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Colonel Ed Fletcher  
San Diego, California

Dear Col. Fletcher:

In consideration of \$1 and other considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, we give you or your assigns, an option for one year from date to purchase certain water rights as it affects the 120 acres which we own in Section 26 and 25, Township 12-R1W S.E.M. all as per legal description of agreement made with the City of San Diego for the purchase of same, the consideration to us to be \$ 7500.00.

We agree as follows:

1. To transfer all riparian and all water rights.
2. To give to you the right to divert the San Pasqual river water from the water shed by means of dams, pumping or otherwise.
3. An agreement to execute agreements or deeds of conveyance of some kind to the above containing words of conveyance approved by the City of San Diego. The final contract to be approved by the city attorney of the City of San Diego.
4. We reserve the right, when the water is available, to divert by gravity or pumping, water for use upon the lands included in this option, not to exceed normal use for domestic and irrigation purposes.

We agree to put all papers in escrow when the money is placed in any bank in San Diego and will pay for the continuation of the certificate of title, which the City of San Diego now has in its possession, showing the property will be free and clear of encumbrance at the time the money is paid and the agreements go on record.

Nellie Johnson Skoog  
Jessie J. Johnson (by Nellie Skoog)  
Roy C. Johnson (by Nellie Skoog)

Witness:  
Alice D. Kinoman

229 Tamarack Ave.  
Inglewood, Cal.  
May 15, 1933

Mr. Ed. Fletcher  
San Diego, Cal.  
Dear Sir:-

Your letter received some days ago. Have been out of town for a few days so your communication was left unanswered.

About the price of option, Mr. Fletcher, I felt after talking with you that the price given was low considering what water means to the ranch. There is about a mile of river frontage. Without water, in case of pumping wells by the Company, the place would be practically worthless. With the expensive overhead sprinkling system over \$5000.00 and expensive engine and pump several thousand dollars; 60 acres of fine young orchard mostly east of the house, and out of view, all these improvements added since the city of San Diego put a price on water rights. It seems too much of a risk of a great loss to consider any less. If ~~any~~ right anyway a buyer would discount our half value because of a risk.

Yours very truly,  
Nellie Johnson Skoog

April 14th, 1934

Col. Ed Fletcher  
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

In consideration of your services, past and future, in attempting to dispose of the San Pasqual lands, my option of March 29th, 1933 is hereby extended to April 1st, 1935.

Yours very truly,

Nellie Johnson Skoog

229 Tamarack Ave.  
Inglewood, Calif.  
Jan. 20, 1935.

Sen. Ed. Fletcher,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Mr. Fletcher:- I had expected to see you personally and give you my renewal of option. I hereby agree to renew option heretofore submitted on your purchase of water rights on Henry Johnson ranch in San Pasqual of which I am administratrix.  
Yours truly,  
Nellie Johnson Skoog

Inglewood, Calif  
Feb 17-1938

San Pasqual  
Dear Ed. Fletcher:

San Diego, Calif

Dear Sir:

Your letter of Feb 13, addressed to my wife, now deceased, has been received and as I am taking care of the matters pertaining to the ranch at San Pasqual wish to state that I will make a special trip to San Diego next Wednesday to discuss the question of sale of the land and riparian rights. I should, therefore desire an appointment with you about 10 or 10<sup>30</sup> Wednesday morning.

Yours truly  
Paul L. Skoog

Inglewood Calif.  
Mar 1-1939

San Pasqual  
Dear Sir:

Dear Sir:

Having discussed with you last Wednesday the matter of riparian rights on the old Johnson ranch in San Pasqual wish now to state that I am interested in the project and would appreciate your advising me as to the outcome of the bond election to be held on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Should the issue carry, I shall be pleased to go into the matter more thoroughly with you at that time.

Yours truly,  
Paul L. Skoog

229 Tamarack Ave  
Inglewood Calif

September 13, 1939

Ed Fletcher Company  
1020 Ninth Avenue  
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

This will serve as your authority to negotiate and sell to the City of San Diego the right to complete Sutherland Dam within the San Pasqual water shed, said dam being more particularly located in Section 26, T. 12, S.R.2 E., together with the right to impound and divert to other watersheds any water so impounded and originating easterly from said dam.

