

August 20, 1923.

Mr. Jack Thompson,
c/o Southern Trust & Commerce Bank,
San Diego, California.

My dear Thompson:

Answering your inquiry as to the actual cash invested, or cost of Mr. Henshaw's interest in the Cuyamaca System, herewith enclosed find statement certified to by our secretary, Mr. Mathews, and is a matter of public record with the Railroad Commission, showing that Mr. Henshaw's investment in the Cuyamaca System, plus 6 percent interest to be \$109,347.43 as of Oct. 31, 1922; and in addition, he owed to the Cuyamaca Company on voluntary assessments the sum of \$22,955.34, making the total cost of Mr. Henshaw's interest as of Oct. 31, 1922 \$132,302.77, including 6% interest.

I purchased Mr. Henshaw's interest last week for \$90,000, and assumed the \$22,955.34 obligation to the company making the total cost of Mr. Henshaw's one-twelfth interest to me \$112,955.34 or practically \$113,000. On this basis the Cuyamaca System today is worth \$1,356,000.00.

Yours truly,

EF:KIM

*8 copies for Water
Committee*

August 20, 1923.

My dear Jack:

Enclosed find a number of copies for your information and to be sent to the committee.

Enclosed find copy of letter I received from Treanor Saturday that is explanatory, and which I asked for for the satisfaction of Mr. Stern and for my own protection.

I do not think it advisable at this time to send a copy of Treanor's letter of Aug. 17th to any of the committee for personal reasons between Treanor and me.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Jack Thompson,
c/o Southern Trust & Commerce Bank,
San Diego, California.

EF:KLM

August 28, 1923.

Mr. Jack Thompson,
San Diego Chamber of Commerce,
San Diego, California.

My dear Thompson:

Enclosed find report of Mr. King. If you think it advisable, I have six or eight more copies which I could send over and you can give each member of the water committee a copy. Mr. Spreckels already has copy.

Kindly telephone to Miss May if you want the other copies and think it advisable to give them to the water committee and we will send them over.

Yours sincerely,

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September 18, 1923.

Mr. J. C. Thompson,
c/o Southern Trust & Commerce Bank,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Mr. Thompson:

Enclosed are copies of the Faude report for each member of the committee, as requested.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to Mr. Fletcher

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June 3, 1924.

Mr. Jack Thompson, Vice-Pres.,
Southern Trust & Commerce Bank,
San Diego, California.

My dear Jack:

I think it very important to get your committee together in conference with the City Council and outline that compromise between the district and the City that the committee have agreed on, at the earliest possible minute.

The Board of Directors of the La Mesa Irrigation District on Monday night unanimously approved the report of the engineer which recommended the purchase of the Cuyamaca System, and it has now gone to the state engineer or the State Bonding Commission for final approval. This means that an election will be called at an early date by the district.

Over 5,000 acres in El Cajon Valley have already signed up to join the La Mesa Irrigation District - the lands along the flume that have been getting water - and I understand the City of El Cajon will also join the La Mesa District, taking practically every consumer east of East San Diego city line into the district.

I am leaving for Los Angeles Tuesday night, but I do hope you will take this matter up in good earnest immediately, keeping in mind that the City can get No. 3 at any time by compromising with the district. Already the District and the Cuyamaca Company control nearly 1,000 acres out of 1330 that will be flooded by the building of a dam in Mission Gorge No. 3, and I will help in a quiet way for you to get all the other lands that will be flooded.

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

July 1, 1924.

Mr. Jack Thompson,
Southern Trust & Commerce Bank,
San Diego, California.

My dear Jack:

Hayrhofer told me that Klauber and Mayor Bacon have been working on Dowell, and that he was for No. 2. Hayrhofer wanted me to talk to Dowell, so I told him all right, and Dowell spent an hour and a half with me Monday morning.

I showed him Jorgenson's letter and plan, showing that a single arch type of dam can be built for \$1,180,000, to the 350 ft. contour, holding 28 billion gallons at No. 5.

I called his attention to the cost of No. 2, \$1,700,000 a gravity arch type.

I convinced him that No. 5 was an ideal location for a single arch, and he was satisfied that No. 5 with a single arch dam to the 350 ft. contour is just as good for the city as a gravity arch at No. 2 to the 365 ft. contour.

Regarding acreage flooded, I showed him that it would be cheaper lands in Humbler 3, and 500 or 600 acres less evaporation surface as compared to No. 2, saving more than a million gallons a day evaporation in favor of No. 5, with the difference in elevation, when both dams are full, of only 15 feet.

