

Dec. 10, 1913.

Mr. Wm. Clayton,
Mgr Sprockels Bros. Co.,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr Clayton:

For your information I submit the following facts along the lines of our conversation:

The city of San Diego has voted \$200,000 in bonds to install pumping plants along the San Diego River, at locations to be selected by the City Council. The Cuyamaca Water Company desired to furnish transportation for pumped water for the city from the El Monte pumping plant to the University Heights reservoir, and have let contracts approximating \$175,000. to put our flume in water tight condition and put in a new 16-inch and 14-inch pipe line from the end of the flume to the city limits of San Diego adjoining University Heights reservoir: the capacity of said pipe line being in excess of our present requirements, three million gallons daily. By purchasing the necessary land and El Monte pumping plant for \$8500, the city's engineer, Mr Whitney has made a report to the effect that said pumping plant can be put into condition for six or eight thousand dollars, and be in operation within a few weeks. Therefore the total expense the city of San Diego will have to go to will not exceed twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars in order to furnish at least three million gallons of water a day to

the city of San Diego. This saves \$175,000 of bonds that the city will not have to issue. The water pumped from the El Monte pumping plant will have to be lifted a distance of approximately 250 feet into the flume. Any plant put in by the city in Mission Valley will have a lift of approximately 400 feet.

Mr H. Culbertson, the engineer who operated the El Monte pumping plant for years, before the Railroad Commission last week under oath testified that the cost of pumping said water, for labor and fuel was 4¢ a thousand gallons. The Cuyamaca Water Co. has agreed to furnish transportation for this water to the city limits adjoining University Heights reservoir for 3¢ a thousand gallons with a guaranteed loss or not to exceed 2% of the water pumped. This means that the cost to the city of San Diego is between 8¢ and 9¢ a thousand gallons covering all expenses. The city of San Diego is desirous of establishing its right to the water of the San Diego River. By acquiring the El Monte pumping plant, they will be developing water fifteen miles below the intake of the Cuyamaca system, and therefore they will not conflict with our water supply. The Cuyamaca Water Company own pumping plants of their own five and ten miles further up the river.

The El Monte pumping plant and land was purchased within the last two or three weeks by Mr Murray at the suggestion and for the benefit of the city of San Diego, and the city will be buying the property at what it actually cost Mr Murray. The El Monte pumping plant and land never have been under the control directly or indirectly heretofore

of the Cuyamaca Water Company.

The greatest advantage, however, of securing water from the El Monte pumping plant is that what water is secured from the San Diego River thru our system is delivered into the city of San Diego thru our system, is delivered into the city of San Diego under a 600 ft pressure and will flow by gravity to every section of the city of San Diego thru our present system. Today the city of San Diego is at an extra expense of 4¢ or 5¢ a thousand gallons operating two additional pumping plants, one at University Hts reservoir and one to Point Loma. In other words, the city of San Diego today is furnishing this pumped water first mentioned to the citizens of San Diego at 10¢ a thousand gallons, which cost them between 22¢ and 23¢ a thousand gallons; whereas, by securing water from the Cuyamaca system, the cost will not exceed 8¢ or 9¢ a thousand gallons, and you will in addition save the enormous expense of operating the present pumping plants for raising water at University Heights to point Loma.

The Cuyamaca flume has a carrying capacity in excess of eleven million gallons a day. The present needs of the consumers of the Cuyamaca Water Co. with a fully supply of water is between three and four million gallons a day, so you can readily see we have six or seven millions gallons daily carrying capacity thru the flume which is not in use.

The income of the Cuyamaca Water Co. is based on the physical valuation of the property by the Railroad Commission. By utilizing the Cuyamaca system for the benefit of the city, as we have proposed, it will increase our revenue proportionately, and thereby lessen the rates to that extent

to the Cuyamaca Water consumer. As a citizen of San Diego, I make the claim that it is a good opportunity for practically no money invested to establish the city's rights to pump water from the San Diego River, and at a location which Messrs. Lippincott and Whitney have both stated can be secured the best water to be found in San Diego River, and in abundance.

