commission will sponsor it and the Board of Supervisors of the County. Can I be of service in helping to see this dream come true? There will be nothing in Southern California to beat it as a resort with a lovely lake stocked with trout, and tucked in among the mountains with the pine and oak, the wild asaleas and dogwood in the little streams adjoining.

An early reply as to what extent you are interested will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

EP/jv

cc-P. Dewares, Pala

Jala, April 14, 1938

Dear Senator,

Thank you very much for your interesting letter of yesterday, also for copy of your letter to the State Park Commission.

I am glad having add a question mark behind 40 feet, my guess at the height of the dam. I got that figure from Mr. Drayton here, who is well acquainted with the problem.

I assume that whoever may consider to sponsor the project, realizes that the stored water will be most valuable as summer-irrigation-water.

60 Farm-leaders, assembled in San Diego, stated that no more credit should be extended for development of agricultural land.

A lot of nerve with hundred thousand poor fellows from the dust bowl looking for two or three acres. No it is sin to let costly water run to waste into the Ocean. I wish the State also was of this opinion, supporting a project that is so particularly self liquidating

yours sincerely
J. Dewar.

Bulletin No. 2.

I asked Mr. Harter of the Security First National Bank exact information as to the sale of the 40 acres, this Bank acting as a trustee for the estate of an incompetent.

I also had the probable value of the Apricot crop (20 acres) estimated; one grower put it at \$2500-, another as high as \$3300-.

A former owner secured a \$17000-mortgage loan on this land that then was considered worth \$30000- or thereabouts.

I paid \$600-per acre for similar land, and still would pay it. Any way an offer of \$7000- for 40 acres, with a \$2500-house, \$1000-reservoir, \$2000-concrete pipelines, water stock and an Apricot ^{crop} ready in June turns out less than \$100-p. acre, not to say that the land itself would be given away.

April 16, 1938

Mr. P. Dewar
Pala, California

My dear Mr. Dewar:

Thanks for your letter of the 14th and the information therein contained.

I am more than sympathetic with you. The first thing to decide is - who is to be the Sponsor. Let me know if you hear from the State Park Commission and what their attitude is. You can use my name for reference.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

H/v

Pala, April 20, 1938.

State Park Commission.

Sacramento, Calif

Gentlemen,

A delegation from Panna Valley will go to the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County asking it to sponsor a WPA project - the construction of a dam in Doane Valley.

This dam will impound the water of Panna Creek, creating a lake in Palomar State Park. The present time seems unusually favorable to carry out a plan for which your Commission has shown a great interest.

May I suggest that your Commission together with the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County sponsors this project.

for the Doane Valley Dam Committee
respectfully yours

P. Dewar, Secy.

Pala, April 20, 1938

Dear Senator,

Allow me to submit my letter to the State Park Commission for your approval. Receiving your letter of the 16th. I was not prepared to contact the State Park Commission.

It does not seem appropriate for me to tell the State P. C. why such a dam ought to be constructed as the Commission probably is far better informed than I am.

I noticed that in your letter to the S. P. C. you did not mention the value of the lake-water for irrigation-purposes.

Thus did I also omit this point as it may wake up the sponsors to the fact that part of the cost ought to be carried by farmers.

In case you approve of my letter to the S. P. C. will you please mail it; may be that you like to add a recommendation to it.

I wonder whether I should remind Mr. Hyatt, asking him for further information. Engineer Gleason only made an inquiry as to come back for a survey, yours sincerely
P. Deward

Pala, California
April 21, 1938

The State Park Commission
417 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California

Gentlemen:

A delegation from Pauma Valley, San Diego County, in the San Luis Rey Valley adjacent to Palomar State Park, plan to go before the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County asking them to sponsor with you a WPA project re: construction of a dam within the Palomar State Park in Doane Valley.

This dam will impound the water of Pauma Creek creating a most attractive lake in Palomar State Park. With an elevation of 5000 or 6000 ft. it means splendid fishing possibilities and recreation; it will make a demand for winter sports and this means revenue to your State Park Commission. There is over a 2000 ft. power drop on the State Park property itself that will furnish all the electricity needed for Park purposes.

