

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 60103

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of ZAYANTE WATER COMPANY, a corporation, and SAN LORENZO VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT for authorization for sale of the water system and assets of Zayante Water System by ZAYANTE WATER COMPANY to SAN LORENZO VALLEY COUNTY WATER DISTRICT.

Application No. 42082

OPINION AND ORDER

Zayante Water Company, <sup>1/</sup> a corporation, by application filed March 25, 1960, seeks authority to sell and transfer its public utility water system to San Lorenzo Valley County Water District, <sup>2/</sup> which joins in the application.

The subject water system serves the unincorporated community of Zayante, located approximately 3 miles east of Felton, Santa Cruz County. Commission records indicate that as of the end of 1958 the utility served approximately 180 customers.

According to the application, the consideration for the transfer is to be the sum of \$12,500 in cash, which sum is to be placed in escrow. The reason given for the proposed transfer is that certain improvements, estimated to cost \$4,000, are required immediately. District has the necessary funds and alleges that it intends to make the necessary improvements.

Commission records indicate that the subject water system was established pursuant to a certificate of public convenience and necessity granted to Seller by Decision No. 28341, issued November 12, 1935, in Application No. 20066. Seller's balance sheet, Exhibit A

<sup>1/</sup> Sometimes herein called "Seller".  
<sup>2/</sup> Sometimes herein called "District".

attached to the application, shows that, as of December 31, 1959, total utility plant amounted to \$29,373.06, and depreciation reserve to \$12,638.22, resulting in a net utility plant of \$16,734.84. Exhibit A indicates that no customers' deposits or advances for construction are outstanding. The application states that the boundaries of District include the entire service area of Seller.

The action taken herein shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the property herein authorized to be transferred.

The Commission, having considered the above-entitled application and finding that the proposed transfer will not be adverse to the public interest, that a public hearing is not necessary, and that the application should be granted, therefore,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Zayante Water Company may, on or after the effective date hereof and on or before October 31, 1960, transfer the herein described public utility property to San Lorenzo Valley County Water District in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the application.

2. On or before the date of actual transfer, Zayante Water Company shall refund all customers' deposits and advances for construction which are subject to refund, if any, and thirty days thereafter shall notify this Commission in writing of the date of the completion of such refunding.

3. If the authority herein granted is exercised, Zayante Water Company shall, within thirty days thereafter, notify this Commission in writing of the date of the completion of the property transfer herein authorized and of its compliance with the conditions hereof.

4. Upon due compliance with all the conditions of this order, Zayante Water Company shall stand relieved of all further public utility obligations and liabilities in connection with the operation of the public utility water system herein authorized to be transferred.

The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the date hereof.

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 17th day of May, 1960.

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President

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Commissioners