

# AGENDA

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**Special Meeting** 

Lee Vining Community Center, 296 Mattly Ave., Lee Vining, CA 93541

June 27, 2014

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5:30 PM to	Call meeting to Order
7:30 PM	Pledge of Allegiance

**OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD** on items of public interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. (Speakers may be limited in speaking time dependent upon the press of business and number of persons wishing to address the Board.)

#### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**1a)**Conway Ranch Conservation Easement (Tony Dublino, Karen Ferrell-Ingram) - Presentation by Tony Dublino regarding the Conway Ranch Conservation Easement.

Recommended Action: None (informational only). Provide any desired direction to staff.

Fiscal Impact: None.

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## SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA REQUEST

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MEETING DATE June 27, 2014 DEPARTMENT

ADDITIONAL DEPARTMENTS

TIME REQUIRED 2 hours PERSONS Tony Dublino, Karen Ferrell-Ingram

**APPEARING** 

SUBJECT Conway Ranch Conservation

Easement BOARD

#### **AGENDA DESCRIPTION:**

(A brief general description of what the Board will hear, discuss, consider, or act upon)

Presentation by Tony Dublino regarding the Conway Ranch Conservation Easement.

#### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

None (informational only). Provide any desired direction to staff.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

None.

**CONTACT NAME:** Tony Dublino

PHONE/EMAIL: 760.932.5453 / tdublino@mono.ca.gov

SUBMIT THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT WITH ATTACHMENTS TO THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PRIOR TO 5:00 P.M. ON THE FRIDAY

32 DAYS PRECEDING THE BOARD MEETING

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### **MINUTE ORDER REQUESTED:**

☐ YES ☑ NO

#### ATTACHMENTS:

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- Backup Batch #4 Part One

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History		
Time	Who	Approval
6/24/2014 7:34 AM	County Administrative Office	Yes
6/24/2014 11:18 AM	County Counsel	Yes
6/24/2014 8:32 AM	Finance	Yes

Dear Mono County Board of Supervisors:

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From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Friday, May 30, 2014 11:06 AM

To: Subject: Shannon Kendall FW: Fish Hatchery

Importance:

High

Hi Shannon,

Another letter for the Conway Group.

Lynda Roberts, MPA Mono County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar & Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PO Box 715 Bridgeport, CA 93517

phone: 760-932-5538 fax: 760-932-5531



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----Original Message----

From: Bill & Elsa Lister [mailto:billandelsa@cox.net]

Sent: Friday, May 30, 2014 10:35 AM

To: Lynda Roberts
Subject: Fish Hatchery

Mr. Roberts, As someone that has been coming to The Sierra's since 1974, I have observed the importance of having a well managed stocking program in Mono County. Fishing has always been my number one interest, but, I have also enjoyed the area as a skier and camper. I've had business men tell me how important fishing crowds are to the economy of the area compared to others that use the area and I feel without a solid stocking program, it would have a strong negative impact on the economy of the area. Thank you very much. Sincerely, Bill Lister, San Diego, CA.

From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Monday, June 02, 2014 6:55 AM

To:

Shannon Kendall

Subject:

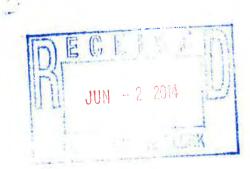
FW: Trophy Trout Program at Conway Ranch

Importance:

High

Hi Shannon, Please include this email with the other fishing letters. Thanks, Lynda

Lynda Roberts, MPA Mono County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar & Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PO Box 715 Bridgeport, CA 93517 phone: 760-932-5538



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From: The Machs [mailto:jmach@onramp113.org]

Sent: Sunday, June 01, 2014 5:49 PM

To: Lynda Roberts

fax: 760-932-5531

Subject: Trophy Trout Program at Conway Ranch

I make three trips a year to Mono County to fish. I fish hard and love your country. The trophy trout program at Conway Ranch needs to be continued. Its existence helps draw me to your county.

John Mach Solano County

From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Thursday, May 29, 2014 8:28 AM

To:

Shannon Kendall

Subject:

FW: Large trout rearing in Mono County

Hi Shannon, Here is another letter for the Conway Ranch group. Thanks, Lynda

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From: Donna Kemp [mailto:ddkemp 2003@hotmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 9:10 PM

To: Lynda Roberts

**Subject:** Large trout rearing in Mono County

I think it is important to raise trout to large sizes on Conway Ranch if and when it is possible.

Sent from Windows Mail

From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 11:33 AM

To:

Shannon Kendall

Subject:

FW: mono county trophy trout program

MAY 2 8 2014

LYNDA ROBERTS MONO COUNTY CLERK

Hi Shannon,

I received this email re trophy trout program. Will you print and put with the other Conway Ranch letters?

Thanks, Lynda

Lynda Roberts, MPA
Mono County
Clerk-Recorder-Registrar &
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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From: Tim Wood [mailto:twcf@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 10:55 AM

**To:** Lynda Roberts

**Subject:** mono county trophy trout program

To Mono County Board,

Your understanding and help in keeping this program alive is much appreciated. I would be willing to support such a program for future generations to enjoy. Thanks, Tim Wood

MAY 2 8 2014

MONO COUNTY CLERK

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am very concerned about the future of recreational fishing in Mono County and the status of the Conway Ranch Aquaculture facility.

Mono County's Tourism and Economic Development Office shows that 60% of those visiting are coming to the County to fish. Eastern Sierra fishing advocates have benefited from the stocking of local waters with trophy trout over the past 25 years from both the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Mono County Trophy Trout Enhancement Program. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife stocking budget for this season has been reduced by 10 to 13% and the cost of trophy trout has increased over 30% in the past few years. So what's in store for the future?

Conway Ranch needs to become a self-sufficient fish hatchery and educational venue for the benefit of the Mono County angling public.

Having a fish hatchery from spawn to catchable/trophy trout on Conway Ranch will provide the unique logistic capability needed for the diverse rivers, streams, and lakes in the 21 bodies of water within Mono County for their trophy trout enhancement program to provide quality trophy fish at necessary times, locations, quantities, and at a realistic cost. In addition to providing sustained trophy trout throughout the fishing season, there is a possibility of raising other trout species like Rainbow, German Browns, and Lahontan Cutthroats.

Conway Ranch is a countywide resource providing educational opportunities which include features and amenities such as kids fishing, float tube fishing, fly-fishing catch and release for all ages, and on-site fly fishing instruction with guaranteed hookups. These activities are critical for bringing new anglers of all ages into the fishing industry and providing visitation continuity from one generation to the next. Also, the Ranch provides environmental education and interpretation opportunities that are unique anywhere in the world. Can you think of a better place to showcase our environment than the world renowned Mono Basin?

Please accept this letter as a vote of support for the development of a fish hatchery on Conway Ranch.

Sincerely,

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Mail to: Larry Johnston, Chair

Mono County Board of Supervisors

C/O Lynda Roberts, Clerk

P.O. Box 715



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Print name

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Mail to:

Sincerely,

Larry Johnston, Chair

Mono County Board of Supervisors

C/O Lynda Roberts, Clerk

P.O. Box 715

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Sincerely,

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Print name Date

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City, State, Zip Phone#/email address

Mail to: Larry Johnston, Chair

**Mono County Board of Supervisors** 

C/O Lynda Roberts, Clerk

P.O. Box 715



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From:

Tony Dublino

Sent:

Thursday, June 19, 2014 1:51 PM

To: Subject: Shannon Kendall FW: Conway Ranch

Shannon-

Can you please include the below comments with the Conway item.