Our primary interest is in stopping the flood waters, and getting a reasonable flow of water in the summer for the lands of the Pauma Ranch below. I believe our State Engineer, Mr. Ed Hyatt, has full knowledge of the possibilities of the storage of water on Pauma Creek, Doane Valley. If you have not this data, please let us know.

If this project is carried out, there will be a lake at least one mile in length or more and it will be one of the attractions of Southern California. The present time seems unusually favorable to carry out a plan in which your Commission has shown a great deal of interest.

May I suggest that you let us make some arrangement when your representative can appear with us before the Board of Supervisors of San Diego County some Monday morning, and discuss the question of sponsoring this project.

An early and favorable reply will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

DOANE VALLEY DAM COMMITTEE

By
Secretary

April 21, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

My dear Mr. Dewars:

Answering yours of the 20th, enclosed find letter, with two extra copies, which you may wish to forward to the State Park Commission.

It is and will be a pleasure to cooperate with you in every way I can to promote this project.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv
Encl.

Pala, April 25, 1938

Dear Senator,

I am delighted with the letter to the State Park Commission you were so kind to write for me; I will mail it to-morrow.

I should like to take a copy of this letter to the San Diego Chamber of Commerce; also to see it printed in the leading newspapers of San Diego and Los Angeles. The press seems interested to publish anything concerning Salomar Mountain. Public opinion will react quite favorably and support from many unexpected sides may help the plan considerably.

However I will not act without your O.K. In case I do not hear from you I will go to San Diego either calling upon you or calling your office over the phone to make sure that I am not going to make a tactical mistake.

Thanking you again for your wonderful assistance,

Sincerely yours

P. Dewars.

April 23, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars,
Pala,
California

My dear Mr. Dewars:

Answering yours of the 25th, my advice is to send copies of the letter to the daily newspapers but without mentioning my name - let it be wholly on your own initiative such as is the case.

I will be glad to help you from behind the scenes all I can.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

Pala, May 3 1938.

Dear Senator,

Please find enclosed a letter as send to the editors of the L. A. Examiner, LA Times, Daily News, S. D. Sun, S. D. Union, local papers together with a copy of the letter to the State Park Commission.

I wrote Mr. Eddie Bernard (Deron Long's manager of the Biltmore Hotel, L.A.) to see to it that the papers print all we are going to send them; I believe that the hotel-interests will become powerful supporters of all improvements on Palomar Mt. if it were only on account of the free publicity.

So I will concentrate for a while on:
the Telescope and - the Tourist-Business.

It is many years ago that, with reference to a club you supported, I asked you in a letter: "what is San Diego? a resort for old spinsters"? At that time I had some money to waste on pleasure but in San Diego I saved up unusually; I just could not see where to spend it on.

I asked Mr. Bernard to use the U. S. Grant Hotel radio to wake up the public (yes, also the Supervisors, for they are sound asleep); also to interest the hotel-owners-association, sending me all the copy for the press that is fit to be printed. Hope this action will have your approval,
yours sincerely P. Dewars.

Pala, California,
May 2nd, 1938

Gentlemen;

Please find enclosed copy of a letter to the State Park Commission. The newspapers from all over the world print news about Palomar Mountain; they will tell everything concerning the new telescope for years to come. Never before did an event attract wider attention. San Diego County gets publicity worth millions of dollars and at no cost to itself. Is it going to take advantage of this unusual opportunity? Paris drew enormous crowds of tourists with its Eifel Tower, Monte Carlo with its Bank, the Spa's with the waters of their springs. Once there, the tourists were well taken care of, and stayed awhile, spending money, then went home to tell their friends of the wonderful time they had. That is how those places got their tourist business.

Already countless tourists enter this country asking for Palomar Mountain. The directors of a hotel company assured us that more and more people arrive in Los Angeles desirous to go to the mountain where the telescope will be. These directors know that at present the tourists cannot be accommodated on Palomar Mountain so they consider building a hotel there. They drove up over the excellent new road soon to be surrounded by gorgeous timber; they were delighted by the romantic scenery, the splendid views over the country, and in the distance the Pacific Ocean dotted with ships from Mexico to Catalina.

