Guide to the Boulder Water Company papers, Water Resources Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Boulder Water Company papers, Water Resources Collection

Dates: 1918-1979

Bulk Dates: Bulk, 1964-1979

Collection number: H.Mss.0139

Creator: Boulder Water Company

Extent: 4.2 linear feet (9 document boxes + 1 realia box).

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Abstract: The Boulder Water Company was incorporated October 25, 1919 as a mutual water company and was officially dissolved in June 1979. Located in Claremont, California, the Company operated one well and two reservoirs for the benefit of its stockholder members. The collection, which came from the corporate secretary, consists of correspondence, legal documents and financial records of the Company and is most complete in the company’s last 15 years, 1964-1979. Minutes from the meetings are complete.

Physical location: Please consult repository.

Language of materials: Languages represented in the collection: English.

Access

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Provenance/Source of Acquisition

Gift from Mrs. Margaret Ann Hart, the last secretary for the Company, in 1979.

Accruals

No additions to the collection are anticipated.

Processing Information

Arranged and processed by Jacque Sundstran in 1982.

Biography of the Boulder Water Company

The Boulder Water Company was incorporated October 25, 1919 as a mutual water company and was officially dissolved in June 1979. The Company was located north of Baseline between Mills and Padua Road in Claremont, California. The Company operated one well and two reservoirs for the benefit of its stockholder members. The well was originally dug in 1919 for Amelia C. Bridges who in turn gave some of the water rights to the Company. In 1945, the Company bought 100 shares of the Claremont Basin Mutual Water Company stock to supplement their needs. Due to the dwindling citrus groves and demands for further domestic water by the area’s increasing residents, however, in 1977 the well property was sold to the Southern California Water Company and the domestic reservoir property was sold to Lewis Homes, a developer in the Claremont area.

Scope and Contents of the Collection

The collection consists of correspondence, legal documents and financial records of the Boulder Water Company. Stationary examples, general operational matters and communications regarding the company’s closure are part of the correspondence. There are specific files for correspondence with Southern California Water Company, Pomona Valley Municipal Water District and the county assessor’s office.

Legal documents are comprised of articles of incorporation, by-laws, amendments, meeting notices and minutes, contracts, and documents relating to stockholders such as proxies, stock transfers and stock certificates.

Financial records include both stockholder and general ledgers, various tax documents, meter readings, bank statements and cancelled checks and check stubs.

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Series Arrangement

The collection has been arranged into the following series:
Related Material
Some records of the Boulder Water Company are also housed at the Pomona Public Library, Special Collections.

Indexing Terms
The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the library's online public access catalog.

Subjects and Indexing Terms
Boulder Water Company.
Claremont Basin Water Company.
Hart, Margaret Ann
Pomona Valley Municipal Water District.
Southern California Water Company.
Business enterprises
California--History, Local
Claremont (Calif.)
Water utilities
Water--California, Southern

Genre and Form of Materials
Account books
Business records
Correspondence
Tax returns

Series 1: Background information, 1953, 1964, 1978 and undated
Extent: 2 folders

Box 1, Folder 1, Item 1
Boulder Water Company stock -- a history of the company by Clyde L. Pittman, 1953
February 21, copy, 7 leaves 1953

Box 1, Folder 1, Item 2
Boulder -- miscellaneous information on pipelines

Box 1, Folder 1, Item 3
Map, very rough, outlines some pipes and reservoir

Box 1, Folder 1, Item 4
Boulder secretary duties, January to March

Transfer of Company records, 1964 and 1978
Extent: 2 items

Box 1, Folder 2, Item 1
Transfer of records to Honnold, 1978 October

Box 1, Folder 2, Item 2
Transfer of records to Pomona Public Library, Special Collections, 1964 April 15

Series 2: Correspondence, 1920-1979
Extent: 7 folders

Box 1, Folder 6
Closing papers, 1977-1979
Note
Correspondence to such companies as Bank of America; from the law office of Allard, Shelton and O'Conner.
Series 2: Correspondence, 1920-1979

Box 1, Folder 9  County assessor’s office, 1969-1976

Note
Correspondence to the county assessor’s office on tax bills form 1969 to 1976.

