

Mount Carmel, Utah.
April 17, 1959.

Mr. Wayne D. Criddle, State Engineer,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Y. R. - Henry Kelly

Dear Mr. Criddle:

After receiving your letter of April 6, I waited until I could meet with the water committee before attempting to answer.

Since you are unable to meet with us you suggested that we just appoint a water master ourselves and go ahead as usual. This would hardly be our usual arrangement. Following a procedure set up for us several years ago we send a letter to the State Engineer, like my letter to you on April 2, asking him to send out notices for a meeting. After the notices were sent out and the meeting held we sent a copy of the minutes to the Engineer together with \$5.00 to pay the premium on our Water Commissioner's bond. Whereupon the Engineer gave our man an official appointment as Water Commissioner. Later our Secretary prorated the salary and travel expense of the commissioner and made an assessment among the water users to meet this expense.

The method you propose of giving the Commissioner your direct personal instructions and supervision sounds much better than this older method and we will be glad when you can set it up for us but in the meantime our Commissioner needs an official appointment so he can have legal status and support from your office.

The central committee, which consists of the Presidents of the three incorporated irrigation companies met at Glendale, Utah, April 12 to read your letter and decide what action should be taken. Since drouth conditions down here are already unusually severe for this time of the year they decided that some action should be taken immediatly and asked me to serve as water commissioner for 1959. I have already taken some action to measure and distribute what water is available and the committee has given me their support. But, as stated above, I feel that I should have the protection of a bond and the approval of the State Engineer. This would not take much of your time and would put us on surer footing.

If you feel that you can comply with this request please let me know and I will send money to pay the premium on a bond.

Sincerely yours,

Birt Gardner

Secretary, Central Committee.

*C. Johnson advised S/E
office that this matter
was taken care of*

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THE STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF STATE ENGINEER

SALT LAKE CITY

April 6, 1959

WAYNE D. CRIDDLE
STATE ENGINEER

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Virgin River System

Long Valley Water Users
Mount Carmel, Utah

Attention: Mr. Birt Gardner, Secretary, Central Committee

Gentlemen:

We have your letter of April 2, 1959 requesting a meeting with the water users on the East Fork of the Virgin River for the purpose of setting up an administration under the State Engineer for the 1959 season.

It would be impossible for either me or Mr. Norseth, who is our Distribution Engineer, to attend a meeting in Glendale, Monday, April 20. We must attend a meeting of the Bear River Commission on that date and this meeting has been scheduled for some time and includes representatives of Idaho, Wyoming, Utah and the Bureau of Reclamation and, therefore, could not be postponed at this time.

However, because of the lateness of the season and the fact that we have undertaken to appoint water commissioners and put a number of streams under State Engineer administration this year, I do not see any way in which we could get your program going for this year.

I would recommend that you continue on with your water master arrangement, as you probably have been doing in the past, and that we aim toward setting up a proper budget arrangement and commissioner beginning with the 1960 season.

Under state law it is essential that after this office appoints a commissioner that we set up an assessment system and that the assessments be paid by May 1 of each year and that the Water Commissioner be appointed, bonded, assume his duties and be given proper instruction for distribution. These all take time and we would prefer not undertaking this assessment this year because of our lack of help and the pressure which has been on from those systems which have made arrangements earlier.

Very truly yours,

Wayne D. Criddle

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Mount Carmel, Utah.
April 2, 1959.

Mr. Wayne D. Crindle, State Engineer,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Mr. Crindle:

A central committee representing the water users here in Long Valley, Kane County, ~~has~~ directed me as their secretary to write to you and ask that you call a meeting of the water users of this East Fork of the Virgin River for the purpose of agreeing on the selection of someone to be recommended to you for appointment as Water Commissioner on the Long Valley Creek (East Fork of the Virgin River) for 1959.

It has been agreed that the said meeting should be called for Monday April 20, 1959, at 8:00 o'clock P.M., and that the place for this meeting would be in the home of Charles C. Anderson in Glendale, Utah.

There are several people named on the decree as owners of water rights on this part of the watershed who are owners of *2nd Class &* springs and sole owners of small tributaries who are seldom, if ever, in need of the services of the Water Commissioner. Therefore we have been making assessments on 1st. class water rights only, to pay for this service. Also we have been notifying only the 1st. class owners of this meeting to select a Commissioner.

The following is a list of the names and addresses of the persons to whom a notice of this meeting should be sent:

~~Charles C. Anderson~~, Pres. Glendale Irrigation Co.,
Glendale, Utah.

Mark Chamberlain, Pres. Orderville Irrigation Co.,
Orderville, Utah.

Laura S. Sorenson, Pres. Mt. Carmel Irrigation Co.,
Mt. Carmel, Utah.

Whitney McDonald	-	-	-	-	Kanab, Utah.
Fred R. Major	-	2802	Liberty Blvd.,	South Gate, Calif.	
G. D. McDonald	-	-	-	-	Kanab, Utah.
Howard B. Spencer	-	-	-	-	Glendale, Utah.
Henry Carroll	-	-	-	-	Orderville, Utah.
Lyle Chamberlain	-	-	-	-	Glendale, Utah.
Rodney F. Carpenter	-	-	-	-	Kanab, Utah.
J. W. Morrison	-	-	-	-	Mt. Carmel, Utah.
David L. Foote	-	-	-	-	Orderville, Utah.

Very Respectfully Yours,

Bert Gardner Secretary,
Long Valley Water Users
central Committee.