These hotel men, when asked whether they expect a great future for Palomar Mountain, said, "We certainly do. The telescope already acts as a very strong magnet attracting an ever increasing flow of visitors." Assuming that a hotel will have its tennis courts, its golf links, its terraces where dinners are served, what will be the most important improvement to be made? "Water; a lake," was the unanimous opinion. Create a lake as planned and the rest will follow as by magic to the great benefit not only of this section but also of the city of San Diego, the beaches and the whole of the country.

Our committee invites all individuals and organizations who believe in taking advantage of the unsurpassed publicity San Diego County gets through the telescope, to send us a letter of approval or to circulate separate petitions so that we can go before the Board of Supervisors with convincing evidence that the people of San Diego County want everything done for the benefit of the tourist business. Our chances have come, let us be well prepared to use them to their fullest extent.

Very sincerely yours,
DOANE VALLEY DAM COMMITTEE
W. E. Cooleman
Charles Brawn,
P. Dewars, Secy.

May 5, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

My dear Mr. Dewars:

Answering your letter of the 2nd, I have had word from the State Park Commission that they will hold a meeting in the U.S. Grant Hotel of San Diego on May 21st.

I will be glad to attend if I am in the City. Enclosed find copy of letter I have written to the Park Commission.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv
Encl.

Paola, May 11, 1938

Dear Senator,

I called supervisor Bryan A. Sweet over the phone to ask him whether he cared to join the San Diegans who go up Palomar Mt to-day. I added that Jaeg Adams from here would pose as the sponsor of the dam in Ramona Creek plan, using it as material for his campaign for supervisor of Sweet's district.

Though I intended to go up the mountain myself, also to tell that I have no knowledge of J. Adams support neither am sure whether it will be an asset, I changed my mind. This party is mainly interested in roads; I got no invitation of any kind and may start a dispute with Jaeg Adams on top.

Mr. Sweet could not go. He told me that the Board of Supervisors could not possibly co-sponsor this project as it had no jurisdiction over State property; also that only the State Park Commission could sponsor it. The State P.C., Mr. Sweet said, has far more funds available for such purpose than the County. This, I considered, good news and worth reporting it to you.

It seems as if I ought to co-ordinate the efforts of the different parties going before the State P.C. to avoid everyone talking about everything. Speakers could meet one hour in advance, yours sincerely P. Seward.

Note.

W.E. Coleman of the Deane Valley Dam Comm. bought the 40 acres, I reported for sale, for \$7700.-

The Federal Land Bank then appraised the value at \$23000.-

Thus Coleman can borrow enough to pay the \$7700.- leaving a surplus of another \$1000.- to develop the land with.

I have nothing to be ashamed of reporting a bargain, I guess.

Sala, May 12, 1938.

Dear Senator,

Copying from a letter sent to me by J. H. Covington of the State Park Commission, I wrote several parties f.i. Don Thomas, manager of the All Year Club of S.P. that the Park Commission would meet in San Diego Friday, May 21, at 10 a.m.

To my horror the calendar disagrees, Friday - 20 May
Saturday - 21 "

You informed me that the meeting will be May 21. To make sure I asked Mr. Covington further information thus preventing a bad mix-up.

I asked Don Thomas to send a representative of the Hotel-owners-association, of the sport-world, incl. the Automobile Club of Southern California, etc.

To Mr. Covington I wrote that I intended to give him a list of the names, etc. of the speakers before introducing them. This list can be written the last moment; I asked the friends of this project to come at 9 o'clock in stead of at 10 a.m. in order to rehearse the show.

I hope that presenting such a list of names is a correct thing to do. (I am just a farmer).

The truth is that I do not want undesirable

individuals, publicity-seekers to bust in. For instance I invited supervisor Sweet to speak for the Board of Sup. Would it not be bad taste for me to allow a Jack Adams, in an attempt to push Mr. Sweet out of office, to bust in, may be to speak out of turn. I think as the secretary of D.V.D.C. I have to look after a correct presentation of the subject involved. Thus it seems to me that I ought to introduce you, as a State Senator first than f.i. Supervisor Sweet
" " Don Thomas
" " myself and whoever's support seems desirable.

