

September 25, 1928

Mr. Henry Flinn,
R.F.D. #1
El Cajon, Calif.

My dear Mr. Flinn:

Mr. Blossom presented me a contract prepared by his attorney regarding the temporary water supply to be put on the Blossom Valley lands this fall.

The contract was not satisfactory. I had my attorney, Judge W. A. Sloane redraw it in a manner that is satisfactory and protects our interest.

It only gives Mr. Blossom permission to use four inches of water for this fall's crop of tomatoes and in no way is he acquiring a riparian right or a water right to take water out of one water shed and put it in another.

He has the right to put the water on the twelve acres that he owns in the Las Cochas water shed and which he bought from Copeland.

I have signed the new contract approved by Judge Sloane and I feel sure your interests are protected by signing the temporary contract, purely as an accommodation for this fall's crop of tomatoes.

We should all get together in the near future and agree to some equitable agreement in the development of that water in my opinion.

It is not my intention to allow water from the Las Cochas water shed to be put in the Blossom Valley water shed.

Under all the circumstances I suggest that you sign this temporary contract, if it is satisfactory to you. It is to me.

Yours truly,

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October Eighth,
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Mr. Harrison G. Sloane,
J. D. Spreckels Bldg.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Harrison:

Answering your letter of the third from Stearns, Luce and Forward by Mr. Lee will say I am only asking for a definite agreement that you two attorneys can easily prepare, either one of you, to the effect that the Los Cochas watershed is entirely separate and that no water will be diverted from the Los Cochas watershed into the Blossom watershed.

I am glad to see that Mr. Blossom is seriously considering a mutual water company, something I suggested to him a year or two ago and he would not consider it then.

I believe we can get Mr. Flinn to join a mutual water company although he protests against it at the present time.

If Mr. Blossom will agree with my contention that Los Cochas watershed is entirely separate from the Blossom watershed, that is the only point in controversy between us.

My understanding is that Mr. Blossom's own engineer has told Mr. Blossom that it is a separate watershed. Once this point is settled I will then be able to use what influence I have with Flinn to get everything else straightened out but until that time there can be no compromise.

Please find out what their pleasure is in the matter and try and get an answer before the 15th of October, please.

Yours very truly,

[cc to SLOANE]

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January
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Mr. Henry Flinn,
R. R. No. 2,
El Cajon, California.

Dear Mr. Flinn:

I succeeded in getting the Blossom case advanced on the trial calendar, on the grounds that it involves an injunction. It has, therefore, been set for January 23rd, and you should plan to be present in court on that day and have present also your witnesses.

I have talked to Mr. King and have explained to him some of the facts and he confirms my deductions as to the water formations. He does not seem to be very enthusiastic about the matter, because of a \$20 bill which he has already presented for measuring the water and which has never been paid. I think some arrangement should be made to have him on hand as our expert at the trial. I will have to leave this to you and Mr. Fletcher to work out.

Please advise me immediately as to the approximate date of Mr. Blossom's purchase of the land, also give me the name of his grantor. If we can establish that the portion south of the road was bought as a separate parcel from the portion north of the road, we may be able to make them a good deal of trouble on that score, but I have no data at the present time.

Yours very truly,

HGS.AW
CC to Mr. Fletcher.

HARRISON G. SLOANE

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