

THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY

RAILWAY EXCHANGE, 80 East Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago.

At Los Angeles, December 5, 1921

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

Your letter of October 28th addressed to Mr. F. E. Connors, concerning the irrigation district in which we are interested.

I am returning herewith petition, attached to which you will find signatures of Mr. F. E. Connors, myself and also Mr. R. T. Hodges, for whom I have signed, having been granted power of attorney. I did not have an opportunity to secure Mr. Donnersberger's signature.

Yours truly,

E. A. CLIFFORD

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Mr. Ed Fletcher,
920 Eighth Street,
San Diego, Calif.

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September 12, 1922.

File 280-25

Mr. E. A. Clifford,
925 Railway Exchange,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Clifford:

I took the liberty of representing you and making a protest against the assessed valuations of the San Dieguito Irrigation District. Your lands were assessed at \$200 per acre, while the lands between the railroad track and the ocean were assessed at \$200 or \$250 per acre.

I am pleased to inform you that my protest has been granted. I claimed the lands between the track and the ocean should be assessed at at least \$500, and succeeded in getting them increased to \$400, and next year hope to establish a relative value of 2 1/2 or 3 to one instead of 2 to 1.

It was only by accident that I discovered the condition from the Oceanside Blade, and with only a few days to rectify it.

Yours very truly,

EF:KLM

The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway Company

M. J. COLLINS,
General Purchasing Agent
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Asst. General Purchasing Agent
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Railway Exchange, 80 East Jackson Blvd., Chicago

OFFICE OF GENERAL PURCHASING AGENT

In Reply Please Refer to File
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Chicago, October 10, 1922.

Mr. Ed. Fletcher,
San Diego, California.

My Dear Mr. Fletcher:

I have your letter of September 12th, file 280-25, and do not quite understand how this action has been of any benefit to me. As I read your letter you have succeeded in increasing the appraised value of certain lands, but you have not decreased the assessed value of my land, and I must admit I do not quite understand how I have benefited by this action. Will you please enlighten me?

Yours truly

E. A. Clifford

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*M. J. Collins
J. J. Conn
E. A. Clifford
Hodges
Donnersberger
M. J. Collins*

October 19, 1922

280-25

Mr. E. A. Clifford, A. G. P. A.,
A. T. and S. Fe Railway Company,
Railway Exchange, 80 East Jackson Blvd.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Clifford:

Answering yours of October 10th, will say all the coast lands were assessed at \$250 an acre and your lands were assessed at \$200. I got the coast lands increased to \$400 and kept your valuations the same, so instead of paying half the taxes you will pay a little over one-third.

Write to Mr. E. O. Faulkner, or see Mr. Hodges in Chicago, and I think he will explain it to you further. I am not putting in any bill for what I have done. Am glad to do it, but the main discrepancy was they were valuing Mr. Donnersberger's 40 acres in the canyon at \$200 an acre, and it has been reduced to \$90.

Everything is moving smoothly. Your lands are in the San Dieguito Irrigation District finally organized. The Cardiff District voted unanimously to join the San Dieguito District last week, so we are now ready to shoot, preparing for a bond issue to build the distribution line to put water on each 40 acre tract in the consolidated district known as the San Dieguito Irrigation District, and we are rushing that work as fast as we can. As soon as the pipe line is built we will buy water from the San Dieguito Mutual Water Company at approximately 4 or 5 cents a thousand gallons, and domestic water at 10 cents, in perpetuity, the cheapest water in the county.

Arrangements should be made in the very near future to have these lands all cleared, plowed and tenants secured ready to lease the land on a cash rental basis just as soon as the water gets there. I would like an expression from you as to whether you care to have me submit a proposition of getting your land cleared at the time I clear my own lands, and do you wish me to get tenants on a cash rental basis. If so I will submit a proposition in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

EF;KLM

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