

CUYAMACA WATER CO.
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Sept. 16, 1914.

Mr. Oscar Branam,
c/o Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Co.,
La Mesa, California.

Dear Sir:-

Since the recent decision of the Railroad Commission dated August 18, 1914, and effective July 1, 1914, we have now two rates established so that we can deal more satisfactorily with such private companies as your Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Co. The irrigation rate is \$5.85 per Miners Inch and the domestic rate is 75¢ a month minimum and 15¢ a thousand gallons. If it is convenient, we wish you would send in your irrigation meter reading which we will subtract from the master meter to get the amount of domestic water consumed. In this way, you can secure a flat rate of 15¢ a thousand gallons on all domestic water you furnish. I presume that this will be very satisfactory to you as we talked the matter over before and we can arrange to start our bills accordingly on the first of the month. You probably have your meter readings of August 31st and it will be very simple to get at the ratio between domestic and irrigation use. I will be here a few days to get this matter straightened out for the Company and hope that you will find time to call in soon and go over the matter with me.

Yours very truly,

Cuyamaca Water Company,

By

Ellis

File No. 112

Subject

OUTLOOK TERRACE TRACT

Sept. 17, 1914.

Mr. Oscar Branam,
La Mesa, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith please find statement of water rentals on the Outlook Terrace Tract to September 1st. I have penciled in the domestic rental on the assumption that the Commission would correct the minimum monthly payment to 75¢ per month. This is not a fact, but we will rectify it when the order is given to that effect. This shows about how the account stands and if I see you within the next few days, I will take the matter up personally.

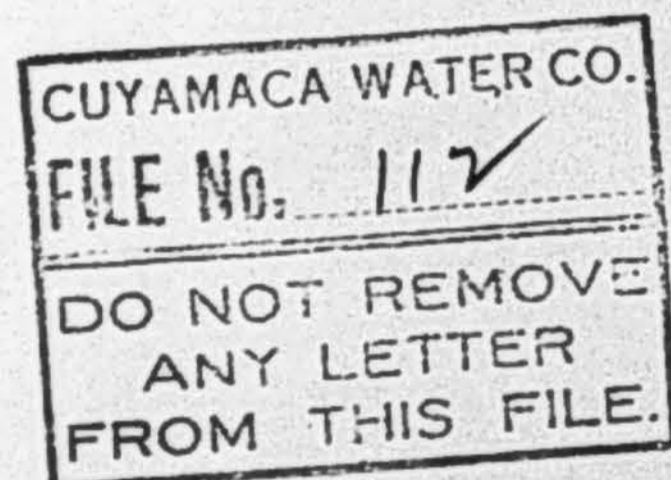
Yours very truly,

Cuyamaca Water Company,

By Ellis

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Sept. 23, 1914.

Mr. Oscar Branam,
% Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Co.,
La Mesa, California.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed herewith please find statement of delinquent water rentals to September 1, 1914 as per revision agreed upon in our conversation of Monday morning. Mr. Golder, at the meeting Tuesday evening, suggested that the collections be made directly by the Cuyamaca Water Co. I don't believe this would be at all satisfactory to the Cuyamaca Water Co. in view of the fact that you already organized for the purpose of taking care of the various consumers on your system. We will therefore submit bills in the future as agreed upon in our conversation Monday.

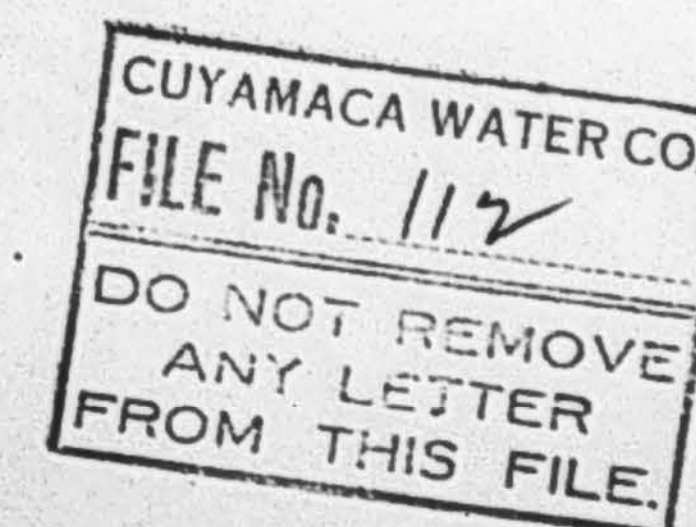
Yours very truly,

Cuyamaca Water Company,

By _____

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October 1, 1914.

