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Mayor Eric Garcetti  
City of Los Angeles  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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RE: LADWP Ranch Leases/Fishing impacts

Dear Mayor Garcetti:

Mammoth Lakes Recreation, a non-profit organization representing the recreational and cultural interests of Mammoth Lakes and Mono County, is deeply concerned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's efforts to remove the water allotments to agricultural lands in Mono County. These lands, located in Long Valley and Little Round Valley, have been irrigated for over a century, and now supports a vibrant wetlands habitat, which in turn supports numerous recreational activities, including hunting, camping, and most notably, fishing. In fact, the leased land in Long Valley supports several major trout fisheries, including Hot Creek, Owens River, and Crowley Lake. We are concerned that the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's decision to de-water these lands will profoundly alter the landscape, which may have an adverse impact on these fisheries.

Fishing is important driver of the recreation economy here in the Eastern Sierra. According to the Mono County Office of Tourism, fishing is the second most participated-in activity in the county. Hot Creek and Owens River are renown for offering world-class trout fishing. Compromises to those fisheries would be detrimental to the fishing community and the local economy.

We ask that Los Angeles Department of Water and Power immediately reinstate the historical allocation of five acre-feet/acre/year, until a full and comprehensive environmental assessment can be conducted to definitively determine what the long-term impacts of dewatering the landscape will have upon the fishing resources, as well as other recreational activities in Long Valley.

Respectfully,

Matt McClain  
Executive Director  
Mammoth Lakes Recreation

Cc: Mel Lavine, LADWP