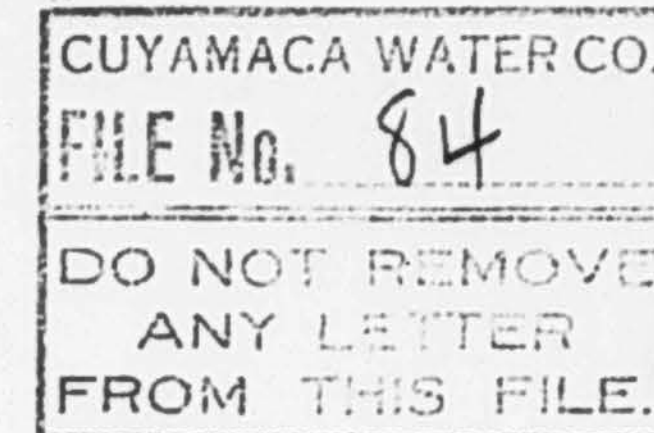


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Dec. 4, 1915.

San Diego County Chamber of Commerce,
San Diego, Calif.

Gentlemen:

I understand by the papers that the different organizations in the city, including yourselves, are going to be asked to pass resolutions favorable to the city in the matter of the Boone-Hamilton water right controversy with the Cuyamaca Water Company. I am leaving for a few days rest at Warners Ranch, and will return Saturday or Sunday, the 11th or 12th of December. As the hearing does not commence until the 20th, I ask as a personal favor that you take no action until I have a chance to present the Cuyamaca Water Company's side of the case.

Thanking you in advance,

Yours very truly,

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Manager.

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San Diego Chamber of Commerce

BROADWAY AND SECOND STREET
San Diego, California
"THE HARBOR OF OPPORTUNITY"

January 18, 1922

Col. Ed Fletcher,
920 Eighth St.,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Col. Fletcher:

Have been trying to reach you by telephone, but failing have decided to write you this so it will reach you early Thursday morning.

We have a letter from Mr. S. E. Burrows, executive secretary of the Associated Chambers of Commerce of the Imperial Valley, saying that the next meeting of that organization will be held at Niland, California, Friday evening, January 20th, to follow a banquet served at 7:30.

The association invites the San Diego Chamber of Commerce to send you to this dinner-meeting, and makes the suggestion that you come primed with some news about the Mountain Springs grade. It is set forth in the communication that the Mountain Springs grade work is proceeding at a slow pace and that it is up to the San Diego Chamber of Commerce and the Imperial Valley Associated Chambers of Commerce to do something to help speed the work along.

The executive committee would like very much for you to represent the San Diego Chamber of Commerce at this Niland dinner-meeting on the night of the 20th. If you find that you cannot attend, would you please name someone to represent you as chairman of our highways committee?

Yours very truly,

R. E. Hughes
Vice-President.

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February
Thirteenth
1922

Mr. R. E. Hughes, Vice-President,
San Diego Chamber of Commerce,
San Diego, California.

My dear Mr. Hughes:

I have read with much interest the letters of Mr. Potter, and your reply.

I did not know the Southern National Highway Association existed. For several years we tried to hold an annual meeting and failed, however, the more highway associations the better, for it all means publicity for the good of the cause.

I do not know to what Col. Potter refers when he talks about a pledge. Certainly any pledge that may have been made by Mr. Fred Jackson, or the Chamber of Commerce, or anyone is not binding when the Southern National Highway Association has failed to function for the last five years.

Unfortunately until very recently, Phoenix has not cooperated much with San Diego in the early construction of a road to Yuma. Colonel Potter is probably unaware of the fact that the road from Phoenix to Yuma has just been made a primary road, and thru the initiative of San Diego in assisting Yuma County to sell the bonds, the road is now financed jointly with federal aid and county money to build the road from Yuma to the Maricopa line, and will be completed within 18 months from date.

I do not know what more we could have done to help out the Southern National Highway Association than this, if the Southern National Highway Association was still in existence. When \$50,000 of all the funds of Yuma County have been allocated to build a dirt road to Ajo, and it is at the request and demand of the Yuma County voters themselves, who voted the bonds for that purpose, they have a perfect right to desire a connection with Ajo, and Ajo has a perfect right to desire a connection with Tucson, and it is unfortunate, perhaps,

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for some sections of the state if this road is built, as it saves nearly 100 miles across the continent in travel, and no rivers to cross, and naturally San Diego desires as many roads direct to San Diego as possible, and we cannot offend Southern Arizona who has always been loyal to San Diego by fighting them on the Ajo road if they want it.

I was always opposed to the other route via Roosevelt Dam, as it is, several months of the year, blocked with snow, and mountainous, but I believe the new Superior road to Globe is far better and accomplishes the same purpose, and is a direct competitor with the Tucson route. The more roads we get the better, and the more road fights we have the more interest there is, and eventually the more roads will be built, so give Colonel Potter my respects, and tell him to go to it, and we will do likewise, and where we can work together so much the better. Where we cannot, let's fight it out in a clean and gentlemanly manner.

Yours sincerely,

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For some sections of the state if this road is built, as it saves nearly 100 miles across the continent in travel, and no rivers to cross, and naturally San Diego desires as many roads direct to San Diego as possible, and we cannot offend Southern Arizona who has always been loyal to San Diego by fighting for an outlet to San Diego and the Coast.

I was always opposed to the other route via Roosevelt Dam, as it is, several months of the year, blocked with snow, and mountainous, but I believe the new Superior road to Globe is far better and accomplishes the same purpose, and is a direct competitor with the Tucson route. The more roads we get the better, and the more road fights we have the more interest there is and eventually the more roads will be built, so give Colonel Potter my respects, and tell him to go to it, and we will do likewise, and where we can work together so much the better. Where we cannot, let's fight it out in a clean and gentlemanly manner.