Thanks.

Tony Dublino phone (760) 932-5453 cell (760) 616-0613



From: Jim Reid [mailto:reidfly63@yahoo.com] Sent: Thursday, June 19, 2014 1:48 PM

To: Tony Dublino

Cc: Larry Johnston; Fred Stump; Tim Alpers; Tim Fesko; Byng Hunt

Subject: Conway Ranch

Tony, I understand there's going to be a board meeting next week concerning the Draft Conway Ranch Conservation Easement. It's also been brought to my attention that there are a number of concerned citizens who believe that the fishing industry in the Eastern Sierra is not a viable part of the economy here any longer, I couldn't disagree more. Of course I'm in the fishing business directly but I must say that the economy of fishing in the Eastern Sierra spills over into all of the other local businesses in the area including motels, restaurants, gift shops, gas stations and campgrounds. I believe that without revenue from fishing on the Eastern side of the Sierra you would see many small businesses in all of the towns along the 395 corridor close down.

Many years ago when my Father, Bill Reid, was on the Board of Supervisors, he was instrumental in getting the Conway Ranch project started so it could begin to provide catchable and trophy sized trout for many of the waters in Mono County. He did this with the help of the other Board Members all the while keeping environmental issues concerning the hatchery program in mind. At that time I believe that the Board came to an understanding that the hatchery program and the environmental concerns surrounding the hatchery would be on equal footing so that neither would suffer unnecessarily.

In the years that the Conway Ranch produced fish to plant in numerous Mono County waters the reputation of those fish spread far and wide. I talk to folks almost daily in my shop who are upset that the Conway Ranch is no longer providing those trophy class trout for anglers to enjoy in Mono County. It's difficult to say if anglers have or will actually quit coming to Mono County because those fish are no longer here but I can tell you for sure that the Conway Ranch closing down has given some extremely bad press to Mono County in regards to the angling community.

I believe Mono County should do everything within its power to re-establish the Conway Ranch hatchery and fish rearing program to its historical levels so resident and traveling anglers alike will have the added opportunity of fishing local waters that have the quality trophy trout that the Conway Ranch and Mono County have become known for.



Many thanks for taking the time to read of my concerns.

Sincerely, Jim

James E. Reid Ken's Sporting Goods PO Box 544 / 258 Main St. Bridgeport, CA 93517 (760) 932-7707 www.kenssport.com

Lvnda Roberts From:

Wednesday, June 04, 2014 11:30 AM Sent:

Shannon Kendall To:

FW: Support for Conway Ranch Hatchery Subject:

High Importance:

Hi Shannon, Another letter for the stack!

Lynda Roberts, MPA Mono County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar & Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PO Box 715 Bridgeport, CA 93517 phone: 760-932-5538

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From: <u>Daryl.Simons@sce.com</u> [<u>mailto:Daryl.Simons@sce.com</u>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 6:28 AM

To: Lynda Roberts

Subject: Support for Conway Ranch Hatchery

I'm a long time Summer Resident of the Virginia Lakes Subdivision, I have fished all of Mono County for probably 46 of my 53 years and I am a firm supporter of a full and functional Hatchery on Conway Ranch. I've seen very lean years of fishing up there when the DFG struggles and they have been struggling lately, good plants and then last year they should be embarrassed with the quality and size of the fish they were putting into the Mono County waters at the end of of season, waters that were fortunate enough to even be stocked at that matter, what's worse is seeing our license fees go up but the services drop. I think with the support of the Conway Ranch hatchery for our waters, this will offset the DFG's in-effiency and keep our waters up there stocked with nice fish which for sports fisherman will keep tourism up and property owners like us a little more happeir for when we bring up guests which helps with tourism also.....

Thanks, Daryl Simons Saddleback Store and Tool Room **Tool Committee Member** Hours 6:00am to 2:30pm PAX 51613 949-458-4613

From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Thursday, June 05, 2014 11:24 AM

To: Subject: Shannon Kendall FW: FISH HATCHERY

Here is another fish support letter.
Lynda

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From: KITT, JOHN [mailto:JOHN.KITT@poolcorp.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 9:32 AM

To: Lynda Roberts

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JOHN KITT
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From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Friday, June 06, 2014 9:38 AM

To: Subject: Shannon Kendall FW: Fish stocking

Hi Shannon,

I cc'd you when I forwarded this email, but this can go with the other letters.

Lynda

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To: Lynda Roberts Cc: Tim Fesko

Subject: Fish stocking

Please forward to Supervisor Johnson.

I support the need to have a fish hatchery at Conway Ranch to support the fishing and economy of Mono County. Without a good yearly planning of fish vacationers and others will find other locations to visit and spend their hard earned money. Mono County and local businesses depend on monies spent by visitors for lodging, food, transportation, gifts etc to survive and prosper. Without reasons to come to Mono, a good example is when there are low snow fall years, visitors find others place to go. Not having good fishing is just the same. When people don 't come to visit Mono County, businesses will fail, people will move, property values will decrease and revenues the County receives goes down just like the recent short falls in budgets the County is/has experienced.

We need to make Mono County a place to visit and enjoy all the opportunities available, with fishing just one of so many.

My family bought property in Mono County at Virginia Lakes Subdivision 30 years ago and built a summer house/cabin just to enjoy the greatness and fishing opportunities. We previously had a cabin at Lake Arrowhead which was only an hours drive from our home. So why drive 6 1/2 plus hours to the Bridgeport area? The great outdoors and fantastic fishing was the reason. Let's keep that reason going for others for many more years to come.



Please support the fish hatchery st Conway Ranch and others that service Mono County.

Thank you

Ross Oswald Virginia Lakes Subdivision

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent:

Friday, June 06, 2014 12:20 PM

To:

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**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2014 10:29 AM **To:** malcolm.dougherty@dot.ca.gov

Cc: Larry Johnston; Lynda Roberts; Dan L. Anthony Contact; Bob Dunn Contact; Karen Ferrell-Ingram; Kay Ogden; Jeff

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Malcolm Dougherty

Director's Office, California Department of Transportation MS-49

1120 N Street

Sacramento, CA. 95814

## Malcolm.Dougherty@dot.ca.gov

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The Commission is very concerned about the economy of Mono County and the future of sport fishing in its many waters. The County's economy is largely dependent on sport fishing. People travel many miles with their families to fish Mono County's beautiful lakes, rivers, and streams. If they travel long distances to catch trophy fish and are not successful, they won't return. They will go elsewhere. Mono County Tourism states that 40% of those visiting the County come to fish.

