

Decision No. 27147

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application  
of Earl Martin and J.M. Goold,  
operating under the fictitious  
name of the Martin and Goold  
Water Company, for permission to  
operate pumping plants and to sell  
water for domestic use and for  
irrigation.

Application No. 19354.

**ORIGINAL**

Earl Martin and J.M. Goold, for applicants.

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N

Earl Martin and J.M. Goold, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Martin and Goold Water Company, ask for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to supply domestic and irrigation water to the inhabitants of several tracts of land adjacent to or near the City of El Monte in the County of Los Angeles and Tracts Nos. 845, 859, 878, 914, 881, 911, and 930 in the County of Orange. It is requested that a schedule of rates be established to apply to water supplied to these tracts and to the tracts now served by them under authority of the Railroad Commission in its Decision No. 25109, dated August 29, 1932, and Decision No. 25896, dated May 1, 1933. Further request is made to charge three dollars for service connections on one tract supplied by Plant No. 10 as designated on the map filed with the application herein.

A public hearing in this matter was held before Examiner Gorman at Los Angeles.

Applicants, in conjunction with their present water works activities, have installed several water systems in various tracts of land in the vicinity of the City of El Monte in Los Angeles County and Westminster in Orange County. Approximately 158 consumers are now being supplied by authority previously obtained from the Railroad Commission. Applicants propose to combine in one unit the new water systems and those already in operation and desire also to serve the intervening areas which now need or soon will require water for both domestic and irrigation purposes. The tracts to which applicants desire to dedicate their water service are fully delineated on maps attached to the application herein and are hereby made a part of this Opinion by reference. Portions of these tracts are now being supplied with water under contracts with the subdividers and land owners.

The water supply for the entire area is obtained from wells producing an abundance of water. The pipe lines are placed on easements retained for that purpose or have been installed in the streets and alleys prior to the dedication thereof to the public use. There is, therefore, at this time no necessity to secure a county franchise for the installation of mains and pipe lines in the above territory.

Applicants submitted a uniform schedule of rates for all tracts, which amounts in some instances to a modification of present schedules and in general to a reduction of former charges. It is desirable and proper that the rates be uniform throughout the entire area and, as the schedule appears to be fair and reasonable, it will be authorized in the following Order.

The request of applicants for authority to charge three dollars for each service connection on the tract served by Plant

No. 10 is not in accordance with the Commission's policy of requiring all ordinary service facilities of public utility water companies to be installed at the utility's expense. Under the circumstances existing in this case, departure from standard practice is not warranted by the record and the request is, therefore, denied.

The testimony shows that there is no other public utility supplying water in the general vicinity of these tracts and, no protests having been made, it appears that the application should be granted.

#### O R D E R

Earl Martin and J.M. Goold, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Martin and Goold Water Company, having made application as above entitled, 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 that Earl Martin and J.M. Goold, doing business under the fictitious firm name and style of Martin and Goold Water Company, operate a water system to supply domestic and irrigation water in and to all of those certain tracts or parcels of land in Los Angeles and Orange Counties as same are more particularly delineated upon those certain maps attached to the application herein and hereby made a part of this order by reference.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Earl Martin and J.M. Goold, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Martin and Goold Water Company be and they are hereby authorized and directed to file with this Commission, within thirty (30) days from the date of this

Order, the following schedule of rates to be charged for all service rendered their consumers on said tracts subsequent to the

15th day of June, 1934:

DOMESTIC USE

MONTHLY FLAT RATES

For each residence, including one lot of one-half acre or less where service connection does not exceed 1 inch-----	\$1.50
For each additional one-fourth acre or less-----	.50
For each additional residence on 1 lot-----	1.00
For each vacant lot of one-half acre or less, where service connection does not exceed 1 inch-----	1.50
For each additional one-fourth acre or less-----	.50
For extra service not exceeding 1 inch on any lot-----	.50
For small business frontage lots where service does not exceed 3/4 of an inch, at option of applicant-----	1.00

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter-----	\$1.00
For 3/4-inch meter-----	1.50
For 1-inch meter-----	2.00
For 1 1/2-inch meter-----	3.00
For 2-inch meter-----	5.00
For 3-inch meter-----	8.00

Each of the foregoing "Monthly Minimum Charges" will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that monthly minimum charge will purchase at the following "Monthly Quantity Rates."

Monthly Quantity Rates:

From 0 to 1,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.10
From 1,000 to 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.07 1/2
All over 2,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.05

IRRIGATION USE

MONTHLY FLAT RATE

For one miner's inch (9 gallons per minute) per hour-----\$0.01

METER RATES

Monthly Minimum Charges:

For 1-inch meter-----	\$ 2.00
For 1½-inch meter-----	3.00
For 2-inch meter-----	5.00
For 3-inch meter-----	8.00
For 4-inch meter-----	15.00

Each of the foregoing "Monthly Minimum Charges" will entitle the consumer to the quantity of water which that monthly minimum charge will purchase at the following "Monthly Quantity Rates."

Monthly Quantity Rates:

From 0 to 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	\$0.05
All over 10,000 cubic feet, per 100 cubic feet-----	.03

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IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that Earl Martin and J.M. Goold, operating under the fictitious firm name and style of Martin and Goold Water Company, be and they are hereby directed to revise the service area designations in their present rules and regulations to embrace all additional territory covered by the certificate herein granted.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that the request of applicants for authority to charge three dollars (\$3.00) for a service connection be and it is hereby denied.

For all other purposes, the effective date of this Order shall be twenty (20) days from and after the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 8th day of

June, 1934.

CC Sawyer  
Leon E. Whedley  
W. B. Harris  
Commissioners.