

*San Luis Rey
Spaulding*

August First,
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Quinton, Code & Hill,
605 W. 10th Street,
Los Angeles, Calif.

Attention Mr. Ray Hill

My dear Mr. Hill:

I hear that the city of Oceanside has employed you to determine certain water rights on the San Luis Rey River for the city.

I first made a tentative offer to the city of Oceanside and then to the Oceanside-Carlsbad people in the matter of taking over the Spaulding rights of about 1400 acres of riparian lands, the surplus water between the San Luis Rey Mission and the ocean including a deed to about 400 acres of riparian lands.

The city of Oceanside's bonding margin is so small we are in a position to assist them in getting a water supply for their territory at a small expense.

I would like to go over this matter with you at your earliest convenience some time in the near future.

Enclosed find map showing land in red owned by the Spaulding estate and in cross lines in green where they own the surplus water. The lands in green are owned by outsiders and have only the right to develop such water as they can use on their own lands.

I will be glad to go into this matter with you in the near future.

Yours truly,

EF:AK

October Tenth,
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Mr. Charles Goss, City Tax Collector,
Oceanside,
California.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find tax statement of our property.
Will you kindly send us tax bills, and oblige.

Yours truly,

MEF:AK

December Thirtieth,
1 9 2 9

Tax Collector,
City of Oceanside,
California.

Dear Sir:

Enclosed find check for \$160.51 to cover the enclosed tax statements except on Lots 9, 10, 11 and 12, Block 27 Oceanside Townsite Addition.

Will you kindly return receipted bills for the \$160.51 and also a separate bill for the Oceanside Townsite Addition, and obligel

Yours truly,

MEF:AK



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Ed. Fletcher
Box 1412

SAN DIEGO, CALIF.

Attention Property Owners

If you own any property in the City of Oceanside and wish tax statement mailed you, send us correct and full description of property on which you wish to pay taxes, giving your correct address.

City taxes are due and payable November 1st, and become delinquent on the last Monday in December.

CHARLES GOSS, City Tax Collector
Oceanside, California

255-000-2561109

October Seventh,
1 9 3 1

Honorable Mayor & City Council,
Oceanside,
California.

Gentlemen:

This will confirm our offer for an increased water supply for the city of Oceanside as verbally outlined by Mr. William Lovett, attorney for the Spaulding Estate at our meeting with your honorable body Wednesday, October 1st, 1931 subject to an agreement being prepared with conditions mutually satisfactory and protecting all parties in interest.

The understanding is that early action will be taken if the city of Oceanside is interested.

Believing that we can solve this water problem on an equitable basis and at an early date and assuring you of my cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,

Agent

EF:ASM

Oceanside, California
October 29, 1931.

Col. Ed Fletcher,
1020 Ninth Street,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Col. Fletcher:

The Chamber of Commerce Water Committee recommends that the City Council of Oceanside offer the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$15,000.00) for the complete water rights on the Maxey forty-eight acres, being the water rights heretofore under discussion as belonging to the Spaulding interests.

We would like to be favored with your opinion as to whether this offer would receive consideration.

Yours very truly,

DAVID RORICK

R. S. REID

GEO. L. MCKEEHAN

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September Sixteenth,
1 9 3 1

Honorable Mayor & Common Council,
Oceanside,
California.

Gentlemen:

In connection with our informal negotiations re acquiring water, land or water rights or both from the Spaulding Estate, as their agent, if agreeable to you; I would like to have a conference at an early date, some evening as I have a plan of settlement that may be of interest.

There is grave chances of litigation, otherwise. This is not intended as a threat. I have in mind the sixteen years of litigation on the San Diego River that has cost San Diego, the district and ourselves over a million dollars and yet no settlement has been made.

I believe I can be of assistance to the city of Oceanside in bringing about an amicable settlement with the Spaulding Estate.

Let me know if we can have a conference and if so what date.

I suggest that your attorney be present at the conference, if any is held.

Awaiting your reply,

Yours very truly,

EF:ASK

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CITY COUNCIL

J. F. MARTIN, Mayor
DR. J. B. DONNELL
CHAS. A. MARKS
W. S. SPENCER
S. STEPHENSEN

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

OFFICE OF
CITY CLERK and ASSESSOR
Oceanside, California
March twenty-second 1932

JOHN H. LANDES
City Clerk and Assessor
A. W. MANNING
Deputy Clerk
CHAS. MEINZER
Deputy Tax Collector
E. T. DUEHREN
Water Superintendent
J. E. JONES
City Treasurer

Mr. Ed Fletcher,
1020 Ninth Avenue,
San Diego, California.

Spaulding

Dear Mr. Fletcher:

We have considered your communication with regard to calling a meeting to discuss the water question.

Will you please advise us just what matters you wish to take up? We can then later set a date to see just what is best to be done.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Martin
Mayor for Oceanside

Spaulding

March Twenty-third
1 3 3 2

City of Oceanside
Oceanside, California

Attention Mr. J. F. Martin, Mayor
My dear Mayor Martin:

Answering yours of the 22nd will say we desire a meeting to discuss the entire water situation and arrive at a permanent settlement, if possible, between the City of Oceanside, the Oceanside Mutual Water Company and the Spaulding interests in order to eliminate destructive and endless litigation.

