

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
306 WEST THIRD STREET
LOS ANGELES 13, CALIFORNIA

OFFICE OF
GENERAL MANAGER AND CHIEF ENGINEER

MAY 28 1952

APPROVED
by the Board of Directors of
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
at its meeting held June 10, 1952
A. L. Gram
Executive Secretary

The Board of Directors
The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California
B u i l d i n g

Gentlemen:

I am attaching hereto a letter received from John T. Bourke, Location Manager, Republic Productions, Inc., requesting permission to use Lake Mathews as the setting for a scene, or scenes, in a motion picture which the company plans to produce.

Board regulations do not permit trespassing within the fenced area of Lake Mathews, or the use of the lake for fishing or any other recreational purposes. Use of the Lake Mathews area by the motion picture studio in the manner outlined in its letter would involve the use of sailing boats on the lake and the presence of numerous artisans, technicians, and the like on one of the lake islands and within the enclosed area.

It is recommended that the request for the use of Lake Mathews for the purposes outlined in the letter be denied.

Very truly yours,

Robert B. Diemer

Robert B. Diemer
General Manager and Chief Engineer

Enclosure

REFERRED TO	DATE
<i>Kinsey</i>	5-27



REPUBLIC PRODUCTIONS, INC.

REPUBLIC STUDIOS
 4024 RADFORD AVENUE
 NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA
 May 22, 1952

Request Denied

Mr. Robert Diemer,
 General Manager and
 Chief Engineer,
 Metropolitan Water District,
 Los Angeles, California.

Dear Mr. Diemer:

RBH

I spoke to Mr. Kinsey yesterday requesting permission to photograph motion picture scenes involving miniature sets at Lake Mathews. Mr. Kinsey advised me to write you giving the details of our proposed photographing for your consideration.

We have in preparation a story titled "FAIR WINDS TO JAVA" which is a story of the sailing vessels in the Javanese area. As you know there are three small islands at Lake Mathews. It is necessary for us to construct, in miniature, a section of a volcano in the center of one of these islands from which smoke will be belching. Also in miniature we would like to see two or three small sailing boats in the vicinity of the island. We are aware of the fact that Lake Mathews is a reservoir for water for Los Angeles consumption and nothing will be done that would contaminate the water in any manner. Lake Mathews, because of the islands, is the only place we have been able to find where these scenes could be photographed effectively. Our operations would require a very small group of people, as there are no actors involved in these scenes, and we are prepared to pay a rental for the use of the property as well as salaries involved for any man or men you may want to have with us to supervise our operations and protect your interests. We would probably be at the Lake for a period of about thirty days including the erecting, photographing and removal of the set.

I trust you will consider this request favorably and will be glad to discuss any further details at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

REPUBLIC PRODUCTIONS, Inc.,
John T. Bourke
 John T. Bourke,
 Location Manager.

JTB/s

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