The list of speakers closed, Doane Valley Dam Committee will not be identified with whoever tries to bust in afterwards. As a Hollander by birth I never got a taste for that melting-pot soup, as stewed in this country.

May be that it all is of no importance but I rather admit my ignorance of such affairs than make blunders. Anyway I took a chance on informing Mr. Covington that a list of names of the speakers would be submitted to him, to which I added - other speakers will not speak for or with the approval of Doane Da Valley Dam Committee (you sure picked a hard name to remember; I still can't write it)

Jack Adams told here he would give(?) the damn; well I said what is left of him now. Jack Adams!

Sincerely yours,
P. Deever

May 13, 1938

Mr. J. H. Covington, Exec. Secy.
State Park Commission
417 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California

My dear Jack:

Answering yours of the 11th, will say I am sorry but I am leaving for Washington and New York on the 20th and cannot attend the meeting as much as I would like to on the 21st.

Please ask the Commission to go the limit in helping to make some plans for the building of the Doane Damsite and a lake in our State Park - show the boys the way to have it done and let us get to work.

The Governor asked me to represent him at the celebration dedicating the Silver Strand State Park but I cannot be there as I will be on my way East.

Give my regards to the Commission, and regretting more than I can say that I cannot be here for the meeting,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

cc - Mr. P. Dewars

May 14, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Re:--DOANE VALLEY DAMSITE AND LAKE
Palomar Mountain

My dear Mr. Dewars:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Mr. Covington and copy of my reply. I am mighty sorry, but vital matters have come up that force me to go East.

The letter I have written, I am sure, will give you a friendly hearing by the Commission - they want it just as much as you do but where the money is coming from, I do not know. My advice would be to ask the Board of Supervisors to attend the meeting with the Commission with you. The State Park Commission will probably have to sponsor the project, but there is nothing to hinder the Supervisors assisting as long as it is beneficial to the property owners outside the State Park. Preliminary money should be raised to make the final survey, estimates of cost, and determine the amount of land to be flooded and the capacity of the reservoir, etc. You people might chip in a third of the money, the Commission a third and the Board of Supervisors a third to get the estimate of cost and a definite plan.

Another suggestion - the State Park Commission might get the State Engineer, Ed Hyatt, to do this work. It is up to the State Park Commission to make the request as it is State property. I hope something will be worked out. I will return from the East early in June.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

P.S.--Mr. Sweet has no authority to make the statement that the State Park Commission has funds. As a member of the Legislature, I know the money has been cut down until now they only get sufficient to pay administration expenses, and I see no funds in sight for the State Park Commission until they commence to receive some revenue from the Oil Bill.

E.F.

Pala, May 15, 1938

Dear Senator,

Mr. Coleman heard from his friend Joe Adams, who joined the party up Palomar Mt. last Wednesday, that the San Diego Gas & Electric Co. is still greatly interested in its old plan, a powerplant in connection with Pauma Creek water.

Coleman said the Gas & Electric Co. would like to use the water from our lake, pipe it downwards, to bring it to three plants on different levels.

I was very much pleased with this news and thought you might want to get the dope on this subject from the Gas & Electric Co. I would not like to see an outsider come in to prove he to be better informed than you are, as you will be the speaker of course. I already am called the "father" of the lake and I wonder whether you care to be the grand-father?

I write to the S.D. Gas & Electric Co. asking it to send an expert to the meeting in the U.S. Grant Hotel. I assume that you will not object to having such an expert at hand.

The All Year Club of Southern Calif., the manager writes me, is only interested in "national advertising." Do they consider the telescope as unfair competition? I hope very much that you'll be able to attend.
Sincerely yours, P. Dewars.

May 18, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Friend Dewars:

Thanks for your letter of the 15th. I am taking the matter up with the Gas Company.

