



# 2010 MONO LAKE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT



FROM THE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND THE BOARD CHAIR

Spring 2010

Thank you for your support of Mono Lake and the Mono Lake Committee. Together we stand 16,000 members strong, ready to speak on Mono Lake's behalf whenever necessary.

Non-profit organizations are conventionally evaluated on our financial numbers and we summarize our 2009 information in this report. It was another challenging year for us and the rest of the country. We run a modest office and operation as a general



rule, but we took steps to reduce Committee expenses further, including leaving vacant staff positions unfilled. Combined with loyal member support, we kept the organization in the black, as we have for many years.

Founding Committee Board member Grace de Laet, who passed away in late 2008, made last year financially notable through the great generosity of her estate plans. Grace left a substantial bequest to the Committee and we have separated these funds from our regular operating budget and are managing them for maximum long-term impact.

As important as financial reports are, they do not cast much light on our success in achieving our real purpose as an organization: making positive change in the world for Mono Lake and its surrounding lands. Are we succeeding? The answer is clearly

yes, and we're happy to report on accomplishments and vision in our major program areas—protection, stream restoration, education, and scientific research—in the pages that follow.

The greatest measure of our work together for Mono Lake can only be illustrated here in the Eastern Sierra: the rising waters of Mono Lake, the rejuvenated streams, the phalaropes skimming over lakeshore tufa, the Los Angeles youth learning why water conservation matters, the scientists studying the issues that will be our future work.

We're all part of the Mono Lake family. Come visit the lake anytime; we'll be here at the Committee headquarters in Lee Vining waiting to share the excitement of our environmental successes.

Long Live Mono Lake!

  
Geoffrey McQuilkin

  
Sally Gaines



## MONO LAKE COMMITTEE



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## Since 1978 the Mono Lake Committee has been inspired by our love for this beautiful place where a remarkable salt lake

lies at the center of a landscape and ecosystem unmatched elsewhere on earth. Our vision over 32 years and shared among our 16,000 members is of a healthy, protected, and wild Mono Basin and of an organization that seeks positive, principled, proactive solutions to problems. As our founder David Gaines often said, the lake speaks for itself and it touches people's hearts.

Today, to make sure the right thing happens for Mono Lake, the Committee works in diverse arenas including public policy, ecological restoration, public education, water conservation, scientific research, and hands-on stewardship.

We are an optimistic community of people who strive for thoughtful solutions to problems, an approach that has been consistently successful for Mono Lake. With a base in science, we seek out principled solutions to watershed-wide problems and advocate for them strongly.

The Committee's landmark success—saving Mono Lake from destruction due to the excessive diversion of water to Los Angeles—is internationally known. We revitalized California's Public Trust doctrine through a precedent-setting state Supreme Court decision, launched programs to meet Los Angeles' real water needs through water conservation and reclamation, and achieved an extraordinary revision of water rights in the Mono Basin that assures Mono Lake will thrive.

Along the way hundreds of thousands of citizens united in support of Mono Lake, and we came to realize that protecting Mono Lake requires us to do even more. Today the Committee tackles new political challenges, advances the restoration of the lake and its deeply damaged tributaries, shares this special place through innovative education programs, and broadens Mono Lake knowledge through scientific research. In addition, we provide constant vigilance to protect the hard-won Mono Lake victories we have in place.

The pages that follow illuminate our programs, their achievements, the challenges ahead, and the dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and members who are working on behalf of this most remarkable place.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Mono Lake Committee is a non-profit citizens' group dedicated to protecting and restoring the Mono Basin ecosystem, educating the public about Mono Lake and the impacts on the environment of excessive water use, and promoting cooperative solutions that protect Mono Lake and meet real water needs without transferring environmental problems to other areas.



Top: Mono Lake Committee staff visit the Eastern Sierra Land Trust in Bishop.  
Middle: Lee Vining Elementary students experience the Lee Vining Creek Trail.  
Bottom: Marina Chen Girl Scouts participate in a trust walk during their Outdoor Experiences week.

# PROTECTION



## Mono Lake needs ongoing citizen involvement to assure that protection remains in place

and strong. Protecting Mono Lake and its streams and surrounding lands requires thoughtful planning, nimble advocacy, and continuing vigilance.

Mono Lake faces many challenges familiar to natural areas across the state: increasing demand for water, unplanned land development, increasing recreational use, changeable politics, underfunded management agencies, and climate change, to name some big ones. Other challenges are unique to this place, such as threats to the Congressional protection of the lands surrounding the lake.

At times our protection work requires us to speak strongly on behalf of Mono Lake's interests. In recent years, the land around Mono Lake has increasingly faced threats from poorly planned land development and subdivision. The Committee engages in land issues to preserve habitat, scenic views, and the spirit of the Mono Basin. A recent success was heading off a 100-acre resort home development that would have violated Congressional protections, damaged Mono Lake, and degraded the public experience.