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Sincerely,

Gaye Mueller, Chair

MONO COUNTY FISHERIES COMMISSION

(760)937-2942

CC: Board of Supervisors-Chair Larry Johnston

CC: Stacie Klemm

From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Friday, June 06, 2014 12:17 PM

To:

Shannon Kendall

Subject:

FW: Letter from MONO COUNTY FISHERIES COMMISSION

Hi Shannon,

Another...well you get the point:)

Lynda Roberts, MPA Mono County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar & Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PO Box 715 Bridgeport, CA 93517

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**From:** Gaye Mueller [mailto:easternsierraartist@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Friday, June 06, 2014 10:12 AM

To: claire.thorp@NFWF.org

Cc: Larry Johnston; Lynda Roberts; Dan L. Anthony Contact; Bob Dunn Contact; Karen Ferrell-Ingram; Kay Ogden; Jeff

Simpson; Stacie Klemm; Tony Dublino

Subject: Letter from MONO COUNTY FISHERIES COMMISSION

Mono County Fisheries Commission

c/o Gaye Mueller, Chair

PO Box 696

Bridgeport, CA. 93517

June 5, 2014

Claire Thorp

Assistant Director, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation

90 New Montgomery St., Suite 1010

San Francisco, CA. 94105

## Claire.Thorp@NFWF.org

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CC: Board of Supervisors-Chair Larry Johnston

CC: Stacie Klemm

From:

Lvnda Roberts

Sent:

Monday, June 09, 2014 4:09 PM

To:

Shannon Kendall

Subject:

FW: Support for Fish Hatchery at Conway Ranch

Importance:

High

Hi Shannon, Another fish letter. Lvnda

Lynda Roberts, MPA Mono County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar & Clerk of the Board of Supervisors PO Box 715 Bridgeport, CA 93517 phone: 760-932-5538 JUN - 9 2014

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From: Cinda Slate [mailto:slate.cinda@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, June 09, 2014 4:03 PM

To: Lynda Roberts

fax: 760-932-5531

Subject: Support for Fish Hatchery at Conway Ranch

Dear Mr. Johnston,

Our family has been traveling to Virginia Lakes and the surrounding area for well over fifty years for trout fishing. The tradition began with my husband's parents and continues for us and for our now-married children. A functional fish hatchery at Conway Ranch has been a great source of catchable and trophy trout. We support continuing the Mono County Trophy Trout Program at Conway Ranch.

We are property owners in the city of Mammoth Lakes, but we live in south Orange County in Laguna Hills. We prefer fishing in the Virginia Lakes area over Mammoth any day!

Thank you for your work on the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

Cinda and Neil Slate 27195 Lost Colt Dr Laguna Hills, CA 92653

From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 11:13 AM

To:

Shannon Kendall

Subject:

FW: Mono County Trophy Trout program

Please add to group. Thanks, Lynda

Lynda Roberts, MPA
Mono County
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----Original Message----

From: Chris Rinaldi [mailto:crin15798@comcast.net]

Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 9:28 PM

To: Lynda Roberts

Subject: Mono County Trophy Trout program

Dear Mr. Larry Johnston,

I am writing you this email to let you know that I am very concerned the Mono County Trophy Trout Program may be in jeopardy. Mono county is well know for it's outstanding trout fishing. My parents took me fishing in the Mammoth Lakes and Virginia Lakes area since I was a child and I've been going up there ever since. Please keep this critical program alive and well in the county. I believe it's in Mono County's best interest.

Thank you for your consideration.

Chris Rinaldi 73 Tamarack Ln Virginia Lakes, CA

Cell: 415-672-5926

From:

Lvnda Roberts

Sent:

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 11:10 AM

To:

Shannon Kendall

Subject:

FW: Mono County Trophy Trout Program on Conway Ranch

Importance:

High

#### Another letter.

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From: CHRISTOPHER KELLER [mailto:sirdawqer54@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 5:35 PM

To: Lynda Roberts

Subject: Mono County Trophy Trout Program on Conway Ranch

Dear Ms. Roberts,

Would you please forward my EMAIL to the County Supervisors for input on this subject:

The Honorable Board of Supervisors, Mono County

## Gentleman,

I am writing this to urge the Board to continue to fully support the trophy trout program at Conway Ranch. As we all well understand, tourism is a vital economic engine in Mono County. Trout fishing is an important draw during the Spring and Summer months.

Anything that harms or enhances fishing/recreation in the County has tremendous economic impact.

My family and I have owned property in the Virginia Lakes Subdivision since 1969. We are long time recreational fishermen and women. Our own property values are certainly affected by the success of attracting visitors that come to Mono County to fish. The dollars that are spent directly benefit the County residents and property owners (as I am sure you well know).

Thank-you for your time and consideration of my views.

Christopher Keller 158 Summit Drive Virginia Lakes

From:

Lvnda Roberts

Sent:

Wednesday, June 11, 2014 1:00 PM

To: Subject: Shannon Kendall FW: Conway Ranch

Importance:

High

Hi Shannon, Another letter. Lynda

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----Original Message----

From: Dan Brasil [mailto:dan.brasil.com@gmail.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 7:38 AM

To: Lynda Roberts Subject: Conway Ranch

I support the Trophy Trout Program on Conway Ranch efforts. I have been coming to the Bridgeport area for 12 years and believe the local people do all they can to bring tourism to this beautiful area of CA. and that a local trout program needs to be in place.

Thanks

Dan Brasil

## **Dear Board of Supervisors:**



I am very concerned about the future of recreational fishing in Mono County and the status of the Conway Ranch Aquaculture facility.

Mono County's Tourism and Economic Development Office shows that 60% of those visiting are coming to the County to fish. Eastern Sierra fishing advocates have benefited from the stocking of local waters with trophy trout over the past 25 years from both the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Mono County Trophy Trout Enhancement Program. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife stocking budget for this season has been reduced by 10 to 13% and the cost of trophy trout has increased over 30% in the past few years. So what's in store for the future?

Conway Ranch needs to become a self-sufficient fish hatchery and educational venue for the benefit of the Mono County angling public.

Having a fish hatchery from spawn to catchable/trophy trout on Conway Ranch will provide the unique logistic capability needed for the diverse rivers, streams, and lakes in the 21 bodies of water within Mono County for their trophy trout enhancement program to provide quality trophy fish at necessary times, locations, quantities, and at a realistic cost. In addition to providing sustained trophy trout throughout the fishing season, there is a possibility of raising other trout species like Rainbow, German Browns, and Lahontan Cutthroats.

Conway Ranch is a countywide resource providing educational opportunities which include features and amenities such as kids fishing, float tube fishing, fly-fishing catch and release for all ages, and on-site fly fishing instruction with guaranteed hookups. These activities are critical for bringing new anglers of all ages into the fishing industry and providing visitation continuity from one generation to the next. Also, the Ranch provides environmental education and interpretation opportunities that are unique anywhere in the world. Can you think of a better place to showcase our environment than the world renowned Mono Basin?

Please accept this letter as a vote of support for the development of a fish hatchery on Conway Ranch.

Sincerely,

Signature

Print name

Date

City, State, Zip

Phone#/email address

Mail to:

Larry Johnston, Chair

Mono County Board of Supervisors

C/O Lynda Roberts, Clerk

P.O. Box 715

# Angler's Trophy Trout Petition - Conway Ranch

Dear Mono County Board of Supervisors:

JUN 1 2 2014

We the undersigned, believe that a trout stocking program is of utmost importance for Mono County. We strongly support the Trophy Trout Program and the need for a full functional fish hatchery on the Conway Ranch. This hatchery would produce and supply Mono County waters with outstanding trophy fish.