I am convinced that Dowell is sold on No. 5 because there are 12 additional square miles of watershed, as well, which No. 5 gets which No. 2 does not get. It saves \$200,000 in cost of pipe line in favor of No. 5 as compared to No. 2.

The only thing that sticks in his craw is this - he does not believe that a dam to hold 15 billion gallons at No. 5 or No. 2 is of sufficient size, and thinks it should be increased to 28 or 29 billion, i.e. the 350 ft. contour in No. 5 or 365 ft. contour in No. 2, even if Fletcher dam is built.

All of the foregoing for your information.

Am sending you over a topographical map showing the contours of land flooded at No. 3 to the 330 and 350 ft. elevations. At No. 2 to the 365 and 400 ft. elevation.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

cc- Mr. Claus Sorensen
Mr. A. P. Johnson, Jr.

July 11, 1934.

Mr. Jack Thompson,
Southern Trust & Commerce Bank,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Thompson:

You have asked us to make a price on the cost of our distribution lines in East San Diego, Normal Heights and Kensington Park, in case the city enters into an agreement with the La Mesa District relative to the waters of the San Diego River.

In reply will say, that I am willing to leave the question of value of our system to the city manager, Mr. Fred A. Rhodes, and I will recommend to Mr. Stern, my partner, that he accept the valuation made by Mr. Rhodes.

If the valuation made by Mr. Rhodes is not satisfactory to Mr. Stern, I am sure he will be glad to leave the question to arbitration in the usual manner; the decision of the Board of arbitrators to be final and binding on all parties in interest.

If the city does not care to issue bonds in payment thereof, and is not in a position to pay cash from the present funds of the city, an arrangement can be entered into covering a five-year period, for the total cost of the distribution lines above mentioned, which I am sure will be satisfactory to the city, the interest being 5 percent.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

History

July 17, 1934.

Mr. Jack Thompson,
San Diego, California.

My dear Thompson:

Mr. Claus Spreckels telephoned me to come over to his office, and imagine my surprise when I arrived there to find Mr. Rhodes.

Rhodes commenced to pick the contract to pieces between the district and the city, and we had it hot and heavy for an hour and a half pretty strenuous, talk on both sides, but the result of it all was a request for a modification of the agreement between the district and the city, as per a copy of the revised contract herewith enclosed. Please destroy the old one.

Also enclosed find copy of letter I have written Mr. Rhodes, for your information.

I am keeping you posted on everything that is going on and I want you to continue to take the lead in this matter. I think the time has come for a conference between Rhodes, the council, the Board of Directors of the District and your committee. I think it imperative, so that nobody's nose will be broken that a conference be called by you, including Mayor Bacon, Melville Klauber, Crable, Parks, Halley and Claus Spreckels, in which it would be better for me to be absent, and then get that committee to arrange for a general conference.

The above is a suggestion for your consideration. I had better not attend any more of these meetings except our private committee of Klauber, Rhodes, Halley, you and me. Please be perfectly frank now and tell me where to head in at.

I am leaving for Los Angeles tonight but will be home Friday.

Yours very truly,

EF:MM

Dictated July 16th

SOUTHERN TRUST AND COMMERCE BANK

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

C O P Y

July 24th, 1934.

Mr. Chas. F. Storn,
First National Bank,
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Storn:

Believing that you would be interested in water developments in San Diego County, I want to give you below certain facts which, while brief, may give you some idea of the situation.

Several meetings have been held with representatives of the La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley Irrigation District, and at a meeting held yesterday, which was attended by City Manager Fred A. Rhodes, we practically reached an agreement satisfactory to all parties, there being only one or two items yet to be definitely determined.

In the agreement it is proposed that the District sell to the City of San Diego, the Murray Dam and pipeline to the Easterly city limits of East San Diego, for a consideration of \$400,000.00.

The District are reluctant to agree to this until they know where another dam might be constructed to replace same. I believe it is important that Colonel Fletcher take steps at once to locate such a site satisfactory to the District.

The other matters are of more or less minor importance, one being the question of net safe yield of the proposed dam at Fletcher site, to be built by the District, which City Manager Rhodes is insistent upon knowing. The other is the question of additional land in the El Capitan Reservoir

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA.

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Mr. Chas. F. Stern-2

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basin not covered in the option to the District.

For the first time it appears to me that there is every likelihood of the agreement being reached between the City and the District, although we yet have to receive the approval of the City Council to the proposed agreement. However, I have felt that the acquiescence of the City Manager in connection with all phases of the agreement was of first importance and we now seem to have that.

I am having the agreement retyped in its amended form and if you are interested, I will be glad to see that copies are furnished to you.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

J. C. Thompson

Ed Fletcher Papers

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