

January 7, 1919.

Mr. James A. Murray,  
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Murray:

AS per your request, attached is the Railroad Commission's order and decision, known as Exhibit No. 1, showing the property the Railroad Commission determined was used and useful to complete the Cuyamaca system. It includes Parcels No. 1 to 9 inclusive, all itemized. The following exceptions should be deducted from Parcel No. 9 described as the Monte pumping plant. We have sold  $\frac{4}{100}$  of an acre of the Monte lands to E. Melville on February 29, 1916 for \$100 cash. This is a deed that you and Mr. Fletcher signed at the time the transfer was made.

The lands in Parcel One to Nine inclusive were included as used and useful by the Railroad Commission in their decision rendered June 26, 1915. Since then we have purchased the following properties, acquired by condemnation proceedings from M. C. Healion, approximately 17 acres of land contiguous to Murray Dam, by order of the court dated December 29, 1917; also you purchased  $5\frac{1}{2}$  acres for \$500, on which Murray dam site is now located, from M. C. Healion on March 17, 1917, and you deeded an undivided one-twelfth interest to Wm. C. Henshaw and an undivided one-twelfth interest to Ed Fletcher. We also acquired, by condemnation proceedings, from the La Mesa Development Company a right of way for the pipe line - Murray Hill reservoir to Eucalyptus reservoir; also approximately 2 acres around Eucalyptus Dam. Mr. Fletcher bought  $\frac{9}{100}$  of an acre for \$50 from Mr. Healion, for which we will get a deed in a few days. This was necessary to straighten out line at Murray reservoir.

Parcels One to Nine inclusive together with the above described additions constitute all the lands of the Cuyamaca Water Company, which, according to my understanding, is to be transferred eventually to the corporation.

Yours very truly,

CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY,

BY

secretary,

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NIGHT LETTER

San Diego, Cal.  
Jan. 16, 1919

James A. Murray  
Monterey, Calif.

San Diego's El. Capitan Bill HR 10587 comes up in House for final action twentieth. Please wire any Congressmen you know to oppose it.

Ed Fletcher

Chg Cuyamaca Water Co.

San Diego, California.  
January 16, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Monterey, California.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Sharp & Fellows refused to accept your check for \$8453.75, together with our check for our proportion and 7% interest, and give us receipt in full. They are contractors for the Santa Fe, however, and I am trying to use some influence through the Santa Fe people and get them to settle without a law-suit. In the meantime I am holding the check here until such time as it is settled. I think Sharp & Fellows will be around to settle in a short time, rather than go to trial.

I visited eighteen Mutual Water Companies and found out that they are paying for water, including 7% interest on their water stock, an average of about \$30.00 per acre. I am sure I have information that will be of value at the next hearing.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

San Diego, Calif.  
January 21st, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Monterey, California.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed find a very interesting statement of how work is progressing at Lower Otay Dam. The City commenced construction of this dam four months before we commenced Murray, Lake Hodges or San Dieguito dams and the distributing system. As you see by the article, their money is going to run out in July with the work only 30% done.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

C 2200

February 1, 1919.

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Monterey, California.

My dear Mr. Murray:-

Enclosed find editorial written by Mr. Porterfield of the Sun, which is explanatory. Mr. Porterfield owns 40% of the Sun and is an influential man in this city. He is friendly to me but I very much dislike the way he writes his article. He mentions my name entirely too much to satisfy me, but it gives you an idea just what the feeling is in town toward the Guyanaca system, and if the La Mesa Irrigation District don't buy it we will certainly be able to sell it to the city.

Would you be willing to sell the Guyanaca system to the city on this basis: we to pick an arbitrator, the city one, and those two a third, the decision of the three to be final and accepted by both parties and the system sold to the city on the basis of \$100,000 down and \$10,000 a month until paid, we to retain possession of the property until \$500,000 has been paid; then the property deeded to the city subject to a mortgage in your favor covering a five or ten-year period with 6% interest. Please think this over so that I can take it up with Mr. Porterfield of the Sun, for he is going to put this thing across whenever we want it, in my opinion.

Yours very truly,

encl  
F-mk

February 27, 1919.

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Monterey, California.

My dear Mr. Murray:

The El Capitan Bill has passed but with so many amendments attached to it that I question whether Mr. Cosgrove would recognize the bill as compared to the one originally introduced by the city. It has been nearly five years of hard fighting. Within the last two weeks Messrs. G. Aubrey Davidson, President of the Southern Trust and Commerce Bank, W. H. Porterfield, Managing Editor of the Sun, Will Rogers, Cashier of the Merchants National Bank, M. T. Gilmore, President of the San Diego Savings Bank, and a number of other business men, have telegraphed Kettner to pull off, but the city, particularly the Gas Company and Spreckels, were too strong, and Kettner did what he was told to put the bill through. When I get the complete copy of the final bill as passed I will write you on the subject again.

Mr. Wheeler writes that we have nothing to fear whatsoever.

Yours very truly,

F -mk

March 25, 1919.

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Monterey, California.

My dear Mr. Murray:-

Enclosed find clipping showing that the City is going ahead with its investigations of El Capitan. It is absolutely a certainty that within the next two or three years the City of San Diego will build the El Capitan Dam, if it is a feasible project and the engineers recommend it, unless we build at the diverting dam and Conojos. And when the City of San Diego ever commences to build, the Cuyamaca Water Company will be forever barred from building the two dams at our intakes.

We now have the public sentiment in our favor; we have the consent of the Secretary of the Interior, and we have the riparian owners friendly to us and hostile to the City Government. But, let a new city government get in and we do nothing, let the city make an equitable arrangement with the riparian owners below whereby the city puts a pipe line right down the valley to the city so as to take care of any riparian owners whose water plane is effected, or let the city agree to sell them water at the cost of pumping, and every riparian owner will turn against us.

We have too large a property and too much invested to sit idly by and let the city get this entirely away from us. We now control the water that passes our intakes and a valuation will be made by the state engineer based on our ownership of that water. But the day the city lets a contract or starts by day labor to build the El Capitan Dam, in my opinion, we have nothing but endless litigation and final defeat. I did all that a human being could to delay this thing for five years in Congress.

By putting up \$15,000 or \$20,000 at the most, possibly only \$10,000, we can get our Mareks dam site and commence construction, even if we only put in \$25,000 the first year excavating for bedrock and doing it by day labor, but we tie down our ownership of the surplus waters of the San Diego River. I cannot too strongly

March 26, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Monterey, California.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed find copy of letter I received from Mr. Henshaw in relation to the sale of the Cuyamaca system, which is self-explanatory.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

encl

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urge you to authorize me to go ahead and either condemn immediately or make a mutually satisfactory adjustment with Harcks so that we can acquire the dam site and commence construction. Just as sure as the sun rises and sets there is a certain click in this town that are determined to put it up to the vote of the people the question of building El Capitan dam, and the best way to defeat that bond issue is to show that we are working and doing something. Please think this matter over seriously.