A strong voice for Mono Lake made a big difference in the state budget debate in 2009. The Governor proposed shutting down most of the state park system, including the parks at Mono Lake and nearby Bodie. The Mono Lake Committee rallied public concern and delivered over 2,800 letters and

6,700 local petition signatures supporting Mono Lake and Bodie to Sacramento decision makers. Joining with fellow park advocates across the state, we were successful in restoring shoestring-level funding for the park system, assuring continuing park protection for Mono Lake.

The Committee is politically active to ensure that the Mono Lake protections we have already won are not eroded. In 2009 we engaged policymakers at the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power (DWP), the Mayor's office, and the City Council, and we spoke for Mono Lake in the Green Los Angeles coalition. The Committee worked to assure that water conservation solutions are implemented in Los Angeles and in 2009 joined DWP's newly created Recycled



Water Advisory Group. In Sacramento we worked with legislators, agencies, and conservation leaders, and we continue to advance Mono Lake as a model solution for other California water conflicts.

Recent Mono Basin work included cinder mine permitting at Black Point, US Forest Service route

*Top: Committee interns learn about the Lee Vining Creek diversion facility.  
Middle: An outdoor Committee staff meeting on the David Gaines Memorial Boardwalk.  
Bottom: Monophiles show support of the Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve.  
Right: Morgan Lindsay and Geoff McQuilkin organize letters to the state legislature.*

## HANNAH GEHRMAN MONO LAKE INTERN



Mono Basin native Hannah Gehrman received one of the annual Committee scholarships upon graduating from Lee Vining High School in 2008.

Even though Mono Lake is very familiar to Hannah, she wanted to “really learn” about

it through her internship. She quickly absorbed the details of the Mono Lake story, including the policy information, which was most eye-opening for her. She put that knowledge to hard work in the bookstore and while leading tours for visitors.

During the summer, Hannah concentrated on teaching the younger generation about Mono Lake. “I wanted to offer something for the really little kids, because it’s important that they learn about Mono Lake too.” Her activities included toilet-paper roll binoculars, wildlife puppets, and hand-drawn postcards of Mono Lake.

Hannah plans to continue working with children—she is studying Elementary and Special Education at the University of Nevada in Reno.

designation, wilderness designation for public lands, stimulus funding inquiries for management agencies, and integrated regional water planning, among many other issues.

Protecting Mono Lake requires many a meeting and phone call, but sometimes it’s a hands-on business. The Committee’s program to plant and nurture trees on Mono’s tributaries continued in 2009 with many enthusiastic volunteers taking part. Plus, youth education program participants advanced the ongoing effort to control invasive plants in the Mono Basin in over a dozen intensive project days of work.

Protection is all about the Mono lake experience, and special care is required when new public facilities are developed at the lake. In 2009 the Committee worked with the Forest Service and Mono Lake Tufa State Natural Reserve to assure that the design and construction of a trail and boardwalk system between the Visitor Center and the Old Marina site presented the best possible public experience with the least impact. Come enjoy this fantastic new opportunity to experience the Mono Basin!



Top: Canoes and kayaks form a “350” during Canoe for the Climate Day.  
Middle: Nora Livingston explains Mono’s bird life at the County Park boardwalk.  
Bottom: US Forest Service and State Park staff, along with Sally and Vireo Gaines, cut the ribbon for the new Mono Lake Trail from the Scenic Area Visitor Center to Old Marina.  
Left: Arya Degenhardt discusses revegetation projects in South Africa.

# STREAM RESTORATION



Our success in winning the return of water to Mono Lake and its streams gives us reason to

hope that the damage from fifty years of excessive water diversions to Los Angeles can be healed. Tributary streams were entirely dewatered, eliminating fish and destroying delta bottomlands full of meandering stream channels, cottonwood forests, and wet meadows rich with wildlife. The diversions lowered Mono Lake by 45 vertical feet, doubled the lake's salinity, drained shoreline lagoons, and ravaged delta marshes.

The goal of ecological restoration in the Mono Basin is to rejuvenate the dynamic natural processes of Mono Lake and its tributary streams. In turn, these processes—such as springtime flooding, natural reseedling, and ponding of lakeshore lagoons—will reestablish natural conditions. The goal isn't to recreate an exact replica of what existed a century ago; instead we seek to achieve



## CLAIRE SKINNER COMMUNICATIONS INTERN



A camping trip with her father first brought Claire Skinner to the Eastern Sierra. "I promised myself then that I would someday live in the Sierra—when I saw the internship opening I jumped at the chance."

During her two summers here, the native Virginian helped spread the word about protecting Mono Lake through her many communications projects. She also participated in restoration along the recovering creeks. "A huge part of protecting Mono Lake for future generations is to ensure that as much of the Mono Basin as possible is returned to healthy, ecologically-functioning conditions."

