



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Sent via Email to:

CA State Water Resource Control Board
E. Joaquin Esquivel, Chair and Eileen Sobeck, Executive Director
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re.: Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP)

Dear SWRCB,

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), the most broad-based voice of the Palisades community since 1973, heard a presentation from LADWP at our most recent board meeting, and while members had environmental concerns, the board voted to support the continued access granted to LADWP for water supplies from the Mono Basin.

Our board passed a motion that Los Angeles residents have a human right to safe, clean, affordable and reliable water. Revoking LADWP's ability to utilize the Mono Basin water rights will jeopardize our community's access to water and further burden low-income Los Angeles ratepayers. The cost of sustainability in Los Angeles has long fallen on the backs of ratepayers – a cost we have taken in stride because it has meant creating a more water-resilient future for our families. However, no amount of conservation will allow our city to be fully independent of imported water supplies and losing supplies from the LA Aqueduct will only force us to receive water elsewhere. We were told that purchasing water to replace historic LA Aqueduct supplies from the Mono Basin could cost ratepayers up to \$44 million over a term of years. With as many as 50% of Los Angeles residents living in disadvantaged communities, we found that Los Angeles cannot afford to shoulder an additional expense by risking the loss of reliable access to clean water.

We therefore ask that you continue to grant LADWP access to water from the Mono Basin, at this time.

Best, Maryam Zar
PPCC President