

**ORIGINAL**Decision No. 64266

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF AMADOR, acting by and  
through its Board of Supervisors, )Applicant and  
Prospective Purchaser, )

- and - )

MARTIN V. KROLOP, dba  
RIVER PINES WATER SERVICE, )Applicant and  
Prospective Seller. )Application No. 44766  
Filed September 6, 1962O P I N I O N

Martin V. Krolop and Iris E. Krolop, his wife, have requested authority to transfer their public utility water system, which serves some 200 permanent and seasonal customers in the unincorporated community of River Pines, to the County of Amador for the agreed sum of \$23,200 cash, subject to the terms and conditions of an agreement of sale, dated September 4, 1962, a copy of which is attached to the application as Exhibit A. The County of Amador has joined in the application.

Applicants allege that the County, upon acquisition of the system, will not diminish the service to any of the present customers and will make immediate improvements so that more water will be available for both present and prospective users.

The system takes its water from shallow wells fed by Slate Creek and the South Fork of the Cosumnes River. Decreased stream flows during the normally dry summer season, combined with inadequate storage capacity and limited financial resources of the present and former owners, have produced recurring crises both

in the supply of water and its equitable distribution to consumers in upper and lower levels of the system. Also, the present distribution system is inadequate.

Earlier negotiations for purchase of the system, initiated by a local public utility district in the latter part of 1961, were not successful. The district, however, during the early summer of 1962, commenced a project designed to capture more water from the South Fork and informally indicated to the utility that a portion of the increased supply would be made available to it. The recent action by the Board of Supervisors of Amador County, culminating in the purchase agreement of September 4, 1962 and the filing of this application, appears to be a significant step toward the ultimate solution of the River Pines water supply problem.

On consideration of the application, we find that the proposed transfer is not adverse to the public interest and should be authorized in accordance with the following order. The action taken herein, however, shall not be construed to be a finding of the value of the properties herein authorized to be transferred. A public hearing is not necessary.

The parties have indicated that an early disposition of the application is desirable, in order that construction of improvements may be carried forward promptly. The authority granted herein, accordingly, will be effective as of the date of issuance of this decision.

O R D E R

Application having been filed and the Commission having determined that the application should be granted,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. M. V. Krolop and Iris E. Krolop, his wife, after the effective date of this order and on or before December 31, 1962 may sell and transfer to the County of Amador, California, substantially in accordance with the terms and conditions of the contract of purchase between said parties, dated September 4, 1962, the water system properties comprising the River Pines Water System, located at River Pines, Amador County, California.

2. Sellers, on or before the date of actual transfer, shall refund all customers' deposits for the establishment of credit which are subject to refund.

3. Sellers, within ten days after the actual date of transfer, shall notify this Commission in writing of the date of transfer and the date upon which the County of Amador shall have assumed operation of the water system herein authorized to be transferred, and shall attach to such notice a copy of the instrument, or copies of the instruments, of transfer.

4. Sellers, upon compliance with the above requirements of this order, shall stand relieved of any public utility obligations in the area served by the transferred property and may discontinue service concurrently with the commencement of service by the County of Amador or its duly authorized agent.

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

Dated at Los Angeles, California, this 19th day of September, 1962.

George G. Grover  
President  
[Signature]  
Fredrick B. Heloboff

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

Commissioner Everett C. McKeage, being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.

Commissioners