Mr. Henshaw and I will put up our part of it if you will yours from now on to develop the Cuyamaca system until we either sell it to a district or to the city. With the dam under construction, no matter how slow at the diverting dam, it strengthens our hand immensely in either selling to the district or to the city.

Yours very truly,

RF-mk

April 1, 1919  
(Dict. March 31st, 1919)

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Monterey, California.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed find clipping showing that Camp Kearny  
is to be permanent.

I tried to get you over the phone when in Sacra-  
mento, but failed. Was only there a day and did not go  
to San Francisco at all. Huber was here and I had to  
come back as he will leave tomorrow for San Francisco  
to make up his final recommendations as regards the  
Cuyamaca system.

Have heard from Mr. Holmes and will make a price  
on the powder in a few days and send you a copy of my  
letter.

Let me know what your plans are, please.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

encl

C 2600

San Diego, Calif.  
April 5, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Monterey, California.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed find copy of opinion from Hen-  
shaw, Elack & Goldberg, which is self-explanatory.

Certainly our friend Wheeler is entitled  
to a great deal of credit, and it is a source of  
great satisfaction to me that I had the pleasure  
of putting in four amendments to that bill myself.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm  
encl

COPY

C 2600

Henshaw, Black and Goldberg,  
Mills Building,  
San Francisco.

March twenty-sixth,  
1919

Mr. Wm. G. Henshaw,  
Mills Building,  
San Francisco.

Dear Mr. Henshaw:

As you were previously advised by our Judge Henshaw, we have carefully read the act of Congress entitled: "An Act granting to the City of San Diego certain lands in the Cleveland National Forest and the Capitan Grande Indian Reservation for dam and reservoir purposes for the conservation of water, and for other purposes," approved February 28, 1919, and find that the same is very carefully drawn and aptly worded to protect all private rights.

Yours very truly,

HENSHAW, BLACK & GOLDBERG

(Signed) P. C. Black

PCB:D

June 19, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Mont.

My dear Mr. Murray:

The Judge will set the Marcks case for trial in a few days. I am making one last effort to get a settlement with Marcks without a lawsuit.

As you remember, he wanted \$25,000. for his 160 acres, including the house, barn and improvements. I got him down, last week, to \$15,000. This morning I got both brothers to agree to take \$10,000 for the 160 acres, and when they left today, one of the brothers agreed to take \$8000. cash, but the other sticks out for \$10,000.

It would be a great mistake not to buy the 160 acres for \$8,000. cash, because we flood over half of the Marcks land, leaving nothing but odds and ends on the hillside, which is worth nothing to them, but will be worth considerable money to us after the dam is built, for it can be sold at good values with the dam built. I am willing to give \$2,000. for the lands outside the reservoir site after the dam is built. This would leave the cost of the dam site and reservoir site \$6,000., which is cheap.

The State Engineer has just allowed us \$100 per acre for all the lands within the Cuyamaca Reservoir site, for sale purposes, and \$200. an acre within the Murray Reservoir site for lands flooded, as a sale value, to say nothing of the value of the dam site itself.

I would not be so anxious to accept Mr. Marcks' offer if it were not for the fact that the dam site is on the property, and all juries make a big distinction in the value of lands that are to be flooded, and the value of lands on which the dam is built. A jury always gives a much higher value for lands on which the dam itself is located. There are many court decisions showing this. I refer particularly to the jury giving a value of \$18,000. to Louis Wilde for the dam site and about 12 acres of land on the Jermal Ranch. The Judge cut this award in two, and Wilde accepted the \$9,000. from the city of San Diego. In this case, we are getting nearly 160 acres, of which probably half will be flooded, and a dam site as well, for \$8,000. And I am willing to pay \$2,000 for the lands outside the reservoir site and

dam site, after the dam is built, if the Company does not want to keep the land.

I have another very important reason why we should buy and settle now, rather than condemn and take chances: Healion owns about 200 acres that we will flood, and which we will have to condemn. By buying this Marcks land, we can go right into court in the Healion case, and testify and get away with it, that the dam site land is worth \$5,000., that the improvements on the Marcks property are worth \$1500., and that the land itself, is only worth \$10. per acre.

The Railroad Commission hearing will take place in a short time, and it will be of great importance to us to be able to testify before the Railroad Commission that we own this dam site and reservoir site. It would show that we are going right ahead with our plans, and would help protect our rights on the river.

Will you please send the Company a check for \$5000., and Henshaw and I will finance the rest of it. It is imperative that this matter be settled at an early date. Otherwise, we will have heavy attorneys fees to pay, and my private opinion is that a jury is likely to award anything from \$15,000 to \$25,000. I am sick of litigation. The Sharpe Fellows case lasted 10 or 12 days, and if we get into this condemnation suit with Marcks, it might take a week to prove the value of the dam site, and reservoir lands.

I am satisfied if the dam is built, the lands outside the reservoir site can be sold so that we will get all our money back, when the dam is once built. And I am willing to buy the lands, after the dam is built, as per the offer heretofore made.

Please let me hear from you by return mail and I hope you will send a check for at least \$5000 or \$6000, so that I can close the deal. We can then push the Healion suit, as I have no fear of that, but I do feel that we would be taking a big chance in condemning the Marcks property on which the dam site will be located.

The business men are asking if we will build the Marcks Dam and then turn the whole thing over to the irrigation district which will include the city of San Diego, taking bonds in payment. This is what they want, and the quicker we get the thing in shape by the acquisition of the Marcks property, so as to show the citizens of San Diego that we mean business, the quicker we will dispose of our property to the proposed district.

You will be glad to know that the State Engineer has informally approved Huber's valuation of the Cuyamaca system, \$1,440,000. and will recommend said valuation to the State Bonding Commission. His is, however, awaiting the decision of Judge Luce in the Sharpe-Fellows suit, before making final valuation on the case of Murray Dam. He will, in my opinion, increase Huber's valuation a little.

The plans of the Irrigation District as outlined to you, are coming along nicely, and I was pleased to get word that the Government may commence investigation immediately of the whole project, working in co-operation with the district.

Yours very truly,

EE/bm  
cc WCH



July 2nd, 1919.

Mr. James A. Murray,

Butte, Montana.

Dear Mr. Murray:-

Enclosed find copy of letter from Mr. Crouch, which is self-explanatory, in relation to incorporating the Cuyamaca Water Company. It means that we have no legal right to transfer our present holdings to a corporation without the consent of the State Railroad Commission, and the transfer would be void without their written consent. It means that with the Railroad Commission's consent we are to pay approximately \$1,400.00 stock tax in the shape of stamps to be put on the deed.

I am satisfied that the Railroad Commission would never allow us to transfer the property for \$1,440,000.00 valuation, and I certainly believe it would be a mistake for us to transfer it for any less for it would be a recognition of an excessive value; it would incur the enmity of the state engineer if we accepted a less value on the stock than \$1,440,000.00, and it is my recommendation that we do not take action just at this time.