I guess I am the grandfather of the Doane Valley Dam, it is a matter of official record that I filed on the water of Pauma Creek in Doane Valley in 1905 with the object of building a dam, developing power and putting water on the Pauma Ranch. Frank Salmons and I bought the Pauma Ranch from the Catholic Church and sold it to the Pacific Light & Power Company. After the surveys were completed, the Pacific Light & Power Company decided to build Warners Dam now known as Henshaw Dam, and abandoned the Doane project much to my disgust. I have always had it in my mind ever since, and the official records down at the Court House stand. Grandfather is all right to me for I want to help in making my Doane Valley dream come true.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

Meeting of the State Park Commission, Saturday May 21
at the U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego.

Gentlemen of the State Park Commission:

The day is not far off that thousands upon thousands of people will stand along the road from Escondido to the top of Palomar Mountain to see the 200 inch glass pass by. Pictures of this event will be shown all over the world. Palomar Mountain will become famous.

It will be up to the State of California and San Diego County ~~to see that there~~ ~~no~~ ~~comes~~ to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to develop its tourist business.

To add to the natural beauty of Palomar State Park will be the privilege of the your Commission.

Doane Valley Dam Committee suggests to you to build a dam in Pauma Creek thus creating a lake in Doane Valley. Nothing delights more people as to look from a high mountain top down upon a lake, alive with trout, dotted with causes, gay pavilions along its shores. Yes, even the possibility that a hotel will be build there is great; the surrounding land will become valuable as building-sites for country-homes.

All this will mean revenue to the State Park.

II

A dam in Pauma Creek will protect Pauma Valley and San Luis Rey valley against heavy flood-damage. Destructive masses of water roar down the mountain nearly every winter, going to waste. If properly stored the water could be released as needed; with a 4000 feet drop it could generate valuable electric power, another source of income for the State Park.

Once the water reaches Pauma Valley it will irrigate this valley's fertile acres, bringing prosperity to hundreds of farmers.

A dam in Pauma Creek is not a luxury, it is a necessity; the money required will be well invested.

Why not start with the construction now that the Federal Government looks for useful WPA projects?

Doane Valley Dam Committee offers its services for the promotion of this popular plan.

J. Dewars

Secr. Doane Valley Dam Committee
(Pauma)

Pala, May 21, 1938

Dear Senator,

Mr. Covington read a typewritten speech that I had prepared to the State Park Commission. Allow me please to enclose the written original as I distributed seven copies among newspaper men or I sent them per mail.

Mr. Covington then read a serious objection against a lake - "it spoils the virgin beauty of Doane Valley" - from the Museum of Natural History. (?)

Some important official also wrote against a dam. Followed a mission - secretary claiming 40 acres given for the recreation of boy scouts would be without water! Several Park Commissioners seemed neither in favor of dam and lake.

The 20th of May I drove up to the dam site, more than ever being impressed by the sublime beauty of the pasture and the magnificent growth on the hills.

Being a landscape-architect by trade I saw mansions built among the trees on the surrounding hills and in the lower valley a playful lake.

To hear that a lake would spoil the scenery was the last thing I had expected and I hardly succeeded in defending our point of view.

I told to be from Holland, wondering whether that country ought to be inundated by the water of the North sea as it would if engineers had not build protecting dikes; that would be "nature not interfered with".

Mr. Sweet put up a far better argument by asking: What would Big Bear, Arrowhead be without water? No, he said, a lake in Doane Valley will be a very great attraction in San Diego County.

Mr. Porter seemed more or less in favor, mentioning fishing opportunities.

Another commissioner proposed to ask an opinion from the Attorney General; a bond issue, I understood, limited the activities of the Park Board.

Mr. Porter told that the Park Commission's duty is to maintain Palomar Park as it was created, etc.

I mentioned "flood-damage" understanding that the federal government wants to stop erosion, save the water etc.

My impression is that it requires a very experienced politician to save the whole plan and that Doane Valley Dam Committee can do little without instructions as you gave it before. I got some favorable comment in the newspapers and I'll try to find more public support.

The public wants a lake, I am sure, but how to prove it? Wishing you a pleasant and successful trip.

Sincerely yours, J. Dewar.

May 25, 1938

Doane Valley Dam Committee
Pala
California


Attention: P. Dewars

Gentlemen:

The State Park Commission, at their meeting in San Diego on May 21, 1938, gave consideration to your request that they sponsor a WPA construction project for the erection of a dam in Palomar State Park.