Mr. Oscar Branam,
La Mesa, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of September 29th, received, with corrections for Mary E Witter on part lot 6 and 7, 8 and 9. I have fixed our records according to the red pencil corrections herewith enclosed. This is entirely satisfactory to us. We shall also make the irrigation collections as you suggested.

Yours very truly,

Cuyamaca Water Company.

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La Mesa, Cal. Jan 7, 1916.

Mr. Don B. Matthews, Secy.

Dear Sir,

Water bill received. I note the discrepancy between your office reading - 648,180 - and mine - 648,840 - of the Master Meter. The meter box was full of water - I baled it out to an inch or two below top of meter - then found glass covered with sediment. This I wiped off till I thought I saw the figures distinctly enough to read them. But evidently I mistook the figure 1 for an 8 and so read it. At 1.30 today five days later - I read the meter again and found these figures: 648,890. This shows conclusively that my first reading was not correct. I shall try not to make any more mistakes. The meter box was full of water again today - could there be any leakage?
Yours &c Geo. L. Deffenbaugh,
Secy. Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Co.

[1916]
January 6, 1915.

Mr. Geo. L. Diffenbaugh, Secy.,
Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Co.,
La Mesa, California.

Dear Sir:

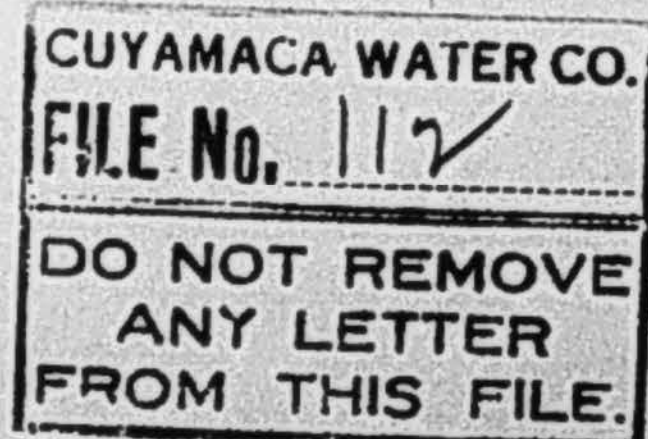
Answering your letter of January 5, 1916, we are glad to know that the meter reading that we furnished you was correct, and that you found that you were in error. While we aim to be careful in reading all meters, still there are times that even the best of us are apt to make a mistake, and, if at any time we should overread your meter, we are always ready to correct same.

Regarding the water in the meter box, undoubtedly you have a small leak at the point where the meter is connected, or else it is caused from seepage from the recent rains. However, this, if from the latter cause, can easily be corrected, as soon as the weather clears up. If there is a slight leakage at the connection, by inserting a new washer, or tightening same, it will undoubtedly correct the error, and the leakage will be overcome.

Yours very truly,

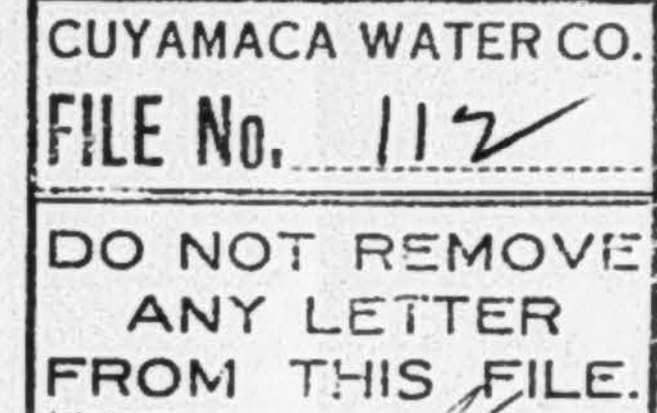
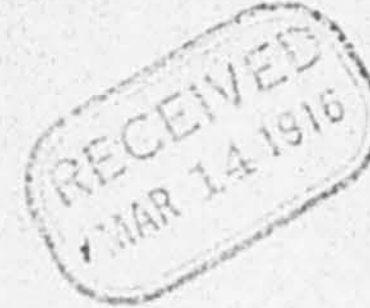
CUYAMACA WATER COMPANY,

Secretary.



