

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, Sept. 10, 1914.

Mr. Don M. Stewart,  
City Treasurer,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Friend Stewart:

Am anxious to personally take you over the Volcan system. It will only take one and one-half days at the most. I want to take two or three influential friends of yours as well, who have not been over the system.

You know me well enough, Don, to know that I have no desire or intention to ask you against your own better judgment to endorse any proposition, but I do say that you can't judge it properly without personally seeing same and getting the facts. All I ask is a chance to show you our point of view, and if I can't absolutely convince you of the merits of the Volcan proposition, then there certainly will be no hard feelings, because I know that you are not biased against me, and I want to get a square deal.

With kind personal regards, and hoping that you will make it a point at an early date to go over this system with me,

Yours very truly,

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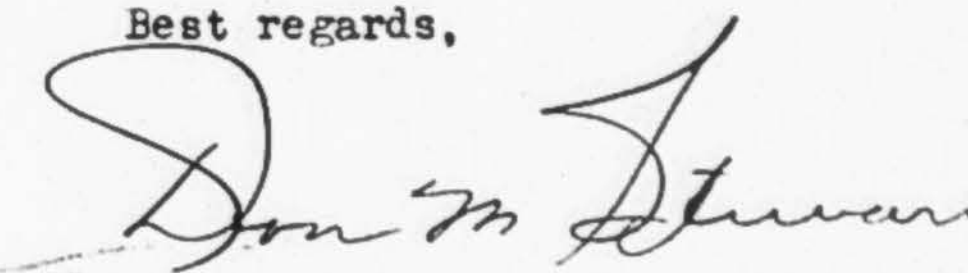
Honorable Edward Fletcher,  
State Senate,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear friend Ed:

I suppose that you know by this time that we have another Engineer's Water Report - just another of the same old stuff, but they're not going to get away with it. We are getting together a Citizens' Water Committee similar to the old El Capitan Committee, planning for quite a large meeting tonight. I want you to know that as far as I am concerned, when they build in Mission Gorge, there's only one place to build and that is the site called Number Three. We settled Number Two three times - the last time as decisive as the election of November 2nd last year.

I knew you would be interested to hear how things are shaping up.

Best regards,



Postmaster.

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March 18, 1937

Mr. Don Stewart  
U.S. Post Office  
San Diego, California

My dear Don,

Enclosed find copy of letter written City  
Manager Flack re: Mission Gorge #2 and #3 for your  
information.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

Encl.

Same letter to Fred Wile  
Joe F. Bourke  
Fred Rhodes  
Rufus Choate  
Ed etc.

United States Post Office

FIRST CLASS

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

March 20, 1937.

*Copy Jorgensen 3/22*

Senator Ed Fletcher,  
Thayer Apts.,  
Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Senator:-

I was much interested in reading the copy  
of your letter to Manager Flack. The contents were carefully  
noted.

I am not so sure that the people will vote  
for the exercise of the Hodges option. That remains to be seen.  
Neither am I in accord with the idea that it is necessary to  
exercise this option in order to be in a position to complete  
the Sutherland Dam. It is a very debatable question.

Regarding the construction of a dam at Mission  
Gorge, Mr. Savage and present engineers are all wet as to the  
cost of the dam at this site. Trusting to my memory, it appears  
that you have "upped" your estimates, also. Somewhere in my attic  
I have a blue print of what is known as a radial cone dam, designed  
by the late Mr. John S. Eastwood. Mr. Eastwood drew these plans  
to fit Mission Gorge No. 3 site. As near as I remember, he put the  
cost figures around \$750,000. Of course, the type of a dam and  
the height govern the cost. It would be impracticable and unwise  
to figure a dam for Mission Gorge #3 to a height that would exceed level  
flowing materially beyond the Old Padres Dam.

If Sutherland and San Vicente are not initiated  
at once, then Gorge No. 3 should be put to the top of the list to  
take care of the overflow from El Capitan which is bound to come  
next year.

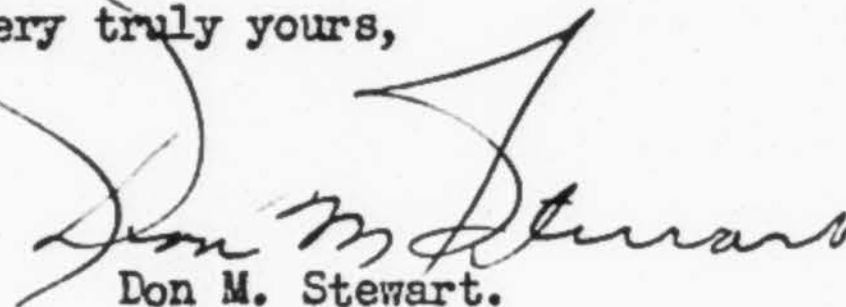
We are getting a good organization together here  
and we do not intend to let Super Hodges or Mission Gorge #2 go  
through. One great trouble around San Diego has been that person-  
alities have always entered into these water fights. I will say  
this for you that, even though you were on anything but good terms  
with the Henshaw people at the time of the Hodges purchase, never-  
theless you did get out to recommend and work for its purchase.

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We will never get anywhere here until we get rid of this man Pyle. This is what I am writing you this letter for, principally, to start the underground work. Get in touch with Engineer Lars Jorgensen, Berkeley, California, and find if he is in a position to accept the job in San Diego. I have been told that he would accept. It would not do for me to recommend Jorgensen any more than for you to recommend the purchase of Gorge No. 3 site. You, no doubt, have much influence with the City Manager or with people who gave him his job.

