

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
DIVISION OF WATER RIGHTS  
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ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS  
BY APPROPRIATION

TO THE WATERS OF THE

WHITEWATER RIVER STREAM  
SYSTEM

SAN BERNARDINO AND RIVERSIDE COUNTIES  
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water has been used throughout the entire year for domestic and stock water-purposes and for irrigating the following acreage:

2.6 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1900 (about).

1.0 acre in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1900 (about).

7.0 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1903.

10.6 acres—Total irrigated.

m 0.06 cubic foot per second from South Spring through South Spring Pipe Claim based upon water appropriation notice dated January 3, 1898, and ed on January 5, 1898, in Book 1 of Water Claims, page 199, Riverside County is, followed by construction and application to beneficial use with due diligence. that water has been used throughout the entire year for irrigating the ng acreage:

0.3 acre in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1899.

3.3 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1899.

6.1 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1908.

0.9 acre in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1908.

10.6 acres—Total irrigated.

m 0.02 cubic foot per second from Head Spring through Head Spring Pipe Line. based upon water appropriation notice dated June 20, 1894, and recorded on S, 1894, in Book 1 of Water Claims, page 33, Riverside County Records, followed istration and application to beneficial use with due diligence. Claim water en used throughout the entire year for irrigating the following acreage:

1.2 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1895 (about).

2.2 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 13, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1907.

3.4 acres—Total irrigated.

ay, **George D.**, 530 Douglas Building, Los Angeles, California.

ms 1.00 cubic foot per second from Thousand Palm Canyon Creek through the and Bedwell Ditch and Pipe Line. Claim based upon water appropriation dated January 31, 1913, and recorded on February 24, 1913, in Book 3 of Water s, page 85, Riverside County Records, and upon water appropriation notice September 21, 1914, and recorded September 30, 1914, in Book 3 of Water Claims, 31, Riverside County Records, it being claimed that said notices were followed istration and application to beneficial use with due diligence. Claims water en used throughout the entire year, for domestic purposes and for irrigating llowing acreage:

7.0 acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 22, T. 4 S., R. 6 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1914.

4.0 acres in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 22, T. 4 S., R. 6 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1922.

1.0 acre in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 22, T. 4 S., R. 6 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1923.

16.0 acres in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 22, T. 4 S., R. 6 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1924.

28.0 acres—Total irrigated prior to date of proof.

28.0 acres of land is all that was irrigated at the time of filing proof, claimant es to develop and irrigate as much land as is possible with the 1.00 cubic foot cond claimed.

**Gorgonio Power Company**, 409 Security Building, Los Angeles, California.

ms 7.50 cubic feet per second from East Branch of South Fork of Whitewater 8.00 cubic feet per second from West Branch of South Fork of Whitewater and 0.50 cubic foot per second from Black Wheel Canyon Branch of South of Whitewater River, or a total of 16.00 cubic feet per second, through the idated Reservoir and Power Company's canal. The claim to the waters of the and West Branches of the South Fork of Whitewater River is based upon ction and application to beneficial use; upon water appropriation notice dated r 31, 1906, and recorded on November 9, 1906, in Book "H" of Water Records, 13, San Bernardino County Records, followed by construction and application eficial use with due diligence; upon water appropriation notice dated December 8, and recorded on January 4, 1909, in Book "H" of Water Records, page 164, ernardino County Records, and also recorded on January 8, 1909, in Book 2 of Claims, page 239, Riverside County Records, followed by construction and

to the claimant by the Division of Water Rights, on its Application No. 2977, filed August 11, 1922. The claim to the waters of Black Wheel Canyon Branch of South Fork of Whitewater River is based upon construction and application to beneficial use, and upon Permit No. 1275 issued to the claimant by the Division of Water Rights on its Application No. 2977, filed August 11, 1922. Claims that a continuous diversion of water through the canal has been made since 1912 for irrigation and domestic use, and for underground storage, but that water was first used for power purposes in 1923. Claims that water has been used for power purposes as follows:

3.0 cubic feet per second, since 1923.

3.5 cubic feet per second, since 1924.

6.5 cubic feet per second—Maximum amount used in any one year prior to date of proof.

Claims that the "initiation of the right" to use the water for power purposes long antedates the date of actual use of the water for such purposes.

**Stevens, Prescott T.**, 7353 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, California.

Claims 10.00 cubic feet per second from Whitewater River through the Palm Valley Water Company Ditch (sometimes called the "Stevens Ditch"). Claim based upon water appropriation notice dated September 19, 1913, and recorded on September 19, 1913, in Book 3 of Water Claims, page 101, Riverside County Records, followed by construction and application to beneficial use with due diligence. Claims water has been used throughout the entire year when available, and was first used in 1914 to irrigate the following acreage:

20.0 acres in Sections 11 and 15, T. 4 S., R. 4 E., S. B. B. and M.

