

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 61183

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of)
 STATE WATER COMPANY and CONEJO VALLEY)
 WATER COMPANY, both California cor-)
 porations, for a certificate of pub-)
 lic convenience and necessity)
 authorizing applicants, or either of)
 them, to furnish water service in)
 the vicinity of Thousand Oaks, Ventura)
 County, California, and other matters)
 related thereto.)

Application No. 43124

INTERIM OPINION AND ORDER

By a filing made June 6, 1962, under Application No. 43124, Conejo Valley Water Company^{1/} requests an order of the Commission relieving it from the prohibitory effects of Ordering Paragraph 7 of Decision No. 62474 so as to enable it to expand its certificated area to include the Meadows School site as delineated on Exhibit "C" attached to the application. Said Paragraph 7 of Decision No. 62474 reads as follows: "Conejo Valley Water Company shall not extend its water system outside the areas certificated herein and in Decisions Nos. 60906, 59865 and 57727."

It is asserted that the Meadows School is presently under construction in a nine-acre area immediately adjacent to and north of Tract 1244-1. Occupancy of the school is scheduled for September 11, 1962, and it is estimated that upon completion

^{1/} By authority granted in Decision No. 62784, dated November 14, 1961, in Application No. 43827, State Water Company was merged into Conejo Valley Water Company and hereinafter applicants will be referred to as Conejo.

consumption of water at the school will approximate 500,000 gallons per month. It is alleged that representatives of the school originally negotiated with Ventura County Waterworks District No. 6 for a water supply, but that such negotiations were not successful, and that on April 26, 1962, the superintendent of the Valley Oaks Union School District made a formal request to Conejo for service to the school. It is further alleged that there are no other public utility water corporations or public water agencies operating in the area of said Meadows School from which water service could be obtained in sufficient time so as to avoid delay in the scheduled completion of the school.

The Commission now has under submission the matter of the rehearing in Application No. 43124 which was held to determine Conejo's ability to serve adequate supplies of potable water to the areas which it had been previously authorized to serve. That matter is not ready for decision at this time. The matter presented by the instant filing, however, is one of an emergency nature limited in scope and one on which we will rule at this time without prejudice to the final disposition of the rehearing matter.

The school's water requirements will approximate that of 35 equivalent residential customers and, except for water for landscaping, would generally be considered an off-peak load.

After giving due consideration to the representations which have been made herein and in the rehearing matter by Conejo and by the Waterworks District, we find that public convenience and necessity do not require that applicant should be permitted to expand its certificated area so as to embrace the Meadows School site, but we do find it would be in the public interest to permit applicant to supply temporary emergency service to the school,

provided such service is limited to uses for human consumption, comfort, and sanitation and will not include service for irrigation and landscaping purposes. The order herein will provide that such restricted service may be rendered at Conejo's regularly filed tariff rates.

Applicant shall advise the superintendent of the Valley Oaks Union School District of the nature of the service authorized herein and further that in the ultimate disposition of this matter, the Commission may require said service to be terminated or modified as it may deem required by the public interest.

The Commission finds that a public hearing is not necessary, and that the application should be granted to the extent provided by the following order,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Conejo Valley Water Company's request for relief from the prohibitory effects of ordering paragraph 7 of Decision No. 62474 so as to enable it to expand its certificated area to include the Meadows School site, as delineated on Exhibit "C" attached to the application, is denied.

2. Until further order of the Commission, Conejo Valley Water Company is granted authority to render temporary emergency water service to the Meadows School site provided that such service ~~will~~ ^{shall} not be used for irrigation and landscaping purposes.

3. Conejo Valley Water Company is authorized to charge for such service its regularly filed tariff rates.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 31st day of AUGUST, 1962.

George G. Grover
President
J. L. ...
Robert W. ...
Fredrick B. Halowoff

Commissioners

Commissioner Peter E. Mitchell, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.