Claire dove into the Mono Lake story during her time in Lee Vining. "The most rewarding aspect of my job was having the time and resources to learn so much about Mono Lake's ecology and history, and then to be able to share that knowledge with visitors and get them excited about this place."

Top: Greg Reis demonstrates the correct technique for planting Jeffrey pine seedlings.  
Middle: Marina Chen Girl Scouts prepare to pull invasive plants as a stewardship activity.  
Bottom: Committee staff and consultants discuss appropriate water flows in Rush Creek.  
Right: Volunteers and staff collect water for newly-planted, thirsty Jeffrey pine trees.

# STREAM RESTORATION

healthy, self-supporting lake and stream systems that will thrive into the future.

The Committee plays a critical role in transforming the restoration actions required by the State Water Board into on-the-ground rejuvenation. In this ongoing work we use our hydrological, legal, and restoration science expertise to ensure that goals are achieved and DWP restoration projects are the best they can be. We are also the “eyes and ears” of restoration, using our local presence to verify required streamflows and monitor critical restoration indicators.

Mono Lake is on the rise, and in recent years significant restoration projects have been completed. The Lee Vining Creek diversion dam has been reconstructed to allow stream sediment to pass downstream and to better deliver mandated streamflows. On Rush Creek, improvements to DWP facilities have finally allowed critical stream-building high flows to be delivered to the creek in most years. Recovering stream floodplains have been protected from vehicles, and large woody debris has been placed in the streams to provide aquatic habitat complexity.

Restoration work with DWP in 2009 saw completion of the Mono Gate One diversion facility upgrade, a retrofit that will improve timely delivery of water to Rush Creek. Unfortunately, DWP once again had trouble keeping on top of Lee Vining Creek obligations—which the Committee tracks daily—and diverted the stream’s peak springtime flow.



Ongoing problems with correctly managing aging DWP aqueduct facilities are a large issue of concern for the Committee. Events in 2009 highlighted these problems. A forecasting error resulted in Grant Lake Reservoir dropping to extremely low levels (an outcome predicted by the Committee and the State Water Board stream scientists). That led to excessive sediment loads being discharged into Rush Creek. Long-term reliable reservoir operation requires good planning from DWP and a flexible, modern flow release structure; the Committee continues to work to achieve both these goals.

The long-running Committee effort to restore Mill Creek, Mono Lake’s third largest tributary, continues as we work with agencies and water rights holders to advocate for a win-win solution that will restore the downstream complex of riparian forests, wet meadows, and delta marshes. A notable step forward took place when Southern California Edison completed a facility that releases a small amount of water below their hydropower dam.

Restoration is the work of experts and volunteers both, and the Committee leads numerous hands-on projects that enhance the restoration effort, such as planting trees with both local elementary school students and Los Angeles youth. In the past decade the Committee has led the planting of over 1,200 trees on Mono’s tributaries.



Top: Lee Vining Elementary students head to Lee Vining Creek to plant Jeffrey pines.  
Middle: Committee consultants discuss stream restoration at the Rush Creek delta.  
Bottom: Members Jim Canaday and Bob Finch water a Jeffrey pine seedling.  
Left: Committee staff traverse Mono Lake’s northwest shore during a field day.

# EDUCATION



The Mono Basin is a remarkable place rich with diverse natural history, offering much to discover.

To share the sense of wonder and connection that Mono Lake and the Mono Basin evoke, the Committee's education program offers an array of popular experiential opportunities.

For students and youth, we use science-based learning to build awareness of the natural world and foster a sense of stewardship. For dedicated Mono Lake enthusiasts, we provide specialized, expert-led opportunities. And for the general visitor, our goal is to increase understanding and appreciation of the Mono Basin ecosystem, the Mono Lake water issue, and the Mono Lake Committee's values.



In 2009, the Committee successfully provided education programs for tens of thousands of people. Some highlights: canoe tours and South Tufa walks introduced over 1,700 people to Mono Lake. Thirty-nine Field

Seminar program days immersed enthusiasts in topics from kayaking to painting. The eighth annual Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua event sold out with 258 participants. The Mono Lake Volunteer Program placed 35 volunteers in the field for daily visitor interaction throughout the summer. Nineteen more volunteers tackled special projects ranging from membership support to website server administration.



At the Information Center & Bookstore we helped 77,439 people enjoy their Mono Basin visits. On the internet, an impressive 1.1 million individuals accessed our Mono Lake Website ([monolake.org](http://monolake.org)). And the *Mono Lake Newsletter*, our flagship publication, continued to provide news of substance to our 16,000 members and the visiting public.

In our focused environmental education program, Committee staff worked with 24 groups and 474 students to enhance their Mono Lake visits. Among these were specially crafted programs that involved local schools in hands-on field science and Mono Lake exploration.

Top: Hillary Behr teaches the Los Angeles Infrastructure Academy about Mono's chemistry.  
Middle: Students from Communities for a Better Environment enjoy Mono Lake by canoe.  
Bottom: Chautauqua leader Alison Sheehey identifies butterflies above Lee Vining Creek.  
Right: Global Lab students experience the Black Point fissures.  
Far right: Girl Scout Troop 5261 enjoys the view from atop Lembert Dome in Yosemite.

