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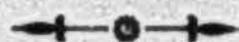
To the Directors of the Linda Vista Irrigation District.
Gentlemen:

The matter of furnishing your consulting Engineer Mr. Manuel, and your Board of Directors with complete data and surveys of proposed additional reservoir sites, for the purpose of increasing the storage supply of this company, has been brought to our attention by Mr. Manuel, who desires us to supply him with such information, and also to take him out to view such properties. His desire being, as we understand it, to ⁱⁿ this way satisfy himself, and your ~~bonafide~~, of our ability, (assuming that you think that our present supply is inadequate) to fulfill the terms of our proposal to furnish your district with water.

In reply we would say, that while it is the earnest desire of the Directors of this company, to furnish yourselves and your engineers, with full information concerning our properties, and with all possible assurances that we will fulfill any and all obligations, (a matter which the strong financial standing of our stockholders would in itself warrant) We feel that in

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justice to ourselves, in advance of any assurances from you, that our bid to supply your district with water, will be accepted by your Board, if assured of our ability to supply it; We ought not to disclose to your engineer, and through him to the public, data concerning new reservoir sites in the mountains, when it is obvious to your honorable Board, that in cases, where we have not completed the purchase of any of such sites; such disclosure will work serious damage to us, in attempting to close up such purchases.

It would also be manifestly unfair and deceptive for us to put in claims to reservoir properties where the title to any of the lands ~~on~~ water appropriations rest in other parties. Hence this company, feeling its responsibility in the matter, has endeavored to be conservative and modest in its claims, but it is safe to say at this point, that had its Directors not felt perfectly assured of their ability to furnish the water called for in your proposal, no bid would have been presented by them to do so; and when assured by you that our offer is acceptable; we are confident that we can satisfy your Board of our ability to fulfill the contract.

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Regarding an increase in our present supply and storage, at points now developed, it will be well, perhaps, to state a few facts: From seven to nine months in the year we have, as you well know, an abundance of water flowing in the San Diego River at our Diverting dam, and of this water, which is of the best quality, we divert what we want during that time into our system, which is at present only a small portion of the running water.

A very important and practically unlimited source of water supply; at our command, is the tunneling of the mountains above ~~our~~ head works, as is done at Pasadena and vicinity, a plan much favored by experts as being modern, certain and inexpensive. Furnishing the largest summer flow for the smallest outlay.

We have from surveys determined that the drainage area of the San Diego River and its tributaries above the Diverting dam is 105 sq. miles.

In addition to this the South Fork of the San Diego River with 40 sq. miles, and Sand Creek with 16 sq. miles drainage area, can be, and are, easily diverted into our system by auxiliary flumes, both of these

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streams having a large summer flow.

Our Cuyamaca Reservoir Catchment can be increased by running a ditch around the high mountain, north west of ^{the} dam, for two miles; increasing the drainage area and supply 18 per cent. This has been carefully surveyed and the ditch can be extended easily three miles further, when desired, thus largely increasing the supply.

The Cuyamaca Reservoir can readily be raised to 45 feet if desired, as the foundations were laid for that elevation, but even by raising the waste weir four feet, to the 35 feet contour, its capacity would be increased 1,150,000,000 gallons. This increase will undoubtedly soon be made.

Our La Mesa Reservoir, while not intended especially as a source of supply for irrigation purposes, will be a valuable adjunct to the system and add greatly to the capacity of our irrigation supply, by reason of the night flow in the flume being used to fill this reservoir, and the supply for the City of San Diego being drawn from it in the day time, thus allowing all the day-time flow in the flume, to be used for irrigation.

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This reservoir when filled, will supply three million gallons daily for a period of 253 days, and can be filled in 29 days with the present capacity of our Flume.

Trusting that the Linda Vista Irrigation District will find it to its interest to purchase water of this Company. We remain

Very respectfully,

SAN DIEGO FLUME CO.

L. F. Doolittle
Secretary

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