The property which I own affected by this agreement is legally described as follows:

Lot 7 SW 1/4 of SW 1/4	Sec 25	T. 12	1 W	40 acres
Lot 7 SW 1/4 of SE 1/4	Sec 26	T. 12	1 W	40 acres
Lot 8 SE 1/4 of SE 1/4	Sec 26	T. 12	1 W	40 acres

The consideration for my consent is to be \$1,000.00. In consideration of \$1.00, which is hereby acknowledged, and other consideration, this offer to hold good until revoked. I reserve the right to revoke said option, if not exercised on or before May 1, 1940.

Your total compensation in case of said sale is made to the City is to be 5% of the gross receipt. I agree to furnish a certificate of title or policy of insurance showing that the rights being transferred are free and clear.

Yours truly,

Paul L. Skoog  
Roy C. Johnson  
Jerrie J. Johnson

229 Lamarack  
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Inglewood, Calif  
Sept 18-1939  
229 Lamarack

Gen. Ed Fletcher:  
San Diego, Calif.  
Dear Sir

Will you kindly inform me as to the status of the water project at Sutherland dam. As you know I am particularly interested in the riparian rights in the San Pasqual valley - the old Henry Johnson ranch. Have you any idea as to the amount that would be offered?

I am rather anxious to have some information to guide me in my business transactions with Maj Burgess who has an option to buy. This option has been running too long now and wish to have some definite contract.  
Yours truly  
Paul L. Skoog

*File San Pasqual*

September 19, 1939

Mr. Paul L. Skoog  
229 Tamarack  
Inglewood, California

My dear Mr. Skoog:

Answering yours of the 18th, will say that there is a strong movement on foot to transfer the funds, by a vote of the people, to help in the construction of San Vicente Dam owing to the loss of Government funds. This will mean a ten or fifteen years delay as far as San Diego is concerned in acquiring any San Pasqual rights.

My suggestion is - that for a small sum each of us sign an agreement giving consent to build Sutherland Dam, as well as the right to transfer the water from Sutherland Dam into other watersheds. There are only sixty square miles of watershed east of Sutherland Dam, and as I remember it, 126 square miles above San Pasqual and below Sutherland - enough to take care of the riparian owners below for their water needs.

I am discussing the matter with a number of riparian owners. Would you kindly give me your consent in writing to the building of Sutherland Dam in consideration of \$1,000 cash? One or two have indicated they would give it free on account of the flood damage.

You might let me hear from you along this phase of the matter and oblige me.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

October 26, 1939

Mr. Paul L. Skoog  
229 Tamarack Avenue  
Inglewood, California

My dear Mr. Skoog:

The City Water Commission has recommended the transfer of the Sutherland funds to San Vicente and we want to stop it. The move now is to show our good faith and cooperation with the City by giving consent to complete Sutherland Dam and divert the water from that watershed of which there are only 54 square miles, leaving 150 square miles of watershed back of the San Pasqual Valley. By building Sutherland Dam, it will stop its peak floods that do the damage; you will not be deeding any land, any pumping rights, any flood rights or any riparian rights, excepting the water that originates east of the dam.

Lucie R. Dyer signed up for \$500; C.G. Marchus for \$2750; Everett Peet \$4000; S.D. Rockwood \$4000; Ray Trussell \$3840 and E.H. and Vera Webb \$10,500. We will have all three of the Judsons signed up this coming week on about the same average basis. As I remember it, your property is not in use at all, a considerable amount of it is side-hill property, and it has been suggested that you agree to accept \$750.00. Please let me know if this is satisfactory and if so, kindly sign the enclosed agreement.

Mr. Georgeson, as you know, has several hundred acres and we have offered him \$2500 for his three tracts. The elimination of the flood damage is a big thing to him and I should say to you. There will always be plenty of water available for you and your water level will never be disturbed, in my opinion, with the completion of Sutherland Dam.

Let us show our good faith and cooperate with the City.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv  
encl.

March 1, 1940

Ed Fletcher Company  
1020 Nith Avenue  
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

In consideration of your continued services in promoting settlement with the City of San Diego regarding the building of Sutherland Dam and acquisition of the water rights in relation thereto, all as per option heretofore signed, we hereby extend the option date of May 1, 1940 to September 1, 1940 under the same terms and conditions.

Yours truly,

Paul L. Steeg

Jessie J. Johnson

Roy C. Johnson

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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Paul L. and wife Nellie Johnson**



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