It was the sense of the Commission that before further consideration is given on this subject, an opinion be obtained from the Attorney General to determine whether or not such development would be considered as permissible where property had been obtained for park purposes. The question involved, as explained by Mr. Dewars on his appearance before the Commission, was that the dam would be constructed for flood control and irrigation uses. After an opinion has been rendered by the Attorney General I will again present this matter to the State Park Commission for their consideration and action.

Yours very truly


J. H. Covington
Executive Secretary
State Park Commission

cc: Senator Fletcher
Natural History Museum
San Diego Baptist City Mission Society

June 2, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Re:-DOANE VALLEY DAM - Palomar Mountain

My dear Mr. Dewars:

Answering yours of May 21st, will say I arrived home today and find a letter from the State Park Commission that the matter has been referred to the Attorney General. As soon as we receive his opinion, the fur will commence to fly and we will see what can be done. I think your statement was a very good one.

I am enclosing letter from Mr. Raber under date of May 19th for your information. Please return it.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv
Encl.

Pala, June 4, 1938

Dear Senator,

Glad to read in your letter of June 2 that you have returned home safely.

Please find enclosed copy of a letter to the Park Commission that I wrote when Mr. Covington informed me that - flood control and irrigation projects - were understood to be the arguments in favor of a dam. I was afraid that - flood control in - both "outside" of the State Park would result in an unfavorable opinion from the Attorney General.

On the other hand - flood control necessary to protect the State Park - seems the very duty of the Park Commission and unless a better protection than a dam is discovered, the Attorney General will not so easily advise (or decide?) against such protection.

Please let me know whether you think it a good idea to send every member of the Park Commission a typed copy of the letter; if so, please return the original to me with your corrections or whatever changes you choose to make.

Mr. Covington reads incoming letters to the meeting and little attention is paid to them, I noticed.

Who cares for unknown, isolated Doane Valley? The Press? very little indeed. Otherwise I would like to arouse the public sentiment with headlines: "Beautiful Doane Valley at the mercy of roaring creeks!"

Yours sincerely,
F. Dewars

June 8, 1938

Mr. F. Dewars,
Pala, California

Re:-DOANE VALLEY DAMSITE

My dear Mr. Dewars:

Answering yours of the 4th, I think your idea a splendid one. I am returning Covington's letter. You have brought out the point very nicely. A copy should go to each member of the Commission and to the Attorney General. Ask Mr. Covington to send it to him.

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written to Mr. Covington.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv
Encl.

June 8, 1938

Mr. J.H. Covington, Executive Secy.
State Park Commission
417 Montgomery Street
San Francisco, California

Re:-DOANE VALLEY DAMSITE

My dear Covington:

Mr. Dewars has given me an outline of his idea re: flood control of the Palomar Mountain Park and particularly Doane Valley. He is writing the members of the Commission, and will you please see that a copy of the letter is sent to the Attorney General - it may have some influence in determining what his legal opinion will be. Anything you can do in this matter, I am sure you will do.

There is nothing in the world that would be more beautiful than to have a lake in Doane Valley - it means so much to everyone concerned as well, and I am ready to go to the bat in any way I can. Any suggestions will be appreciated.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

cc-Mr.P.Dewars

June 24, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Re:-DOANE VALLEY DAMSITE

Friend Dewars:

I have before me copy of letter, which was also sent to you, from the Attorney General and A.E. Henning.

You had better get busy quick and let me see what you turn in to the Attorney General before it goes forward. The above is just a suggestion - I may be able to help you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

Pala, June 24, 1938

Dear Senator,

"Plans and specifications!"

I'll have to brush up my technical knowledge. I wonder whether you will ask the S. D. Gas & Electric Co. for these data, or whether the state engineer is to be consulted.

Just as I expected does the A. G. want to know what benefit a dam will be to the State Park. Mr. Covington did not inform me whether he sent a copy of my interpretation of "Flood Control" to the A. G. as requested.

I have my doubts about it; Mr. Covington may have preferred to reduce that interpretation to a few lines whereas I like the A. G. to read all of it. Wished I had sent a copy to the A. G. directly. Yet, I am glad the A. G. did not turn the proposition down. WPA going wild, and lucky who secures his share. Hope the Park Commission is willing to go after the federal money while it lasts, for after that??