There is being formed a Municipal Water District, including the City of San Diego, East San Diego, La Mesa and suburban territory, which is the only solution of our whole problem, and I am positive that in a few months if the La Mesa District does not take our system the Municipal Water District will, or the Government will. There is every indication that the Government will step in and assist in the formation of this Municipal Water District, and within a few weeks Government engineers will undoubtedly be in the field for a final investigation.

Yours very sincerely,

EF/LCW

C O P Y

Mr. Charles C. Crouch.

San Diego, Calif.  
June 28, 1919.

Col. Ed. Fletcher,  
Fletcher Building,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

I have yours of the 20th instant advising me that the State Railroad Commission has engineers and bookkeepers going over the books of the Cuyamaca Water system, and stating that you are of the opinion that at the time to deed the properties to the corporation is after the Railroad Commission hands down its decision stating what property they will include in the system, which I agree with you.

Very truly yours,

CHARLES C. CROUCH.

CCC:RG

Mr. James A. Murray,

Butte, Montana.

Dear Mr. Murray:-

Enclosed please find letter from Mr. Crouch, which is self-explanatory. I feel that it is foolish to deed our properties to a corporation until we find out just what the Railroad Commission will include in their valuation. This valuation will be made at an early date, and as soon as the decision is handed down, if you still continue to want to deed the property to a corporation, you can go ahead.

Kindly return the enclosed letter at your convenience.

Yours very truly,

EF/LCW  
Enclosure.

July 5th, 1919.

*File Murray*  
**Hunter's Hot Springs**



Geo. Mc CARN,  
PROPRIETOR & MANAGER.

Hunter's Hot Springs, Montana.

July 14th, 1919

Mr Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego, Cal.

Dear sir:-

Replying to your telegram will say - the waters of San Diego River, including Cedar Creek and all feeders, ~~should~~ belong to the San Diego Flume Company in fee simple so to speak, and their successors in interest one ~~Henderson~~ one Fletcher and one Murray. Now then, who would invest a dollar in the ranch that you have an option on; so far as the ranching part is concerned it would not feed a jay bird, and as a dam site what good would it be to any body else outside of the Cuyamaca, and their successors. Therefore think it best to let the option lapse and pay a little more if necessary when we need it at some future time. If you allow the option to lapse the owner will come to the conclusion that we are not so crazy about getting it, and besides all the money is very scarce in this part of the country at the present time, as we have had no rain for several months. I would suggest to you that you conserve every drop of water as we do not know when it is going to rain, and it is a long time from now until the first of January.

Yours very truly,

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**DAY LETTER** July 21st, 1919

To James A. Murray,

Street and No. \_\_\_\_\_

Place Butte, Montana.

~~City of San Diego has commenced to buy water at ten cents. Stop. Railroad Commission hearing on rates early in September. Stop. Preliminary hearing for temporary increase tomorrow. Stop. Will get increase. Stop. Barrett Dam financed by the City and work commenced. Stop. City authorities now seriously considering building either El Capitan or Mission Dam. Stop. Will decide in short time. Stop. Imperative to protect our rights we purchase Marks property and let Railroad Commission and City know it. Stop. Can take our time Healion suit. Stop. Cuyamaca Company can make payment without your sending any money. Stop. Cannot condemn for any lesser amount. Stop. Please wire your approval.~~

**Ed Fletcher.**

Charge Cuyamaca Water Co.

SENDER'S ADDRESS FOR ANSWER

SENDER'S TELEPHONE NUMBER

July 21st, 1919.

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Montana.

Dear Mr. Murray :-

Enclosed please find copy of telegram, which is self-explanatory. I went to San Francisco last week, had a hearing before the Railroad Commission and demanded immediate temporary increase in rates. I am pleased to say that they are sending Mr. Martin down, he being one of the Commissioners, and a personal friend, who was on the State Water Commission. I had explained our whole situation to him before he became a member of the Railroad Commission. I am sure we will get temporary relief and a substantial increase in rates, to take effect before the first of August. The main hearing will be held early in September, when we may expect the fight.

The city is hard up for water; they must act soon. There is only one solution, and that is a Municipal Water District. If we can convince the City Water Commission and the City Council that we have the water tied up and there is no other solution for them, they will come to it, - that is, to form a Municipal Water District and to buy the Cuyamaca and the Pamo Sutherland Project, and possibly Warner's. The business men of the city are all in favor of a Municipal Water District, but the Water Commission and the City Council are still hoping they can finance the proposition themselves, and run their own canoe, without forcing the City into the District. The City Attorney of San Diego has ruled - and rightly so - that we do not own any of the waters of the San Diego River that pass our diverting dams. The only way to protect our right of ownership is to show reasonable and due diligence in developing our property. The purchase of the Marks lands is an evidence of good faith, as well as the expenditure of our moneys in building Murray Dam and fixing up the Flume. That is where the value comes to us, to protect and use what is now going to waste. If we do not get it, the City surely will, and they will build a dam at El Capitan or at Mission Gorge. In my opinion it will be at Mission Gorge, down near the Mission, and when they do, all that we have left is a 10-year lawsuit, which I am trying to avoid. I am sure that in a short time even the City Council and the Water

Commission will see that it is to the City's advantage to go into this Municipal Water District. This is the most critical point in our entire business life, and I cannot too strongly urge you on this point. We have too much already involved to take any more chances, and I do hope to have your telegraphic reply to go ahead and buy up the Marks property.

Enclosed find clipping that will be of interest. I was the only one who got a unanimous vote as a member of the Highway Commission. I propose to see that a paved highway goes to Julian, and there is just a faint possibility of my getting a paved highway from to Descanso.

Yours very truly,

EF/ICW

Enclosures.

MONIDAH TRUST  
BUTTE, MONTANA

Butte, Montana, July 23, 1919.

Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego,  
California.

Dear Sir:

I just reached here this morning from Salt Lake, and upon my arrival I find your telegram of the 21st. I shall call this a stop telegram. Now I don't want any more of these long telegrams because every time you say "stop" it costs me money, and I don't want any of these telegrams when 2¢ will answer the question.

I thought I settled that Marks matter, but you seem to be peculiarly constructed and wont take "No" for an answer. Now, I don't want to be annoyed any more about this matter. No one can tell me what to do, besides my financial advisers have never made a dollar for me. Notwithstanding all this, if anyone thinks that Ed Fletcher isn't a smart man, he has another think coming.

You say you are about to sell the City water for 10¢ a thousand gallons. If you have not closed the contract in writing wherein you are to sell the water for 10¢ a thousand gallons, do not do so, as if this <sup>amount</sup> were to continue for two months longer water will be worth 10¢ a gallon, and that would make quite a difference.

It is barely possible that as soon as I can get things straightened up around here that I will jump on the train and go to San Diego as soon as possible.

