Decision No. <u>80196</u>

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Application of FRANCIS B. MATHEWS) to sell, and of OCCIDENTAL COMMUNITY) SERVICES DISTRICT to buy a water) system in Sonoma County.)

Application No. 53295 (Filed April 27, 1972)

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Francis B. Mathews requests authority to sell and transfer and Occidental Community Services District requests authority to purchase and acquire a public utility water system in the Town of Occidental, Sonoma County.

Authority to purchase the Occidental Water Works was granted to Francis B. Mathews by Decision No. 51756, dated August 2, 1955, in Application No. 37135. The system consists of 56 active services and 1 inactive service connection. The system had an original cost of \$19,784 and as of December 31, 1971 had a depreciated net book cost of \$11,104. In a letter dated May 5, 1972, applicant states that there are no advances for construction and customers' deposits. In the letter applicant also states that he has agreed to accept \$10,000 in cash and an 8 percent unsecured one year promissory note for \$5,000 in lieu of the \$15,000 cash consideration as specified in the application and agreement of sale.

Applicant purchaser is a political subdivision of the State of California.

After consideration the Commission finds that the proposed transfer would not be adverse to the public interest. A public hearing is not necessary.

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IT IS ORDERED that:

1. On or before November 1, 1972, Francis B. Mathews may sell and transfer to the Occidental Community Services District the water system herein referred to according to the terms and conditions of the agreement attached to the application, modified as described in applicant's letter of May 5, 1972.

2. Within thirty days after the consummation of the transfer authorized by ordering paragraph 1 hereof, applicant seller shall notify the Commission, in writing, of that fact and within said period shall file with the Commission a true copy of any bill of sale or other instrument of transfer which may be executed to effect said transfer.

3. Applicant seller shall refund all customers' deposits and main extension advances, if any.

4. Upon compliance with the conditions of this order, the operating authority granted by Decision No. 51756 is revoked, and applicant seller shall stand relieved of his public utility obligations and may discontinue service concurrently with the commencement of service by Occidental Community Services District.

	The effect	tive date of	E this	order shall be the date hereof.
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