The attorney for the Oceanside Mutual Water Company will be in Carlsbad on the 31st of March, next Thursday. Any time that afternoon or evening will be satisfactory to us.

May we please have a reply at your earliest convenience?

Yours very truly,

EF:ASK

P.S. If the above date is not satisfactory an engagement a week or ten days later with plenty of notice will be just as agreeable.
I.F.

Spaulding

March Sixteenth
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Honorable Mayor & Common Council
Oceanside, California

Attention Mr. J. F. Martin, Mayor

Dear Mr. Martin:

At a conference with Messrs. Hart, Kressman, President of the Oceanside Mutual Water Company, Mr. William Lovett, representing the Spaulding Estate, and myself, it was suggested that Messrs. Kressman and the Directors of the Oceanside Mutual Water Company meet with the Mayor and City Council and Water Committee of Oceanside Chamber of Commerce at an early date.

Some afternoon this coming week excepting Thursday and Saturday is satisfactory to us if it is to you.

On receipt of this could you kindly let me know if you will meet either at luncheon or at 2 P.M. some afternoon this coming week to talk over matters that I am sure are of vital interest to the entire community.

Could you telegraph me at my expense what day and hour will be agreeable and I will extend the invitation to the other parties in interest.

Very sincerely yours,

BF:ASK

CUYAMACA
SOLANA BEACH
FLETCHER HILLS

PINE HILLS
GROSSMONT
AVOCADO ACRES

Ed Fletcher Company
1020 NINTH AVENUE
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
December First
1 9 5 2

To the Citizens of Oceanside
Oceanside, California

Probably the most important issue before the City of Oceanside today is a permanent supply of good water. The quality of your present water is poor, alkaline, hard on the individual who drinks it, practically unfit for agricultural purposes, and so bad that I have been informed your ice company and laundry are considering other sources of supply.

Having for twenty five years been engaged in promoting water development in this county, identified with the construction of Henshaw Dam, Lake Hodges, and for sixteen years manager and part owner of the Cuyamaca System, I can truthfully say your water situation is precarious, both as to your rights to water and the quality of your present supply. We do not question the city of Oceanside's ownership of any water that it has developed heretofore, only to that water developed within the last five years.

I am writing as a friend, asking you at this critical moment to get together and solve your water problems. I am furnishing the following information, for the reason that I do not believe the citizens at large know the situation, and when they find it out to be as I state they will solve this problem in an equable manner, without litigation and for the benefit of posterity.

The City of Oceanside is not within the watershed of the San Luis Rey River. Legally you had no right to take that water as a riparian owner, and it is only a matter of time when you will be involved in endless litigation. After 25 years in the water game I am trying to save you and the owners of the water rights of the San Luis Rey Valley, which I represent, from legal entanglements, endless litigation, and for years to come, furnish a black eye to the community.

The following is a resume of the negotiations to date. Two years ago, or more, I asked for a conference with the City Council of Oceanside, and the trustees of the Oceanside Mutual Water Company, the idea being either to make a contract with the city to buy water and also make a contract with the Oceanside Mutual Water Company to sell it additional water, or, preferably, the Oceanside Mutual Water Company and the City of Oceanside join in together on some basis and buy a permanent supply of water, which the Spaulding Estate owns, approximately 2,000 acres of riparian rights and 1000 acres of land in one body which lies just east of the City of Oceanside's pumping plant. The negotiations were taken under consideration.

At another meeting the State Engineer of California, Mr. Edward Hyatt, met with representatives of the City of Oceanside and the Oceanside Mutual Water Company. He told them of the precariousness of their situation and the necessity for action, also the danger of litigation - but all to no avail.

The Oceanside Mutual Water Company recognizes the rights and ownership of the water as claimed by the Spaulding Estate. They have come to terms as to quantity and price of water, and if it were not for the attitude of the City of Oceanside, a contract would be signed today on a basis of 1 1/2 cents per hundred cubic feet of water. The City of Oceanside has been made the same offer for a permanent supply. The City could acquire all of the holdings of the Spaulding Estate, on easy terms and satisfactory price. The City would then be in a position to make a contract with the Oceanside Mutual Water Company along the same lines that have been tentatively agreed upon with the Spaulding Estate representatives, thereby bringing in revenue and helping to finance this vital necessity.

The lands of the Spaulding Estate stretch across the San Luis Rey Valley for a mile or more, up and down stream.

It is my intention to call a mass meeting on present the facts to the public, and with my attorney be there to answer any and all questions.

If a settlement of this matter is not made that is equitable and fair to all parties, endless litigation will certainly follow, and in the long run, as in the Paramount Right case on the San Diego River, we will spend more in litigation alone than the entire project involved.

I have recommended to the city council of Oceanside that they invite the State Engineer of California, our highest authority in the state, to investigate and make a report to the city council as to the possibilities of a water supply, and what is necessary to protect your future needs. This suggestion has been completely ignored.