Box 1, Folder 4  General, 1920-1975

Note
Miscellaneous correspondence dealing with general operations/management of the company.

Box 1, Folder 3  Letterhead and account stationary
Pomona Valley Municipal Water District, 1961-1976

Extent: 2 folders

Box 1, Folder 7  1961-1969

Note
Includes application to Pomona Valley Municipal Water District dated 1961 May 18, water rate changes, water production data, report for estimate of Colorado River water, and other items.

Box 1, Folder 8  1970-1976

Note
Includes water rate changes and water production data.

Box 1, Folder 5  Southern California Water Company, 1976

Note
Correspondence during the period when Boulder Water well was leased by Southern California Water Company.

Series 3: Legal documents, 1918-1979

Extent: 58 folders

Articles of incorporation, 1919

Extent: 4 items

Box 1, Folder 10, Item 1  Articles of Incorporation with seal of State of California, 1919 October 27

Box 1, Folder 10, Item 2  Application for permit as a state corporation, 1919 December 11

Box 4, Folder 11  Secretary of State articles of incorporation certificate, signed by Frank Jordan, 1919

Box 10, Item 1  Embosser, hand press, corporate seal, 1919

Note
Inscription reads, "BOULDER WATER COMPANY**CLAREMONT, CAL." on outside ring; "INCORPORATED OCT. 25, 1919" at center.

Box 1, Folder 11  By-laws
Amendments, 1919 and 1932

Extent: 3 items

Box 1, Folder 13, Item 1  Amended articles of incorporation, 1919

Box 1, Folder 13, Item 2  Amended articles of incorporation, 1932
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<td>Resolution for amendment of by-laws, 1932</td>
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<td>Corporation statements, California 1971-1973</td>
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<td>Grant deed, land grant from Llyod Cooper to Boulder Water Company, 1947 July 19</td>
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<td>Legal description, pump and reservoir sites, 1918</td>
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<td>Description of pump and reservoir sites, signed by Willis S. Jones, 1918 April 15</td>
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<td>Plat of survey of part of track, signed by Willis S. Jones, 1918 April 15</td>
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<td>Meeting notices and minutes, 1919-1979</td>
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<td>Meeting notices, some with proof of publication from various newspapers; others are the secretary's official copy. Minutes include director's meetings and annual stockholder meetings.</td>
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<td>Meeting notices and minutes -- Pomona Valley Protective Association, 1925-1966</td>
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<td>Closing papers, 1976-1979</td>
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<td>Assessment notices, 1952-1970</td>
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<td>Stockholders lists, 1945-1979</td>
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Box 2, Folder 15 | 1977
Box 2, Folder 17 | Contract - Southern Counties Gas Company, 1940
   Note
   Contract for sale of natural gas for use in internal combustion engines.

Box 2, Folder 18 | Contract - Southern Counties Gas Company, 1954
   Note
   Contract for gas engine service.

Box 2, Folder 19 | Incorporation papers - Claremont Basin Mutual Water Company
Box 2, Folder 20 | Assessment notices - Claremont Basin Mutual Water Company, 1964
   Stock transfers, 1952-1978
   Extent: 8 folders

Box 2, Folder 21 | 1952-1957
Box 2, Folder 22 | 1961-1964
Box 2, Folder 23 | 1965-1968
Box 2, Folder 24 | 1970
Box 2, Folder 25 | 1971-1972
Box 2, Folder 26 | 1973-1974
Box 2, Folder 27 | 1975
Box 2, Folder 28 | 1976-1978
Box 2, Folder 29 | State water rights, 1957-1976
   Note
   Primarily annual notices of ground water extractions.

Box 2, Folder 30 | State Compensation Insurance Fund, employer's copies of reports, 1962-1977
Box 2, Folder 31 | Insurance - Commercial Union, 1966-1976
   Note
   Insurance policies and some correspondence concerning policies.

Box 2, Folder 32 | Corporate resolution, 1962
   Note
   Corporate resolution to obtain credit with or without security.