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# **Shannon Kendall**

From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Monday, June 16, 2014 1:38 PM

To:

Shannon Kendall

Subject:

FW: Mono County Trophy Fish Hatchery at Conway Ranch

Importance:

High

Hello Shannon, Another fish support letter. Lynda

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----Original Message----

From: Kelly Hurley [mailto:khurley@greendot.org]

Sent: Saturday, June 14, 2014 3:53 PM

To: Lynda Roberts

Subject: Mono County Trophy Fish Hatchery at Conway Ranch

Dear Larry,

I am writing in support of the fish hatchery.

Sincerely, Kelly Hurley

Sent from my iPad

# **Shannon Kendall**

From:

Lynda Roberts

Sent:

Monday, June 16, 2014 1:39 PM

To:

Shannon Kendall

Subject:

FW: Trophy Trout Program support

Importance:

High

Fish letter

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----Original Message----

From: Teresa O'Malley [mailto:tomalley26@cox.net]

Sent: Sunday, June 15, 2014 7:30 PM

To: Lynda Roberts

fax: 760-932-5531

Subject: Trophy Trout Program support

Dear Mr. Johnston,

I live in San Diego and enjoy my fishing trips to Mono County. The biggest trout I've caught ever was a big beautiful Alpers trout from Conway Ranch. I was saddened to hear of the Ranch's closure due to the lack of sufficient and a sustainable water supply. I support your efforts as well as other Board members to continue the Mono County Trophy Trout Program on Conway Ranch. It would be a terrible thing to lose such an important resource for Mono County. Thank you.

Teresa O'Malley

Sent from my iPad



# MONO LAKE

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Supervisor Byng Hunt
Supervisor Larry Johnston
Supervisor Fred Stump
Mono County Clerk of the Board
Mono County
PO Box 715
Bridgeport, CA 93517

Ms. Kay Ogden Executive Director Eastern Sierra Land Trust PO Box 755 Bishop, CA 93515

Dear Honorable Supervisors and Ms. Kay Ogden:

RE: Proposed Conservation Easement for Conway Ranch

The Mono Lake Committee (MLC) has received the draft Grant Deed of Conservation Easement for Conway and Mattly Ranches (version 4-25-14) and is providing comments by way of this letter and attached redline of the draft easement.

In general, MLC supports protecting Conway Ranch through a conservation easement. We appreciate the time and effort that has gone into drafting the easement and urge Mono County (the County) and the Eastern Sierra Land Trust (ESLT) to continue to explore creative ways to address all concerns related to the easement. MLC has approached the proposed language in this document with the utmost care and scrutiny since it will be a binding, legal document that will guide existing protections and uses on the property in perpetuity.

MLC is a non-profit citizen's 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. Supported by 16,000 members, MLC has been active in the Mono Basin since 1978.

# Comments related to Mill Creek Water Rights

The Conway and Mattly Ranch properties hold significant adjudicated rights to divert



water from Mill Creek. Mill Creek originates in Lundy Canyon and is Mono Lake's third largest tributary stream. These water rights entitle Mono County to divert Mill Creek flow for various reasonable and beneficial uses, and the amount of water the county can access is quite large. On average, the adjudicated rights provide the properties with 8,700 acre feet of water annually, more than three times the total water use of the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

These adjudicated rights to divert Mill Creek are large enough to easily accommodate all of the uses allowed under the draft easement, although dry years that provide minimal flows to Mill Creek and water right holders are always challenging and should be part of sound long term planning.

The draft easement appropriately recognizes the rights and identifies the fact that various uses on the property, notably aquaculture, are dependent on these rights. The draft easement should be improved to more accurately describe the water rights and fix some omissions regarding the water resources on the property. MLC offers the following comments, with specific notes in the attached redline.

- Recital B lays out useful information but needs revision on these points:
  - a. Recital B states "Grantor is the owner of water and water rights ..." Mono County is indeed the owner of water rights associated with the property. However water itself is never subject to private ownership and remains the property of the people of California (California Water Code 102). References to ownership of "water" should be removed here and throughout the document. The term "Water and Water Rights" should be changed to "Water Rights" throughout the document.
  - b. Recital B provides a list of water rights that appears to exceed those actually held by Mono County. MLC is unaware that Mono County has riparian water rights, which apply only to water flowing in its natural course. MLC is unaware of any prescriptive right held by Mono County; does the County suggest it has a claim against the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power or another adjudicated Mill Creek water right holder? Lastly, there is no such thing as a contractual water right. These three references should be removed.
  - c. As discussed in comments below, water exceeding Mono County's Water Rights passes over the property in the power plant tailrace. This water is not appropriately subject to the provisions of Recital B. MLC's redline suggests clarifying language.
  - d. Recital B defines a useful term "Adjudicated Water Rights" however throughout the rest of the document and in the draft Management Plan it is used interchangeably with other terms that appear to be intended to mean the same thing. These non-standard terms should be replaced with "Adjudicated Water Rights."
  - e. Recital B says the water rights are "more specifically described" in the Baseline Documentation Report. This should be removed for three

reasons. First, no draft Baseline Documentation Report was provided for review. Second, Recital B already references Exhibit D as the place where adjudicated water rights are described. Third, the water rights are well established and description of them need not wait for any baseline surveys planned for the future Documentation Report.

- 2) Exhibit D. According to Recital B, this exhibit is where Mill Creek and Virginia Creek adjudicated water rights are described. This is a useful approach. Exhibit D, however, is confusing and lacks important information and context. The Exhibit should be a functional guide to the adjudicated rights given that terms on the draft easement depend on the exhibit as a reference. MLC offers the following points:
  - a. Exhibit D should be titled "Adjudicated Water Rights" as stated in recital
     B. It should then have clear sections for 1) Mill Creek Adjudicated Water rights and 2) Virginia Creek Adjudicated Water Rights.
  - b. Exhibit D appears to contain two tables summarizing the adjudicated water rights in priority order as well as extensive legal language describing how the rights have been associated with the underlying Conway and Mattly properties. These should be sorted into subsections. The most useful and relevant item is the first table, which presents present day water rights, the right holder, the amount, and the priority order. MLC understands that this table is broadly agreed to be accurate by water right holders and interested parties. As such, among other informational improvements, the table needs a title, explanatory text stating what it is presenting, reference to the Decree as the fundamental source of this information, identification of each right holder by their full name, and clarification that the numbers presented are in cubic feet per second.
  - c. Exhibit D should include a new narrative section that identifies the June 17, 1915 Mono County Superior Court judgment and decree as the foundational Decree for Mill Creek water rights. This court action is mentioned indirectly in Exhibit D already but deserves focal attention due to its significance. MLC suggests that the decree itself be included into the Exhibit. This section could also explain how the decreed rights have been subsequently transferred to various property owners over time, resulting in the present day table of rights and right holders.
  - d. After presenting the Decree and the present day table of water rights, Exhibit D should acknowledge that all water rights are subject to the continuing jurisdiction of the adjudicating court, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the requirements of the Water Code and other applicable law.

