



Continuing Support for the Mono Lake Committee

Yes! I want the Committee to be stronger than ever in Mono County. I'm strongly opposed to the resolution passed by the Mono County Board of Supervisors to weaken the Tufa State Reserve Act. But it does prove one thing: we must *never* let our guard down! To help sustain the fight for solutions that keep Mono Lake healthy, here is my special gift of:

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I am a Mono County property owner. *(We'd like to keep this information on file in case we need to mobilize Mono County taxpayers.)*

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Letter of Concern to the Mono County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors:

As a Mono Lake Committee member, I appreciate your past support for the creation and continuation of the Tufa State Reserve. That's why I am *strongly* opposed to Mono County Board of Supervisors Resolution 00-12 asking the State Legislature to amend the Tufa State Reserve Act. *I am troubled by . . .*

- ... *the hasty manner in which Resolution 00-12 was passed on February 15.* The resolution itself was not on the agenda, yet it was clearly drafted prior to the meeting so it could be introduced in the context of a property owner's complaint being heard that day. The public did not have a chance to review or respond to the specific wording of the resolution until after it was passed.
- ... *the bewildering language of the resolution itself.* By recommending that the boundary of protection be lowered to 6392 feet you effectively render the Tufa State Reserve Act pointless. As you know, the lake will eventually rise to an average water level of 6392 feet, thus the only protected land will then be under water.

I understand that recent developments have moved positively toward an administrative solution to this matter, but that Resolution 00-12 still sits on state legislators' desks. As one of thousands of concerned citizens represented by the Mono Lake Committee, I urge you to reaffirm your support of the Tufa State Reserve Act and withdraw Resolution 00-12 at your meeting in April.

Mono Lake is the centerpiece of the tourist-based economy of Lee Vining, the most visited summer destination in Mono County, a scenic treasure, and a vital ecological resource. The Committee has a history of working out creative solutions that meet user needs while protecting Mono Lake. If important issues surrounding Mono Lake are to be resolved, the Board can best do this by supporting an open and constructive discussion process, and the Mono Lake Committee must be substantively involved.

Signed: _____

Member, Mono Lake Committee