In the meantime so far as the City or anybody else building dams, I don't care a D\_\_\_\_\_ how many D\_\_\_\_\_ dams are built. I know my <sup>own</sup> business, or at least I think I do.

Nuff sed for the time being.

Very truly,

JAM/RBL

*as done the water every drop*

*[Handwritten signature]*

C o p y

Butte, Montana, July 23, 1919

Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego,  
California.

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Huff sod for the time being.

Very truly,

(Signed) J. A. Murray

JAM/RBL

P.S. Save the water, every drop!

C o p y

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Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego,  
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Very truly,

(Signed) J. A. Murray

JAM/RBL

P.S. Save the water, every drop!

Copy

Butte, Montana, July 23, 1919

July 24, 1919

Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego,  
California.

Dear Sir:-

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I thought I settled that banks matter, but you seem to be peculiarly constructed and wont take "No" for an answer. Now, I don't want to be annoyed any more about this matter. No one can tell me what to do, besides my financial advisers have never made a dollar for me. Notwithstanding all this, if any one thinks that Ed Fletcher isn't a smart man, he has another thing coming.

You say you are about to sell the City water for 10¢ a thousand gallons. If you have not closed the contract in writing wherein you are to sell the water for 10¢ a thousand gallons do not do so, as if this drought were to continue for two months longer water will be worth 10¢ a gallon, and that would make quite a difference.

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Yours self for the time being.

Very truly,

(Signed) J. A. Murray

JAM/1919

P. . Save the water, every drop!

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Montana.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Owing to the light rainfall in the mountains, the streams did not flow as long as expected. In fact the rainfall has been the most abnormal in twenty years.

The result is, there has been an unprecedented demand for water. All the wells in the county have gone down ten to twenty feet lower than usual.

We sold \$8600. worth of water in June, and the water has been taken out of Cuyamaca Lake so rapidly that it was dangerous to take a chance. The Railroad Commission ordered us to install and operate the El Monte pumping plant. I told them it would be impossible to do this unless we secured an increase in rates for that emergency, the total cost to be paid by the consumers. I also demanded an immediate hearing and temporary increase in rates to take care of the increased cost of material and labor. They granted our request, and for two days the case has been heard here.

It was the worst fight I ever experienced. Mr. Crouch, our attorney, was on a month's vacation in Oregon and I had no time to get anyone else, so I handled the case myself, with seven attorneys against me. We will get a decision on the 1st of August, and I believe we will get a very satisfactory temporary relief. There were 156 consumers at the hearing the first day.

The main case will be heard in September or October. I will let you know what date. If the Railroad Commission do not give us an increase in rates sufficient to warrant our going ahead and pumping from El Monte pumping plant, I will cut down the supply of water, and refuse to operate El Monte plant until I get written instructions from you and Mr. Henshaw to operate it. If they are not going to give us temporary relief we might as well have a show-down with the Commission now as any other time, but I feel sure we will win out.

-2- JAM

In the meantime, the City of San Diego commenced taking water from us last week, and we are furnishing them three million gallons daily, at 10 ¢ per thousand gallons. We have a large surplus in Murray Dam, - nearly one billion gallons. We hope to sell at least \$50,000 to \$40,000 worth of water to the City between now and Fall, and still leave a good surplus in Murray Dam.

We make the mistake of our lives if we do not pay \$2,000. or \$3,000. down and tie up the Marcks dam site, and be able to testify in court at the next hearing that we own the dam site, and that we have put down test holes and know that bed rock is there, and give the Commission the idea that if a proper rate is given us to warrant our doing it, we ~~will~~ already to go ahead with the building of the dam, providing it can be financed. On the other hand, however, if we have to testify that nothing has been done and there is no intention on our part to build the dam there, it will have a very bad effect for us in court, at the next hearing. This question was brought up yesterday at the hearing, but I sidestepped it by saying we were doing everything we could with our limited means to prepare for the construction of a major dam on the San Diego River.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm  
cc WGHenshaw:

The above for your information.

E. F.

P.S. We had two men put down two test pits on the Marcks sight, and they struck bed rock at 30 feet.

MONIDAH TRUST  
BUTTE, MONTANA

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Butte, Montana, July 28, 1919.

Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego,  
California.

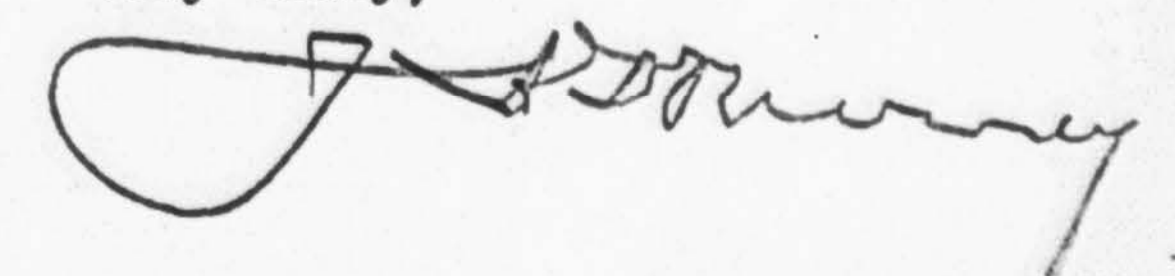
Dear Sir:

Just received yours of the 24th. Replying will say; conserve every drop of water you can for a starter. Telephone the keeper at Cuyamaca Reservoir to just allow enough water to run through to keep the flume damp. I note what you say about the temporary relief in rates.

If we were to operate the El Monte pumping plant, it maybe would cost us \$10,000 or \$15,000, and I promise you that we would have to be guaranteed that amount before spending a cent; don't care if they haven't enough water to drink.

As I said before, conserve every drop of water you can as we have a weather prophet here who predicts that there wont be any rain to speak of for the next three years, therefore, if you have any barrels around your house, it would be a good idea to fill them maybe.

Very truly,



JAM/RBL

San Diego, California.  
August 5th, 1919  
(Dict. Aug. 3rd)

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Montana.

My dear Mr. Murray:

There seems to be no question but what a Municipal Water District is going to be organized and in the mighty near future. I had a conference with J. D. Spreckels yesterday and he is in favor of it.

We have drawn up a contract with the Gas Company for the sale of power from the Volcan system at rates to be established by the State Railroad Commission. I have approved the contract today and I believe Mr. Henshaw will approve it and that it will be signed up inside of a week. Then things will commence to hum.

I had the City Water Commission out yesterday and they are enthusiastic over the plan which is to take over the entire Cuyamaca and Volcan systems at a valuation placed by the State Engineer. You are aware that the valuation placed on our Cuyamaca system for the State Engineer was for the La Mesa Irrigation District, and was \$1,440,000. But that report distinctly states that this valuation is based on the sale to an irrigation district, and would not be considered a true valuation if sold as a domestic supply to the City of San Diego. We will get a higher valuation for our present system if we sell to the Municipal Water District.

