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FALLBROOK PETITION - SAN LUIS RIVER

FALLBROOK WATER COMMITTEE
for formation of -

FALLBROOK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Fallbrook, Calif. Feb. 20th, 1925.

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Col. Ed Fletcher,
Box 1412,
San Diego, Calif.

Dear Sir:

Our local editor, Mr. W. S. Cauch, has referred the question of printing your letter to Mr. G. F. Westfall, to the Water Committee. We have asked him not to print your letter at this time and we are writing to give you our reasons for so doing.

Negotiations looking to a peaceful settlement of the various claims on the Santa Margarita River have been opened among the interested parties. It is our hope that the Irrigation District will be able to settle all questions of water rights without entering into expensive and protracted litigation. We feel that the publication of your letter in the Fallbrook Enterprise might be misconstrued by the other parties to the negotiations.

We quite agree with you that water taken from the sands or the river near Temecula could be placed on our land cheaper than water from our proposed dam. Just how much cheaper is of course a question to be decided after a more extended engineering study. Mr. Lippincott has been quite in favor of this scheme from the beginning providing the necessary rights can be acquired without five to ten years of legal war.

We wish to assure you that we appreciate the interest which you have shown in our project and that the plans which you propose will have the most earnest consideration of the Committee.

Very truly yours,

D. MYERS

Put in history

February 12, 1925.

Mr. George F. Westfall,
Fallbrook, California.

Friend Westfall:

I have been reading in the newspapers with considerable interest your progress in the organization of the Fallbrook Irrigation District. I have no property interests there but am deeply interested in the success of your enterprise from the standpoint of what is for the best interest of San Diego county.

My past experience leads me to believe that in the building of a big dam on the lower reaches of the Santa Margarita River, with the high pumping lift such as has been outlined in the papers and I understand recommended by Mr. J. B. Lippincott, would work an unnecessary hardship on the district now.

Some two years ago I was invited to meet with your committee and make a suggested outline of possible water development for an irrigation district in the Fallbrook section. After a personal investigation on the ground I recommended the purchase of certain water bearing gravels near the highway bridge on the Santa Margarita River, south of Temecula. From that point the water will flow by gravity and irrigate all but the higher levels around Fallbrook, which high levels could be taken care of by a small pumping lift.

I also recommended the construction of a small storage dam enroute, to conserve a considerable portion of the winter's run-off, and supplement the supply by the operation of pumping plants during the summer months, in addition to the normal flow of the stream during the summer period.

With the area of the Fallbrook district as planned, I still feel that my suggested plan is the proper course to proceed on, for the development of the cheapest water the district can possibly acquire.

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In all probability the district could immediately acquire the lower damsite and reservoir site, holding same as an insurance for the future.

We have not yet realized the value of our underground water supply in Southern California. I am of the opinion that the district can pump continuously during the irrigating season six to eight million gallons of water daily from the gravels of the Santa Margarita River near Temecula, and deliver same to the irrigation district at a cost of not to exceed 5 cents a thousand gallons or 4 cents a hundred cubic feet; this cost to include operating expenses, 6 percent interest and a reasonable depreciation on the entire plant.

Speaking of the Cuyamaca Water Company, we have pumped this summer for seven months, from one small plant, nearly 3 million gallons of water daily from the San Diego River, and can easily pump 6 or 7 million gallons daily by spending \$50,000 for the proper equipment. Conditions are similar on the Santa Margarita River as on the San Diego River.

The Modesto Irrigation District is probably the most successful irrigation district in the state, with the largest percentage of acreage irrigated each year of any district in the state, yet only 70 or 80 percent of the total area is irrigated each year. It takes twenty to thirty years to bring practically all the land in an irrigation district under cultivation according to the records of districts in this state. The point I wish to make is that you should get as much gravity water as possible to the district, that this gravity water from the river, plus the pumping water which can be raised for less than a cent a thousand gallons should and will supply the demands for the district for eight or ten years to come.

In addition thereto you can make some kind of a deal with the Vail interests to acquire a reasonable amount of water from them thru the construction of their dam and, no doubt, at a reasonable figure.

In addition I wish to call your attention to one other important factor. There is no question but what the Vail interests will build their dam in the near future, thereby putting thousands of additional acres of land under irrigation. Fifty percent of this irrigation water returns to the stream and I am of the opinion that at least twenty-five additional second feet of water will be flowing in the river for the districts future use as compared to the present summer

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flow, all of which water will flow by gravity to the Fallbrook district.

