

**HENRY G. FENTON**  
**GRADING**  
AND  
**General Contractor**

ROOM 204, OWL DRUG BUILDING

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, March 3 19120

Mr. King, Engineer

San Dieguito Mutual Water Co.

Dear Sir-

I hereby submit bid for excavating reservoir sight on the City lands as staked out near Torrey Pines grade for the sum of 53¢ per cu. yd, work to be started as soon as the ~~water~~ water is piped on the sight, it be understood the City to furnish free water and stakes, and do the brushing if contractor does brushing, bid to be one cent per yd. more, Work to be completed in 35 work days.

Very Truly Yours,

*H. G. Fenton*

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City of San Diego,

Operating Department

Gentlemen-

Owing to the increased distance in haul, reduction in yardage, and the manner in which you have built the embankment, resulting from your change in plans on the Reservoir to be built on Pueblo Lots 1334, 1333, it will be necessary for me to change my bid to 72¢ per yard.

It is also very doubtful if present labor prices will prevail a few weeks hence, and I would not care to have this bid stand good longer than April 4th, 1920.

Very Truly Yours,

H. G. Fenton  
*H. G. Fenton*

— 67¢

copy  
Sept 24-1933

March Twenty-eighth  
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Colonel Ed Fletcher  
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Col.

This will serve as an option for 90 days from date to purchase my 683 acres in San Pasqual Valley, San Diego County, California, adjoining the so-called Ward and Webb properties, all the property I have in the valley, the purchase price being \$125,000; your commission to be \$5000.

It is understood that the sale is to the City of San Diego. If there is no official action toward the purchase of this property within the time mentioned, ie, 90 days, this option is null and void.

The consideration is \$1, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged and your services in promoting the project.

Yours very truly,

*H. G. Fenton*

*This option is hereby extended  
for 90 days*

*H. G. Fenton*

April 3rd, 1934

Col. Ed Fletcher  
San Diego, California

Dear Sir:

In consideration of your services, past and future, in attempting to dispose of the San Pasqual lands, my option of March 28, 1933 is hereby extended to April 1st, 1935.

Yours very truly,

*H. G. Fenton*

729-33

December 16, 1955

Mr. Henry Fenton  
1980 Main Street  
San Diego, California

My dear Henry:

Negotiations are on again with the city and I hope to have something really definite for you in the near future pertaining to the San Pasqual situation.

Sincerely yours

EF:RC

This letter sent to all San Pasqual riparian owners.

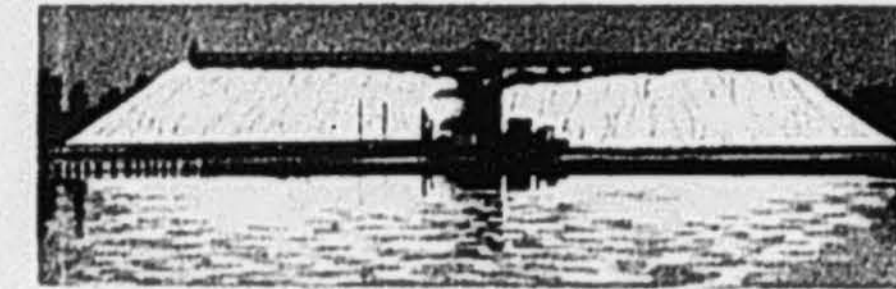
H. G. FENTON, PRESIDENT

F. A. RIEHLE, SEC'Y-TREAS.

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**WESTERN SALT COMPANY**



San Diego, Calif.

February 15, 1939

WORKS  
AT HEAD OF SAN DIEGO BAY  
N. B. DITTENHAVER, Supt.

OFFICES

1245 NATIONAL AVENUE  
SAN DIEGO

2432 E. 8TH STREET  
LOS ANGELES

Senator Ed Fletcher  
1018 - 9th Avenue  
San Diego, California

My dear Ed:

Yours of the 13th received. I think the people are pretty well fed up on bond issues for water or anything else. I doubt if any bond issue would carry now, but I think they should put a high-powered salesman out and sell every bit of the water they possibly could at some price. They would have money then to carry on their water improvements.

I know if you or I owned that city water system we would make money out of it instead of having to dig down in our jeans to keep it going. There has been enough water running over the dams and evaporate in the last three years to irrigate all the land below the dams for the next ten years. I can't see any sense in giving a bunch of incompetents money to spend just to store it up and let it evaporate.

I wouldn't think of selling the water rights on my land; I will sell it outright and would be pleased to have you represent me in any sale you may make.

Wishing you lots of success in all your undertakings, and wishing that you were handling this water business personally for the City of San Diego, I am

Yours very truly,

*H. G. Fenton*  
H. G. Fenton

HGF:LR

October 3, 1939

City of San Diego  
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

In consideration of \$25,000 paid me on or before May 1, 1940, I agree to sell you the right to complete Sutherland Dam within the so-called San Pasqual-San Vicente watershed, said dam being more particularly located in Section 28, Township 12, South Range 2 East, S.B.M., San Diego County, California; together with the right to impound and divert the water so impounded to other watersheds and originating easterly from said dam. The property which I can, and affected by this agreement, is legally described as follows:

<sup>763</sup>  
Approximately ~~683~~ acres in San Pasqual Valley, San Diego County and particularly located in Sections 33 and 34, Twp. 12, 1. W. S.B.M; and Sections 3 and 4, Twp. 13, 1 W., S.B.N.

