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January 19, 1916.

Mr. Ed Fletcher,  
Manager, Cuyamaca Water Company,  
916 Eightht St.,  
San Diego, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Writing for Commissioner Thelen, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, relative to your right to sell property to the Cuyamaca Water Company, in accordance with the order of the Commission made on June 24, 1914, in Application No. 1130.

Mr. Thelen is at present in Washington appearing before the Interstate Commerce Commission in the argument on the fundamental principle to be followed in the valuation of interstate railroads.

I have looked up the order to which you refer, however, and there being no time limit expressed in the order, the permission therein granted is still in effect.

It is true that under the Public Utilities Act the Commission may authorize the issue of bonds in excess of the amount of the capital stock, if the Commission thinks it proper to do so.

Very truly yours,

*Douglas Brookman*  
Attorney.

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Oct. 22, 1913

Mr. E. O. Edgerton,  
State Railroad Commission,  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Answering yours of Oct. 20th will say I wrote you several days ago in regard to this matter.

We would be very much pleased to have you have the hearing on the question of fixed rates for pumping water the last week of this month at any day that suits your pleasure. Kindly wire the date. We will know by the time the hearing is held just how much water it will be possible for us to develop.

Very truly yours,

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Mr. Post. Self  
explanatory also  
Mr. Edgerton's letter



August 6, 1923.

Mr. Hugh Gordon, Attorney,  
State Railroad Commission,  
California State Bldg.,  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Gordon:

Enclosed find copy of my letter of August 1st to the city attorney, and copy of his letter in reply under date of August 2d, also copy of my letter to him under date of August 3d, all of which are explanatory.

I hate to bother you, but do hope you are interested enough in this matter to write a reply, either to the city attorney or to me, covering the points at issue, particularly that question if the City of San Diego buys the Cuyamaca System will it have jurisdiction as to rates both inside and outside the city, and in case the city should buy the Cuyamaca system could the original contracts be revived and the city be required to furnish water to these original contractors at the original contract price?

I would appreciate it if you would make a reply and cite any authorities that may be of interest to Mr. Higgins. In addition I will consider it a personal favor.

Yours very sincerely,

EF:KIM

*S. J. Higgins -  
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Mr. Cyrus Pierce,  
c/o Pierce Fair & Company  
639 So. Spring St  
Los Angeles, Calif.

Sending special delivery tonight official statement receipts and disbursements for four year period as reported to State Railroad Commission. Figures you had were unofficial and included sales of pipe and miscellaneous revenues independent of sales of water which explains the difference between figures furnished you today by our clerk and those in letter mailed you this afternoon by special delivery

ED FLETCHER

Chg Cuyamaca water Co.



March 11, 1934.

Mr. Cyrus Pierce,  
c/o Pierce Fair & Company,  
639 So. Spring Street,  
Los Angeles, California.

My dear Mr. Pierce:

Answering your inquiry covering the operation of the Cuyamaca Water System for the last four years, will say Maintenance and Operating expense was \$71,989.16 for the year 1920. The total earnings - \$80,036.37. During that year we were only collecting \$2.00 for each irrigation service, and were selling irrigating water at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ a hundred cubic feet.

On January first, 1922 our new irrigation rates went into effect, and we are now getting 6¢ a hundred cubic feet on the flume, and 7¢ on our pipeline system for all over the first 2,000 cubic feet, while the readiness-to-serve charge has been increased to \$2.60 per tap.

The domestic rate in 1920 was 25¢ a hundred cubic feet. On the first of January, 1922 the rate was increased to 26¢. The above refers to 1,000 cubic feet, with corresponding increase over and above that amount.

In the year 1921 our operating expenses were \$94,621.44; our total revenue, \$177,921.23. Our receipts from sale of water to the City for that year were \$78,867.64. Our operating expenses increased materially on account of pumping from the El Monte sands.

In 1922 our operation and maintenance expense was \$78,002.77, our total earnings, \$120,330.68. We sold no water to the City during that year.

In 1923 our total expenditures were \$79,354.81; our total earnings, \$149,356.63. We sold no water to the City during the year 1923.

The total operation and maintenance expense for the four years is \$323,968.18; the total receipts for the four-year period, \$527,644.91, leaving a net of \$203,676.73, or an average of \$50,919.18 per annum.