The thing that sticks in everybody's craw is this: they are very anxious that the Marks dam be built immediately, in order to enlarge the City's water supply and they would like to have the Cuyamaca System turned over to the District with the Marks dam built, and take bonds for the whole thing.

MONIDAH TRUST  
BUTTE, MONTANA

Butte, Montana, August 10, 1919.

Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego,  
California.

Dear Sir:

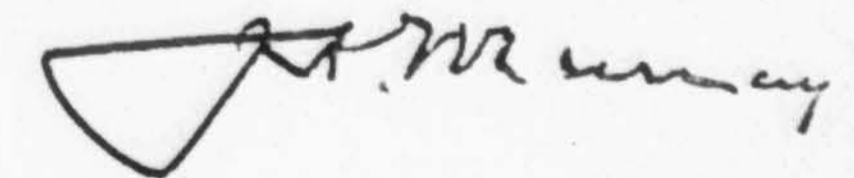
Just reached here last night on the North Coast Ltd. and find your letters of the 2nd and 5th inst. Replying to same will say, your letters relative to the District and water proposition generally remind me very much of the trip to Chinatown, however, I presume you are doing the best you can under the circumstances.

Do not make any attempt to pump at El Monte unless the Commissioners will give you a raise that will be equal to the amount expended. I presume those wells have been filled in with the overflow. If so, one of them at least will have to be cleaned out. Should you be recompensed by the Commission, do not under any circumstances put in a pipe larger than 8 inches as that will be sufficient to carry the water of one pump.

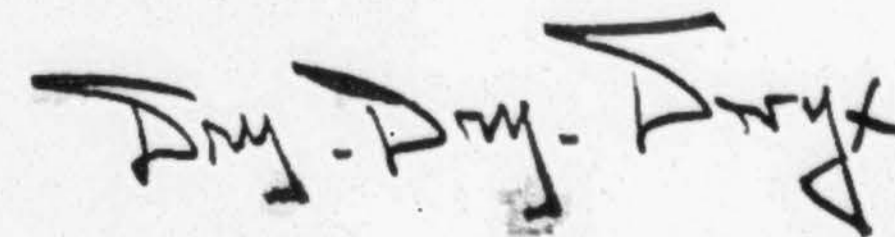
Now, in relation to your Marks proposition will say; you have a right to buy it; Mr. Henshaw has a right to buy it; so far as I am concerned I don't want to purchase it at the present time, and if so, I was offered it once for \$5,000. I don't know what price was made you for it. If I ever should want to buy it I would rather pay \$6,000 or \$7,000 later than \$5,000 right now as I don't believe there are any parties in the world that would give \$1,000 for it as the Cuyamaca Co. is the owner of the bed of that river over which the water flows.

All I have to say in conclusion is to have Harriet keep his eye on conserving the waters of Murray Dam ~~at~~ La Mesa, and to have your keeper at Cuyamaca see that there is no more water running out of the reservoir than is absolutely necessary.

Very truly,



JAM/RBL





I am positive that petitions will be circulated within the next ninety days to organize a Municipal Water District, including the City of San Diego, Linda Vista Mesa, Normal Heights, East San Diego, Kensington Park, La Mesa, Lemon Grove and Spring Valley. It is so important that we own the Marks land that I have prevailed upon Mr. Henshaw to put up the money to make a payment on the property and control it. Its strategic value is great, and we must be able to say at the next hearing in September, that we control that dam site. We will make a payment of \$2,000. and tie up the property and when you come to San Diego next month you can make up your mind whether you want to join with us in the ownership of the property or not. Mr. Henshaw agrees with me that we should control the Marks dam site, even if we have to tie it up ourselves.

Everything is going nicely here.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

JAMES EARL RAY

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

DATE: 1/11/68

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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August 11, 1919  
(Dict. Aug. 10th)

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Mont.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed herewith find copy of telegram which I sent you. I feel very proud of the fact that without an attorney, I put it over seven lawyers and got three times as big an increase in rates as we have ever secured heretofore, and I am satisfied that at the hearing in September we will get another 25 % increase, if not more.

We start operating the El Monte pumping plant today or tomorrow.

The Pacific Fleet has come and gone. It was a wonderful sight. I had charge of the Governor. Enclosed find clipping which will be of interest.

I commenced my work yesterday as Highway Commissioner. Will have a report in thirty days, and am moving heaven and earth to get a paved highway to Julian, and possibly to Cuyamaca Lake, but it is a serious question whether we will be able to do that or not. I want to stay with the Highway Commission long enough at least, to see the thing get started right, and then let the details be run by an engineer.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm  
encl

Aug. 14, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Montana.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Answering yours of August 10th, will say that I will follow your instructions.

The plan is to form a municipal Water district. Contracts with interested parties are already drawn up and ready for your signature. Mr. Henshaw is signing up for the Volcan as well.

Mr. Henshaw and I have bought up Marcks property and made a payment, for we don't think you realize how valuable it is to us, both for its influence with the City Council and the Water Commission of San Diego, and with the State Railway Commission at our hearing the last of next month. It keeps them guessing.

Don't worry about Cuyamaca Lake. We will have twenty feet of water in there at the commencement of the rainy season.

Murray Dam is holding up in fine shape. We have over 80 feet of water in it.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

August 15th, 1919.

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Montana.

Dear Mr. Murray:-

On August 12th the City Engineer rendered his final decision and gave us a valuation of \$1,451,850.00 for the Cuyamaca System. This is \$11,850.00 more than Mr. Huber's valuation. This does not include any valuation whatsoever for El Capitan Dam site or reservoir lands within the El Capitan site; neither does it include the Poverty Gulch lands that we purchased. In the Sharp-Fellows suit the findings have not yet been made, and we still have a chance to have the Judge reverse himself. Crouch is putting up a strong fight for this.

Yours very sincerely,

EF/LCW

August 22nd, 1919.

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Montana.

My dear Mr. Murray:-

The City Attorney asked the City Council to pass a resolution authorizing him to go ahead and condemn El Capitan and the lands flooded. Enclosed find my answer. If we can stop this endless litigation we ought to do it. If we can delay the game only thirty days, I am satisfied that everything will be signed up and we will go ahead with the Municipal Water District, to take over both the Cuyamaca and Volcan Systems. I expect the contracts to be signed up next week.

I have just returned from San Francisco, and we verbally agreed on the contract regarding the Volcan System. Henshaw is signing an agreement to let the State Engineer make the valuation of Henshaw's property. I will have something definite for you in a few days. My understanding is that you will sell the Cuyamaca also at the valuation put on it by the State Engineer. This is satisfactory to Mr. Henshaw and to myself. We will keep you posted.

Very sincerely yours,

P. S. It is vital that the Cuyamaca keep its hold on the Marcks dam site and reservoir site.

EF/LCW  
Enclosure.

August 25, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Montana.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed herewith find clipping showing that we have a united back country with us in our fight with the City.