Yours sincerely
P. Dewars

June 27, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Re:-DOANE VALLEY DAMSITE

My dear Mr. Dewars:

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

My suggestion is that you send the Attorney General, U.S. Webb, 640 State Building, San Francisco, the entire copy and say that it is sent at my request. Tell him further that you are obtaining the necessary data to be forwarded later.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

June 27, 1958

San Diego Gas & Electric Co.,
Electric Building
San Diego, California

Attention:-Mr. Faber

My dear Mr. Faber:

My friend, P. Dewars of Pala and Secretary of the Doane Valley Dam Committee who are working to complete Doane Valley Dam on Pauma Creek wholly within the State Park on Palomar Mountain, is asking me to secure from you what data you have pertaining to location of damsite, the lands flooded and survey that you have in connection with your former study of power possibilities. The Attorney General of California has asked for this information as to damsite location, proposed height of dam and the lands flooded.

Will you please give me all the information you can in connection with this matter - it will be gratefully appreciated by the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

cc-Mr. Dewars

July 11, 1958

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Re:-DOANE VALLEY DAMSITE

My dear Mr. Dears:

Enclosed find copy of letter to Mr. Covington of the Park Commission that is explanatory.

The maps are so valuable, I only have one copy of each so I hope you approve of what I have said and done. I am trying to get another set of maps as made by the Gas Company for your benefit.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv
Encl.

Pala, July 15, 1938

Dear Senator,

I got the surprise of my life, about the
happiest at that, when you informed me:

"I sent the maps to the State Park Commission;

To think that 99% of the work has been
done and donated, expenses paid that I never
would have known how to meet, is as
nearly dropping down from the trees on the
hungry jaws in the desert. It is the luckiest
break possible.

I asked Mr. Covington whether he had
received the six copies of the main argument
- how will the State Park benefit by a dam -
also an interpretation of the word - flood-control.

Mr. Covington sent me an evading reply, not
stating! - Yes, I received the copies, I sent one to the A.G.!

I already had sent the A.G. a copy. Yet, I wonder
whether that argument has been received, or laid aside,
whether the dam-plan has the sympathy of the Com-
mission. I am just not over-confident, P. Dewars.

Yours sincerely

July 19, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Re:-DOANE VALLEY DAMSITE

My dear Dewars:

Answering yours of the 15th, the next time I go to San
Francisco I will get after the Attorney General and also see
the Chairman of the Commission who is my personal friend. If
they are side-stepping us, we will find out the reason why
and soon.

By the way, I want to be re-elected at the Primaries.
I am running on both the Democratic and Republican Ticket and
am enclosing a little literature. If you can do anything for
me, I wish you would and it will be appreciated. I need every
vote I can get.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv
Encl.

P.S. I enclose Mr. Covington's letter. May be that
I do not understand his style too well,
you need not return this letter to me.
I considered to write again, i.e.:

"Excuse me please for still not feeling sure
whether you received the "Six copies" contained
in one envelop and whether you sent one of
these copies to the A.G., the others to the members
of the State Park Commission".

I am afraid to annoy Mr. C. doing so, yet,
why does he not use the very plain, clear
language he otherwise uses, (language a
fellow like I is able to understand)?

In case the Commission sabotages our
plan, we may just as well know it at once.
Not that I could do anything about it, but
you may see your - or a different way to
reach the goal. I informed you that during the
meeting in San Diego the Commission showed
very little enthusiasm. Now I became somewhat
suspicious.

P.S.

Pala, July 28, 1938

Dear Senator,

Answering your letter of the 19th. I hope you will receive a better impression - than I did - from the State Park Commission's attitude towards the dam-plan.

Saturday the 30th. in a stockholders meeting of the Pauma Valley Water Co. I will tell about the support you gave to the dam-plan, concluding: senator Filabeler is our best friend, I am sure you'll vote for him.