I have many friends in Oceanside. I have written this letter from a feeling of friendship and a desire to be of some assistance in settling your water questions. I have refrained from taking this public attitude hoping for a friendly solution. I cannot get it from your present city council. My obligation to this community and to my friends ceases if we cannot solve this water problem in a way that is equitable and fair to all parties in interest.

Yours very truly,

EF:ASK

S. Lewis Rey

San Diego, California

August 16, 1935

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find copy of letter sent by the Fallbrook Irrigation District directors to the Board of Supervisors that is explanatory. It will be read next Monday morning by the secretary of the Board of Supervisors and made public.

I have no knowledge of any federal flood control investigation being made. Have you?

It is hardly necessary to refute the lies. I have no interest in any of the waters of the San Luis Rey valley excepting as a repairman owner of the 150 acres known as the Burlingame place west of Wackerman and that is held by the First National Trust & Savings Bank as security in part for my obligation to them. I have no ulterior motive whatsoever, only assisting where I can in order to do my duty as your state senator, in helping my constituents wherever I can.

The whole object of the letter, in my opinion, is to kill an impartial investigation and flood control survey by the state that will determine the net safe yield, the amount of water in use by the various corporations, the City of Oceanside and the Carlsbad Mutual Water Company, the location of practical dam sites, core drilling to determine their feasibility, estimates of costs of dams, capacity, etc., a survey similar to that on the San Diego River. Over 100 similar flood control surveys have been made all over the state.

No state funds are available by act of Legislature until this survey is made officially by the State Engineer's Department.

In the past San Diego County has never been helped to the extent of a dollar in flood control appropriations although over \$25,000,00 have been appropriated by the state on other streams in Southern and Northern California toward the construction of dams etc. the last fifteen years.

May 15, 1945

The Governor having vetoed the flood control bill, A. B. 95 by Streets, which we passed both in the Assembly and the Senate, led me to attempt in some other way to secure the flood control report on the San Luis Rey River. This is the reason I took the matter up with the N.P.A. and with the State Engineer, with the results that you are aware of.

The letter is wholly unjust and unfair and this is one of the penalties of being your state senator.

The Board of Supervisors have appropriated \$1,000 for the survey, conditional upon \$1500 being raised. By all means the City of Oceanside and the Carlsbad Mutual Water Company should be represented at the meeting of the Board of Supervisors next Monday, when the letter is read, or in my opinion there will be no survey made by the state at this time. It is up to you, gentlemen.

Sincerely yours

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**This letter sent to Mayor and City Council, Oceanside
Carlsbad Mutual Water Company**

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Mr. John H. Landes, City Clerk
City of Oceanside,
California

Dear Mr. Landes:

We received the Grant Deed to the Oceanside Lots this morning and thank you for same.

At one time on a certificate of redemption sent us you had a notation that The Street Bond Collection Service had a District 4, 1911 Street Improvement Bond on Lots 5 and 6 of Myers & McCombers Addition. We understand that our settlement with you cleared this bond up, but I would like a reply to this effect so I can so mark my records.

Yours very truly,

ED FLETCHER COMPANY

By

KLM



MAYOR
TED HOLDEN

COUNCILMEN
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DR. C. E. BRODIE
LEONARD SNYDER
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ERNEST. A. TAYLOR

SUPERINTENDENT WATER DEPARTMENT
R. A. WEESE

BUILDING INSPECTOR
GEO. W. SCHMIDT

JOHN H. LANDES
CITY CLERK AND ASSESSOR

TELEPHONE 2137
OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA

May 17th, 1945

ED FLETCHER COMPANY,
1020 Ninth Avenue,
San Diego 1, California.
Miss K. L. May, Secretary.

Dear Miss May:

The deed issued by the City cancels only City and County tax and assessment liens. Assessments made for work done under the 1911 Improvement Act are private liens just like any mortgage. It will be necessary for you to negotiate with the owners of the bonds to get the best terms possible. You can make payment through the City Treasurer of Oceanside. However, if you do this you will be obliged to pay all penalties and interest that have accrued while you may get better terms by dealing direct with the Street Bond Service (Mrs. Farrington).

Yours very truly,

John H. Landes
John H. Landes, City Clerk,
Oceanside, California.

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Face of Bonds & interest coupons without penalties

May 25, 1945

Mr. W. R. Cregar,
City Treasurer
Oceanside, California

My dear Mr. Cregar:

We have purchased from the Street Bond Collection Service the bonds against lots 5 and 6, Block 46 Myers and McCombers Addition, and enclose the bonds herewith for cancellation on your records.

Kindly send us receipt for these bonds, and oblige

Yours very truly,

ED FLETCHER COMPANY

By

KLM

Registered Mail
Return Receipt

Mrs. Farrington said that she suggested holding these bonds as if the buyer things they are still outstanding we may be able to add enough to price to get our money back., ie \$95.53.

Ed Fletcher Papers

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Box: 20 Folder: 21

**General Correspondence - Oceanside, Calif. -
Mayor and City Council and other city offices**



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