I am satisfied that this action is taken, on the part of the City, on the advice of Mr. Cosgrove for there is not a business association, Chamber of Commerce or any other organization that is backing this proposed plan for the City to start condemnation proceedings immediately.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr. Henshaw has signed the contract at last for the sale of power to the San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Light Company, conditional upon the Municipal Water District going ahead, and we have strong influence now behind us.

Contracts are being drawn up also, for the sale of the Cuyamaca System to the Municipal Water District, of which I will be able to send you a copy in a few days, unless you intend to be here in the near future.

Yours very truly,

*W. H. Henshaw*

EF/bm  
encl

Aug. 26, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Montana.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed herewith find clipping from the morning paper which is self-explanatory. Our friend Cosgrove had his way; but the business interests of this city are not behind him in this plan, as will be demonstrated within the next two or three weeks.

My main object in taking up this fight is to educate the people of San Diego as to the true situation, and I feel I have accomplished my purpose. The City Water Commission, who have absolute jurisdiction over all water development outside the city limits of San Diego, have been entirely ignored, and have not even been consulted. They are unanimously opposed to the El Capitan project.

Are you coming down this way soon? How are you getting along in Livingston? Can I be of any service there in helping straighten out that situation? If so I can bring some contracts up to you that will interest you, and show you that we are on the right track.

Mr. Henshaw has already signed up for the sale of power to the Gas Company, and contracts are being drawn up for the formation of a Municipal Water District to take over both the Cuyamaca and the Volcan systems at a valuation set by the State Engineer, the property to be paid for in cash or bonds of the District, which will include the City of San Diego; the value of the bonds to be determined by mutual agreement.

We will have the El Monte pumping plant going next week. We had it going last week for three or four days, pumping between 2,500,000 and 3,000,000 gallons of water a day, but we had to re-wind the motor which will delay us a week.

We have 24 feet of water in Cuyamaca lake, and 79 feet at Murray, and will get through the season in fine shape. We had a rainfall of one inch at Cuyamaca yesterday.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm

September 17th, 1919.

Mr. James A. Murray,

Monterey, Calif.

Dear Mr. Murray:-

Enclosed find report of the Highway Commission. It includes a paved highway to Julian, and within 3 or 4 years I expect to see a paved highway around Cuyamaca lake and Descanso, if I live. Forty million dollars was voted by the State of California, which means a paved highway to Descanso, El Centro and Yuma. We killed the plan to pave from Barstow to Needles, and the San Diego-Yuma route is the only one that will be paved to the Arizona line.

The City Council closed a contract to buy 2,000,000 gallons of water a day, delivered to La Jolla. The City is up against it for water, and within a week or two the first move will be made to form an irrigation district and buy out both the Cuyamaca and Volcan. Mr. Henshaw has signed all the contracts, and a contract will be ready for your signature when you arrive, the price to be that established by the State Engineer, and you can take either cash or bonds at their market value.

The beginning of the end has come, and I expect that we will get at least one and a half million dollars from the sale of the Cuyamaca System to the Water District, which will include the City of San Diego.

Yours very truly,

EF/LCW  
Enclosure.

October 13, 1919.

Mr. Jas. A. Murray,  
Butte, Mont.

My dear Mr. Murray,

We have been very fortunate the last few months, and I feel entirely different toward the Cuyamaca System than I have - that we have something there of value.

In the first place, the State Engineer has put a valuation of \$1,451,000 on the property for sale purposes to the district. This value will be increased if the water system is sold to a municipal water district and the water used for domestic purposes.

We have sold about \$22,000 worth of water to the city this year, and the city is still using it.

Within three or four weeks, we will have completed the cementing of the 20" pipe line from the foot of the El Ceritas Hill, along El Cajon Avenue to a point near Anna Street, where the City's pipe line connects with ours. As soon as this is completed, we will be able to abandon the worst portion of the El Cajon Avenue pipe line, saving several hundred dollars a month maintenance. We have put something like \$28,000 into this pipe line, but it had to be done, and it puts us in a position to furnish the City with 10,000,000 gallons of water daily in emergency. If we do not have any more rain this winter than last, they will need it from us next year - five or six million gallons anyway.

We have spent \$6,000 in re-installing the El Monte pumping plant. The flood destroyed all of our wells and connections. We have had to put in six new wells and have located the pumping plant itself about 600 ft. farther out in the valley. When the pumping season is over, the pumping plant will be moved at a cost of about \$100.00 into the old pumping station by the road. Mr. Harritt felt, and the Commission's engineers approved the operation of the pumping plant out in the valley as a matter of economy in operation. We are pumping 3,000,000 gallons a day, and the plant is working perfectly. It is a big asset to our system.

We are spending about \$8,000 in re-building a

Oct. 13, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray  
Butte, Mont.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed find clipping showing that the City has begun suit to acquire El Capitan, which may be of interest.

Don't worry much about it, because the City is financially embarrassed to such an extent that the only solution of this whole problem is an irrigation District, and the fireworks for the District will commence in a few days.

Yours very truly,

EF/lm  
encl

number of trestles, and re-lining and repairing the entire flume line. This work is over half completed and will be done by the 1st of December. When completed, we will have the flume in better condition than we have ever had it and able to put 20,000,000 gallons a day into Murray Dam during this coming winter. We have 70 ft. of water in Murray dam today, and I propose to fill Murray Dam full this winter.

All bills are paid in full to the 1st of September, excepting the Gas Company. We owe them \$2,000 on an old note, and \$18,000 to the First National Bank. \$15,000 of the \$18,000 is what has been running for the last three years, money that was spent in re-building the flume at that time. I expect to pay off \$5,000 more of the indebtedness this month.

Enclosed find letter of the Mayor which is explanatory, and is the opening gun in the formation of a water district to take over the Cuyamaca and the Volcan Systems.

Everything is going along nicely here, but I will be glad to see you in San Diego and show you what has been accomplished this summer.

Am expecting any day to have the Railroad Commission set down the date of hearing on our main rate case.

Yours very truly,

EF:KIM

Butte, Montana, October 29, 1919.

Oct. 20, 1919

Mr. James A. Murray,  
Butte, Mont.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed find criticism of City  
Attorney Cosgrove, that will be of interest.  
They seem to be getting his number.

Yours very truly,

EF/bm  
encl

Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:

Just returned from the East and find yours of October  
23rd in reference to Crouch and Judge Henshaw and the rate  
hearing. Now, I don't know why we need a lawyer outside of  
yourself. All we have to do, seems to me, is to present the  
facts that our fixed charges are so great that to meet them  
and to get any kind of interest on our investment, we must  
have the rates raised, or else go into bankruptcy, which I  
don't suppose, would better conditions in the least.

I start West within a day or two, and in my meander-  
ings expect to reach San Diego in the near future, at least  
sometime before the 10th of December.

Very truly,

JAM/RBL



November  
Third  
Nineteen  
Nineteen

Mr. Jas. A. Murray,  
Butte, Montana.

My dear Mr. Murray,

I was glad to get your letter from Butte, Montana, under date of October 29th, and to know that you will be here on December 10th for the hearing.