By the immediate construction of your proposed dam on the Santa Marguerita River I am of the opinion that the water developed will cost including interest on the investment, operation and a reasonable depreciation, at least 6¢ a thousand gallons in the reservoir. In addition it will cost fully five to six cents more per 1000 gallons to pump that water to the higher levels of the Fallbrook irrigation district, which, together with the cost of distribution, means easily 12¢ a thousand gallons as the cost of the water to the irrigator when the system is fully developed, as it will take ten or fifteen years at least to put the entire district under irrigation.

The cost during the first few years will be almost prohibitive. For that reason I strongly urge that you make your initial development of water at low cost from the Santa Marguerita River near Temecula, acquire the damsite and lands in the river, and build same when needed, possibly ten or fifteen years hence. By the irrigation district filing on the waters of the Santa Marguerita River now at both points your water rights will be protected by the Division of Water Rights of the State of California for they recognize a progressive plan of development covering a period of years.

"Fools enter where angels fear to tread". Some of you will say this is none of my business, but I wish in closing to state that I am writing only as a citizen of San Diego interested in your welfare, and recommend that the suggestion as outlined above be thoroughly investigated before tying yourselves up to a big indebtedness, i.e.: the construction at the present time of the Santa Marguerita Dam, which I consider wholly unnecessary and may mean disaster for your community.

Yours very truly,

ED FLETCHER

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RED MOUNTAIN RANCH
FALL BROOK
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CAL.

April Eighth,
1918.

State Engineer,
Sacramento, California:

At a mass meeting held at Fallbrook on March Twenty-second it was unanimously agreed that a committee be appointed to take up the question of determining the feasibility of securing water from the proposed San Luis Rey Irrigation District for the Fallbrook section.

The undersigned, being property owners at and adjoining Fallbrook, respectfully petition you to take into consideration the possibility of furnishing us with water when determining boundaries of the proposed district. We assume that before any district is formed we will have a general idea of the cost of the water system completed, at which time we will make our final determination as to whether or not we care to be included in the boundaries of the district.

NAME

NUMBER OF ACRES

Red Mountain Ranch by R.W. Calburn, Business Mgrs.	764 acres
Jesse Hardy	6 acres
Horatio Sinsler	10 "
Wm. Ellis	160 "
C. Elmer	2 acres
W.H.H. Wallace	60 "
D.F. Westfall (asst. mnt. Westfall)	85 "
H. Reader (asst. Powers Estate)	160 "
Will Williams	52 "
P. Brandon	18 "

RED MOUNTAIN RANCH
FALL BROOK
SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CAL.

NAME	NUMBER OF ACRES
W. F. Kubin	115 acres.
Fred Dewhite	1 1/2 "
Robert Verbit	40 "
W S Clark	160 "
P. J. Shipley	1062 "
Ed James	80 "
William Moor	196 ac.
J S Watkins	45 "
A H Preston	8 -
Frank C Smith	20 "
L. M. Pherson Smith	15 "
D O Lamb	200 "
T M Hurley	160 "
G. J. Morse	160 "
H. J. Harover	4 "
O A Anderson	16 "
H V Alexander	10 "

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NAME

NUMBER OF ACRES

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Joseph Luxon	5
James T. Van Rensselaer	370 acres
Geo W Reed	30 acres
F. R. Fischer	9 acres
J. A. Belmont	45 acres
H. E. Peltz	70 acres
E. M. Gust	20 acres
B. C. Merriam	24 1/2 acres
W. H. Reed	20. Reed
Don de Fenne	20 acres
Henry Purrier	397 acres
A. E. Hamsworth	120 acres
Geo B Bates	15 acres
A. B. Clemmons	13 acres
Mary Bird Pelee	5.60
Jules A. Aubrey	40 acres

NAME

NUMBER OF ACRES

J. Merrick	10-
Jennie J Fleming	120.
Margaret J Bell	40
M. E. Girard	3000
F. L. Stewart	40
J. O. Roper	10
Chalmers Ranch by JOR	500
Wm. A Keys	40.
R. Atchawley	15-

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Department of Public Works

SACRAMENTO
APPLICATIONS FILED

DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
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EDWARD HYATT, STATE ENGINEER
CHIEF OF DIVISION

APPLICATIONS FOR PERMIT TO APPROPRIATE WATER
FILED WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
DURING NOVEMBER, 1934.

APPLICATION 8150 (SAN DIEGO COUNTY) MARY F. BAKER, 1629 PLEASANT AVE., LOS ANGELES, CALIF. FOR .1 C.F.S. FROM SPRING IN GUNN CANYON TRIBUTARY TO SAN LUIS REY RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 9, T 10 S, R 3 E, S.B. & M. FOR IRRIGATION AND DOMESTIC PURPOSES ON 8 ACRES. ESTIMATED COST \$250.00

APPLICATION 8151 (SIERRA COUNTY) H. R. PLATE, GRASS VALLEY, CALIFORNIA FOR 20 C.F.S. FROM MOUNTAIN MINE RAVINE, SARDINE CREEK & 5 SPRINGS TRIBUTARY TO N. FK. OF S. FK. OF N. FK. OF YUBA RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SECS. 15 & 22, T 20 N, R 12 E, M.D.M. FOR POWER PURPOSES. 4174 THEO. HORSEPOWER TO BE DEVELOPED. ESTIMATED COST \$30,000.