I shall be glad to furnish you any further information on the subject that you may desire.

Very sincerely yours,

CHAS. H. ...

OF THE ...

BY ...

Dec. 22, 1913.

Mr. Wm. Clayton, Vice President,
S. D. Electric Railway Company,
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

I have been appointed Chairman of a
Committee of the Realty Board in the interests of re-
paving Fifth Street. A number of the former protestants
have changed their attitude and are now with us. It
has been stated that your company is opposed to the
repaving of Fifth Street at this time; my information
is that you are friendly to it.

Will you kindly write me a letter as
to your attitude in this matter, for if it is friendly
I am sure it will be of great assistance in helping the
Realty Board Committee secure the necessary frontage
so as to enable the City Council of San Diego to order
work done, and see that it is completed by January
1st, 1915.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

FIFTH STREET COMMITTEE,
SAN DIEGO REALTY BOARD,

By _____
chairman

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[re: PAND DAN BITE
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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. June 14, 1919

SUBJECT:

Ed Fletcher, Esq.,
Fletcher Building,
San Diego, California.

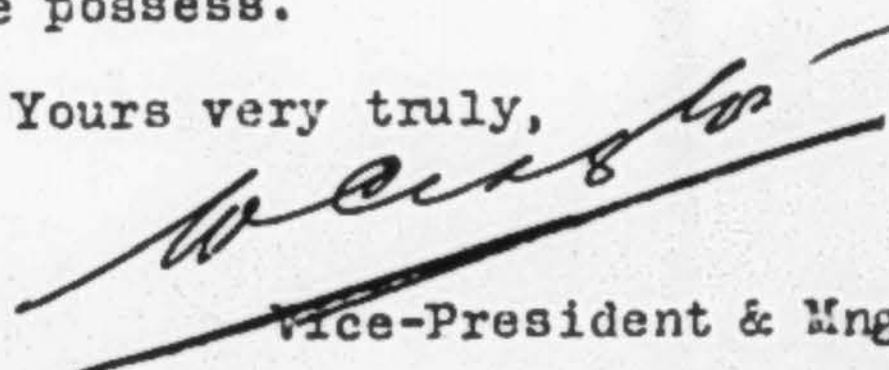
Dear Sir:-

This in reply to yours of May 29th. We find upon in-
vestigation that the property you refer to stands in our books
today at \$147.84. This, of course, is exclusive of interest.
If it is agreeable, we shall be glad to deed the property to you
for the sum of \$147.84, plus all expenses of transfer including
revenue stamps, certificate of title, etc.

Our Land Department makes this statement: "My recollec-
tion is that this and two other pieces of property located in
various portions of the county were acquired in the early years
by the Southern California Mountain Water Company, probably by
tax deed. However, of this I am not sure, and no doubt if you
desire to sell to Mr Fletcher he will probably be willing to take
such title as we have."

I will add to this that of course we can only transfer
to you such title as we possess.

Yours very truly,


Vice-President & Mng Director.

June 17, 1919.

Mr. Wm. Clayton,
San Diego, California.
My dear Mr. Clayton:-

Answering yours of
June 14th, will say your offer is accepted
with thanks.

I assume that the taxes are paid to
date. Kindly make out a deed, letting me
know what the full amount is and a check
will be forthcoming.

I thank you for your co-operation
in this matter, both on behalf of Mr. Henshaw
and myself.

Very sincerely yours,

EF-mk

May 7, 1923.

Mr. Wm. Clayton,
Spreckels Companies,
Union Building,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Clayton:

Agreeable to your request I submit a tentative
proposition which I am ready to recommend to my associates
for supplying your Moreno Park Company lands with water.

Our reservoirs are full. We have a surplus and
can double our supply by pumping from the El Monte sands,
said pumping plants are installed and ready to operate,
on 24 hours' notice, and our plans include the building
of one or two more dams on the San Diego River eventually.