OUTLOOK TERRACE
MUTUAL WATER CO.

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SECY-TREAS.



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A. L. WITTER, VICE-PRES.
JAMES MORRISON, MANAGER
W. B. LARKIN, ASST. MGR.

LA MESA, CALIF. March 13 1916

Mr. Lou B. Matthews,

Dear Sir: One of our water users came at one this morning with this question: "When are they going to give us better water pressure? I don't propose to pay for water when I don't get service." He lives on Lemon Ave. and claims that he doesn't get water sufficient to flush his toilet and gets a stream "about as thick as a pencil" in the kitchen sink. I said there has been no complaints and that I had not noticed but that the pressure at my house was as strong as usual. But to keep him in good humor I said I would write the Company to find out if there was any reason for a diminished pressure, if so, how soon the defect could be remedied.
Yours &c. George L. Diffenbaugh, Secy.

March 14, 1916.

Mr. Geo. L. Diffenbaugh,
La Mesa, California.

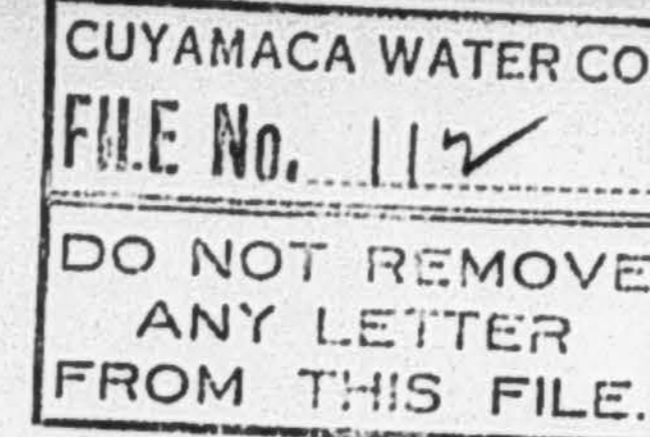
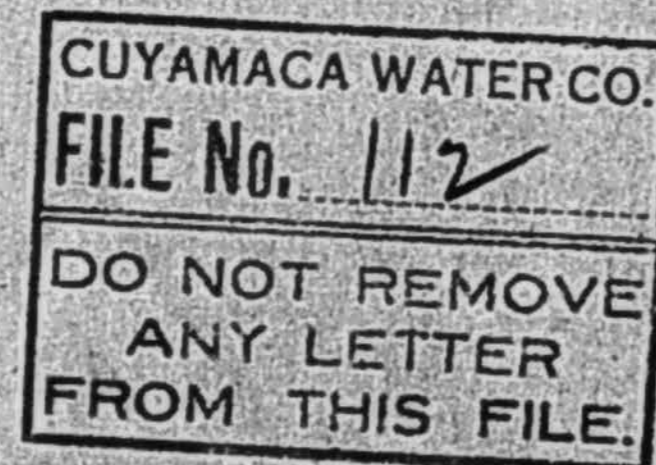
Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of March 13th regarding complaint of insufficient pressure from one of the consumers on the Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Company. We think by this time that there is sufficient pressure for every one's requirements all over the City of La Mesa and that there will be no more trouble of this character.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

FMF:X



November 12, 1915

State Railroad Commission,
833 Market Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

We desire to call your attention to a so-called irrigator on the Outlook Terrace Tract located within the City of La Mesa and not far from the business center.

G. L. Diffenbaugh is the owner of a portion of Lot 6 and all of Lots 7, 8 and 9 containing .53 of an acre to which is attached .04 Miners Inch of water, for which this Company makes a monthly charge of 25 cents. No sincere attempt at irrigation is being made on this property on which is located a dwelling house and a photograph gallery.

We believe the owner of the property is no longer entitled to an irrigation rate and we desire permission to charge domestic rates of 15 cents per thousand gallons for all water used. A plat of this tract is attached. This tract is served through a privately owned pipe line.