APPLICATION 8152 (MENDOCINO COUNTY) MARGARET G. HILSON AND W. H. HOWARD, PIERCY, CALIF., FOR 1 C.F.S. FROM DORA CREEK TRIBUTARY TO S. FK. OF EEL RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 28, T 24 N, R 17 W, M.D.B. & M. FOR POWER & DOMESTIC PURPOSES. ESTIMATED COST \$500.00

APPLICATION 8153 (TRINITY COUNTY) SHASTA HYDRAULIC GOLD CO. INC., REDDING, CALIFORNIA, FOR 5 C.F.S. FROM HATCHET CREEK TRIBUTARY TO TRINITY RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 5, T 36 N, R 7 W, M.D.B. & M. FOR MINING PURPOSES.

APPLICATION 8154 (EL DORADO COUNTY) CHAS. O. DORMAN, GEORGETOWN, CALIF. FOR 3 C.F.S. FROM LITTLE OTTER CREEK TRIBUTARY TO OTTER CREEK TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 27, T 13 N, R 11 E, M.D.M. FOR POWER PURPOSES. 40 T.H.P. TO BE DEVELOPED. ESTIMATED COST \$850.00

APPLICATION 8155 (RIVERSIDE COUNTY) E. C. CAZIER & A. B. CLARK OF LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA FOR 1 C.F.S. FROM PALM CANYON TRIBUTARY TO WHITEWATER RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 30, T 6 S, R 5 E, S.B. & M. FOR MINING AND DOMESTIC PURPOSES.

APPLICATION 8156 (SAN DIEGO COUNTY) FALLBROOK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA FOR 30 C.F.S. AND 15,000 AC. FT. PER ANNUM FROM SAN LUIS REY RIVER TRIBUTARY TO PACIFIC OCEAN TO BE DIVERTED IN SECS. 11 & 20, T 10 S, R 3 W, S.B. & M. FOR IRRIGATION ON 9,500 ACRES. ESTIMATED COST \$1,000,000.

APPLICATION 8157 (TRINITY COUNTY) ELENORE I. HOLCOMBE, 267 HILLSIDE AVE., MILL VALLEY, CALIF. FOR .025 C.F.S. FROM A SPRING TRIBUTARY TO HAWKIN CREEK TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 21, T 6 N, R 6 E, H.M. FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES. ESTIMATED COST \$100.00

APPLICATION 8158 (DEL NORTE COUNTY) V. B. MINNIS, 8737 WILSHIRE BLVD., BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA FOR 20 C.F.S. FROM HURDY GURDY CREEK TRIBUTARY TO S. FK. SMITH RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 31, T 16 N, R 3 E, H.M. FOR MINING PURPOSES.

APPLICATION 8159 (DEL NORTE COUNTY) V. B. MINNIS, BEVERLY HILLS, CALIFORNIA FOR 5 C.F.S. FROM NICHOLAS CREEK TRIBUTARY TO HURDY GURDY CREEK TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 31, T 16 N, R 3 E, H.M. FOR MINING PURPOSES.

APPLICATION 8160 (DEL NORTE COUNTY) U. S. SISKIYOU NATIONAL FOREST, GRANTS PASS, OREGON FOR .25 C.F.S. FROM FORK OF ELK CREEK TRIBUTARY TO ILLINOIS RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 3, T 18 N, R 4 E, H.M. FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. ESTIMATED COST \$300.00

APPLICATION 8161 (TUOLUMNE COUNTY) Z. B. HARTLEY, 200 DURANT AVE., BERKELEY, CALIF. FOR .054 C.F.S. FROM JAWBONE CREEK TRIBUTARY TO TUOLUMNE RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 3, T 1 S, R 18 E, M.D.M. FOR MINING PURPOSES. ESTIMATED COST \$250.00

APPLICATION 8162 (TUOLUMNE COUNTY) Z. B. HARTLEY, BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA FOR 3 C.F.S. FROM JAWBONE CREEK TRIBUTARY TO TUOLUMNE RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 3, T 1 S, R 18 E, M.D.M. FOR POWER PURPOSES. 82.5 T.H.P. TO BE DEVELOPED. ESTIMATED COST \$1000.00.