For the last ten or twelve years we have averaged to the City of San Diego sales of water of approximately \$35,000 per annum, and you will notice we only sold

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State Railroad Commission,  
San Francisco,  
California.

Attention Mr. Clyde Seavoy, Mrr.

My dear Mr. Seavoy:

Could you have one of the boys just send me the figures as to the total amount of gross and net revenues for the year 1928, your rate fixing value of the Sweetwater Water Company which is used and useful, if you have made any.

This information will be appreciated.

I wish you had been down here last week. I would have given you a four days trip into Mexico, hunting geese, duck and quail as well as having the finest fishing of your life.

Colonel Copley has a 200 foot yacht which is a palace. We had the time of our lives.

Colonel Copley lives in San Diego now. I sold him the John D. Spreckels home in Coronado recently. He owns thirty-two newspapers in Southern California including the Union and Tribune and sure "knows his onions" when it comes to running a newspaper. I want you to meet him some time/ He is the real thing in a business way and stands for the clean things in life.

When are you coming down this way and give me a chance to show you the country?

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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the City one year during the last four-year period.

Independent of the City, our net revenue is increasing at the rate of 20 to 30 percent per annum, and never in our history is the development as rapid as today, owing to the new subdivisions and the growth of our suburban territory.

The rates we are now collecting went into effect January first, 1922. At that time the Railroad Commission's hydraulic engineer, and if I remember rightly, the Railroad Commission's decision, refers to the necessity of our having a gross revenue of approximately \$200,000, to pay an 8% interest on our operating properties.

For political reasons we have not asked for an increase in rates as yet, but we will surely get it the next time we apply, for our present rates are extremely low, compared to other localities, particularly for irrigating water. I do not anticipate much increase, if any, in the domestic rate, but the irrigating rate will undoubtedly be increased at least 25 to 35 percent, as well as the wholesale domestic.

A rule of the Railroad Commission allows us to collect the domestic rates whenever the land is subdivided into an acre tract or less. The result is that each year will see an increase in revenue when our consumers change from irrigation to domestic. Approximately 20% of our water is domestic, and 80% irrigation at the present time.

I furnished you today a hydrograph of the water diverted by the Cuyamaca Water Company into its system for the last 25 years, showing the daily diversion for that period 6 1/2 millions per day. This study is compiled by Mr. Fred Green, the hydrographer, whose records are accepted by the U. S. G. S. Mr. Green's work is thoroughly reliable, and our records are open for inspection, showing that we measured this water twice a day for the entire 25-year period - a most valuable record for our office for future reference.

Hoping the information is what you want, and we will be glad to furnish you anything further desired, and assuring you of my appreciation of your visit to San Diego,

Yours very truly,

EF:AH

*cc. Mr. Stern  
Senator Flint*



December 9th, 1929.

Mr. C. L. Seavey,  
State Railroad Commission  
San Francisco, California.

My dear Mr. Seavey:

I thank you kindly for your letter of the 7th and the information therein contained.

I am bound to make you take a trip with me one of these days. I am going to keep after you until you make a trip with me into Mexico.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

EF:GMF

San Diego, Calif., Sept. 29, 1915.

Mr. H. A. Whitney,  
c/o Railroad Commission,  
833 Market St.,  
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Whitney:

Yours of the 7th at hand, with notice, and contents noted.

Well, you ask how things are in San Diego. Petitions are being circulated since the first of the week to form a district including the city of San Diego, East San Diego and the Linda Vista Mesa to take over the whole water problem. Things are developing fast as a result, so that East San Diego, National City, Chula Vista, and the whole country wants to join the the City of San Diego.

They are having a monkey and parrot time down at the city hall, and Fay is on top again. There is every indication of a strong combination including Fay, Manney & Schmidt. On Monday they declared the harbor master job vacant, and have reinstated Foster. They have also appointed an inspector to report direct to the city council on all jobs of the city. Capps is wild and is again threatening to resign.

With the Lemon Grove Irrigation District the sale of the Cuyamaca is at a deadlock. The District has failed to include 2500 acres which they agreed to include before we were to bid on the bonds. And they have failed to get the approval of Thompson, Dillon and Clay as to the validity of the bonds. Boone has brought a suit attacking the constitutionality of the district, so it is a beautiful situation.

Good luck to you, old Man, and I am thinking of you once-in-awhile. Hope to see you a little later.

Yours very truly,

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