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Hon. City Council

San Diego

Sir

Some time I made you an offer on behalf of Mr C.M. Hatfield that he would fill every reservoir at the cost of one cent per 1000 gals. - & can do it every winter.

I believe he would still stand by this offer altho I write without authority & he has other contracts claiming precedence.

For the benefit of new comers I beg to remind you that in Dec. 1915 the City Council voted, 4 to 1, that Mr Hatfield be hired to fill Morena Reservoir ^{for \$10,000} & ordered Mr Coogrove to prepare the contract.

~~Mr Coogrove~~ Mr Hatfield set up his apparatus at Morena - it rained 26 days incessantly, filled every reservoir to overflowing & ceased the very day he quit.

Mr Coogrove delayed the contract & then advised the council that they were not liable to pay Hatfield because he had no contract.

All this because one reservoir dam burst & did much damage. Mr Hatfield never got his money.

Yours respectfully

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