I do not agree with you that I am the best man to handle this case for the following reasons:

First - I know positively that the water rights of the old San Diego Flume Company are going to come up. It is a legal question. Jesse George, an attorney, has been hired to take the case to the Supreme Court.

Second - the ranchers of El Cajon have already raised a fund of \$5,000 and the rest of the consumers will undoubtedly do likewise, with the result that they will have first class legal talent, witnesses and engineers. I am satisfied that Harritt and I can present the facts, but we should have both Judge Henshaw and Sweet at the hearing so that the case can be taken to the Supreme Court, if necessary, and with the best legal talent in the state.

We need Mr. Sweet particularly, because it is he and I who saw the \$600,000 worth of bonds burned. As a matter of fact every water right owner was knocked out thru the voluntary foreclosure of the \$600,000 bond issue, and we purchased the system from the owners of the bonds, who had acquired the property under the voluntary foreclosure. Mr. Sweet handled our other case in fine shape. I will make the best terms I can with these attorneys, if you say so.

If you ask me to handle this case alone, it means that there will be no attorney to take the case to the Supreme Court, as I am sure that is where it is going to

29 November 1919.

Mr. Jas. A. Murray,  
Monterey, Calif.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Answering yours of the 29th will say that the reinforced concrete pipe will be 39" in diameter, carrying 54 second feet, while the flume carries 21.

Enclosed herewith find copy of agreement, along the lines of the offer made by the Western Pipe people which I submitted to you, and which you approved in Los Angeles, also Mr. Henshaw.

We have forwarded the mail found at the King George.

I am sure there will be no misunderstanding in the matter of the concrete syphon.

Since you left we have had a tremendous snow storm; nine inches at Cuyamaca, and heavy rains. The water is going over the dam.

The blowing down of the Sweetwater trestle will cost us at least \$12,000 in run of at least six weeks of water, twenty million gallons a day at the Murray dam, but it cannot be helped.

Western Re-Inforced Pipe people will be making pipe Monday morning. All arrangements are made; I have ordered the sand, cement and gravel for delivery today. The 14" pipe line will be in and water will be going thru our flume inside of a week or ten days. They are digging the pipe up along El Cajon Avenue.

It is possible that the hearing of Dec. 10th will be postponed, so the hydraulic engineer advised me. I will wire you if this is true.

It has been very cold here and thermometer

Petitions are now being circulated to form a big irrigation district to buy both the Volcan and the Cuyamaca Systems, but it is going to take some time to whip it into shape.

Kindly let me hear from you by return mail, as we must have attorneys to prepare this case.

Yours very truly,

EF  
KIM

CC-WmGH

went down to 19 degrees above Zero at Warners.

Yours very truly,

EF:KIM

SEVENTY HANDSOMELY  
FURNISHED ROOMS  
TWENTY-EIGHT WITH PRIVATE BATH

## HOTEL BEALE

THOMAS DEVINE, PROP.



ALL MODERN CONVENIENCES  
GRILL ROOM IN CONNECTION

KINGMAN, ARIZONA

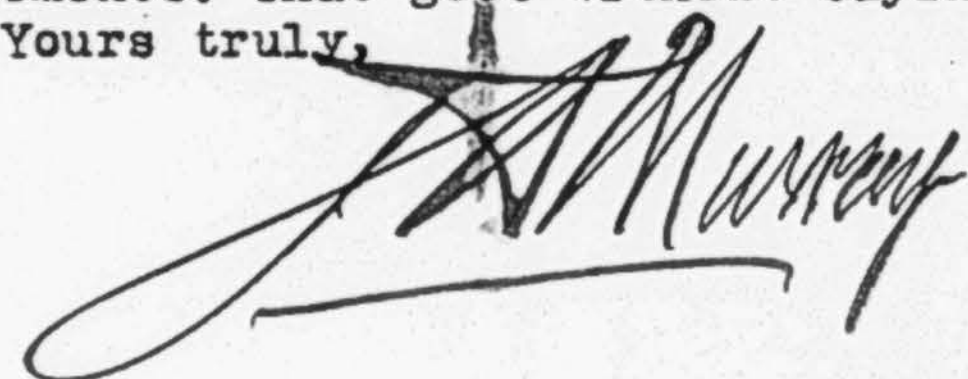
December 1, 1919.

Mr. Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:-

You mentioned the fact to me that something should be done to get water to those people at El Cahon. They are attempting to make trouble for us in the rate raising proposition: therefore I don't feel like putting out any money to help the out-fit out, and do not put in any temporary pipe as we are not responsible for the elements: That goes without saying.

Yours truly,



G. S. HOLMES, PRESIDENT

MINES AT HACKBERRY, ARIZONA  
WILLIAM NEAGLE, SUPERINTENDENT

## HACKBERRY CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES  
303 ~~541~~ TITLE INSURANCE BUILDING  
LOS ANGELES

December 3, 1919.

Mr. Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego, California.

Dear Sir:-

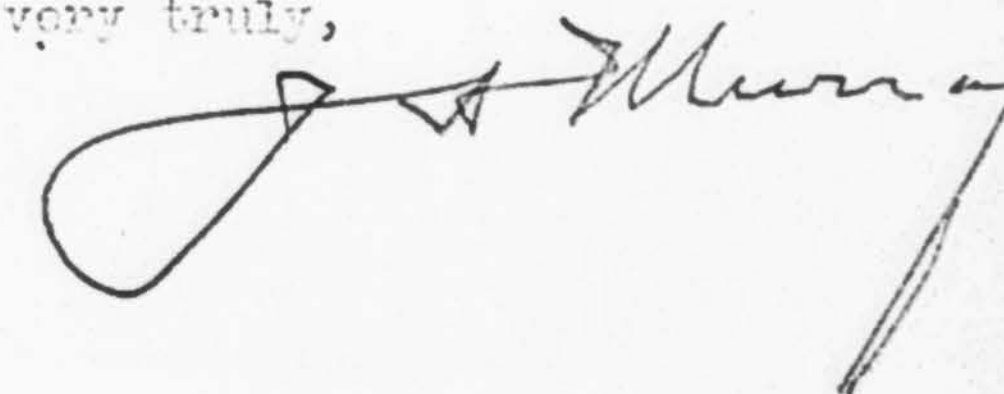
I called at the Riverside Cement office a few minutes ago, and they informed me that Mr. Henshaw might possibly arrive here this afternoon.

Now in relation to the hearing that you are about to have around the 19th. I take it that my presence will not add anything to it and as I am going to San Francisco, expect to get away tonight or tomorrow. You might say to those commissioners that as much as we have expended six or seven hundred thousand dollars in the proposition, and for the last nine years, have paid no dividend; on the contrary, every day or two has been an Irish dividend, and if the rates are not raised so that we may have an income, your humble servant will not expend as much as a nickle in the future.

