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Alameda Citrus Grove Summit Place
Post Office El Cajon

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The Cuyamaca Water Co

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Gentlemen I have your favour of 7/6-14
acknowledging receipt of my check \$13.50
the amount of which I believe to be all that
was due up to July 1st to the best of my
knowledge based on information at hand at the
time the matter shows in a little different
light as viewed from your standpoint
I had been informed by one neighbor
that your money was due and payable
on or before the 10th day of each month
at the rate of \$65.00 per year or \$5.42 per month
in so much as the title to this place was
guaranteed by Union Title & Trust Co
dated March 26-1914 one call from
V.S. Little & Son, 1000 1/2 St. to East Street
and Row 11, 11th Street, San Diego, Cal.

and recorded on March 26 1914

now if you will permit me I will ask you to explain the constitution of this water system what relation if any has it to the land to which it is allotted

how much land is there to be irrigated to the cubick inch?

and is it a fact that the water is an appurtenance of the land in this the Summit place (a tract)

and can the water originally allotted to this tract or any part of it be by any means legally segregated from such tract or part of tract

or in other words can I buy an inch of water from any one who wishes to sell it separate from the land and be secure in the right or title?

and further can a party in La Brea transfer his or her title to an inch of Ogusca water now owned and allotted to a new La Mesa be transferred in such legal form to an owner of the Summit tract to such water for such purpose?

my excuse for this impertinence on your good
 nature is because I am not familiar with
 conditions in Southern California
 I am from Montana and I have many friends
 who wish to locate in this section
 provided water conditions can be adjusted
 and landed right secured & guaranteed
 I bought this place before I found out
 all about the conditions being overcome
 by the climate (I might say) (if any)
 I now wish to know how much water
 belongs to lot 3 in this the Summit place
 and can the water originally allotted to this lot
 be segregated from it if so by what means?
 there is 18½ acres in this place now 1 in of water
 is not enough why shouldn't I have the 1 in
 to the 10 acre as originally allotted.
 kindly inform me if you can and give me some
 reference where by I can secure the desired
 information

very truly yours

Geo. H. Vickers
 El Cajon
 R.F.D. Box 38

El Cajon Calif July 5-1915
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San Diego
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Gentlemen I have your requests for water rent am sorry I couldnt pay conditions have been such that we could not catch up from last years disastrous lemon & orange market we shipped over 250 000 lbs of fruit last year and got nothing for it this year our crops are less than half in quantity we hope to sell the place and will then be in position to square up right now we havent got the money you certainly can carry us along through the season you are certainly share of your money besides you have charged us for two months water that we did not get if we were in better circumstances I wouldnt care about it but we just cant afford to pay for any thing we dont get we want to give and take a square deal

we will do the best we can
these times will not always last
we need helping along just as bad as
the Belgians do it is just as bad for
us to starve as any one else

very truly yours Geo. St. Vickers

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July 17, 1916.

Mr. George H. Vickers,
El Cajon, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

We have your letter of July 5th stating that you are unable to pay your water bills until you are able to sell your place and asking us to carry you along through the season.

We are sorry that your financial condition is as you state, but we desire to call your attention to the fact that this Company has never since June 1, 1910 made enough to pay ordinary operating expenses to say nothing of depreciation and interest on the investment. Just at the present time after our large expenditures for repair of damage to our system caused by the floods in January, we are in urgent need of all funds which we can collect and while we regret your condition, we do not see that we can grant your request for extension of time.

Yours very truly,

Assistant Manager.

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Ed Fletcher Papers

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**Business Records - Water Companies - Cuyamaca
Water Company - Cuyamaca Customers -
Customer correspondence - Vickers, George H.**



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