Claims that since 1914 the number of acres irrigated has gradually increased until during the year 1924 a total of 88.0 acres were irrigated as follows:

40.0 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 11, T. 4 S., R. 4 E., S. B. B. and M.

5.0 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10, T. 4 S., R. 4 E., S. B. B. and M.

10.0 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10, T. 4 S., R. 4 E., S. B. B. and M.

10.0 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10, T. 4 S., R. 4 E., S. B. B. and M.

23.0 acres in S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10, T. 4 S., R. 4 E., S. B. B. and M.

88.0 acres—Total irrigated prior to date of proof.

Claims that by January 1, 1927, an additional 532 acres in Sec. 10, T. 4 S., R. 4 E., S. B. B. and M., will have been irrigated, making a total of 620 acres. Claimant has been granted a certificate (No. 12-886) by the Division of Water Rights, under authority of Section 12 of the Water Commission Act, fixing January 1, 1927, as the date by which the full amount of water appropriated under the above mentioned water appropriation notice shall be applied to beneficial use.

**Southern Pacific Company and Southern Pacific Railroad Company**, 65 Market Street, San Francisco, California.

Claim 1.52 cubic feet per second from Snow Creek and its tributaries through an Old Channel and Pipe Line. Claim based upon notice dated October 24, 1899, and recorded on October 25, 1899, in Book 1 of Water Claims, page 299, et seq., Riverside County Records, followed by construction and application to beneficial use with due diligence. Claim water has been used throughout the entire year for domestic and railroad purposes since September, 1900, when approximately 13 locomotives per day took water to the extent of approximately 1500 gallons each; that at the time of filing proof, approximately 62 locomotives per day took water to the extent of approximately 7200 gallons each; and that the maximum amount of water used occurred during August, 1923, when approximately 73 locomotives per day took water to the extent of approximately 7200 gallons each.

Claim 0.445 cubic foot per second from Snow Creek and its tributaries through an unnamed ditch. Claim based upon notice dated October 24, 1899, and recorded on October 25, 1899, in Book 1 of Water Claims, page 299, et seq., Riverside County Records, followed by construction and application to beneficial use with due diligence. Claim water has been used throughout the entire year for domestic and stock watering purposes and from March 1st to November 30th of each year for irrigating the following acreage since 1899:

7.84 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 20, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., S. B. B. and M.

6.98 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 20, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., S. B. B. and M.

4.27 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 21, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., S. B. B. and M.

20.91 acres in NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 21, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., S. B. B. and M.

40.00 acres—Total irrigated.

Claim 0.75 cubic foot per second from Millard Creek (also known as Cold Creek) through an unnamed ditch, flume, and pipe line. Claim based upon construction and use since 1877, and on enlarged appropriation under Permit No. 487 issued to the claimants by Division of Water Rights on their Application No. 554, filed January 3, 1917. Claim that water has been used throughout the entire year for domestic and railroad purposes since 1877 when approximately 15 locomotives per day took water to the extent of approximately 1500 gallons each; that at the time of filing proof approximately 24 locomotives per day took water to the extent of approximately 7200 gallons each; and that the maximum amount of water used occurred in June, 1923, when approximately 33 locomotives per day took water to the extent of approximately 7200 gallons each.

**Southern Pacific Land Company, 65 Market Street, San Francisco, California.**

Claims 0.280 cubic foot per second from Millard Creek (also known as Cold Creek) through an unnamed ditch and flume. Claim based upon initial construction and use from and prior to 1877 and upon an enlarged appropriation under Permit No. 486 issued to the claimant by the Division of Water Rights on its Application No. 553, filed January 3, 1917. Claims that water has been used throughout the entire year for domestic and stock watering purposes and for irrigating the following acreage:

- 10.0 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 32, T. 2 S., R. 2 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1877.
- 7.0 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 32, T. 2 S., R. 2 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1923.
- 13.0 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 32, T. 2 S., R. 2 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1924.
- 1.7 acres in NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 32, T. 2 S., R. 2 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1924.
- 0.8 acre in SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 32, T. 2 S., R. 2 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1924.

32.5 acres—Total irrigated prior to date of proof.

**Southern Sierras Power Company, Riverside, California.**

Claims 10.0 cubic feet per second from Falls Creek, 10.0 cubic feet per second from East Fork of Snow Creek, and 40.0 cubic feet per second from the main stream of Snow Creek, making a total of 60.0 cubic feet per second, through a proposed pipe line and Power Plant No. 1. Claim based upon Permit No. 1008 issued to the claimant by the Division of Water Rights on its Application No. 2079, filed November 9, 1920. Claims that water is to be used for power purposes through a total fall of 1811 feet.

Claims 20.0 cubic feet per second from East Fork of Snow Creek and 40.0 cubic feet per second from main stream of Snow Creek, making a total of 60.0 cubic feet per second, through a proposed pipe line and Power Plant No. 2. Claim based upon Permit No. 1009 issued to the claimant by the Division of Water Rights on its Application No. 2090, filed November 20, 1920. Claims that water is to be used for power purposes through a total fall of 818 feet.