APPLICATION 8163 (EL DORADO COUNTY) C. J. OLSON, PACIFIC, CALIFORNIA FOR .009 C.F.S. FROM 2 SPRINGS TRIBUTARY TO S. FK. AMERICAN RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 29, T 11 N, R 14 E, M.D.M. FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES. ESTIMATED COST \$220.00

APPLICATION 8164 (STANISLAUS COUNTY) H. B. EACHUS, PATTERSON, CALIF. FOR 3 C.F.S. FROM DEL PUERTO CREEK TRIBUTARY TO SAN JOAQUIN RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 14, T 5 S, R 7 E, M.D.M. FOR IRRIGATION PURPOSES ON 255 ACRES. ESTIMATED COST \$1000.

APPLICATION 8165 (SISKIYOU COUNTY) JOHN TEUKERT, SAWYERS BAR, CALIFORNIA FOR 3 C.F.S. FROM MAIN TRIBUTARY OF EDDY'S GULCH TRIBUTARY TO N. FK. SALMON RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 15, T 39 N, R 11 W, M.D.M. FOR MINING PURPOSES.

APPLICATION 8166 (EL DORADO COUNTY) G. W. SHEDD, KYBURZ, CALIF. FOR 3 C.F.S. FROM PYRAMID CREEK TRIBUTARY TO S. FK. AMERICAN RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 8, T 11 N, R 17 E, M.D.M. FOR POWER PURPOSES. 3.4 T.H.P. TO BE DEVELOPED. ESTIMATED COST \$500.

APPLICATION 8167 (SAN DIEGO COUNTY) FRED LANZ OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIF. FOR 1.25 C.F.S. FROM TUBE SPRINGS TRIBUTARY TO SAN FELIPE CREEK TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 14, T 11 S, R 5 E, S.B. & M. FOR IRRIGATION AND DOMESTIC ON 40 ACRES. ESTIMATED COST \$1000.

APPLICATION 8168 (STANISLAUS COUNTY) NELB HANSEN, 721 SYCAMORE AVE., MODESTO, CALIF. FOR 1 C.F.S. FROM LATERAL 12 OF WATERFORD IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 6, T 3 S, R 11 E, M.D.M. FOR IRRIGATION ON 15 ACRES.

APPLICATION 8169 (HUMBOLDT COUNTY) LAURA G. BOYD, ET AL, KORBEL, CALIFORNIA FOR 2 C.F.S. FROM MAD RIVER TRIBUTARY TO PACIFIC OCEAN TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 24, T 6 N, R 1 E, H.M. FOR IRRIGATION AND DOMESTIC PURPOSES ON 100 ACRES.

APPLICATION 8170 (AMADOR COUNTY) RAYMOND SILVA, 2216 22ND ST., SACRAMENTO, CALIF. FOR 270,000 AC. FT. PER ANNUM FROM COSUMNES RIVER TRIBUTARY TO MOKELUMNE RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 14, T 8 N, R 10 E, M.D.M. FOR MUNICIPAL PURPOSES.

APPLICATION 8171 (AMADOR COUNTY) RAYMOND SILVA, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA FOR 270,000 ACRE-Feet PER ANNUM FROM COSUMNES RIVER TRIBUTARY TO MOKELUMNE RIVER TO BE DIVERTED IN SEC. 14, T 8 N, R 10 E, M.D.M. FOR POWER PURPOSES.

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FALLBROOK IRRIGATION DISTRICT

From the papers of Ed Fletcher, the following letters were removed to the alphabetized correspondence files

MYERS, F.

Myers to Fletcher, 2/20/25

Fletcher to Myers, 2/25/25

Fletcher to MYERS, Jas. H. 8/25/33

Fletcher to WESTFALL, George F. 2/12/25

FALLBROOK PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

From the correspondence of Ed Fletcher, the following letters were removed from the FALLBROOK files to the alphabetical correspondence files:

LAMB, C.E. (in entirety)

SACKSE, Richard (in entirety)

In addition the following letters were removed to their alphabetical files:

HYATT, Edward, California State Engineer:

Fletcher to Hyatt, October 27, 1938

Hyatt to H.A. Gray of Federal Public Works

Administration, cc to Fletcher, November 2, 1938

John H. Chase, Engineer, Fallbrook, to Hyatt, cc to

Fletcher, November 10, 1938

Richard Sackse to Hyatt, cc to Fletcher, November 10, 1938

JOHNSON, Hiram (California Senator):

Fletcher to Johnson, October 27, 1938

Fletcher to Johnson, December 1, 1938

MYERS, F.:

Myers to Fletcher, February 20, 1925

Fletcher to Myers, February 25, 1925

MYERS, Jas. H. to Fletcher, August 23, 1935

Fletcher to WESTFALL, George F., February 12, 1925

VANRENSELAER, James T. to Fletcher, September 30, 1919

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