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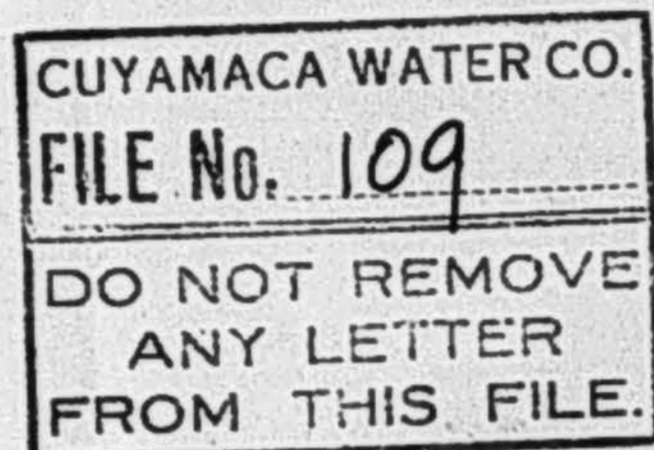
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App. 118 - Case 631.

August,
Thirty-first,
1915.

Cuyamaca Water Co.,
Fletcher Bldg.,
San Diego, Calif.



Gentlemen:

The Commission is in receipt of a communication from V. E. Noren, who owns two lots in the Edgemont Addition, 180 X 200.

Mr. Noren states that he has been trying to obtain a half acre rate from your company, but has been unable to do so.

Will you kindly inform us why Mr. Noren should not have the half acre rule applied to his service.

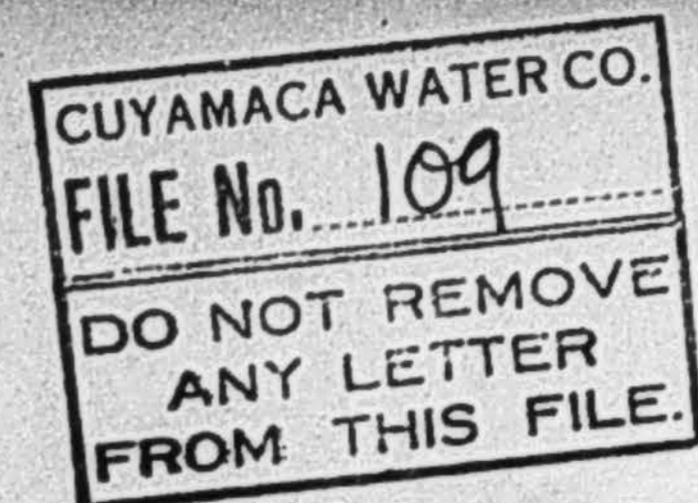
Respectfully,

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

By *Charles R. Detrick*
Secretary.

JA.MR.

*Mr. Jones: Answer this.
Ed Fletcher. MR.*



September 8, 1915.

Application No. 118, Case No. 631.

Railroad Commission,
833 Market St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

This Company has received your letter of August 31st regarding communication from V. E. Noren, owner of 2 lots in the Edgement Tract, who desires to obtain an irrigation rate from this Company.

Upon investigation we find that Noren is the owner of Lots 5 and 6, Block 3, Edgement Tract, size 180 x 200, containing 82/100 of an acre.

We also find that the Edgement Tract originally had a contract calling for 3/4 of an inch of water and that the tract was later subdivided by Barney, McKie & Rife, who laid a pipe system in the tract and placed the lots on the market. This pipe system was later disposed of to the Cuyamaca Water Company and the contract for the 3/4 of an inch of water was canceled.

The use of water on this tract has always been domestic in character, the lots being less than 1/2 acre in size and this Company has not given any irrigation rates for the reason that the use of water on such tracts has always been confined mostly to raising lawns, flowers, etc., and is as much a domestic use as the use on the territory served by the Fairmont Water Company in the same vicinity, and we do not feel that a man should be granted an irrigation rate simply because he has two lots and thus slips into a class to which he clearly does not belong, especially when granting him an irrigation rate will subject this Company to additional loss as all water sold at irrigation rates is at a loss to this Company.