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July 3, 1922.

Col. Ed Fletcher,
920-8th Street,
San Diego, California.

My dear Col. Fletcher:

Several members of the County Roads Committee appeared before the Board of Supervisors, Wednesday last, as suggested by you, in connection with the El Cajon delegation; and I am glad to report that the Board of Supervisors have included the sum of \$2600.00 in the budget, to take care of the stretch of road from El Cajon towards Santee.

Very truly yours,

John Lawrence Fox
Secretary.
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Original sent to Sawyer.

SAN DIEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
San Diego, California.

October 6, 1922.

S - L Studios,
Spreckels Building,
San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

It has been our pleasure to note that ground has been broken for the commencement of the first unit of the S - L Studios at Crossmont.

San Diego has long looked forward to the establishment of a Motion Picture Studio here, and it is to be hoped that your venture will prove a great success not only for those interested financially, but also for the community of San Diego. There is no question that this venture has a great publicity value for our city if it becomes a success under proper management.

Our Executive Committee recently sent one of our directors to Los Angeles, and asked him to look up Mr. A. H. Sawyer, the president of your company. Upon inquiry amongst a large number of people who understand and are in close touch with the Motion Picture industry, our director found Mr. Sawyer spoken of in the highest terms as a Motion Picture producer-- a man with vision, imagination and ability to produce the best type of pictures now before the American public.

Yours very truly,

JLF-F

JOHN LAWRENCE FOX,
Secretary.

November 6, 1922.

Mr. John Lawrence Fox, Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
San Diego, California.

Dear Mr. Fox:

Thank you for your very cordial and encouraging letter of October 6th, addressed to the S L Studios-San Diego. I have recently been absent from San Diego by reason of a temporary spell of bad health and an unusual press of business in connection with the completion of our masterpiece, "Quincy Adams Sawyer", and the management did not answer, believing your letter should have my personal attention.

I can state with positive assurance that the enterprise will prove a great success. While the results have been slow to become apparent still the whole enterprise has been built on a foundation of foresight and past experience which is only equalled by the massive foundations now being reared under our first unit. Each feature of construction and of preparation for future operations, is under the auspices of the most skilled specialist that can be found, and we sincerely believe that we are now giving birth to an enterprise which will prove highly profitable to all individual investors, and that will also bring great credit and added glory to your beautiful community of San Diego.

Thanking you again for the kindly sentiments of your letter and assuring you that everything possible will be done by myself and our entire organization to make a grand success of this enterprise, I remain

Respectfully,

President S L STUDIOS-SAN DIEGO.

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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, the La Mesa, Spring Valley and Lemon Grove Irrigation District have an option to purchase the Cuyamaca System, and the date for said election is set for November 7th, 1924, and

WHEREAS, that section has been supplied with water from the Cuyamaca System for the last forty years or more, and

WHEREAS, it is the only practical source of supply for said district, and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce to cooperate with said district in settling this water problem for the best interests of the district and the city of San Diego,

T H E R E F O R E

The Board of Directors of the San Diego Chamber of Commerce, in session this 23d day of October, 1924, heartily endorse the purchase of the Cuyamaca System by the said district and pledge our support to a compromise fair to all parties in interest which will stop endless litigation and allow the City and the District both to secure their fair share of the waters of the San Diego River.

Board of Directors,
SAN DIEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By Geo. L. Mayne

President.

John L. Fox

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SAN DIEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

April 7, 1941

Senator Ed Fletcher
State Capitol
Sacramento, California

Dear Senator Fletcher:

D. W. Campbell just returned from Sacramento and told us that he had seen you for a few fleeting moments there.

We want you to know that the general reaction of representative citizens both in the city and county is strongly with you in the fight you are now waging. You certainly deserve the support of all citizens who are interested in playing the game in the American way and who respect and admire the stand you have taken in refusing to bow to pressure inspired by forces using intimidation and coercion. It was most refreshing to read your very excellent letter, expressing your stand, and there is also little question that it made for you a number of warm friends in this community and served to bind even closer to you the thousands of friends you already have.

We are in receipt of your letter of April 4 enclosing a copy of the letter from the Portuguese Consul together with his statement of facts. I am reading portions of this letter to our Executive Committee and giving a brief summary in our minutes. I will also be very glad to comply with your instruction to pass the letter on to our good friend Admiral Senn.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

T. C. Macaulay
T. C. Macaulay,
Secretary-Manager.

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BROADWAY
AT
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SAN DIEGO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SAN DIEGO 12, CALIFORNIA

May 4, 1955

Colonel Ed Fletcher
Ed Fletcher Company
1020 Ninth Avenue
San Diego 1, California

Dear Colonel Ed:

Thanks for your letter of May 3, 1955 enclosing a clipping from the Humboldt Times. It is good to know that you are still spreading the good word regarding the problem to which you have dedicated your life--an ample water supply for the San Diego area.

We are glad to be advised of the attitude of the Eureka Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Supervisors and City Council of Eureka. It is always well to know about our friends and those who are not so friendly. San Diego Chamber of Commerce is doing its utmost to back up the program of our good friend the State Engineer, in bringing Feather River water to San Diego under the State-wide water plan. As a matter of fact we are having a rather large meeting today in our auditorium to create an area organization for the Feather River Project Association which, I hope, will give substantial support to this activity and be a grass roots organization for the State Engineer in San Diego.

Yours very sincerely,

Arnold Klaus

Arnold Klaus
Assistant Manager

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cc: Robert M. Golden

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