- e. The historical legal language that appears to have come from the property title or similar source is presumably accurate, however it lacks context and is interwoven with similar language relevant to Virginia Creek. These should be separated, and context should be provided so the text is understandable. Context is particularly needed for the water rights table which is titled "Summary of water rights for Mill Creek" since it is a historical (not present day) summary useful only for confirming the rights associated with the property.
- f. MLC is less familiar with the Virginia Creek water rights but suggests that a narrative or other present day description of the right and its availability for use would be a helpful addition to the historical legal language provided.
- 3) Existing Facilities and Easements: The draft easement does not recognize that the tailrace of the Southern California Edison (SCE) Lundy Hydropower plant crosses the south west corner of Mattly Ranch, and indeed has done so for a century. The tailrace contains all water discharged from the power plant. This physical reality is not described or accommodated in the draft document, creating a number of problems that should be fixed.
  - a. In Item 4(a), the draft document states that Mono County reserve rights to "all Water and Water Rights" on the property. Mono County cannot be granted control of all water in the power plant tailrace simply because it crosses the property. The adjudicated water rights are clear, and power plant outflow contains water allocated to the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, the United States Department of the Interior (BLM), Jan Simis, the United States Department of Agriculture (Forest Service) and Mill Creek—in addition to that which Mono County is entitled to divert. "Water" should be removed, and wording should be revised to eliminate claims to use of water on the property that is subject to water rights held by others. Mono County's water rights are correctly reserved for use on the property, subject to compliance with applicable law. MLC's redline suggests edits here and in item 6(f) to reflect these points.
  - b. Item 6(i) would seem to prohibit SCE from constructing roads for maintenance, emergency repair, and improvement of the tailrace. Since existing roads do not provide full access to this facility, this is a concern for all water users. For example, should the side of the tailrace fail, SCE would need to construct an access road to repair it. The draft document would be improved by adding a section that recognizes the existing tailrace facility, SCE's prescriptive easement for the facility, and that allows reasonable provisions for SCE's continued operation. MLC suggests that the Eastern Sierra Land Trust consult with SCE directly to

better understand the provisions that would be appropriate. Such consultation would also be a good chance to discuss SCE's existing transmission lines that cross the property as there may be similar access issues and concerns relating to Item 6(m).

- c. Item 17 "Grantor's Title Warranty" would be the appropriate place to describe the long established SCE easements across the property, both for the power plant tailrace and for transmission lines. The associated Exhibit I does not currently include these.
- 4) Operations Plan. The draft easement provides a useful framework for annual planning via an overall Management Plan and an annual Operations Plan (Item 13). The Operations Plan is to be developed prior to April 1 each year. In regard to water rights, Item 13 should include a specification that the Operations Plan will include a plan for the exercise of the County's Adjudicated Water Rights that specifies planned daily diversions and uses for the year. This will assure that the Operations Plan activities for the year can be successfully served by the Adjudicated Water Rights.

#### **Groundwater pumping**

In principle, the fish rearing operation should be conducted with surface water flow exclusively as was historically done when the property was acquired. Given Mono County's high priority, large volume adjudicated water rights, MLC believes this water to be adequate. If however, the County and ESLT wish to pursue groundwater pumping for the fish rearing operation then the following should be considered:

- The provision for emergency water seems reasonable as a way to safeguard trout from dying in the event of an emergency outage at the powerplant and/or some other emergency that interrupts water flowing from Mill Creek to Conway Ranch. The magnitude of water and duration of pumping appear to be reasonable for this purpose.
  - MLC does not have expertise in the area of fish rearing operations nor do we have specific knowledge of what type of water quality is necessary for trout egg incubation. MLC urges the County and ESLT to prioritize exploration of options for egg incubation that utilize surface flow to achieve the appropriate water component for egg incubation and rearing of fry before turning to the groundwater pumping option. Groundwater pumping should be a secondary plan that is only allowed if these options are found to be infeasible.
- 2. With respect to the supplemental groundwater needed to moderate extreme temperature fluctuations in winter and summer, MLC urges the County and the ESLT to explore other options. It is MLC's understanding that the pipe that was installed several years ago that crosses Los Angeles Department of Water & Power land (easement) was supposed to do just that—prevent winter icing situations and resulting fish kills. It is not clear that this additional supplemental water is necessary or desired only to maximize condition factor (length and weight) of the fish.

The two residential communities adjacent to Conway Ranch—Mono City and the Conway Ranch subdivision—are concerned that ground water pumping on Conway Ranch will affect their residential water supply. Community concerns related to ground water pumping have been raised repeatedly at various public meetings during the past year. The draft easement provides for limits on groundwater pumping and for a study to be conducted to determine if surplus groundwater is available beneath Conway Ranch. That study will identify thresholds and trigger points to protect community wells (though easement language should more specifically identify these wells as part of the study). The final step needed is to create a program that assures monitoring data is gathered to determine if those thresholds have been crossed and thus trigger pumping cutbacks. ESLT has communicated that they cannot be responsible for monitoring done outside of the conservation easement boundaries.

The Mono Basin Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) proposed language in an effort to provide a compromise between the County's desire to pump groundwater and the community's desire to have assurances that their municipal wells won't be degraded. MLC supports the RPAC's recommendation that Mono County enter into agreements with Lundy Mutual Water Company and the Conway Ranch Subdivision that include monitoring plans, specifications of triggers for action based on monitoring results, and mitigation of groundwater pumping impacts should they occur.

## Mattly Ranch

MLC does not support the inclusion of provisions allowing a fish rearing operation on the Mattly Ranch in the conservation easement for the following reasons:

- 1. Any disturbance or development on the Mattly is contrary to the original protection of these lands as open space and migratory corridors that were celebrated in the public purchase from Trust for Public Land.
- 2. Mattly Ranch was discussed at a Mono Basin public meeting in April 2013 and was determined to be "off the table" as a result of Caltrans' grant restrictions for that parcel.
- 3. Mattly Ranch was a last-minute addition to the proposed conservation easement that is not well developed in terms of the real needs of a separate fish rearing operation for Lahontan Cutthroat trout (LCT). Currently only a raceway (enlarged ditch) is mentioned with no plan for structures for supplies, fencing, emergency water supply, or analysis of water needs necessary to overwinter the fish.
- 4. If the County wants to pursue assisting in the recovery of LCT then the operation should be located within the 75-acre fish rearing area to maximize infrastructure utility, security, and water supply (both operational and emergency).
- 5. With respect to the Endangered Species Act and supporting endangered species recovery programs, the County should rethink its grazing management plan and reconsider its practice of grazing domestic sheep west of Highway 395 on the Mattly which is counter to the recommendations in the Sierra Nevada Bighorn

#### Sheep Recovery Plan (Sept 2007).

#### Public process

The Conway Ranch is a valuable Mono County asset. Ever since the County acquired the property from Trust for Public Land in 2000, the property has meant many things to many people—including, most importantly, the restrictions imposed by the agencies providing funds to purchase the property. In order to move forward with the County's desire to make improvements to the fish-rearing operation, the County must negotiate and secure a conservation easement to satisfy Caltrans' desire to remove themselves from oversight of the fish-rearing area grant restrictions.