**Talmadge Brothers, care Swing and Wilson, 11 Garner Block, San Bernardino, California.**

Claim 3.75 cubic feet per second from Whitewater River through Whitewater Ranch Ditch. Claim based upon construction and use, court decrees and notice posted, followed by construction and application to beneficial use with due diligence. (Date of notice and record of same not known.) Claims that water has been used throughout the entire year for domestic and stock watering purposes and for irrigating the following acreage:

- 18.0 acres in Sec. 10, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., S. B. B. and M., since 1850,
- 65.0 acres in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 10, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., S. B. B. and M., since some time prior to 1910.
- 17.0 acres in NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 15, T. 3 S., R. 3 E., S. B. B. and M., since some time prior to 1910.

100.0 acres—Total irrigated.

Claim 3.75 cubic feet per second from Whitewater River through Heathman Ditch. Claim based upon construction and use and upon water appropriation notice dated March 12, 1903, and recorded on March 12, 1908, in Book 2 of Water Claims, page 196, Riverside County Records, followed by construction and application to beneficial use with due diligence. Claim water has been used for irrigation purposes from about November 1st to about June 1st of each year; that the water was first used in 1909 when 50.0 acres were irrigated (location not given), this representing the maximum acreage irrigated in any year.

**United States of America, care Harold Baxter, Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States, 220 Fleming Building, Phoenix, Arizona.**

Claims 3.0 cubic feet per second from Hathaway Creek through Hathaway Pipe Line, 7.0 cubic feet per second from Potrero Creek through Potrero Creek and Pipe Line, 3.0 cubic feet per second from Mission Creek through the Mission Pipe Line, 6.0 cubic feet per second from Andreas Creek through Andreas Pipe Line, and 4.8 cubic feet per second from Tahquitz Creek through the Tahquitz Creek Indian Ditch, a total of 23.8 cubic feet per second; and also claims an amount of water from the Whitewater River and its tributaries which flow in portion of the Coachella Valley lying east and north of the San Jacinto and Rosa range of mountains and there sink and become tributary to and form an ground stream or diffused body of water flowing or percolating into said valley which the Cabazon, Augustin, and Torros Indian Reservations are dependent in present and future water supply. Claims that the extent to which water supplied from the following named streams, lands in the reservations that are capable of irrigation, and water required to be diverted throughout each year for that purpose (including diversions for storage in ground by spreading) are as follows:

Reservation	Irrigable Lands in Acres	Creek	Continuous Flow to be Diverted Purposes
Morongo	More than 300	Hathaway	3.0 cu. ft. per
	More than 1200	Potrero	7.0 cu. ft. per
Mission Creek	More than 150	Mission	3.0 cu. ft. per
Agua Caliente	More than 360	Andreas	6.0 cu. ft. per
		Tahquitz	4.8 cu. ft. per

Claim based upon the establishment of the various Indian Reservations, for certain of the waters therein, thereon and traversing the same have been reserved from appropriation by others for use by the Indians residing thereon and by which claimant has a prior right as against all persons claiming the use of waters; and upon construction and application to beneficial use.

Claims water has been used from Hathaway Creek on the Morongo Reservation throughout the entire year for domestic and stock watering purposes and from 1st to December 1st of each year for irrigating the following acreage, most of having been irrigated since 1890 or before:

- 9.4 acres in Sec. 34, T. 2 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M.
- 3.7 acres in Sec. 35, T. 2 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M.

13.1 acres—Total irrigated prior to date of proof

and that the present system provides for the use of water throughout the entire year for domestic and stock watering purposes; for power purposes to the extent of fall in the pipe line, and from March 1st to December 1st of each year for irrigating the following acreage:

- 100 acres in Secs. 34 and 35, T. 2 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M.
- 100 acres in Sec. 35, T. 2 S., R. 1 E. and in Secs. 1 and 2, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M.

200 acres—Ultimate area to be irrigated.

Claims water has been used from Potrero Creek on the Morongo Reservation throughout the entire year for domestic and stock watering purposes, and for developing power to the extent of 40 horsepower through a fall of 254 feet, and from 1st to December 1st of each year for irrigating the following acreage, most of having been irrigated since 1894 or before:

- 66.8 acres in Sec. 1, T. 3 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M.
- 22.0 acres in Sec. 2, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., S. B. B. and M.
- 116.4 acres in Sec. 6, T. 3 S., R. 2 E., S. B. B. and M.
- 130.9 acres in Sec. 31, T. 2 S., R. 2 E., S. B. B. and M.
- 10.2 acres in Sec. 25, T. 2 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M.
- 80.4 acres in Sec. 35, T. 2 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M.
- 169.6 acres in Sec. 36, T. 2 S., R. 1 E., S. B. B. and M.

596.3 acres—Total irrigated prior to date of proof

and that the present system provides for the use of water throughout the entire year for domestic and stock watering purposes, for spreading for underg