Talking to men from Fall Brook, Vista, Escondido I get usually the answer: "if he is on the democratic ticket I'll vote for him". Yet, I feel as if there is need of some promise for the future to really interest - the small farmer - for your re-election. Out of "my record" I pick: "relief of agriculture and damage by frost"

What did federal agencies do in that respect? The federal land bank boycotted (more or less) the Vista district (the land being bonded), most of Fall Brook (water supply insufficient) Pauma Valley (gravity-water not reliable, wells have to be equipped with expensive pumps even now that 200 inches of water go to waste not being needed)

Rex Tugwell's "Resettlement Administration" proved a fiasco, the Production Loan Ass. is hard to deal with.

July 28, 1938

Mr. P. Danvers
Pala, California

Re: PAUMA VALLEY DAM SITE

Friend Danvers:

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

Sincerely yours,

ED/v
Enc.

2.

Result is that thousands of small farmers do not know to whom to turn for advice as with all the New Deal ball-hoo the farmers are very poorly organized, they have no organization (the Farm Bureau looks mainly after itself), they find the doors of every bank closed incl. the Bank of America's with all its self-praise.

I believe that thousands of farmers will vote for a candidate who says: "I represent the small farmers who can nowhere borrow \$2000 - on a \$10000 investment."

True, I have not the slightest idea what you could do about it; yet, if I were a senator I would state above mentioned conditions in public, get the facts printed; the republican press is probably eager to print; that with "all the money spent" the small farmer is still in the claws of Shylock!

It seems to me that federal agencies only loaning \$1. - on a \$10 - security, only dealing with the well-to-do, the State of California (and the Counties) may as well look into the conditions of its farmers boycotted by the money - barons.

I was a director of a cooperative Farmers Bank in Holland for 10 years; I was in the farm-organizations, I know what honest service did for the farmers. In America under the New Deal \$14000. is spent on a family going to Alaska, while a farmer who has invested \$14000 - cannot borrow \$1000 - unless the bureaucrats take a fancy to him.

3.

This problem may be entirely too big and too complicated for you to solve. Yet, if the press would only print:

"Senator Fletcher received the following petitions from 1000 farmers who are refused loans by fed. agencies" it would attract wide attention in the back-country.

I would very much prefer to go around with such a petition getting signatures, than campaigning for you on "my record." Most people appreciate little what one has done, they want to know what they are going to get.

Anyway, this is something - farm-credit - people talk about all the time and a fact is that they don't know to whom to turn. I just wonder how an action could be started that would result in the votes of the small farmers for you.

It seems to me that such a movement is liable to give you a very strong backing. In case you care for a petition of this kind the local papers will probably be ready to print it; about the P.D. papers I don't know.

If the whole idea does not appeal to you, I'll have to think up something better,

Yours sincerely

P. Dewar.

July 30, 1938

Mr. P. Dewars
Pala, California

Friend Dewars:

I thank you for your letter of the 28th and contents carefully noted. We must first wait until we get a decision from the Attorney General in fairness to the State Park Commission. If the Attorney General's opinion is satisfactory, you can count on it I will go before the State Park Commission and put a burr under their tail.

I certainly am sympathetic with your point of view on other matters expressed in your letter.

Your splendid support re: my reelection is more than appreciated. This is my first experience in Office. My salary is \$100.00 a month, no more, no less; I have 20 to 35 callers a day in trouble; I have to pay for an extra stenographer, telegrams and postage, to say nothing of giving away one-third of my time for public service. The only reason I do it is because I have a general knowledge of affairs of the whole County, have had experience in Sacramento and Washington, have made and lost a fortune, but thank heaven my wife and ten children are happy and healthy, all ten are on their own, earning their own living for their wives and children. We have fourteen grandchildren, so, I consider it a call and an obligation as long as the people want me, but my wife will be particularly happy to see me defeated and stay at home and attend to my business that needs me so much. I am sending you some literature and cards under separate cover.

I am more than sympathetic with the farmer - I lost over \$14,000 farming in the last four years and had to quit raising winter vegetables, so, what little land we have left, is idle, cannot pay taxes on it - we are all in a devil of a fix, but let us not sell our country short, let us not lose faith, for I am sure we will work out of it and maintain our Democracy that we all love and will give our lives to defend.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

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