In the Mono Basin Community Plan (2012), residents of the Mono Basin repeatedly identified Conway Ranch as an important part of the basin and an asset that should be protected while honoring historic uses. The Community Plan supports aquaculture and sheep grazing and allows for supporting facilities and infrastructure. However, it is unfortunate that a visioning process for Conway Ranch has not been completed yet nor have management plans been available to the public. MLC understands that the conservation easement needs to include the range of possibility for components necessary in the future, but it does appear the cart is being put ahead of the horse. Normally a visioning process would identify the range of possibility (and drive conservation easement language), not the opposite. For this reason the public has expressed a feeling of being left out of the process, especially since the current easement language appears to support the Tony Vaught report in terms of the fish rearing operation size and magnitude.

Absent a full visioning process, which time does not allow right now, one way to insure more public involvement and oversight is to include easement language that requires the County to develop a Specific Plan for the property. Mono County would expect any private landowner to do this and it would provide a level of checks and balances for the property and public involvement.

Regardless of the approach taken, full visioning process or including a Specific Plan requirement, open communication every step of the way is essential. All documents, management plans, correspondence between ESLT and the County, monitoring results, decision memos, etc. should be made available to the public via the County website. Regular attendance and reporting by Mono County at Mono Basin RPAC meetings is important as well.

There are a number of places in the draft easement and draft management plan where processes between the County and ESLT are described that lack specifications for public involvement. It is unclear what will be conducted privately, and what publicly. MLC urges inclusion of public provisions. The documents should be updated to include a protocol for public sharing of documents, public presentations and meetings, opportunities for comment, and specification of County decision-making processes on actions initiating new construction or significant management changes. The following sections, among others, need such provisions: 8 (Uses of Property with Grantee's Prior Consent), 9a (Written Advisement), 11 (Disputes and Remedies), 13 (Management Plan, including sharing of the plan, process for revision, and sharing and development of the Operations Plan), Management Plan 1b (Protocols for Updating Management Plan), Management Plan 1c (Mono County-ESLT Annual Meeting), and Management Plan 1d

(Annual Conservation Easement Monitoring and Enforcement).

# Standards for Easement Violation

In our review, MLC notes that the standard for determining violation of the easement terms differs throughout the draft easement and the draft management plan. Sometimes a use will be considered to violate the easement if it "impairs" the Conservation Values, which is defined at the end of paragraph 1 as having "a material adverse impact to the Conservation Values," (Easement 2b, 7d, 7g, 7h, 7j, 8a.iii, 8a.iv, 8a.v (second paragraph), 9a, 10, MP I(c), III(d)). Other times, a violation occurs if the action "diminishes or impairs" the Conservation Values (CE Recital I, par 8a.v (first paragraph), 9b, 13, MP I(a), III(a), III(a)(iii), III(g)). And other times a violation occurs if the activity "impairs or interferes" with the Conservation Values (CE par 1), or "impairs or adversely impacts" the Conservation Values (MP I(c)). MLC suggests this terminology be standardized throughout the documents to avoid future confusion and dispute.

# Conservation Easement current schedule

MLC understands that the current deadline to finalize the Conway Ranch conservation easement is July 1, 2014. We also understand that there will be a public hearing scheduled for the June 17<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor's meeting to hear public comment regarding the draft easement. Other than Mono Basin RPAC meetings, we are not aware of any public meetings that have been held recently to explain and solicit public input on this project. MLC is concerned that there will not be enough time to fully evaluate public comments or include them in the conservation easement.

We urge the County and ESLT to work with Caltrans and consider extending the process if necessary to allow for full consideration of comments and the time necessary to work through evaluating options and recommendations. A short extension to allow the parties to hone the document further is appropriate given this conservation easement for Conway Ranch will exist into perpetuity guiding protection of conservation values and allowing for the identified historic uses.

## Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the draft conservation easement. We look forward to working with the County and ESLT as this process continues. Please contact me at (760) 647-6595 or <a href="mailto:lisa@monolake.org">lisa@monolake.org</a> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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#### GRANT DEED OF CONSERVATION EASEMENT

#### Conway and Mattly Ranches

## RECITALS

A. Grantor is the owner in fee simple of certain real property located in Mono County, California, consisting of approximately 770 acres, as more particularly described in <a href="Exhibit A">Exhibit A</a> attached hereto and incorporated by this reference ("Property"). The Property is comprised of one-hundred twenty-five (125) parcels of land and is also identified as (i) Assessor Parcel Numbers 19-100-020, 19-100-019, 19-110-016, 11-200-009, 11-200-010, 11-280-021, 19-100-008, and (ii) Conway Ranch Subdivision parcels consisting of Assessor Parcel Numbers 19-200, parcels 1 through 6, 9 through 13, 16 through 50 (46 Assessor Parcels, 13 acres), 19-210, parcels 5 through 59 (55 Assessor Parcels, 16 acres), all as shown on the sketch map of the Property attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit B-1">Exhibit B-1</a> ("Property Sketch Map"). Certain existing improvements, including, but not limited to storage sheds, kiosk, aquaculture ponds, ditches, and raceways (collectively, "Aquaculture Improvements") are located within one area of the Property, consisting of approximately 75 acres, shown on the sketch map attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit B-2">Exhibit B-2</a> ("Aquaculture Area Sketch Map") and legally described in <a href="Exhibit C">Exhibit C</a> attached hereto ("Aquaculture Area"). The Aquaculture Improvements and other improvements on the Property,

such as roads, fences, irrigation ditches, corrals, and historic buildings located in various places on the Property, are more specifically described in that eertain "Baseline Documentation Report" referred to in Recital K below. Improvements described in the Baseline Documentation Report shall be deemed to comply with this Easement.

- B. Grantor is the owner of water and water rights, including, but not limited to surface and subsurface waters and water rights, springs and spring rights, wells and groundwater rights, riparian, prescriptive, contractual, appropriative and adjudicated and other rights in and to the use of water historically used or otherwise appurtenant to the Property (collectively, "Water" and "Water Rights"). The adjudicated water rights are described in Exhibit D attached hereto ("Mill Creek Adjudicated Water Rights"). The Water and Water Rights and water use on the Property are more specifically described in the Baseline Documentation Report referred to belowin article K. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Grant, all Water Rights are subject further determination or modification for the purpose of compliance with the Water Code and other applicable law. The term, "Water Rights," excludes any rights held by other entities under applicable law.
- C. The Property possesses natural, scenic, open space, habitat, and historic values described more particularly below (collectively, "Conservation Values") of great importance to Grantor, the people of the surrounding Mono Basin, the people of Mono County, the people of the State of California, and the people of the United States of America. The Conservation Values are more specifically identified and described in the Baseline Documentation Report, and include, without limitation, all of the following:
- Plant, Wildlife Species and Habitat, such as wildlife migration corridor (mule deer, mountain lions) resident wildlife, songbirds and waterfowl, plant and butterfly species: The Property contains plant communities and plant species that are associated with wetlands, freshwater springs, meadows, riparian areas, and sage-brush scrub. The Property contains significant relatively natural habitat for mule deer, mountain lion, red-tailed hawk, northern harrier, great blue heron, and various other species of raptors, songbirds, and waterfowl. As noted in the multi-agency Bi-State Action Plan (2012), the Property contains habitat of the Bi-State sage-grouse, which is currently proposed to be listed as threatened by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. The Property serves as a critical component of the migration corridor for the Mono Lake mule deer herd. The natural habitat on the Property includes Great Basin mixed scrub, an important food and cover source for mule deer. The Conway Ranch and immediate area form a natural conduit of habitat types for mule deer and mountain lions to follow in migration. Conway Ranch is used on occasion by pronghorn antelope during the spring and summer when they seek other foraging areas away from the nearby Bodie Hills. The Property holds wet meadows that contain the larval host plant, the Northern bog violet, of the Apache silverspot butterfly, an uncommon species.
- 2. Water Resources and Wetlands, Meadows, Riparian Habitats, and Perennial Freshwater Springs: The Property's surface and groundwater resources are essential to the maintenance of its unique combination of habitats. The Property consists primarily of meadows, wetlands, perennial springs, the riparian corridor of Wilson Creek, and surrounding uplands holding sagebrush scrub. Specific locations of these habitats are described in the Baseline