This tract is probably the finest residential portion of the City of La Mesa and there are only two real irrigators on the tract.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

FMF-X

November 26, 1915

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Dr. A. W. Golder,
Agt. Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Co.
La Mesa, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

We have made an investigation into the use of water on the property of George L. Diffenbaugh, Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 3, Outlook Terrace. This property was formerly owned by Mary E. and A. L. Witter. The result of this investigation shows that the use of water on this property is in no sense an irrigation use and after December 1st, we shall be compelled to charge for this water at the rate of 15 cents per thousand gallons.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

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December 1, 1915

Dr. A. W. Golder,
La Mesa, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

With further reference to the matter of rates for water used on the property of George L. Diffenbaugh in the Outlook Terrace Tract the other day Mr. Witter was in the office and stated that since he had sold the property to Mr. Diffenbaugh he intended to move his photograph gallery to some other location. If this is done, the irrigation rate will remain in force.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

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Mr. Mathews -
Copy to you
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December 1, 1916

Dr. A. W. Goldor,
La Mesa, Cal.

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March 21st, 1917.

The Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Co.
D C Williams, Agent.
La Mesa, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

By a recent decision of the Railroad Commission, new rates to consumers under the Cuyamaca Water System are fixed to become effective April 1st of this year.

I presume that you have read or have heard of this Decision and have formed some idea of the effect which it will have upon your Company.

We presume that your Company will continue to operate under the agency plan as this will entitle your consumers to lower rates than if the Cuyamaca Company should operate your system and make collections direct from the consumers.

The Decision states in one instance that the rates to your own and other community systems are to be the regular domestic rates except that certain arrangements shall be made to take care of at least one consumer on your system who is engaged in commercial irrigation. This being the case, we would like to meet with you and discuss this matter some time in the near future so that everything may be settled before April first when the new rates go into effect.

If you will designate a time and place to meet with us and talk this matter over, we will be pleased to have one of our representatives meet the engagement.

In reply please address

Cuyamaca Water Company,
Attention Assistant Manager,
920 Eighth St., San Diego.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

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LA MESA, CALIF., March 22, 1917.

Cuyamaca Water Company,
Attention F. M. Faude, Assistant Manager,
920 Eighth St., San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of March 21 to Mr. D. G. Williams, Secretary, received and in reply will state that we will be glad to meet with a representative of the Cuyamaca Water Company to discuss the price of water but before said meeting, if you consider such a meeting necessary I have been authorized to write you asking you to have the proper officers of your Water Company write us at once stating your understanding of the rates to be charged for water furnished this Company and what arrangements you desired to make to deliver water to at least four who are at the present time paying your Company Irrigation rates for water used. The four mentioned above are Fletcher-Park-Grable Inv. Co., Lydia Burt, M. B. Christopher and W. B. Larkin and any other consumers under this distributing system that may have one-half Acre and desire the reduced rate at this time.

Upon receipt of your letter we will have a meeting of the Directors of this Company and compare your understanding of the Railroad's Commissions' decision with the understanding we have since reading the ruling of the Railroad Commission.

In answering please make it clear the price you understand this Company will pay your water company for water furnished us.

An early reply will be greatly appreciated and we will await your reply before taking further action.

Yours truly,

Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Co.,

F. C. Grable
Secretary.

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March 23, 1917

Outlook Terrace Mutual Water Co.,
F C Grable, Secy.,
La Mesa, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

We have your letter of March 22nd regarding new rates to be charged for water delivered after April 1st.

We think it would be a good plan to meet with some representative of your Company so that we can go over the rates and rules which will affect your Company directly.

The rates charged your Company for water will be based upon the so-called domestic rates which are as follows:

Between	0 and 1,000 cubic feet	25 cents per 100 cu.ft. per mo.
"	1,000 and 5,000 " "	15 " " " " " "
"	5,000 and 100,000 " "	12 " " " " " "

As we now understand it, such water as is used strictly for irrigation purposes will be at the rate of 2½ cents per hundred cubic feet, but no one except those who use in excess of 2,000 cu.ft. per month will be allowed the irrigation rate (the old half acre basis for the irrigation rate is now entirely wiped out) and it is to settle such matters as these and to clear up any confusion that we thought it wise to meet with you and discuss the matter.

Our new rules and regulations will be out the first of the week and we will then be in a position to explain matters fully.

Very truly yours,

Assistant Manager.

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