

April 11, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry
316 North Juanita
Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

Enclosed find clipping that I hope will be of interest. There has been a lot of talk about it, and I think it is mighty good advertising. Keep me posted on how things are developing. I am enclosing an extra copy.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Fletcher

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Enc.

April 27, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry
316 North Juanita
Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

Enclosed find clipping from Tribune of April 22. What is your reaction to this and is it practical to build two lines, one to supply the high levels as planned by Edmonston? Personally I think Lindsay and Allen are rocking the boat.

Kindest regards,

Ed Fletcher

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Enc.

May 5, 1955

Mr. Clay Perry
316 North Juanita
Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

Enclosed find copy of letter I have written the State Engineer for your information with copy of organizational by-laws and copy of Heilbron's statement which he wanted made a matter of record. What do you think of it? It is too early to see whether they are trying to trap us or not.

Enclosed find copy of letter that I got from Arnold Klaus today that will be of interest.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Fletcher

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Enc.

CLAY L. PERRY
316 N. Juanita Avenue
Los Angeles 4, California

May 6, 1955

COLONEL ED FLETCHER
1020 NINTH AVE
SAN DIEGO 1, CALIFORNIA

Dear Colonel Ed,

Thanks for your information. You are doing great! Please keep it up. The State needs your support now as never before.

I am taking the liberty of suggesting that you send information about the San Diego meeting to our friend, Max Bookman in case this has not been done. He can make good use of it.

Long and Sherman send greetings.

Sincerely,

Clay L. Perry

"The enemy is on the run, Colonel!"

May 10, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry
316 North Juanita
Los Angeles, California

Friend Clay:

Thanks for the remarkable letter of May 4. It has historic value and I shall keep it as such. My best regards to Messrs. Long and Sherman.

Sincerely,

Ed Fletcher

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May 13, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry
316 North Juanita
Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

Enclosed find the Trinity River article, also Jack Cooper's article.

What do you think of them?

Sincerely yours,

Ed Fletcher

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P.S. I am also enclosing article from Tribune of May 12 and article about action taken by the City Council yesterday that are explanatory.

May 17, 1955

Tribune 5-13-55
**City Acts to Back
Feather River Plan**

The City Council yesterday asserted its interest in the proposed Feather River state water project by two actions. The Council:

1—Urged the county water authority to include a possible high-level aqueduct route from Feather River in its study now centered on a possible second aqueduct at a lower level from a Colorado River water delivery point.

2—Authorized appointment of 10 persons to represent the city on a committee to support the Feather River plan.

Study Nears Completion
The county's study is nearing completion. It has not included any study of the high-level route, said Paul Beermann, city water director and a director of the water authority.

One Feather River water delivery route proposed by the state would be at an elevation of about 3,000 feet in San Diego County's back country considerably to the east of the second aqueduct route proposed in the county study, which starts at a 1,600-foot elevation at San Jacinto, where the

water authority now takes delivery of Colorado River water, and runs south between U.S. 395 and the coast.

"I am not saying the high route is better but I think we should look at all aspects," said Beermann.

Question of Supply
The county's first aqueduct was recently completed with construction of its second barrel running south about 70 miles from San Jacinto in Riverside County.

"The question is whether the Metropolitan Water District (which supplies Colorado River water to Southern California) will have sufficient water to supply another aqueduct," Beermann said.

Suggested for appointment to the Feather River committee were Beermann; Baylor Brooks, geologist and a director of the county water authority; John Butler, former mayor; Robert Conway; Graydon Hoffman; Councilman George Kerrigan; Arthur Marston; Ralph Phillips; Aaron Reese, deputy city attorney, and a representative of organized labor yet to be named.

Mr. Clay L. Perry
316 North Juanita
Los Angeles, California

Friend Perry:

Enclosed find clipping from Union of May 16, written by Jack Cooper, showing that the Metropolitan Water District chief engineer says the cost of Colorado River water is \$121 an acre foot. Do you believe this is authentic?

I am also sending you a clipping from the Tribune of May 14 for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Fletcher

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Enc.

May 31, 1955

Mr. Clay Perry
316 No. Juanita
Los Angeles, California

Dear Clay:

Enclosed find clippings that will be of interest. Every weekly newspaper in the county will have an account of it as well. You put things over in a big way here. I take my hat off to you.

Please show the clippings to Mr. Long.
My best to all of them.

Am flying up to Northern California on business but you will hear from me again later.

Sincerely yours,

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CLAY L. PERRY
316 North Juanita
Los Angeles, California

September 2, 1955

Col. Ed Fletcher
1020 Ninth Avenue
San Diego, California

Dear Colonel:

I came down special today to report to you on the activities of Lowell Long and myself. We have just completed a 3 weeks' survey of every major city and county in California during which time I have talked to over 3000 individuals scattered throughout the state. They are unanimous in their willingness to support a comprehensive plan such as you envision.

Lowell and myself will make up a detailed report next week and mail it to you.

We have held over 15 meetings with assemblymen representative of Los Angeles County and I am convinced that the Los Angeles people will rise to the occasion, correcting all the errors of the past and again become a city that California can be proud of.

In the outlying districts which include all the counties outside of Alameda, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego the people are afraid of the attitude of the City of Los Angeles and are fearful of another grab similar to the Owens Valley project. It therefore becomes necessary for Los Angeles City and County to adopt a program quaranteeing fair play throughout the state.

I find that your statement that too much is being done for too few and too little is being done for the great large majority of this/^{state} is easily summed up in the condition of eastern San Diego County. What this state wants is a system under which at least 5 years' water supply is stored in reservoirs in the mountains. I am glad to inform you, Colonel Fletcher, that throughout this state people have been reading and studying the observations that you have made and I am also glad to inform you that as of now they consider you the outstanding advocate and if you don't mind, authority on the conservation of water. As you know, communities on the Klamath River have not made any attempt to store water for their individual use and now face a shortage in their wells with no adequate water distribution.

I want you to know that like yourself I am paying my own way, we are trying to render a public service, and it is a pleasure for you and I to work together. Going futher, Lowell Long and I are constantly inspired by your leadership.

Sincerely yours,

Clay L. Perry

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Colonel Ed.

Wed Sept 21 1956

This from Victorville

By the time some of these
amateur civic groups get
organized 20 years will have
passed and California will be
owned by the Club Boys. Murd
Dof Paul H. and others.

Long and I were in the
grape country yesterday and
we got some sluff right off
the vine.

I am not coming to San Diego
until Tuesday morning of
next week. At that time

I will suggest quick action.

I still say the California
Water Plan will be settled in
your lifetime and
along plans that fit your
ideas.

The special club boys
are making their moves
they are neglecting to
consult the people and
are heading for an
ambush.

will write to you tomorrow
Thursday - from Los Angeles

As Lowell K has been asked
to prepare a suggested Plan of
action Prospects from to
the Governor it might be a
good idea for you to wait
until I see you Tuesday.

Believe me I'm working, but
I want the Amateur Pirates to
make their move first.

The Best Plan will win
it always does and this
water matter will be settled
by the people.

Sincerely
L.P.

October 7, 1955

Mr. Clay L. Perry
316 N. Juanita
Los Angeles, California

Dear Clay:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6 with exhibits and con-
tents noted. I have read everything word for word and am very desirous
of getting the positive plan that you and Long refer to.

I am sorry to say I have been under the weather but am feeling better.
My interest is unabated.

Kindest regards,

Ed Fletcher

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Ed Fletcher Papers

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