

Decision No. 9871.

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.
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In the Matter of the Application)
of VAN NUYS WATER SYSTEM, a co-)
partnership consisting of J. BENTON)
VAN NUYS, KATE VAN NUYS PAGE and)
ANNIS VAN NUYS SCHEWEPPE, to deter-)
mine extent of system.)

Application No. 5834.

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E.S. Farrell, for City of San Gabriel.
Geo. Sanborn, in propria persona, and
for certain consumers.
Peter C. Mahn, in propria persona.
R. Cooper, in propria persona.
R. Kuban, in propria persona.

BRUNDIGE, Commissioner.

O P I N I O N

Applicant in the above entitled proceeding alleges in effect that owing to the limited water supply which can be obtained from its wells there is danger that the system may be over taxed and unable to supply the demands made upon it if all applications for service are granted. The Commission is therefore asked to define the limits of the territory to be served in order that plans may be made for the future operation of the system.

A public hearing was held in Los Angeles of which all interested parties were given an opportunity to be present and be heard. The Van Nuys Water System also filed an application for permission to increase rates (Application No. 5386) which was combined for hearing with the above entitled proceeding. For the purpose of clarity, however, and to avoid confusion of the issue involved, the

decisions in the two matters have been rendered separately.

The Van Nays Water System is a public utility supplying water for domestic and irrigation purposes partly within the limits of the City of San Gabriel and partly within an adjacent, unincorporated, district in the County of Los Angeles. The system supplies approximately 734 consumers, of whom 644 are users of water for domestic purposes and 90 for irrigation.

The evidence shows that for sometime past the demands upon the system have been fully up to the capacity of the wells, and that a very considerable additional demand is possible in the future when application is made for water supply for undeveloped lands within the present service area. Service to this partially developed area is an obligation resting upon the utility and from which there is no escape.

The evidence also shows that the utility's present service area is entirely surrounded by other water systems, either public utilities, mutual water companies or private water plants.

It is not known to what extent the supply of water can be increased, and, therefore, in order to safeguard the present consumers and those who doubtless will in the relatively near future become consumers, it would appear inadvisable to compel this utility to indefinitely extend service to applicants outside the present service area.

I submit the following form of order:

O R D E R

Van Nays Water System, a copartnership consisting of J. Benton Van Nays, Kate Van Nays Page and Annis Van Nays Schweppe, having made application in the above entitled proceeding, a public hearing having been held, and the matter having been submitted,

IT IS HEREBY FOUND AS A FACT that the interests of present

and future consumers under the Van Nays Water System will be best served by a delineation of the boundaries of the area within which this utility is obligated to supply water;

And basing the order upon the foregoing finding of fact and upon the statements of fact contained in the opinion preceding this order.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Van Nays Water System, a co-partnership consisting of J. Benton Van Nays, Kate Van Nays Page, and Annis Van Nays Schweppe be not required to assume new service obligations outside the areas delineating the limits of the territory supplied with water for domestic and irrigation use, as shown by a certain amended map filed by stipulation with this Commission subsequent to the hearing of Applications No. 5336 and No. 5834, and marked Applicant's Exhibit No. 10.

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 29th day of November, 1921.

H. B. Brundage
H. S. Lovland
Wm. W. Martin
Chas. J. Brown
J. J. Quinn
Commissioners.