2009 marked the 16<sup>th</sup> year of our exciting Outdoor Experiences program for Los Angeles youth. Through week-long visits, we connected the following 18 groups (233 participants) with the source of their water at Mono Lake.

- Asian American Drug Abuse Prevention, NYPUM, Los Angeles
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- 3 Communities for a Better Environment groups, Los Angeles
- Emerson Middle School, Los Angeles
- 3 Generation Power groups, Los Angeles
- Girl Scout Troop 5261, Altadena
- Global Lab, Modesto
- Hearthstone School, Oroville
- Los Angeles Conservation Corps—Eco-Academy
- Marina Chen Girl Scout Troop, Arcadia
- 2 Outward Bound groups, Pasadena
- Renaissance School, Oakland
- Roosevelt High School, Pasadena

The Outdoor Experiences program is now ready to take a big step forward due to completion of a 30-year lease for the program site, completed in 2009. Having a stable home base for the program allows us to make site improvements to expand the reach of the program. The site owner is the City of Los Angeles, and we're excited to have established a long-term partnership in which the City recognizes the lasting environmental importance of Mono Lake and the continuing value of wise water use education.

## LOGAN PARSONS OUTDOOR EDUCATION INSTRUCTOR



Trained as a scientific illustrator, Logan Parsons painted a beautiful and educational mural in the Committee bookstore in 2008. She returned to spend a summer in her childhood vacation spot, working with the

Outdoor Experiences program.

"The challenge was trying to get the kids to disconnect from Los Angeles, and to connect with nature—we had to make it a comfortable experience," she says. "For many of them it opens up a whole new world, and they learn that they have a part in protecting the Mono Basin."

Logan's favorite group of the summer hiked up above Saddlebag Lake to an unnamed peak. "Some of the students had never seen snow before—they were so excited. They were amazed and happy that they had made it up the mountain."

After a summer working with kids, Logan says, "I know I can be a leader and a teacher, and how rewarding it is to share my knowledge of the natural world."



Top: Marina Chen Girl Scouts bird at County Park with Santiago Escruceria.  
Middle: Communities for a Better Environment celebrates their ascent of the Mono Craters.  
Bottom: Geoff McQuilkin, Herley Jim Bowling, and Bartshe Miller visit DWP headquarters in Los Angeles to wrap up a 30-year lease for the Outdoor Experiences program site.

# SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH



The Mono Lake Committee believes science is a critical base for our policy positions, a

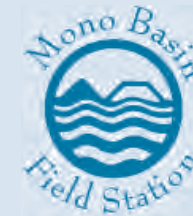
guide for restoration, and an inspiration for understanding Mono Lake. Since 1976, scientific research has provided ecosystem and landscape knowledge that is the foundation of Mono Lake's protection. We know that sound science will be the basis of land and recreation management decisions that will shape the Mono Basin for years to come.



For decades the Committee has worked closely with researchers, hosted a comprehensive research library, and supported well-established projects like the annual California Gull reproductive success study. We've created new programs to connect field

science with youth education, and established a clearinghouse of Mono Basin scientific information at [monobasinresearch.org](http://monobasinresearch.org).

After the 1994 State Water Board decision, we



## 2009 AT THE FIELD STATION

### **Arsenic concentrations in brine shrimp and alkali flies**

California Polytechnic State University

*Corinne Lehr*

### **Eastern Sierra riparian songbird survey**

PRBO Conservation Science

*Stella Moss*

### **Golondrinas de las Americas**

Cornell University

*Dr. David Winkler*

### **Greater Sage-grouse dispersal in the Mono Basin**

University of Idaho, California Department of Fish & Game, Bureau of Land Management

*Lief Wiechman*

### **Mono Basin paleoclimatology studies**

California State University—East Bay

*Dr. Scott Stine*

### **Mono Basin Willow Flycatcher project**

PRBO Conservation Science

*Chris McCreedy*

### **Physiological ecology of the stress response in free-living sparrows**

University of California—Davis

*Dr. Creagh Breuner, Jessica Malisch*

### **Radiogenic isotopes for solid earth, hydrogeochemical, paleoclimate, and environmental studies**

Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory, Columbia University

*N. Gary Hemming*

Top: Committee staff and consultants discuss the effects of a low Grant Lake Reservoir.  
Middle: A Willow Flycatcher chick gets a black-and-orange band along Rush Creek.  
Bottom: Richard Potashin and Nancy Hadlock interpret arborglyphs carved by Basque shepherders in the early part of the last century.  
Right: Dr. Scott Stine uses organic matter encased in tufa towers to estimate their age.

# SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

catalyzed the formation of a cross-disciplinary science advisory council to advise us and others on the scientific side of the new policy challenges we knew were coming. One of the questions we faced was simple: how do we ensure the tradition of scientific study at Mono Lake continues?



That led to the creation of the Mono Basin Field Station in 2004. Located a few blocks away from our offices in Lee

Vining, the Field Station provides lodging, computing, and research support facilities for visiting researchers, office space for established long-term projects, and basic equipment in support of field studies.

We set three goals: first, to enhance the scientific knowledge of Mono Lake, its tributary streams, and the surrounding uplands. Second, to foster collaboration and information exchange among scientists in diverse areas of expertise. And third, to infuse our diverse Mono Basin education programs with opportunities to engage scientists and participate in scientific work.

The facility immediately filled with ornithologists,

geologists, limnologists, and many other specialists; in subsequent years we've pressed additional space into service and still find demand for the facility to be overwhelming.

The results are just as we hoped. Since its opening, the Field Station has supported 87 researchers working on 68 projects. Topics of study range from neotropical migratory birds, Greater Sage-grouse, swallows, and Willow Flycatchers to geology, paleoclimatology, and geomicrobiology. We're happy to be supporting teams from universities, public agencies, and fellow non-profit PRBO Conservation Science.

2009 marked a pivotal year for the endangered Willow Flycatchers living along Rush Creek. After a peak of 16 breeding adults were observed in 2004, the population has declined steadily since then, with only one nest fledging two chicks in 2009. This decline is due primarily to predation by Brown-headed Cowbirds, which thrive in unnatural numbers on birdseed scattered in town. The Committee is investigating ways to reduce inadvertent cowbird feeding and thus protect the Willow Flycatchers—stay tuned.



Top: Measuring water flows in Mono Lake's tributaries happens all year round.  
Middle: California Gull researchers enjoy a Mono Lake sunset at their study site.  
Bottom: PRBO Conservation Science researcher Stella Moss records bird data.  
Far left: Birders scan the skies for some of the Mono Basin's more than 300 species.  
Left: Ryan Spaulding listens for radio signals from tagged Greater Sage-grouse.

# ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT



Each year we assess our impact on the earth, in the form of an ecological footprint. In the course

of protecting Mono Lake it's important to evaluate the impact of our own activities.

We focus on measuring our largest areas of resource consumption: water, electricity, fuel, and paper. We're also focusing on our obvious centers of consumption: the office buildings, our membership communications program, and travel. It's our third year of performing these measurements; in future years we hope to expand the analysis to include other, more difficult to evaluate, parts of our operations.

Evaluating our footprint raises some tough questions. As a member-supported organization, we have to make sure that efforts to reduce our environmental impact are also reasonable expenditures of member donations. What if we have to make budget choices between a sustainable action and an action core to our mission? Which do we choose? This ecological footprint analysis helps us decide how to best focus our resources for maximum benefit.

While we've always tried to use as many green products and practices in our daily work as we can, this analysis helps us do even better. Even though this assessment is partial and approximate, it helps to keep us accountable.

## WATER

2009

2008

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## POWER

kilowatt hours  
CO<sub>2</sub> total (pounds)

25,130  
20,355

28,859  
23,376

## FUEL

travel mileage  
propane used (gallons)  
CO<sub>2</sub> total (pounds)

69,065  
1,223  
40,458

48,697  
897  
46,022

## PAPER

letterhead (50% recyc.)  
copy paper (100%)  
Newsletter (100%)  
member comm. (50%)  
total paper (pounds)  
total raw wood (tons)

203  
683  
10,652  
18,055  
29,593  
17

195  
526  
9,175  
17,835  
27,731  
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Top: With limited storage space, Committee staff make the most of what we have!  
Middle: Committee staff discuss paleoclimateology with Dr. Scott Stine during a field day.  
Bottom: Lee Vining Elementary students celebrate a good job of planting Jeffrey pines.

# ECOLOGICAL FOOTPRINT



The Committee's water comes from a local single-watershed system that serves Lee Vining. Our office use of water is primarily for the public restroom and landscaping; we maximize efficiency through low-flush toilets and drip or hand irrigation systems.

**NEXT STEP:** In our small town there are no water meters, an obstacle to conservation in too many places in California. Our local plumber is working with us to install one so we can monitor our use and be a regional example.



In 2009 our electricity consumption took a dive down 13% from 2008, thanks to new, energy-efficient computers and laptops for our several of our staff. That's a 38% reduction from the amount of power we used in 2004! Electricity is used primarily for bookstore and office lighting and to power our computer network. Our power supplier Southern California Edison reported obtaining 16% of its electricity supply from renewable sources in 2009.

**NEXT STEP:** In 2009 we began navigating the logistics of getting photovoltaics installed on our "ice house" building. We continue to move forward on that project, which will drop our electricity usage by another 20% from the 2009 totals!



