

May 17th, 1938.

Board of Directors  
Lakeside Irrigation District,  
Lakeside, California.

Gentlemen:

Mr. William Thum owns between 200 and 300 acres of land above the Lakeside bridge on the San Diego River and below the El Monte pumping plant with nearly a mile of riparian rights.

Mr. Hugo Thum used to have an interest in the property but some time ago passed away and Mr. William Thum is desirous of having the property deeded to the County as a public park.

I have suggested to him that the water rights be deeded jointly to the Lakeside Irrigation District and the La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley Irrigation District, and that the land be deeded to the County.

The property at the present time is leased to an Italian. Of course, any deed to the County will be subject to this lease.

Some day it will make an ideal park for the City of Lakeside. It has some beautiful trees, a fine hill, an interesting cactus garden, and by acquiring a strip of land 200 or 300 feet wide, it can be made a part of the present Lakeside park.

I have asked Mr. Thum to send down a blanket form of agreement transferring the water rights to the La Mesa and Lakeside Irrigation Districts, and will receive same this week.

I am more than ever satisfied that some day the paramount suit will be decided adversely to the City and when so decided, these water rights will be invaluable.



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It is not Mr. Thum's intention to allow either irrigation district to develop water on the property itself, but to protect the water rights above and below, in which both districts are interested.

Please let me know if it is agreeable to meet at La Mesa in the near future, a joint meeting of the two districts, at which we may discuss the matter if you are interested.

Yours very truly,

EF:GMF

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

**1870-1955**

**MSS.81**

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**Business Records - Water Companies - Cuyamaca Water Company - Cuyamaca Customers - Water companies (Cuyamaca customers) - Lakeside Irrigation District**



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