I would suggest that the pipe line extend from
eucalyptus reservoir, which is the westerly terminus of our
flume, thence extending down Alvarado Canyon past Murray
Dam to the pueblo lands just east of Moreno.

There are four to six thousand acres of land,
including the Spreckels interests, which want water. It
will cost roughly \$200,000 to build the main trunk line.
By having the pipe line connected up with our flume, and
with Murray dam, your interests are absolutely safeguarded,
for by so doing you can draw on either Cuyamaca Lake, the
El Monte pumping plant supply or Murray dam. This means
all of the land in question around Moreno can be irrigated
by gravity. The end of our flume is 640 feet above sea
level, Murray dam is 540 feet above sea level when full,
while no land within the city limits east of Moreno is over
400 feet above sea level, and your land is 375. It would
be a pressure line and there will be no question as to
pressure for all purposes. A main pipe line could be in-
stalled within six months from date of signing the contract.

The distance from Murray dam to the pueblo lands
back of Moreno is not to exceed 6 miles. A map of the pro-
posed plan is herewith attached.

I feel sure we could get a minimum of 4,000 acres
and a maximum of 6,000 acres signed up for water, we to build
the main pipe line to a point mutually agreed upon adjacent
to Moreno, you to connect up with us at that point, install
and operate your own distribution system and we to furnish
you water at wholesale rates at a price mutually agreed upon,

say 12½ cents a hundred cubic feet. If you do not care to operate your own distribution system, arrangements could be made whereby you install the distribution system, we to take it over, operate and maintain it forever afterwards, charging the irrigation rate of, say, 10 cents a hundred cubic feet and a domestic rate of around 28 cents a hundred cubic feet. We are collecting 26 cents a hundred cubic feet from consumers on the Caymanca System today and we should get a larger amount owing to the increased cost of delivery.

We would want a reasonable guarantee of revenue for at least 10 years, sufficient to take care of the interest and sinking fund on the cost of the pipe line. We should have \$50,000 annual gross revenue and your company should be willing to guarantee to buy at least \$15,000 or \$20,000 of water annually from date of completion.

Your lands on the mesa are as near frostless as any lands in the United States. It will be an easy matter to lease these lands for the growth of winter vegetables until they come into a sub-division and as soon as the lands are once put into condition you could get a cash rental of \$15 to \$25 an acre, and the tenant pay for the water. They can well afford to pay 10 cents a hundred cubic feet for water for irrigating purposes for winter vegetables on these lands, and it would be no drawback in the renting of same, owing to their close proximity to the city and the assurance against frost.

We will have to have the approval of the Railroad Commission to any plan as above suggested, but if we can come to an agreement, I do not believe there will be any trouble on that score, and the approval of the Commission could first be secured before any obligation is assumed by either party.

It is probable we can finance the building of the main pipe line ourselves, but in case of necessity, we believe we can get the First National Bank, the Bank of Italy and the Southern Trust & Commerce Bank each to take a third of the loan, similar to the method of financing which made possible the \$180,000 pipe line between Del Mar and La Jolla with the city of San Diego.

We do not anticipate any trouble in getting a franchise to distribute water outside the city limits.

March Twenty-fifth,
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Spreckels Company,
Union Bldg.,
San Diego, Calif.

Attention: Mr. Clayton

My dear Mr. Clayton:

Referring to Mr. Sullivan's letter of the thirteenth, will say that I have had two or my syndicate here already and feel they are interested.

I need the following information.

Outside of the hotel what are the approximate receipts and expenses including taxes. Also, are there any bonds against the property including street bonds and what are the city, state and county taxes for 1927-28?

If you care to give it to me, I would also appreciate a statement giving the gross and net income from the operation of Tent City and Coronado Hotel, also the taxes of each. I shall keep it confidential.

Mr. Sullivan's letter included Mr. John D. Spreckels residence but it is not marked off on the map. This property would be needed by the purchasers.

I have sent a copy of this letter to Mr. Sullivan.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

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