

Dr. R. S. Reid  
Oceanside, Cal.

October 18, 1919.

Colonel Ed Fletcher,  
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Colonel Fletcher,

We would like to have at your earliest convenience ten (10) copies of the Irrigation Law and two dozen (24) maps of the District. We need the maps to send out with each petition; we have twenty-five signatures already and three thousand (3000) acres signed up.

The Water Committee at Vista is most anxious that you should attend the meeting at San Marcos on Saturday next October twenty fifth. We do most earnestly ask you to be present as we are relying on your assistance.

Yours truly,

(Signed) R. S. Reid

Original sent to F.L. Richardson

October 23, 1919.

Dr. R. S. Reid,  
Oceanside, Calif.

Dear Dr. Reid,

Answering yours of Oct. 18th, will say that I am working for the deaf public for a national highway across the continent. Am leaving with the California Highway Commission for a trip thru Arizona to El Paso Friday morning. I cannot change the date, as members of the High Commission leave this morning to keep their engagement with me here in San Diego tonight. I will return within a week or ten days, and shall be glad to attend any meetings at any date thereafter, if you will give me sufficient notice.

I have asked Mr. King to mail you the maps of the District as recommended by the State Engineer, who established the boundaries of the District thru his engineers on the ground.

If there are some who do not care to stay in the District, and particularly if they are on the outside edge, by petitioning the Board of Supervisors they can be let out, and other lands put in their place. I suggest you take this matter up with Mr. Richardson, your attorney, and I have asked Mr. Richardson to furnish you with 10 copies of the Irrigation Law.

Sorry I cannot be with you. With kind personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

cc - F: L. Richardson

*San Diego - Calif.*

July 22nd, 1929.

Dr. R. S. Reid  
Oceanside, California.

My dear Dr. Reid:

I have heard of the wonderful talk you made on the water question to the Rotarians last week. You could not render them a greater service or do better justice to you than the way you handled the situation.

Some people may laugh, but the fact is you can thank me for not being in litigation today. Enclosed find copy of letter I wrote Mayor Walsh, together with copy of letter from their attorney to me, which I wish you would please treat as confidential, except you might show it to Brody, if you wish, but I know both you and Mr. Brody recognize and appreciate my sincerity in this water question and it is my desire to help.

We have made a ridiculously low figure. We would much prefer to arbitrate it. In the courts or outside the courts we would get more money, but if there is any arbitration we are going in it with both sides bound to accept the verdict.

There are others who want this water. It can be taken out of the watershed and away from you people, excepting such rights as you have obtained by prescription, and no more.

If you start in to condemn, Oceanside would have a sweet time and it would mean millions before you get out of the mess.

I am writing you in strict confidence, knowing that you will appreciate and realize that I am writing in a wholly friendly spirit. If the City of San Diego had followed my advice they would have saved \$10,000,000 and the same thing applies to other parts of the county.

I outlined a plan of an irrigation district to Fallbrook, without any expense to the district and got the State Engineer to come down to approve my plan. Jerome O'Neil would have put 2000 or 3000 acres of his land in the

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district and everything was fine until J. B. Lippincott and his crowd came in and recommended a big dam and you know the rest.

Our plan was a gravity flow from just below the bridge and a pumping proposition during the summer months, an economical proposition that cost altogether less than \$1,000,000.

You may write up to Mr. Barger at Ramona. He will tell you what I did for Ramona. I was glad, without any expense to Ramona, to outline a plan which they carried out and they are a happy crowd today.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely your friend,

EF:GMF  
Encls.

Dictated byt not reviewed by Colonel Fletcher

*Spaulding*

August Third,  
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Dr. R. S. Reid,  
Oceanside,  
California.

My dear Dr. Reid:

I just suggested to George McKeehan that if you are not financially in shape there is a possibility of our getting Captain Spaulding to finance the installation of a little water system and furnish the water to the city at a price to be agreed upon.

I don't think Captain Spaulding wants to do this and I am writing you in confidence, and I have spoken to George McKeehan in confidence that as a last resort you might come back and get favorable action.

A Diesel engine plant installed can raise that water for half the present cost per thousand gallons delivered in to your higher reservoir or a deal could be made to deliver the water in to your reservoir at the pumping plant and let you pump it.

This is only my private opinion and I am willing to work to that end if you can't figure out anything else for I sure want to cooperate with the city of Oceanside in every way I can.

With kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

EF:ASK

*Spaulding*

November Nineteenth  
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Mr. David Rorick  
Mr. Geo. L. McKeenan  
Dr. R. S. Reid  
Oceanside, California

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find copy of letter from Mr.

Lowett that is explanatory.

I am having a conference with our principals  
in a few days and will try and get something definite  
for you.

Very sincerely yours,

EF:ASK

*Spaulding*

March 18, 1932.

Dr. R. S. Reid,  
312 Second Street,  
Oceanside, California.

My dear Doctor:-

Have you put down a well on the Ellery  
property and the Maxey property, and how deep did  
you go to get water and how many feet of water-  
bearing gravel did you get in each case?

I am making one more attempt to bring  
you people together and stop some mighty costly  
litigation. Have written the Mayor asking for a  
conference.

Have you paid Maxey for his property  
yet and are you buying all of his property or just  
a part of it?

I would appreciate the information.

Yours very truly,

EF/RC

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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