

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION
OF THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Decision No. 193

In the Matter of the Application of
James A. Murray and Ed Fletcher for
an Order Authorizing and Permitting
the Increase in the Rentals, Tolls
and Charges for Water Furnished by
them and Service rendered by them
in Furnishing Water in the County of
San Diego, State of California.

APPLICATION 118.

O R D E R .

Eshleman, Commissioner.

It is apparant that it will be necessary to require water to be pumped from the La Mesa Reservoir to the Eucalyptus Reservoir for the purpose of serving consumers which may be served from this second reservoir. The Cuyamaca Water Company is directed immediately, at its own expense, to install adequate pumping facilities at the La Mesa Reservoir and begin the pumping of water from said reservoir to the Eucalyptus Reservoir.

For the purpose of this order, the consumers of this company will be divided into three classes: All consumers taking from the flume of this company and too high to be served from the Eucalyptus Reservoir, Class number 1; the consumers that may be served from the Eucalyptus Reservoir, but too high to be served from the La Mesa Reservoir by gravity, Class number 2; all consumers that may be served by gravity from the La Mesa Reservoir, Class number 3.

From and after the 6th day of September, 1912, the Cuyamaca Water Company shall serve no consumers of Classes 2 and 3 except from water pumped from the La Mesa Reservoir, except the necessary run-off from the flume into the Eucalyptus Reservoir.

The following rates for pumping are established, to be applicable ten days from date, or at such previous date as the company may begin pumping from the La Mesa Reservoir:

Class number 1, first 50 per cent of supply to which consumers are entitled, two cents per thousand gallons. For all quantities furnished over 50 per cent and less than 75 per cent, three cents per thousand gallons. For all quantities furnished over 75 per cent, ten cents per thousand gallons.

Class number 2: For all quantities up to 50 per cent, two and a half cents per thousand gallons. For all quantities over 50 per cent and up to 75 per cent, four cents per thousand gallons. For all quantities over 75 per cent, ten cents per thousand gallons. In no instance shall the company furnish to any consumer a supply greater than that to which he is entitled under the present status of the rates.

The company will pump from the La Mesa Reservoir and shall only preserve therein a quantity sufficient to furnish the needs of the consumers in Class number 3 in like proportion as the needs of the consumers of the other two classes may be served. The company will immediately notify the consumers in Class number 3 of this order, and that they must conserve the water.

If the company, or any consumer, calls to the Commission's attention the fact that any consumer of Class number 3 is using water in an extravagant and wasteful manner, upon such fact being established, this Commission will require meter service to such consumer and will fix a rate applicable thereto.

All rates established herein are to be in addition to the rates now charged and are to remain in force for ninety days after the 6th of September, 1912, unless the Commission shall make a further order in reference thereto. If, at the expiration of said ninety days, this pumping is still necessary, this Commission shall make a further order extending the time during

which these rates may be collected.

In this Order I have attempted to bring about two results: First, to give the company an adequate sum for this additional service; and, second, to prevent waste of water. The rates fixed for quantities over 75 per cent. I have made purposely excessive, because it is perfectly apparent that anyone who uses even 75 per cent under this system for a considerable time to come, will be taking more than the proportion which the supply now in the system will warrant.

The Commission does not express any opinion as to what its final determination will be in any of these questions, and does not commit itself to a future fixing of rates for pumping in addition to other rates.

This is an emergency measure and shall not be considered as a precedent for guidance of the Commission under ordinary circumstances.

While I leave it to the discretion of the company the character of the pumping facilities which it will install, yet I recommend that this be of as temporary a character as will adequately perform the service required. We do not expect a repetition of this condition in this system another year.

The above Order is approved and ordered filed as the Order of the Railroad Commission of the State of California.

Dated August 26th, 1912.

John M. Feshleman
W. S. Overland
Max Theiler