

October 29, 2021

Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
Governing Board Members
157 Short Street
Bishop, California 93514

Dear Governing Board Members:

Subject: Mono Basin Air Quality

Thank you for your July 1, 2021, correspondence regarding air quality conditions in Mono Basin. Our Board President, Cynthia McClain-Hill, has asked me to respond on her behalf.

While the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) has reviewed your letter and tried to understand the myriad claims and issues raised, our ability to meaningfully engage is limited without the benefit of the data and analysis that would be developed as part of a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) approved State Implementation Plan (SIP). As noted in the USEPA Inspector General's Report, dated June 14, 2021, status of the Mono Basin SIP was withdrawn because there were approvability issues for the area's initial submittals. LADWP strongly encourages the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (District) to continue the development of an updated SIP for the Mono Basin that satisfies both the Clean Air Act and Health & Safety Code 42316, and look forward to aligning our engagement with you on these issues around that effort.

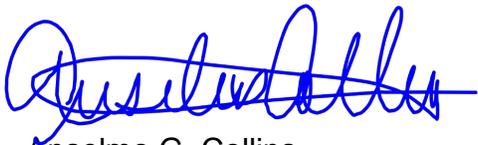
In addition to your focus on the development of an updated SIP, LADWP also encourages the District to evaluate the numerous off-lake sources that potentially affect air quality in the Mono Basin if it has not already started or done so. In particular, the District may want to consider burn scars resulting from wildfire, wild horse impacts, and the historic fluctuation of Mono Basin elevation changes that pre-date LADWP's water diversions. As we have together learned at Owens Lake, off-lake sources that are not attributable to LADWP's water gathering activities play a critical role in airshed planning, if the goal is to reach attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

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As always, it is LADWP's firm conviction that a comprehensive and holistic understanding of all the factors affecting air quality will provide the necessary information to assist the District in the planning and decision-making process for all stakeholders. We look forward to learning about the District's plans to reach attainment in the Mono Basin.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at (213) 367-1022, or by email at anselmo.collins@LADWP.com.

Sincerely,



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