And as to your El Cahon bunch, we are not in honor or in business bound to furnish them with water until we can do it in a natural way and if they have to, they can haul water in tanks for the time being, as there is no love in the premises.

Let me know at Monterey how you are getting along with the syphon.

Yours very truly,



8 December 1919

Mr. Jas. A. Murray,  
Monterey, Calif.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Answering yours of December 3d, will say the City of El Cajon has always been our friend. They are paying us good prices for water, and as it will be six weeks before the cement pipe line will be put in, it means that El Cajon City will go dry, without a drop of water for domestic purposes. In fact, it would have been dry last Tuesday - without a drop of water to drink even - had we not secured some surplus water from Duly Reservoir. Above all things we needed the pipe line to protect our wooden flume, otherwise it would drop to pieces within six weeks, as it cannot go over ten days or two weeks before it commences to warp.

In a day or two the 14" pipe line will be completed, and water coming down the flume to take care of everybody.

The pipe which I signed up for with the Western Reinforced Concrete Pipe people, will be made within the next ten days, and \$5,000 must be paid them. We have less than \$1,000.00 in the bank. Will you please send a check for \$4,000.00 and Mr. Henshaw and I will pay the other \$1,000.00 to make the first payment on the pipe. The pipe will cost somewhere around \$12,000 to install, as against \$8,000 or \$9,000 for wood pipe. It will carry 34 second feet, while the present flume is only carrying 31.

Yours very truly,

EF:KIM

cc-WmGH

Monterey, Calif., Dec. 13, 1919.

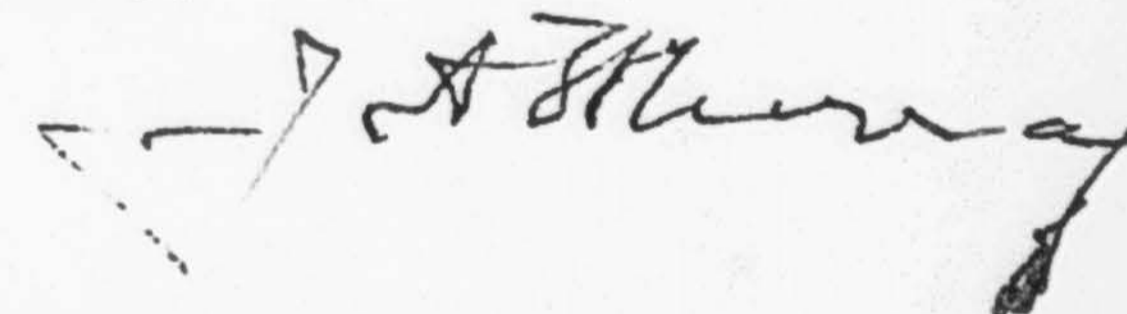
Ed. Fletcher,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith find draft for \$4,000. to  
be applied on syphon contract.

Yours truly,

Incl.



17 December 1919

Mr. Jas. A. Murray,  
Monterey, Calif.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Answering yours of December 13th, I thank you for the draft for \$4000. It would be out of the question for me to finance the building of this Sweetwater pipe line to replace the Sweetwater trestle from funds coming in from the sale of water. We have had miserable weather the last two or three weeks. It has not rained very much but it has been cold, and there has been no demand for water.

The City of El Cajon went absolutely dry - no water even to drink, or to flush the toilets, but we rushed the work of digging up 1200 ft. of old 14" pipe on El Cajon Avenue, and in ten days had the pipe dug up and relaid at the Sweetwater trestle, and are supplying all of our customers.

We have not had rains enough to make the river run very big, and very little water has been lost to the ocean, but there is enough water coming down now to fill the 14" pipe, and we are putting the surplus water into Murray Hill and Eucalyptus.

The contractor is doing good work making the pipe. The ditch for the 39" pipe is over half built. The 39" pipe is about two-thirds made, and everything is going along nicely. If all goes well, we will have a 39" pipe in in forty working days. The pipe is being made at the El Cajon depot.

The State Railroad Commission have re-set their date to January 20th for the hearing of the Cuyamaca case. The El Cajon people alone have raised \$5000 to take the question of the validity of the water right contracts to the supreme court. We are going to have a big fight on our hands. Enclosed find clipping that will be of interest.

Am pleased to inform you that the question of the enlargement of the big district, including the city of San Diego, is going along nicely. There

22 December 1919

Mr. Jas. A. Murray,  
Monterey, Calif.

My dear Mr. Murray:

Enclosed find clipping from the Union, which we neglected to send the other day. This will show that we have a real fight on.

That was a beautiful present you and Mrs. Murray sent to Catherine. It certainly is appreciated.

Wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I am  
Very sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

- 2 - J. A. M.

is no reason why petitions should not be circulated and the supervisors set a date for an election within the next thirty or sixty days.

I hope you and Mrs. Murray will be down here for the wedding the 27th. Taylor arrived last night. He is getting along nicely at Fort Worth. Has had his salary raised to \$200 a month and making considerable money in commissions besides. I have no fear but what Catherine and Taylor will hit it off well together.

I am sending you the usual box of San Diego olives for Christmas.

With kind regards, I am

Yours very sincerely,

EF:KLM

TAXES FOR JAMES A. MURRAY,  
Paid in the year 1919.

Murray Hill:

2nd Installment State & County Tax-1918	75.79.	
1st " " " " " 1919	<u>80.09.</u>	155.88.

El Cajon Heights:

2nd Installment State & County Tax-1918	73.38.	
1st " " " " " 1919	<u>78.53.</u>	151.90.

Johnson's Subdivision:

2nd Installment State & County Tax-1918	3.86.	
1st " " " " " 1919	<u>2.13.</u>	5.99.

El Cajon Acres

2nd Installment State & County Tax-1918	75.89.	
1st " " " " " 1919	<u>72.29.</u>	148.18.

Grossmont Park Lots:

2nd Installment State & County Tax-1918	5.44.	
1st " " " " " 1919	<u>5.75.</u>	<u>11.19.</u>

\$ 473.14.

Murray Acres -----	\$ 712.83.
So. La Mesa -----	39.78.
Cuyamaca Lands -----	<u>66.39.</u>
	\$ 818.90.
	<u>473.14.</u>
	\$ 1292.04.

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To James A. Murray

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Entry made to charge to Ed Fletcher Personal Account with State and County taxes paid in 1919 as shown herewith; this arrangement being decided upon after a conference with James A. Murray.

Murray Acres	713.83 ✓
Cuyamaca Lands	86.29 ✓
South La Mesa	39.78 ✓
Murray Hill	155.88 ✓
El Cajon Heights	151.90 ✓
Johnsons Sub-Div.	5.99 ✓
El Cajon Acres	148.18 ✓
Grossmont Park	<u>11.13 ✓</u>

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The above taxes are covered by Vouchers 4,335 and 4336, month of December 1919, also voucher 4534 for April 1919 and voucher 4893 for November 1919.

*OK.  
T. J. M.*



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