Box 2, Folder 33 | Pump lease, 1964
   Note
   Personal property lease with F. LaHorgue.

Box 2, Folder 34 | Permits, 1964
   Note
   State Utility Encroachment Permit and County Road Permits.

Census documents, 1969 and 1972
   Extent: 4 items

Box 2, Folder 35, Item 1 | Census of Irrigation Organizations Reference Guide, 1969
Series 3: Legal documents, 1918-1979

Box 2, Folder 35,
Item 2
Box 2, Folder 35,
Item 3
Box 2, Folder 35,
Item 4
File copy, Census of Irrigation, 1969
File copy, Census of Irrigation letter, 1969
Report of company organization, 1972

Stock certificates, bound volumes, 1932 September-1977 October
Extent: 3 folders

Box 3, Folder 1
#101-200, 1932 September-1947 October
Box 3, Folder 2
#201-300, 1947 October-1963 June
Box 3, Folder 3
#301-354, 1963 June-1977 October
Note
Volume of certificates continues to #450; however #355 to 450 are blank.

Series 4: Financial records, 1924-1979
Extent: 83 folders

Ledger, stockholder, 1924-1977
Extent: 3 folders

Box 4, Folder 1
Bound, 1924-1961
Box 4, Folder 2
Loose, 1961-1973
Box 4, Folder 4
Loose, 1964-1977
Ledger, general debits and credits, 1948-1979
Extent: 2 folders

Box 4, Folder 3
Bound, 1948-1973
Box 4, Folder 5
Loose, 1974-1979
County property taxes, 1959-1976
Extent: 2 folders

Box 4, Folder 6
Claremont Heights Drive Domestic Water Association, 1959-1967
Box 4, Folder 8
County business property affidavit, 1958-1967
Box 4, Folder 9
County water company reports, 1951-1976
Box 4, Folder 10
County public health licenses, 1964-1976
Franchise tax returns, 1959-1977
Extent: 2 folders

Box 5, Folder 1
1959-1969
Box 5, Folder 2
1970-1977
Box 5, Folder 3
Federal return of organization exempt forms
Box 5, Folder 4
Federal unemployment tax returns, 1973-1976
Federal quarterly reports of wages (F.I.C.A.), 1959-1977
Extent: 2 folders

Box 5, Folder 5
1959-1967
Box 5, Folder 6
1968-1977
Meter readings, 1966-1976
Extent: 7 folders

Box 5, Folder 7
1966
Box 5, Folder 8
1967
Box 5, Folder 9
1968
Box 5, Folder 10
1969-1970
Box 5, Folder 11  1971-1972
Box 5, Folder 12  1973-1974
Box 5, Folder 13  1975-1976

Note
Also includes a meter reading disc and a "Quantity of Water Used Record" card.

Cancelled checks and check stubs, 1958-1979
Extent: 22 folders

Box 6, Folder 1  1958
Box 6, Folder 2  1959
Box 6, Folder 3  1960
Box 6, Folder 5  1961
Box 6, Folder 7  1962
Box 6, Folder 9  1963
Box 6, Folder 11  1964
Box 6, Folder 13  1965
Box 7, Folder 2  1966
Box 7, Folder 4  1967
Box 7, Folder 6  1968
Box 7, Folder 8  1969
Box 7, Folder 10  1970
Box 7, Folder 12  1971
Box 7, Folder 14  1972
Box 8, Folder 2  1973
Box 8, Folder 4  1974
Box 8, Folder 6  1975
Box 8, Folder 8  1976
Box 8, Folder 10  1977
Box 8, Folder 12  1978
Box 8, Folder 14  1979

Bank statements, 1961-1979
Extent: 19 folders

Box 6, Folder 4  1961
Note
Includes 5 promissory notes.

Box 6, Folder 6  1962
Note
Includes 2 promissory notes.

Box 6, Folder 8  1963
Note
Includes 1 promissory note and deposit tickets.

Box 6, Folder 10  1964
Note
Includes deposit slips.

Box 6, Folder 12  1965
Note
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