Comment [LC1]: A riparian right only arises with respect to water in its natural course. Thus, it applies to waters that naturally flow through, or originate on, Property. Grantor does not have a riparian right to water diverted under adjudicated rights.

Comment [LC2]: What prescriptive right is claimed here? Does the County have a claim against Jan Simis or DWP?

Comment [LC3]: There is no such thing as a contractual water right. The right must arise by common law (pre-1914) or under the Water Code. A contract may only assign the use of water under a water right.

Comment [LC4]: Deleted "water and" because it violates the state constitution. Mono County holds water rights, which are rights to put water to reasonable and beneficial use. The state owns the corpus of the water itself. Water Code 102

Comment [LC5]: The decree itself should be attached, in addition to Exhibit D

Comment [LC6]: Added to clarify that this does not cover rights held by SCE, DWP, and other entities to water which passes over Property in the power plant tailrace. Documentation Report. Water resources, plant communities, land use history, and location of wetlands are generally documented in a report produced by Mono County, the Mono Basin Watershed Assessment (March 2007).

- 3. <u>Open Space and Scenic Resources:</u> The Property has significant scenic value due to its proximity to Mono Lake and the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area. It is adjacent to state designated California Scenic Highway 395 and is highly visible from the scenic overlook on Conway Summit to the north.
- 4. <u>Historic Resources: homestead, ranch buildings, corrals, and Native American cultural resources:</u> The Property contains prehistoric and historic period resources, with sites dating from the ranching present to some 10,000 years ago, as described in the Conway Ranch Cultural Resources Study, by Foothill Resources, Ltd., January 2002. Found on the Property are ethnographic Paiute use areas and ranch residences and facilities, including the oldest pioneer ranch house in the Mono Basin (portions of the historic Conway family homestead).
- 5. <u>Public Access</u>: The Property's natural and historic resources provide educational and recreational opportunities to the public. The continued use of the Property by the public for educational and recreational purposes as limited hereby and in a manner that protects the Conservation Values is consistent with the goals of this Conservation Easement.
- 6. Connectivity to other Public and Protected Open Space Lands: The Property is, adjacent to federally-owned land that is managed by the Bureau of Land Management ("BLM") and State-owned land that is managed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for habitat and historic resources purposes. The Property is located approximately one quarter mile from the Mono Basin National Forest Scenic Area and approximately two miles from Mono Lake and the Mono Lake Tufa State Reserve. Additionally, the Property is adjacent to U.S. Highway 395, which has been designated as a California Scenic Highway, and approximately one mile away from the BLM "Conway Summit Area of Critical Concern," which is protected for waterfowl and migratory bird purposes.
- D. A portion of the Property (Exhibit B-2, Aquaculture Area) is the location of a commercial fish-rearing operation that contributes to the region's recreational opportunities and economy. The continued use of the Property for sustainable commercial aquaculture as limited hereby and in a manner that protects the Conservation Values is consistent with the goals of this Conservation Easement.
- E. The Property has been managed and irrigated to support sheep grazing since the mid-1800s. The continued use of the Property for sustainably managed sheep grazing as limited hereby and in a manner that protects the Conservation Values is consistent with the goals of this Conservation Easement.
- F. Grantee is a nonprofit entity formed under the laws of the State of California authorized to hold conservation easements under California Civil Code Section 815.3(a), and is an organization described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended (the "Code"), and is an entity which meets the requirements of Section 509(a)(2) of the Code. The primary mission of Grantee is the preservation, protection, or enhancement of land in

its natural, scenic, agricultural, forested and/or open space condition.

- G. Acquisition of the Property by Grantor took place in phases in 1998 and 2000, using grants and funds from the following entities:
- California Department of Transportation ("Caltrans") utilizing California Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program ("EEMP") funding: Cycle 7 (1997/98), Applicant-State Agreement No. 09-097-32, dated June 30, 1998, \$200,000.00; Cycle 8 (1998/99), Applicant-State Agreement No. 09-098-28, dated June 8, 1999, \$250,000.00; and Cycle 9 (1999/2000), Applicant-State Agreement No. 09-99-32, dated September 29, 1999, \$500,000.00;
- Caltrans utilizing California Transportation Enhancement Activities ("TEA") funding: 2000 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), Round 1, Contribution Agreement, District Agreement 9-253, dated Feb. 28, 2000, \$400,000.00;
- California Department of Parks and Recreation ("State Parks") utilizing Habitat Conservation Fund, Deer and Mountain Lion Habitat Program ("HCF") funding: (1997/98) Project Agreement, Project No. HD-26-001, \$492,500.00; and (1998/99) Project Agreement, Project No. HD-26-002, dated October 6, 1998, \$100,000.00; and
- 4. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation ("NFWF") utilizing U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service ("NFWS") funding: Grant Agreement, Project No. 98-066, Grant Period: 01/01/1998 to 01/01/1999, \$100,000.00.

Caltrans, State Parks, and NFWF may collectively be referred to herein as the "Funders." The grant agreements referenced above may collectively be referred to herein as the "Grant Agreements." The Grant Agreements are incorporated herein by this reference. Grantor acknowledges that funds to acquire the Property have been provided pursuant to the terms of the Grant Agreements between Grantor and each of the Funders. Grantor acknowledges that the Grant Agreements impose certain requirements on the use and ownership of the Property and provide certain rights to the respective Funders in the event of noncompliance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Grant Agreements and their respective restrictions apply only to those portions of the Property acquired with the funds provided by each of said Grant Agreements. Nothing in this Easement gives Grantee the right or obligation to enforce the Grant Agreements. In the event of any conflict between this Easement and the Grant Agreements, the Grant Agreements shall control, provided that, if the Easement contains terms and conditions respecting the use of the Property that are consistent with, but more restrictive than, the conditions and terms in the Grant Agreements, the more restrictive terms and conditions of this Easement shall control as between the Parties hereto. Conway Ranch, the acquisition phases and the funding sources used to acquire them are shown on Exhibit F attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference ("Map of Conway Ranch Phases and Funding Sources"). The Grant Agreements require that the Funders approve this Easement. The respective Funders have approved this Easement as evidenced by authorized signatures on their behalf on Exhibit G attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

- H. In conjunction with the Grant Agreements, and as a condition thereof, Caltrans and TEA grant restrictions encumbering the Property were recorded in the Mono County Recorder's Office as follows:
  - 1. EEMP, Cycle 7 (1997/98), Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants (ADRC) recorded Vol 0832 Page 022 Dec. 31, 1998;
  - 2. EEMP, Cycle 8 (1998/99), Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants (ADRC) recorded Vol 897 Page 137 March 30, 2000;
  - 3. EEMP, Cycle 9 (1999/2000), Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants (ADRC) recorded Vol. 897 Page 124 March 30, 2000; and
  - 4. Caltrans TEA, Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants (ADRC), recorded Vol. 897 Page 114 on March 30, 2000.

