

CUYAMACA WATER CO.
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August 3, 1915.

Mr. G. K. Brink,
 Pres. Helix Mutual Water Co.,
 Spring Valley, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

We have had considerable difficulty in making collections from people on the Helix Mutual Water Co's pipe lines and if possible we would like to arrange so that your Company will turn off water to delinquent consumers when notified by us.

If agreeable to you, we will, about the 13th of each month, send you a list of delinquent consumers and will at the same time notify the consumers themselves that water will be turned off on the 20th if payment is not made before that time. About the 19th we will send you another notice of all those who have not made payment with the request that you turn off their water supply. For this service we are willing to pay to your Company 50 cents for each consumer who is turned off and later turned on.

I trust you can see your way clear to agreeing to this proposal as I believe it is for the best interests of both the Helix Mutual Water Company and the Cuyamaca Company to have all delinquents shut off so that they can not take water which belongs to some one else. Please let me know as soon as possible what you decide upon.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

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August 4th, 1915.

Mess'rs. Cuyamaca Water Co.,
 Mr. F. M. Faude, Assistant Manager,
 San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:-

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I have your favors of August 3d, and am perfectly willing to do all in my power to protect the interests of each water consumer in the Helix Mutual System, and knowing that any user who gets more than his share of the water turned thru your master meter, is simply taking water that belongs to some of his neighbors, and am this month watching the meters closely in an effort to get each individual what belongs to him. July was the first month that I had anything to do with the work, and as Mr. Barry moved away with no instructions for me to go by, there were some who used more than their share of what water came to us, but I will keep close watch this month, and when a consumer has used what is due him, will close his meter and advise him that he has had the amount his due, and then if more is used, he must expect to pay you for the excess at the rate you charge. Regarding Mr. Albright, I had not followed the run of the water thru July, and did not know whether or not he was getting his water, but I will know this month, as I have taken the readings of all the meters, and shall look them over each week that I may know where this water goes to, I presume you know that there are some who want what is coming to them regardless, while we have always been willing to give and take on the Helix Mutual, so that if one man by neglecting to keep close watch of his meter one month, ran over his amount, he was willing to go shy the next month to make up for it, and in this

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way we have always run along very smoothly, but there are some people to whom this sort of thing does not appeal, and I have decided that the only method to pursue, is to stop each one when he has the amount he pays for.

Concerning the shutting off of water where the parties are delinquent, you must be trying to have me cut my own throat, because you know I am away behind with you people, and am damned if I know how I can pay for two or three months yet, I certainly cannot make it off the property and am trying to sell or trade it to enable me to pay my honest debts.

If you can say shut off the water of all delinquents but Brink when you advise me, I am right with you, and there will be no compensation for you to meet by my doing it, but Mr. Faude, if you were ever hard up as hell and someone asked you to pay when you could not, and wanted to, and you were told to shut off all expectations until you had paid up, what would you do.

Anything I can do for you will be done cheerfully, and as well as I am capable of doing it, only, if my water must be shut off, please send someone else to do it.

Very Respectfully,

G. K. Brink
Acting President,

Helix Mutual Water Co.

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Mr. F. M. Faude, Assistant Manager.,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Mansfield just called me and wanted to know if he could disconnect from the Helix Mutual pipe line and connect with your line.

This arrangement would be perfectly satisfactory to us, and I think would be better all around, as it is a hard matter for Mr. Mansfield to get water from us at any time without shutting the gate right there at his place, as he is right on the break where the water commences to run this way so rapidly that the pipe is hardly ever full, and all the water is drawn right past him.

Mr. Mansfield also wanted to know if he could connect with the Helix Mutual again should he desire to, and if he holds his stock in this company, there is no reason why he is not entitled to do so at any time. He wanted me to advise you, which I am doing, tho I do not know why.

Yours truly,

G. K. Brink

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