

June 25, 1934

Mr. W.S. Carpenter,  
Glendale, Utah

RE : LONG VALLEY DIST.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 21 in which you say D.L. Foote and a Mr. Bowers are having some difficulty and each desires that you swear a complaint out against the other for stealing water. You ask what should be done in the matter.

You are advised that you should not enter into any legal contests with individual water users. It would be your duty however, in case you closed a gate and one of these men opened it, thereby taking water which did not belong to him, to bring him into court ~~and~~ show cause why he should not be permanently enjoined from interfering with the water. Your legal advisor in such case would be the Attorney-General or his assistant. In the event of such difficulty in your section of the county, it would be necessary for the Attorney-General to appoint a man to represent him, - all of which would involve a good deal of time and expense. It is hoped therefore, that you may be able to get by without resorting to the courts.

I am asking Mr. Reid Jerman, Chief Deputy State Engineer, to visit the various water commissioners in the southern part of the state. In ordinary events he should reach you either the latter part of this week or the first part of next week, at which time he will discuss this or other matters which you have to put before him for advice. Mr. Jerman will be given the correspondence relating to the matter herein first above referred to, and discuss it further with you, advising definitely what is the best thing to do under the circumstances.

Yours very truly,

T.H. Humpherys,  
STATE ENGINEER