



July 30, 1923

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For Mr. Fletcher's Information

Mr. Joe Kitzman,  
La Mesa, Calif.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of July 24th to Mr. Fletcher regarding the rate now charged you for water. There just happened that a representative of the Railroad Commission was in my office when Mr. Fletcher handed me your letter. I have discussed the matter with him and while he is in some doubt as to whether you are an actual irrigator or not, he suggests that in as much as you have already separate connections for the domestic consumers on your property that beginning with August we place you on the irrigation rate.

Yours very truly,

Superintendent Cuyamaca Water Co.

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Mr. Harritt:

Answer this, please.

E.F.



La Mesa, Calif. July 24, 1923.

Col. Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

I have the tract of land at the corner of Cajon Avenue and North Palm in this city, which land is about an acre. On this I have about 1200 chickens, quite a variety of fruit trees, and on this tract I raise all the green stuff for the chickens and have a vegetable garden also. Commencing with last month my water rate was suddenly raised, ~~without notice~~, and for no reason that I can find out. Many of my neighbors have a less rate than I and do not raise nearly so much on their places, and do not consume as much water as I do.

My former rate was 26¢ for the first 100 cu ft, 16¢ for the next 100, and the balance at 7¢. With this rate I was satisfied, but now I am deprived of the 7¢ water, and I do not feel I can afford to operate the place on this increased rate. Once before several years ago, my rate was raised as now, and upon my taking up the matter with the railroad commission the rates were reduced to the old rate. If that was fair then I think it should apply now.

Kindly let me hear from you what your decision is in this matter.

Yours truly,

Jos. Kitzman

*Jos Kitzman*

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

**1870-1955**

**MSS.81**

**Box: 55 Folder: 10**

**Business Records - Water Companies - Cuyamaca  
Water Company - Cuyamaca Customers -  
Customer correspondence - Kitzman, Joe**



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