

La Mesa Calif. June 29th 1915

Cuyamaca Water Co.  
San Diego Calif.

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JUN 29 1915

Dear Sir  
Your's of the 23rd was recieved in due time.

You do not know how this worries me. I am expected to keep the water bills paid. I would keep all the bills paid on time, if I could collect money, past due that is owing me. Just now I have no money in the Bank. They (the bank) have promised to let me have some money in a few days. I have written to my business agent in Kansas City Mo. to send me \$50'00 at once, if he cannot raise more than that. Am expecting his answer this week.

"Have patience with me and I will pay it all."

Can there be some arrangement made, that will relieve me of this enormous monthly bill? At present I get no benefit from the water. As money conditions are now the world over, before I can pay one month the next is piled on top of it. I will pay the \$46'50 very soon.

Very Truly

*Mrs Sarah A L Pinkston*

CUYAMACA WATER CO.  
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La Mesa Calif. Dec. 15th 1915

Cuyamaca Water Company.  
San Diego.

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Dear Sir: I did not faint when I recieved the order to send you \$16'00 before the 21st of December. but I was "sick at heart"

for it came so unexpected, and coming on top of all the "late of the month" bills, when I thst I was doing so well to pay them all before the 10th.

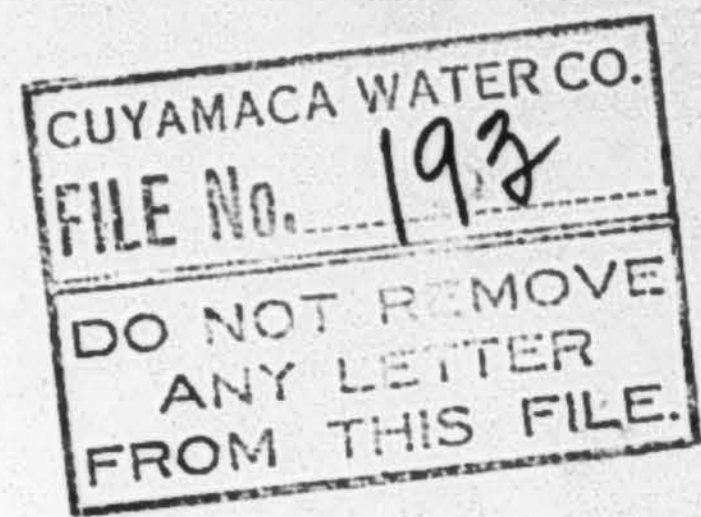
Here is my check for the \$16'00 Keep it safely and return it to me at your earlgest convenience.

My kind Regards to the Railroad Commission.

Yours Very Sincerely and Truly.

*Mrs Sarah A L Pinkston*  
La Mesa.

CUYAMACA WATER CO.  
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December 16, 1915.

Mrs. Sarah A. L. Pinkston,  
La Mesa, Cal.

Dear Madam:-

We have your letter of December 15th enclosing check for \$16.00 in payment of your November water bill and for deposit.

This check should have been made out for \$16.80 which I think you will find is the amount named in the notice which was sent you, and we are therefore returning your check and asking you to make a new one for \$16.80, the correct amount.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

FLF-K

Enclos. check.

*Mr Matthews  
For your info -  
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Dec. 31, 1915.

Mrs. Sarah A. L. Pinkston,  
La Mesa, Calif.

De<sup>ar</sup> Madam:

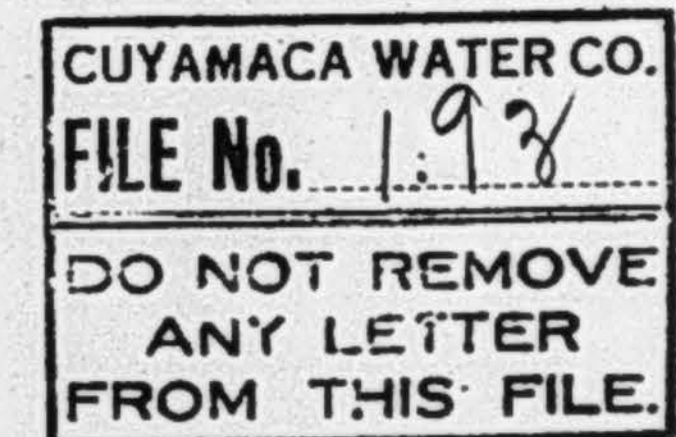
Your check for \$16.80 was returned by the bank, on account of insufficient funds. Kindly call at this office, or arrange at your bank at La Mesa to honor your check, and on hearing from you we will deposit same in the regular way.

Yours very truly,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY.

Secretary.

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File  
Pinkston

August 4th,  
1922.

La Mesa Calif Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1922

Cuyamaca Water Co.

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AUG 4 1922

916 Eight St. San Diego,

I enclose your bill for  
July. Total \$5.19

Your man was here a week  
ago, told me there was a leak  
some where, and the reading  
was 3440, and that I could  
not possibly use that much  
water, and I would not have  
to pay for that much. Two  
men were here again today.

Mr. C. G. Ahlee,  
R. #1, Box 534,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

We have a letter from Mrs.  
Pinkston of La Mesa stating that on account  
of a leak in the pipe line she is charged  
with 3,400 cubic feet of water. The water  
was turned on for her on July 10th, and as  
she claims that she is not irrigating or using  
the water for other than domestic purposes,  
she thinks she should not be charged with  
the water registered on her meter caused by  
the leak in her pipe line. If this leak  
is in the pipe line beyond the meter, and is  
owned by her, naturally it is up to her to  
keep it in repair and she is liable for any  
water so registered on her meter.

Will you kindly investigate  
this and let this office have a report as  
early as possible, and oblige

Yours very truly,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY

Secretary.

LBM:EF

August 7th,  
1933.

Mrs. S. A. L. Pinkston,  
La Mesa,  
California.

Dear Madam:

Replying to your letter of August 1st, 1932, relative to your bill as rendered to you for \$5.19, beg to state that we have taken this matter up with our meter man at La Mesa, and as we understand it, some of the hydrants on your property were leaking on account of the hydrants having been removed or stolen, and our man inserted wooden plugs wherever the water was leaking.

As you doubtless are aware, our responsibility ceases where the water is metered to your property, and in the event that you have any further leaks in your pipe line it will be up to you to repair them at your own expense, and the Company is entitled to collect for whatever amount of water has been lost through said leak as may be shown on the meter. In your particular case, as the water was not turned on until about the tenth of July, 1932, we have made up a bill for the minimum charge of \$1.25, plus a surcharge of one cent per hundred cubic feet -- making a total of \$1.30, which bill we are inclosing herewith. We would thank you to send us your check by return mail for this amount.

We mention the above facts so that in the event of your having any further leaks there will be no come-back by you in claiming it is up to the water company to keep your pipe line in repair. We would suggest that you keep a careful lookout and should you discover any leaks, have same fixed at once.

Yours very truly,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY

Secretary.

LBM:EF

They had found the leak, and had it stopped, and again said I would not have to pay for that amount.

I live alone, have neither car, horse, chickens or garden.

I can not use the Minimum.

Please send me another bill for the least amount.

The water was not turned on until the morning of July 10<sup>th</sup>. I moved in that day - just three weeks ago yesterday.

Surely I will not have to pay more than the Minimum for July.

The leak was there before the water was turned on.

Hope you will settle this as it should be.

Yours truly

Mrs S A L Pinkston

L.M. 17  
1/2 in Spindlet  
meter no 805.911  
M B. 8/10/32  
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Customer correspondence - Pinkston, Sarah A.L.**



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