Very truly yours,

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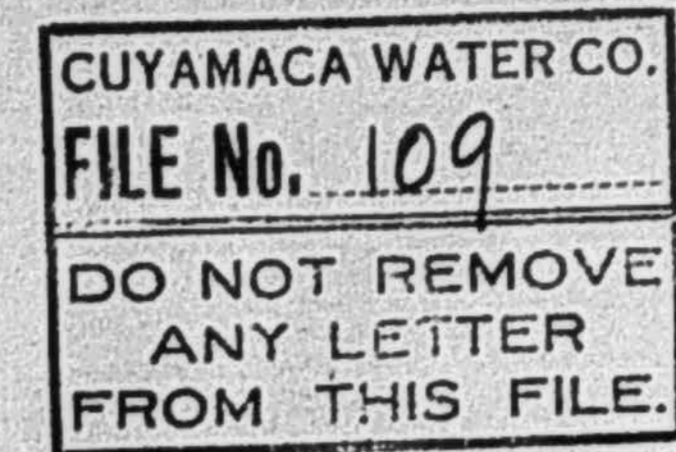
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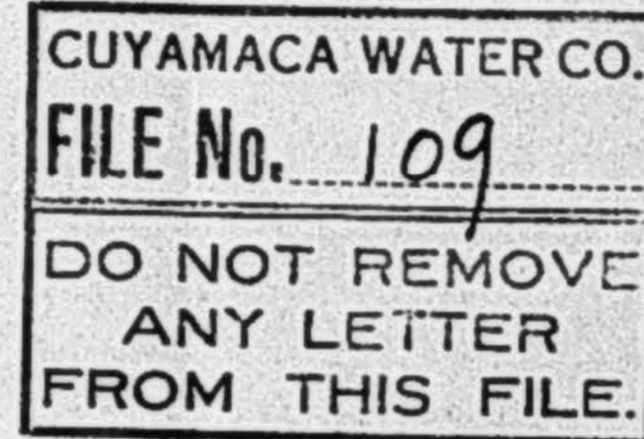


September 25, 1915

App. 118 - Case 631.

September,
Fourteenth,
1915.

Cuyamaca Water Co.,
916 Eighth St.,
San Diego, Calif.



Gentlemen:

The case of V. E. Noren is apparently exactly similar to several others, wherein it has been decided that the use under the rules of the Cuyamaca Water Company must be deemed an irrigation use and chargeable only at the present established irrigation rates.

While you probably are correct in your interpretation of the manner of use, that factor is not considered in the rules and regulations and rates now in effect.

It appears clearly that the irrigation rate must be applied in this case.

Respectfully,

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

By *Charles R. Detrick*
Secretary.

RWH.MR.

State Railroad Commission,
833 Market St.,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

Application No. 118 - Case No. 631.

We received your letter of September 14th stating that it appears clearly that irrigation rate should be given to V. E. Noren, owner of property in the Edgemont Tract.

We have made a further investigation in this case and have the following report to make.

Mr. Noren originally bought a lot 90x200 ft. in size on which he erected a house and later purchased an additional lot of the same size lying adjacent to the original property. His total acreage now being 82/100 of an acre more or less.

The original lot has a house, garage, a small garden, a lawn on which very little water has been used, chicken houses and yards, a few palms, shrubs and some flowers. The new lot has no cultivation on it whatever and no water has been used on it for years. The total area of the entire tract including lawns and garden on which water has been used does not exceed 2/10 of an acre.

All this soil is poor, is full of small cobblestones and large gravel and like all land in this vicinity has hard pan very close to the surface. It is apparent that no real attempt to irrigate this soil or to grow crops thereon which will enable the consumer to derive any profit is possible.

In our opinion the application for an irrigation rate is simply an attempt to secure water for domestic purposes at a very great reduction from the ordinary domestic rate.

We would call your attention to the fact that water is brought 33 miles through flume and tunnels, 6½ miles through 16 and 14 inch pipe and 3/10 of a mile through smaller pipes, making a total of nearly 40 miles before the water reaches this property. During the summer time the water used in this territory is all drawn from storage reservoirs which have been built so that water could be supplied during the entire season. In addition to the foregoing, in dry years, water used in this vicinity has to be pumped.

CUYAMACA WATER CO.

FILE No. 109

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In view of the foregoing, I believe that granting an irrigation rate to Mr. Noren, while it might be carrying out the letter of our rules, would be decidedly against the spirit of them under which it is evident that the irrigation rate was to be given only to those who were attempting to gain a livelihood in the cultivation of land.

We believe that in giving Mr. Noren an irrigation rate at about 1 1/2 a thousand gallons would be doing this Company an injustice and that the refusal to grant such a rate in this case would work no hardship upon this consumer. We feel confident that an investigation on your part will verify our statements and we earnestly desire that you send a representative to investigate the matter.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

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Ed Fletcher Papers

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**Business Records - Water Companies - Cuyamaca
Water Company - Cuyamaca Customers
- Customer correspondence - Noren, V.E.**



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