

Decision No. 29703

BEFORE THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of
MARTIN-GOOLD LAND & WATER COMPANY to
acquire public utility water system
of Max A. Schiresohn, and of MAX A.
SCHIRESOHN to transfer his public
utility water system to Martin-Goold
Land & Water Company; for permit for
Martin-Goold Land & Water Company to
operate pumping plants and to sell
water for domestic use.

ORIGINAL

Application No. 20964.

Eldred E. Wolford, for Applicant, Martin-
Goold Land & Water Company.

Max A. Schiresohn, in propria persona.

WAKEFIELD, Commissioner:

O P I N I O N

In this proceeding, Max A. Schiresohn, engaged in the business of operating a public utility water system and selling water for irrigation and domestic purposes in a portion of Tract No. 10558, Los Angeles County, asks for authority to sell and transfer said water system to Martin-Goold Land & Water Company, which joins in the application. Martin-Goold Land & Water Company asks that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be granted to it to serve adjacent land described in the application and delineated on a map attached thereto and marked Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof by reference. Applicant Martin-Goold Land & Water Company proposes a schedule of rates which they desire to charge for the service rendered in the new territory covered by this application.

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

The evidence shows that Earl Martin and J. M. Goold, copartners, operating under the fictitious name and style of

Martin-Goold Land & Water Company, have entered into an agreement with Max A. Schiresohn, whereby they acquire, subject to the Commission's authorization, all his right, title and interest in and to the water distribution system used in supplying water to his consumers. Martin-Goold Land & Water Company proposes to consolidate this system with other plants they have acquired in the vicinity and operate all under one head. It is further shown that there is a large territory surrounding the plants involved in this proceeding, which, at the present time, is rapidly being subdivided and sold in lots, for which there seems to be a ready sale, and for which there is no public utility water supply. Applicant, Martin-Goold Land & Water Company, therefore, desires to extend its operative rights to include this area, so that they will be in a position to render service under their rules and regulations, if and when they are called upon to do so by the owners or subdividers. Applicants expect to acquire private easements in all subdivisions on which to lay and maintain pipelines, thus eliminating the necessity at this time of obtaining a county franchise for the use of the streets and alleys for that purpose.

A large proportion of the territory involved in this proceeding is now open land used for farming purposes, which, when subdivided, will require adequate water service. It is a well established fact that one large utility capable of supplying water to the entire area, if and when developed, will result in economies and non-duplication of equipment that will bring about better and cheaper water service to all.

The rates proposed by applicant, Martin-Goold Land & Water Company, are slightly higher than those charged by Martin-Goold Water Company, a corporation operated by Earl Martin and J. M. Goold south and east of El Monte. This latter service is similar to the one proposed herein, except the water level in the territory involved in this proceeding is 30 to 40 feet lower, requiring that much

greater lift and resulting in a higher cost of operation and slightly higher rates.

No protests were made against the granting of the transfer of the properties and since there is no other public utility water service available in the territory under consideration, the certificate will be granted. I recommend the following form of order.

ORDER

Application having been filed with this Commission as entitled above, a public hearing having been held thereon, the matter having been duly submitted, and the Commission being now fully advised in the premises,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Max A. Schiresohn be, and he is, hereby authorized to transfer, on or before July 1, 1937, to Earl Martin and J. M. Goold, a copartnership operating under the fictitious name and style of Martin-Goold Land & Water Company, his right, title and interest in and to the water distribution system used by him in supplying water to Tract No. 10558, Los Angeles County, as referred to in the application, and that thereafter he be relieved of any further public utility obligation; provided, however, that within thirty (30) days after the transfer of the said properties, Max A. Schiresohn shall file with this Commission a copy of the deed or bill of sale or other instrument of conveyance executed to effect said transfer.

THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HEREBY DECLARES that public convenience and necessity require that Earl Martin and J. M. Goold, a copartnership operating under the fictitious name and style of Martin-Goold Land & Water Company, operate a water system for the purpose of supplying water for domestic and irrigation

purposes in those parcels of land near El Monte, Los Angeles County, described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the Rio Hondo River and the Southern Pacific railroad right of way, near El Monte, California, thence along the northerly line of said right of way to the easterly line of the Gidley Pierson Tract; thence northerly along the easterly line of said Gidley Pierson Tract to Lower Azusa Road; thence westerly along Lower Azusa Road to the intersection of the westerly line of Lot 51 of E. J. Baldwin's addition No. 1 to Santa Anita Colony and Lower Azusa Road; thence north along the westerly line of said Lot 51 and parallel to Baldwin Avenue to the northerly line of Lot 46 in said Colony; thence east along the northerly line of said Lot 46 to the proposed extension of Glickman Avenue; thence northerly along proposed Glickman Avenue and parallel to Baldwin Avenue to Live Oak Avenue; thence easterly along Live Oak Avenue to the westerly line of Tract No. 7465; thence south to the northerly line of the Rio Hondo River; thence along the northerly line of said Rio Hondo River to the point of beginning at the Southern Pacific railroad right of way;

EXCEPT a territory now being served by Alton W. Hall, described as "Lot 31 and the westerly 330 feet of Tract 8822" which said territory is enclosed by a red line within the territory hereinbefore described, on the map attached as Exhibit "B" and FURTHER EXCEPTING any other territory within the boundaries enclosed by the black line on Exhibit "B" which may be covered by certificates of public convenience and necessity already existing. EXCEPTING ALSO that portion of said Trail No. 10558 for which a certificate of public convenience and necessity has already been issued to Max A. Schiresohn and authority to transfer which is hereinbefore granted.

Said territory is delineated upon the map attached to the application as Exhibit "B" and made a part hereof by reference.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER ORDERED that a certificate of public convenience and necessity be, and it is, hereby granted to said Earl Martin and J. M. Goold, a copartnership, to operate a water system under the fictitious name and style of Martin-Goold Land & Water Company, in those parcels of land as set forth above, subject to the following conditions:

1. Within thirty (30) days from and after the date of this order, Earl Martin and J. M. Goold, a copartnership operating under the fictitious name of Martin-Goold Land & Water Company, shall file with the Railroad Commission the

following schedule of rates to be charged for all service rendered their consumers in the territory indicated above, on and after the 30th day of April, 1937:

DOMESTIC USE

Monthly Flat Rate

For each lot of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre or less with or without a residence, where service connection does not exceed one inch, . . .	\$2.00
For each additional $\frac{1}{4}$ acre or less,75
For each additional residence on 1 lot,	1.00
For extra service not exceeding 1 inch on any lot,50

Meter Rates

5/8 X 3/4	Inch Meter,	\$1.00	entitling	consumer	to	1000	cu. ft.	of water.
3/4	"	1.50	"	"	"	1500	"	"
1	"	2.00	"	"	"	2000	"	"
1 1/2	"	3.00	"	"	"	3000	"	"
2	"	5.00	"	"	"	5000	"	"
3	"	15.00	"	"	"	15000	"	"

All water used in excess of the above minimum charges shall be at the rate of 10 cents (\$.10) per 100 cubic feet of water.

Fire Hydrants

Monthly flat rate for each fire hydrant, \$1.00

2. Within thirty (30) days from and after the date of this order, Earl Martin and J. M. Goold, a copartnership operating under the fictitious name and style of Martin-Goold Land & Water Company, shall file with the Railroad Commission, rules and regulations governing relations with their consumers, said rules and regulations to become effective upon their acceptance for filing by this Commission.

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

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 26th day of

April, 1937.

Walter H. Moore
Leon Whitely
Frederic R. Whitely
Harold W. Whitely
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Commissioners.