

Decision No. 18831

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

In the Matter of the Application of
San Juan Water Company, a corporation,
for a certificate of public conven-
ience and necessity.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 13342.

Overton, Lyman & Plumb,
by George H. Prince, Jr., and W.G. Irving.
for Applicant.

H.A. Sloane, for Col. Ed. Fletcher
and associates, Interveners.

S.H. Woodruff, for Dana Point
Syndicate, interested party.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

San Juan Water Company, a corporation, applicant in the above entitled proceeding, asks the Railroad Commission for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to operate a public utility water system to supply water for domestic and other purposes to consumers located in Serra, San Juan-by-the-Sea and certain territory adjacent thereto, in Orange County.

A public hearing in this matter was held in San Juan Capistrano before Examiner Satterwhite after all interested parties had been notified and given an opportunity to appear and be heard.

Applicant has acquired by purchase authorized by this Commission the water system and franchise rights of the Buchheim Water Company, a utility formerly owned and operated by one Aaron Buchheim and serving a small number of consumers in the Town Site of San Juan-by-the-Sea. Said Buchheim obtained a franchise to install a water system from the Board of Supervisors

of Orange County on July 16, 1925, Ordinance No. 246, but, by Decision No. 15828, dated December 31, 1925, was granted a certificate of public convenience and necessity to serve only a limited portion of the area covered by said franchise, to wit, Blocks 41 to 54, inclusive, in the town site. The present company desires to extend its public utility water system to serve the entire area covered by the franchise and, in addition thereto, also certain adjoining tracts of land now being developed for subdivision purposes and sale as residential property. No franchise is required to cover the subdivided lands as the area to be served will be piped before the dedication of the streets and alleys therein to the public use.

Although there was some protest against the granting of this certificate, the protestants have now been satisfied and have withdrawn all objections. The evidence showing that this applicant is financially able to maintain and operate the additional extension of its present system and showing further that there is no other public utility operating a water system in or in the vicinity of the area proposed to be served, it appears that the request should be granted.

O R D E R

The San Juan Water Company, a corporation, having made application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to supply water to consumers located in Serra, San Juan-by-the-Sea and certain territory adjacent thereto, in Orange County, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been submitted and the Commission being now fully advised in the premises,

The Railroad Commission of the State of California hereby declares that public convenience and necessity require and will require that the San Juan Water Company, a corporation, construct and

operate a water system for the purpose of furnishing water for domestic and other purposes in and in the vicinity of the Town Site of San Juan-by-the-Sea, as more particularly described in Ordinance No. 246 of the County of Orange, dated July 16, 1925, and also in the additional territory as set out and described in the amended application herein.

The authority herein granted shall become effective on the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 27th day of September, 1927.

C. Seamy

Leon Whiteley

Paul D. Louie

M. J. Lee
Commissioners.