With kindest regards, I am,

Very truly yours,



Don M. Stewart.

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State Capitol  
Sacramento, California  
March 23, 1937

Mr. Don M. Stewart, Personal  
United States Post Office  
San Diego, California

My dear Don:

Thanks kindly for yours of the 20th. I think it would be a grave mistake if they did not vote to take up the Hodges proposition.

I have the cost of building Mission Gorge #3 to the 340 ft. contour for the reason that I believe our friend Hyatt will want a single arch type. I have written to Jorgensen for a new plan with an estimate of cost. It would not cost over \$750,000 to a million to build a dam that would not exceed the level of the old Padre Dam, but to carry it up to the 530 or 340 ft. contour, is another matter and will be more expensive. I am glad to know that you are interested in Mission Gorge #3 more than I can say.

After I am dead I hope you will put it over and name it for me for it is the most controversial project of all, and Lord knows I have made enough controversy in the last twenty-five years on water matters. I played the game with the Henshaw people, even in spite of Trainer's jealousy and unfair dealing, but he is dead now and I have nothing further to say on that score.

You will hear from me further. I am writing to Jorgensen, and am absolutely in sympathy with your point of view in that matter, but neither you nor I could ever get anywhere. I will be home in six or eight weeks, I hope.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

RF/jv

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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March 26, 1937.

Senator Ed Fletcher,  
State Legislature,  
Sacramento, California.

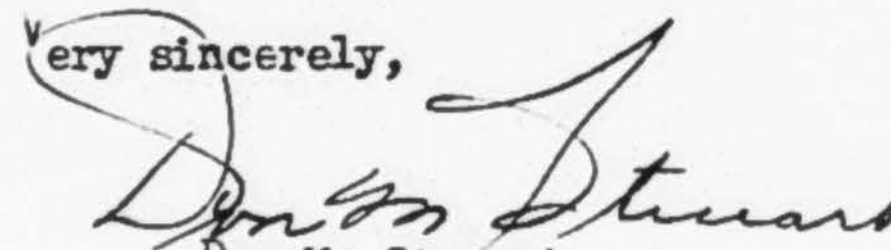
Dear Senator:-

For heaven's sake, do not come out for the ratification of the Hodges' proposition. A lot of new angles have entered into this deal that I could not take the time or space to explain to you at present. The way the people treated the library bonds shows it is doubtful if any bond issue would carry at the present time.

The organization I mentioned to you in my last letter is going to oppose this particular bond issue. These same people are unanimous for Mission Gorge No. 3 as opposed to No. 2, and are of the opinion that No. 3 will be built some day.

If you think you must be for the Hodges' proposition, for goodness' sake keep it to yourself.

Very sincerely,

  
Don M. Stewart.

DMS-1w

March 29, 1937

Mr. Don M. Stewart, Personal  
United States Post Office  
San Diego, California

My dear Don-

Thanks for yours of the 26th. I am going to keep quiet regarding the Hodges' proposition, but I think it ought to be carried and refinanced. The first dam to be built should be Sutherland, then Pomo - that is an ideal site with an elevation of 900 to 1000 ft. and will flow by gravity from Linda Vista Mesa into the City. That same pipe line from Pomo Dam will go the length of San Pasqual Valley across Linda Vista Mesa into the City. This will enable the City to pump 10 or 12 million gallons a day during a six or eight months period into that same pipe line from our City owned water bearing gravels.

My advice would be just to build the pipe line from the City to the Pomo Dam site, put in a little diverting dam and divert all the water in the winter that may be flowing there, and not build the dam until later. You can get three or four million gallons a day from Pomo by gravity from the stream flow, and there is always some water there. In other words, that 1 1/2 million dollar pipe line with the pumping out of San Pasqual, will give you a net safe yield of ten million gallons a day, plus the normal flow, and you can divert the water by gravity from Pomo to Otay if the storage is there.

I am sorry you are going to oppose the Hodges' Bond issue. I feel that we have a champagne appetite and a beer pocket book. Complete Sutherland first, take it over to San Vicente or #5; second, Build the pipeline to Pomo later on; third, Build Pomo; fourth, Raise Hodges Dam sufficient to practically control the river. I do not think that will be over 20 or 30 ft. higher at the most.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

April 1, 1937

PERSONAL

Mr. Don M. Stewart  
U.S. Post Office  
San Diego, California

My dear Don:

The enclosed for your information. I have a letter from Lars Jorgensen stating that he can build a dam at Mission Gorge #3 impounding water to the 330 ft. elevation to cost \$1,604,400; to the 310 ft. elevation at \$1,350,000 and to the 300 ft. elevation \$1,225,000.

Get a map from the City and you can see just where the water line will be in each case.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

Incl.

April 3, 1937

Mr. Don Stewart, Personal  
U.S. Post Office  
San Diego, California

My dear Don:

Enclosed find letter from Lars Jorgensen of March 27th which please read and return.

I am getting 200 letters a day and donot havetime to have copy made.

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

Incl.

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THE POSTMASTER

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April 5, 1937.

*Copy Jorgensen 4/8*

Honorable Ed Fletcher,  
State Senate,  
Sacramento, California.

Dear friend Ed:-

I am returning herewith the enclosures  
with your letter of the 3rd instant. It will be a hard  
matter to secure a better engineer than Jorgenson.

With best wishes, I am,

Very truly yours,



Don M. Stewart.

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