Time is the essence of this agreement. I acknowledge receipt of \$1.00 and other consideration in relation thereto.

*The above agreement subject to sale*

*H. G. Fenton*  
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ED FLETCHER COMPANY  
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

In consideration of your past and future services, in case the City of San Diego accepts the offer above mentioned, your Company is to be paid five (5) percent commission on whatever we receive from the City of San Diego, said money to be paid out of escrow by the Title Company on our order.

*H. G. Fenton*  
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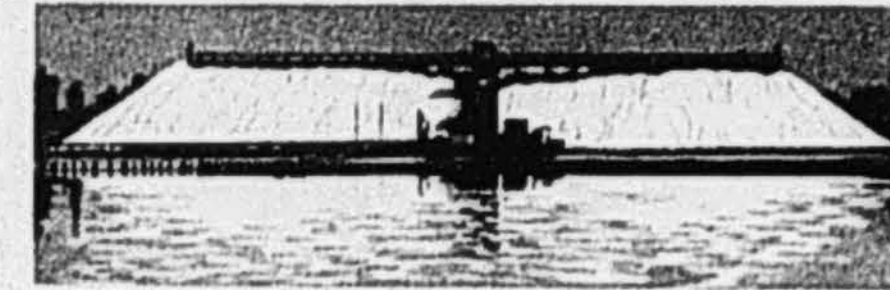
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San Diego, Calif.

January 30, 1940

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AT HEAD OF SAN DIEGO BAY  
N. B. DITTENHAVER, SUPT.

OFFICES  
1245 NATIONAL AVENUE  
SAN DIEGO

2432 E. 8TH STREET  
LOS ANGELES

Senator Ed Fletcher  
Sacramento, California

My dear Ed:

As per your instructions I had an appointment with Fred Rhodes last week. I think Fred is in favor of buying the San Pasqual water rights, but he is also very strong to have the rights included on Pamo and any other dams which they might wish to build besides Sutherland Dam.

My idea would be to take the city's money and let them build Sutherland Dam with an agreement that after Sutherland was built we would keep check of the water level in the San Pasqual Valley, and that if they should care to build any other dams in the future, they would agree to keep that same water level or agree to deliver us water to irrigate our lands, which we now pump from the San Pasqual Basin.

Personally, I don't believe the Sutherland Dam would effect our water level at all, but I do think a dam at Pamo would take practically all the water away from our land in very dry years. I don't think that the city officials or any other fair-minded body of men would wish to confiscate our lands for the small sum they are paying for the privilege of building Sutherland Dam. I think that if the city should build Pamo Dam, that it would be to their advantage to keep the San Pasqual Valley sands full of water as it is the safest place in which they could store it. What water we would use for irrigation would not amount to nearly as much

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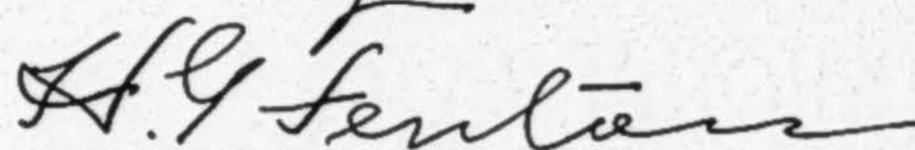
as the evaporation from an open lake, and they would be using our lands for an additional reservoir.

I think that the city and the San Pasqual farmers could work together, so that it would be an advantage all around, but I certainly would not sign up to let the city build all the dams they might decide to unless they bought my ranch outright.

I am not sure I have made myself clear, but as this is just between you and me we will hash it over when you come back.

With best wishes to you and your wife, I am

Yours very truly,

  
H. G. Fenton

HGF:LR

ED FLETCHER

SACRAMENTO

February 2, 1940

Mr. H. G. Fenton  
1245 National Avenue  
San Diego, California

My dear Fenton:

Answering yours of January 30th, I talked to the boys and told them it was ridiculous to even consider the Pamo rights now along with Sutherland at the same price, and as far as I was concerned, the matter was ended. I had a message in reply from the Mayor through Ed Jr. that this question would be dropped.

I know we will not be affected at all by the building of Sutherland Dam and San Diego is darn lucky if they get this proposition through on the basis of our offer. Will take the matter up with you immediately on my return. Let them sweat for a while and keep away from them.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

EF/jv

March 1, 1940

Ed Fletcher Company  
1020-9th Avenue  
San Diego, California

Gentlemen:

In consideration of your continued services in promoting settlement with the City of San Diego regarding the building of Sutherland Dam and acquisition of the water rights in relation thereto, all as per option heretofore signed, I hereby extend the option date of May 1, 1940 to September 1, 1940 under the same terms and conditions.

Yours truly,

*H. G. Fenton*

**Ed Fletcher Papers**

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**General Correspondence - Fenton, Henry G.**



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