

ORIGINAL

Decision No. 76445

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Investigation on the Commission's  
 own motion into the contracts,  
 transactions, operations, practices  
 and rates of BYRON J. WALTERS,  
 doing business as TAHQUITZ LAKE  
 WATER COMPANY; COACHELLA VALLEY  
 SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, a  
 corporation; CEDAR GLEN DEVELOPMENT  
 ASSOCIATION, a corporation;  
 HELEN B. NELSON, DONALD MENG, and  
 CHARLES A. HOFFMAN.

Case No. 8556  
(Filed October 25, 1966)

Application of BYRON J. WALTERS,  
 DBA TAHQUITZ LAKE WATER CO., for  
 Certificate of Public Convenience  
 and Necessity to Operate a Water  
 System, for Authorization of Water  
 Rates, and for Establishment of  
 Rules and Regulations.

Application No. 41904  
(Filed January 29, 1960)

ORDER REVOKING CERTIFICATE

By Decision No. 60879 issued in the above entitled application on October 11, 1960, the Commission granted to Byron J. Walters, doing business as Tahquitz Lake Water Company, a certificate of public convenience and necessity authorizing the construction and operation of a public utility water system in Forest Lake Estates, Units Nos. 1, 2 and 3 in unincorporated territory near the community of Idyllwild in Riverside County. As a result of service complaints received during 1966 from customers of this utility, the Commission reopened Application No. 41904 to determine whether Walters' certificate should be revoked,

suspended or modified. Concurrently the Commission instituted under Case No. 8556 a general investigation of the system operations and of certain financial transactions by Walters and others.

On February 6, 1968 the Commission issued its interim opinion and order therein (Decision No. 73705) by which Walters was ordered to undertake certain remedial measures in the operation of his public utility water system. By Decision No. 74008 dated April 16, 1968, Walters was ordered to show cause why he should not be held in contempt of the Commission and punished for disobeying five of such remedial orders. By Decision No. 75744 dated June 3, 1969, Walters was held in contempt of the Commission for each of the five offenses involved.

By Decision No. 75425 dated March 11, 1969 in Application No. 50932, Walters was authorized to carry out his agreement with Pine Cove County Water District for the transfer to the district of the portion of his public utility water system lying within that portion of his certificated area described as Forest Lake Estates, Units Nos. 1 and 2. Such transfer has been consummated.

No customers or dwellings exist in the remaining portion of Walters' certificated area, namely Forest Lakes Estates Unit No. 3. Said Unit No. 3 lies within the boundaries of Pine Cove County Water District.

There does not appear to be need for Walters' remaining, but dormant, operating authority; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that the certificate of public convenience and necessity granted in Ordering Paragraph No. 1 a of Decision No. 60879 is hereby revoked and all maps, rates and rules on file with the Commission and covering the services of Byron J. Walters, doing business as Tahquitz Lake Water Company, are canceled and annulled.

The secretary of the Commission is directed to cause personal service of this order to be made upon Walters. The effective date of this order shall be twenty days after the completion of such service.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 1969.

William Synovick  
President  
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[Signature]  
Vernon L. Sturgeon  
Commissioners

Commissioner J. P. Vukasin, Jr., being necessarily absent, did not participate in the disposition of this proceeding.