In 2009 our copy paper use jumped dramatically due to thousands of letters we sent on from members to Sacramento to ask for continued funding of Mono Lake and Bodie State Parks. Calculating paper consumption involves tallying the total amount used and accounting for recycled content.

**NEXT STEP:** Emails to our members have been popular; we'll continue to introduce more options for online communications. In addition, the Guardians of the Lake program offers a membership option with many fewer mailings.



The Committee uses fuel primarily by driving to education programs, restoration sites, and meetings. Our travel mileage increased in 2009 due to grant opportunities with our worldwide partners within the Living Lakes Network. However, because of a steadily-increasing average fuel efficiency among staff vehicles, plus a significant decrease in the use of "Big Blue"—our trusty canoe-hauling truck—our total carbon emissions have dropped!

**NEXT STEP:** We continue to be deliberate in our carpooling efforts, and try to use the most efficient staff vehicles for travel. We will soon be able to retire Big Blue, which will cut our emissions as well.

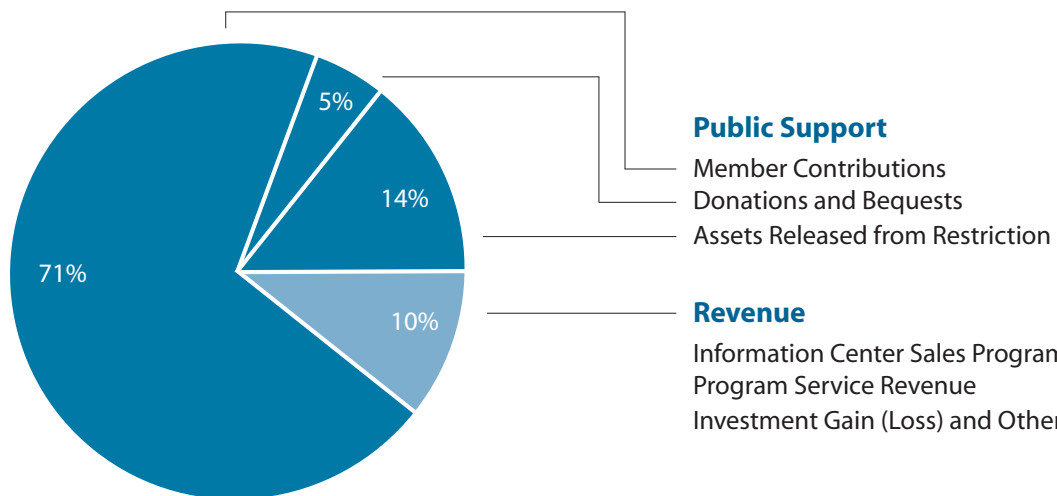


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Top: Bartshé Miller, Geoff McQuilkin, Herley Jim Bowling, and Santiago Escruceria present DWP staff member Jan Perry with an award of appreciation for her educational support.  
Middle: Outward Bound students canoe on Mono Lake during their week-long visit.  
Bottom: Logan Parsons, Rose Wilson, and Morgan Lindsay examine tufa casts of alkali fly pupae, which indicate how rapidly tufa can often form.

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

## INCOME



### Public Support

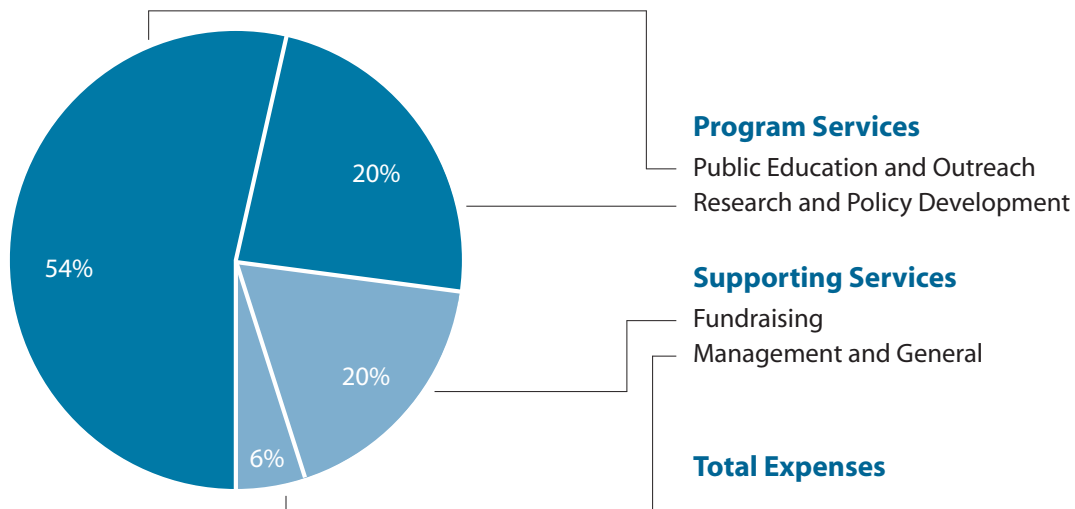
- Member Contributions
- Donations and Bequests
- Assets Released from Restriction

