

Decision No. 18799

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Ben Lee,
Steve A. Mache,
Edward E. Martin,

COMPLAINANT.

VS.

Cazadero Water Works
OR
George S. Montgomery,

DEFENDANT.

ORIGINAL

Case No. 2336.

CAZADERO COMMUNITY CLUB,
By its trustees
FRANK J. SCHNEIDER,
MIKE BOHAN,
JOHN SPEETZEN, COMPLAINANTS

VS.

GEORGE S. MONTGOMERY
AND
CARRIE JUDD MONTGOMERY, DEFENDANTS.

Case No. 2339.

Ben Lee, for Complainants in Case No. 2336.
J.F. Meyer, for Cazadero Community Club.
M.H. Berry, for Defendant Cazadero Water Works.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

The above entitled cases are complaints of poor and inadequate service made against George S. Montgomery who owns and operates a public utility water system supplying water for domestic purposes to residents of the summer resort community of Cazadero in Sonoma County. Both complaints allege in effect that for several years last past the water supply has been entirely inadequate during the summer months; that no improvements of any kind have been

made to the system for many years; that very frequently the service is entirely interrupted for many hours at a time, leaving the consumers without water for sanitary and household purposes; that available storage facilities are inadequate and in a poor state of repair and that the pipe lines are worn out and not of sufficient capacity to properly supply the reasonable demands of the users. The Commission is asked to compel the defendant to improve and remedy the conditions complained of.

No formal answer was filed by defendant to these two complaints.

A public hearing in these matters was held before Examiner Satterwhite at Cazadero, after due notice thereof had been given, and the two cases were combined for hearing and decision.

This water system was originally constructed in 1910 to supply certain property which had been subdivided and was being sold to the general public by the owner, George S. Montgomery. From the evidence, it appears that the allegations set out in the complaints herein were substantially true at the time filed; the water supply and storage facilities had been insufficient and inadequate; the service wholly undependable and unsatisfactory and the condition of the system generally run-down. However, since the filing of this complaint, defendant has taken the steps advised by this Commission to improve conditions and now, according to the testimony, a new source of supply has been obtained by sinking a well and installing new pumping equipment. A great part of the distribution mains has been replaced with new and larger pipe, with the result that service and water supply conditions are entirely satisfactory. The causes of complaint having been remedied in a manner agreeable to all parties concerned, it is apparent that these matters may therefore be dismissed.

O R D E R

Complaints as entitled above having been filed against

George S. Montgomery, operating a public utility water system in and in the vicinity of Cazadero in Sonoma County, the matter having been submitted and the Commission having been fully informed thereon,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above entitled proceedings be and they are hereby dismissed.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 14th day of September, 1927.

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Thos. J. Lott

M. A. Carr
Commissioners.