

Decision No. 14263.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
THE CORAM WATER COMPANY)
for a Finding and Order of the Rail-)
road Commission of the State of Cal-) Application No. 10463.
ifornia that the said The Coram)
Water Company is no longer a public)
utility.)

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W. D. Tillotson for applicant.

G. M. Taylor for Southern Pacific Company.

WHITTLESEY, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

In the above entitled proceeding The Coram Water Company, a corporation, asks for authority to discontinue service of water to consumers in the Town of Coram, Shasta County, and thereafter to be relieved of public utility obligations in connection with such service.

A public hearing in this matter was held at Coram after all parties interested had been duly notified and given an opportunity to be present and be heard.

The Coram Water Company was organized in 1907 for the purpose of supplying water to the Town of Coram. The town was dependent entirely upon the operations of the Balaklala Consolidated Copper Company, which owned all the stock of the water company except a few qualifying shares for directors. In 1911 the copper company ceased operations and subsequently all the

inhabitants except five families have moved away.

In 1922 the mining property was leased to the United States Smelting and Refining Company and operations have been carried on subsequently in a very limited way. It is the intention to entirely discontinue operations in the early part of 1925 unless conditions of the copper market improve materially, in which case the working of the property will continue until the expiration of the lease in 1928.

The lease provides that the lessee shall have the privilege of maintaining and operating the water system and the lessee has so operated the plant, although no charges for water service have been made since March, 1922.

The utility has expressed a willingness to leave its facilities in place, at least until all mining operations cease. Thereafter the very few consumers who may remain can easily and cheaply provide themselves with a water supply from creeks and springs close at hand.

No one appeared to protest the granting of this application, and no necessity is seen for the continued operation of the plant of The Coram Water Company.

The following form of order is submitted:

O R D E R

The Coram Water Company, a corporation, having made application to this Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted, and the Commission being now fully informed in the premises,

It Is Hereby Found as a Fact that public convenience and necessity do not require the continued operation by The Coram Water Company, a corporation, of the public utility water system

supplying the inhabitants of the Town of Coram, Shasta County.

Basing the order upon the foregoing finding of fact and upon the statements of fact contained in the preceding opinion,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that The Coram Water Company, a corporation, be and the same is hereby authorized to discontinue, on December 31, 1924, the operation of its public utility water system supplying the inhabitants of the Town of Coram, Shasta County, and thereafter to be relieved of public utility obligations in connection with such service.

The effective date of this order is hereby fixed as December 31, 1924.

The foregoing opinion and order are hereby approved and ordered filed as the opinion and order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17th day of November, 1924.

C. A. Leary
H. B. Burdick
Irving Martin

Commissioners.