### Revenue

- Information Center Sales Program
- Program Service Revenue
- Investment Gain (Loss) and Other

### Total Unrestricted Income

## EXPENSES



### Program Services

- Public Education and Outreach
- Research and Policy Development

### Supporting Services

- Fundraising
- Management and General

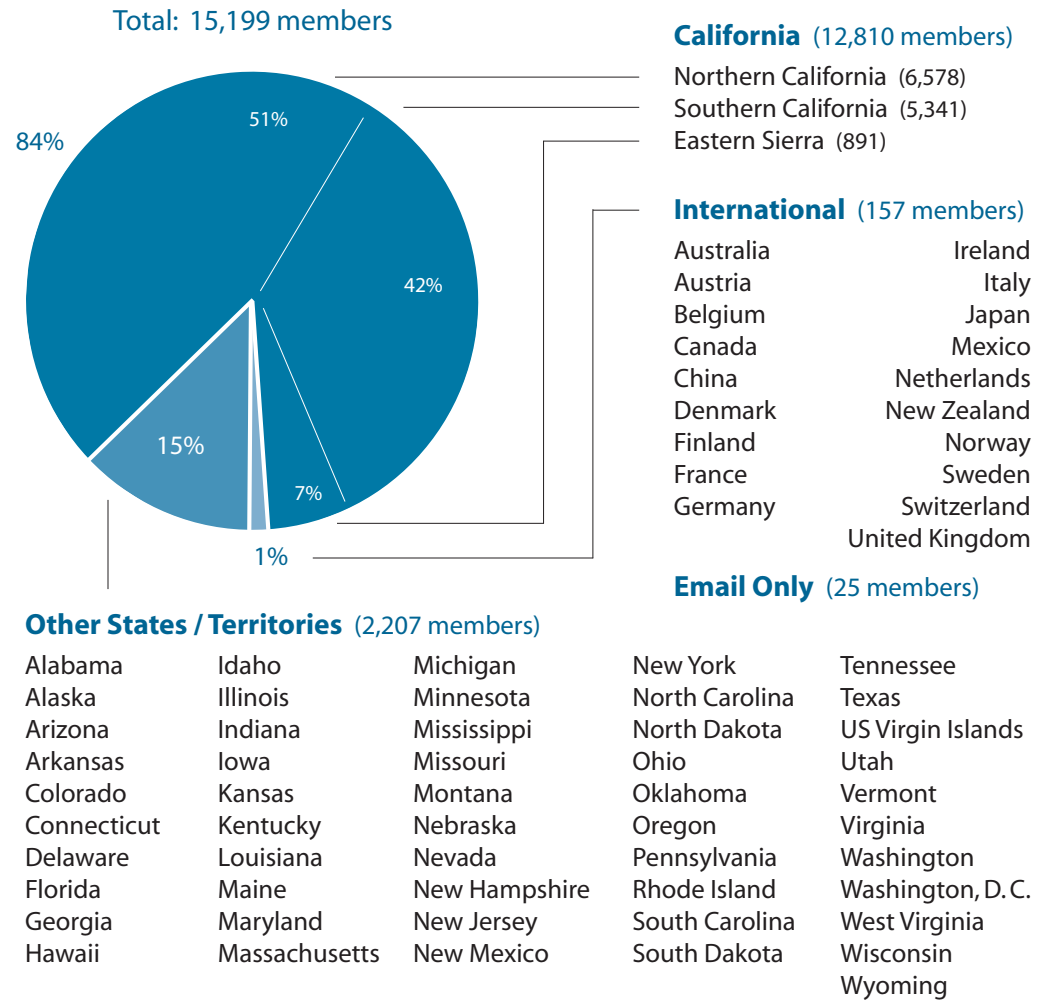
### Total Expenses

	2009	2008	2007	2006
<b>Public Support</b>				
Member Contributions	1,060,633	1,107,193	1,027,801	1,027,891
Donations and Bequests	122,254	71,349	60,563	214,828
Assets Released from Restriction	147,752	211,165	224,826	162,768
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<b>Revenue</b>	1,330,639	1,389,707	1,313,190	1,405,487
Information Center Sales Program	131,987	151,687	156,114	148,979
Program Service Revenue	72,300	54,602	58,579	47,791
Investment Gain (Loss) and Other	49,383	(42,126)	91,833	92,876
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	253,670	164,163	306,526	289,646
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<b>Total Unrestricted Income</b>	<b>1,584,309</b>	<b>1,553,870</b>	<b>1,619,716</b>	<b>1,695,133</b>
<b>Program Services</b>				
Public Education and Outreach	914,911	840,870	891,027	787,024
Research and Policy Development	273,417	307,656	308,512	373,911
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	1,188,328	1,148,526	1,199,539	1,160,935
<b>Supporting Services</b>				
Fundraising	324,975	316,065	320,588	216,847
Management and General	67,301	85,520	84,914	115,453
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	392,276	401,585	405,502	332,300
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<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,580,604</b>	<b>1,550,111</b>	<b>1,605,041</b>	<b>1,493,235</b>

# STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION & MEMBERSHIP

## MONO LAKE COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

	12/31/09
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Equivalents	207,674
Investments	1,602,938
Property and Equipment	1,039,180
Other Assets	112,078
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>2,961,870</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Current Liabilities	71,304
Notes Payable	0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>71,304</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted	1,308,472
Temporarily Restricted	1,100,061
Permanently Restricted	482,033
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>2,890,566</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>2,961,870</b>



# MEMBERSHIP

## GARY NELSON CANOE TOUR SUPERVISOR



"Admiral" Gary Nelson has been supervising the Committee's summer canoe tours since 1989, teaching countless interns the "J stroke" and also how to give mobile, floating tours.

Gary says, "My favorite aspect of the

canoe tours is helping people who are strangers to the natural world understand what they are seeing at Mono Lake. Once anyone understands Mono Lake they can't help but fall in love with it and be interested in its future forever."

Among the thousands of visitors to Mono Lake each year, it's always a treat to have Committee members on canoe tours. Gary describes members as "our friends, our supporters, our allies in a quest for a greener world, and the bulwark of our efforts to protect Mono Lake."

Those who experience the lake by canoe often find magic on the water. Gary remembers a day when thunderstorms threatened: "Without a word being spoken, we all stopped paddling and floated on the still waters, the only sound coming from raindrops falling on the lake."

You, our members, make the Committee successful year after year. From every corner of California to every state in the country, people who care about Mono Lake have united to form the Mono Lake Committee.

The Committee began 30 years ago with the



names of a few concerned individuals stored on index cards in a recipe box. Today 16,000 members make the Committee a place-based advocacy organization of tremendous strength. Still, the Committee maintains a personal relationship with each member: your mail comes to us in Lee Vining, if you call we'll answer the phone, and if you visit we'll take time to share the latest news and bird sightings.

Our revitalized Mono Lake website ([monolake.org](http://monolake.org)) continues to be a popular way to easily stay in touch. Be sure to check out the photos and features—including the Mill Creek webcam, our blog called "The Mono-logue," e-cards, an easy online donation system, and the ability to manage your membership details online.

## MONTHLY GIVING

The Guardians of the Lake program offers members a convenient way to make regular monthly gifts to the Mono Lake Committee. This is an easy way to help the lake, and it includes special benefits!

Guardians make a monthly pledge by check, credit card, or bank transfer. In exchange, Guardians receive a special monthly letter from Committee co-founder Sally Gaines, offering news on the lake, the Committee, and local happenings. Guardians also receive fewer mailings, a special lapel pin, and recognition in the annual report. To sign up, contact Ellen King ([ellen@monolake.org](mailto:ellen@monolake.org)).

## BEQUESTS

Many members help ensure that Mono Lake will remain protected for generations to come by including the Committee in their wills and estate plans. Grace de Laet, a Mono Lake advocate from the earliest days, is one such supporter; her generous 2009 bequest has created a special fund to assure the lake's long term protection and restoration.

Bequest gifts can be directed to particular programs, and they are a meaningful way to create a lasting legacy for Mono Lake. If you're unfamiliar with the process, don't worry—it's less complicated than it might seem, and we're always happy to provide additional information.

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Above: The 2009 Mono Lake Volunteer class (in blue shirts) with agency and local non-profit staff at the graduation from volunteer training week.

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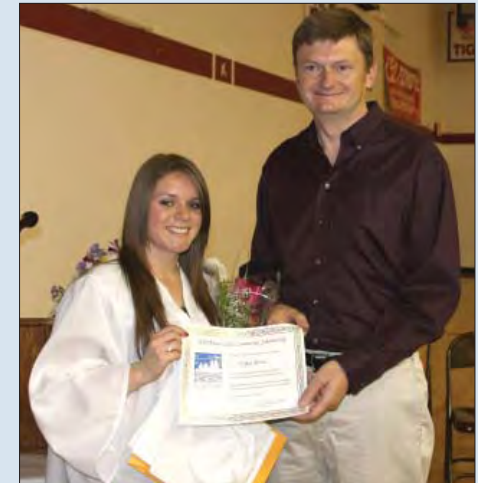
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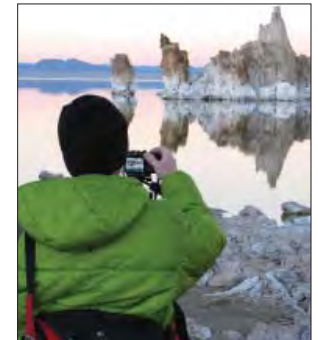
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 Right: A photographer captures the look of Pirate Ship Tufa on a winter evening.

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