The ADRCs listed above have been amended pursuant to those certain Amendments to Agreement Declaring Restrictive Covenants, recorded herewith.

- I. Grantor and Grantee intend that the Conservation Values of the Property be preserved and maintained in perpetuity by imposing certain restrictions on land use and by allowing for land uses and practices permitted herein, including but not limited to aquaculture, sheep use, and grazing activities, that do not diminish or impair the Conservation Values and that can, in certain ways, support and enhance the Conservation Values.
- J. The conservation purposes of this Easement are recognized by, and the grant of this Easement will serve, the following clearly delineated governmental conservation policies:

Section 815 of the California Civil Code in which the California Legislature declares that the preservation of land in its natural, scenic, agricultural, historical, forested, or open-space condition is among the most important environmental assets of California, and further declaring it to be the public policy and in the public interest of the state to encourage the voluntary conveyance of conservation easements to qualified nonprofit organizations.

California Constitution Article XIII, section 8, California Revenue and Taxation Code, sections 421.5 and 422.5, and California Civil Code section 815.1, under which this Easement is an enforceable restriction, requiring that the Property's tax valuation be consistent with restriction of its uses for purposes of recreation, enjoyment of scenic beauty, use of conservation of natural resources, or production of food or fiber.

Section 51220 of the California Government Code, which declares a public interest in the preservation of agricultural lands.

The California General Plan law, section 65300 et seq., and section 65400 et seq. of the California Government Code, and the Mono County General Plan (2010), which includes as one of its goals of the Conservation/Open Space Element to maintain an abundance of

wildlife types in Mono County, with particular emphasis on threatened species, including support for purchased easements in important habitat areas.

The Mono County General Plan has documented in its Land Use Element (February 2009) the county's future goals for the Mono Basin. Goal One: Provide for the orderly growth of Mono Basin communities in a manner that retains the small town character, coincides with infrastructure expansion, facilitates economic and community development, and protects the area's scenic, recreational, and natural resources. The primary objective is to "Direct future development to occur in and adjacent to Lee Vining."

California Streets and Highways Code Section 164.56, establishing the Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program Fund, to undertake projects that contribute to mitigation of the environmental effects of transportation facilities, including acquisition or enhancement of resource lands to mitigate the loss of, or the detriment to, resource lands lying within the right-of-way acquired for transportation improvements;

Section 133(d) (2) of 23 United States Code Annotated Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program Transportation Equity Act for the 21st. Century U.S. Code, Title 23 Sections 104b(3) and 133d(2) authorized the funding of California Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA), 2000 State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP), to fund transportation enhancement activities related by function, proximity or impact to surface transportations systems, including acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites, scenic or historic highway programs (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities) and historic preservation;

California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 (Prop 117), California Fish and Game Code, Div. 3, Ch. 9, declaring that protection, enhancement, and restoration of wildlife habitat and fisheries are vital to maintaining the quality of life in California and establishing the Habitat Conservation Fund, including the Deer and Mountain Lion Habitat Program, in order to preserve, maintain, and enhance California's diverse wildlife heritage and the habitats upon which it depends, including deer, mountain lion, and other wildlife habitat within the Sierra Nevada; and

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Establishment Act, Public Law 98–244, approved March 26, 1984, 98 Stat. 107, as amended through Public Law 107–136, Jan. 24, 2002, established the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation as a charitable nonprofit corporation for the purposes of, among other things undertaking and conducting such other activities as will further the conservation and management of the fish, wildlife, and plant resources of the United States, and its territories and possessions, for present and future generations of Americans.

K. The specific Conservation Values of the Property, its current use and state of improvement are documented and described in a baseline documentation report ("Baseline Documentation Report" or "Baseline"), which the Parties hereto have prepared, dated 2014, so as to be able to provide accurate photographs and documentation of

Comment [LC7]: Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep have been listed as a California endangered species since 1999 and listed with USFWS since 2000

Comment [LC8]: Should National Fish and Wildlife Service be listed too?

the vegetation patterns and topography of the Property. The parties agree that the Baseline Documentation Report, which consists of reports, maps, photographs, video, and other documentation, will provide an accurate and complete representation of the Property and its Conservation Values at the time of this grant and is intended to serve as an objective, though nonexclusive, information baseline for monitoring compliance with the terms of this Easement. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge, as set forth in **Exhibit H**, attached hereto and incorporated herein, that each has received a copy of the Baseline Documentation Report. Grantor and Grantee shall retain duplicate originals of the Baseline Documentation Report.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the above and the mutual covenants, terms, conditions and restrictions contained herein, and pursuant to the laws of the State of California and in particular California Civil Code sections 815 et seq., Grantor hereby voluntarily grants and conveys to Grantee this Conservation Easement in perpetuity over the Property of the nature and character and to the extent hereinafter set forth.

- 1. <u>Conservation Purpose</u>. The purpose of this Easement is to preserve and protect in perpetuity the Conservation Values for the benefit of the public generally, and to prevent any uses of the Property that will impair or interfere with the Conservation Values ("Conservation Purpose" or "Purpose"), subject to compliance with applicable law. Grantor and Grantee agree that this Conservation Easement will restrict the use of the Property to activities that are consistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement and will prohibit and prevent any use of the Property that will impair or interfere with the Conservation Values of the Property. More particularly, the Conservation Purpose of this Easement is to:
- (a) Ensure that the Property will be retained forever in its relatively natural, scenic, and open-space condition, and that the Conservation Values will be protected;
- (b) Protect plant, wildlife species and habitat, such as wildlife migration corridor (mule deer, mountain lions) resident wildlife, songbirds and waterfowl, plant and butterfly species;
- (c) Protect surface and groundwater resources and the wetlands, meadows, riparian habitats, and perennial freshwater springs that they support;
  - (d) Protect open space and scenic resources;
- (e) Protect historic resources, including homestead, ranch buildings, corrals, and Native American cultural resources;
  - (f) Allow for public access for passive recreation and educational purposes; and
  - (g) Protect connectivity to other public and protected open space properties.

Under this Easement, "impairment" (or any derivation thereof, as applicable) of Conservation Values means a material adverse impact to the Conservation Values. The consideration of actual and potential impacts of a particular activity or use on Conservation

Comment [LC9]: As written, this directs the Grantor and Grantee to seek to prevent any change in current uses of waters on the Property. That obligation should be subject to the exception that such uses may change for the purpose of compliance with Water Code and applicable law. Water Code section 275 prohibits the communation of any use which is not reasonable and beneficial.

MLC recommends adding "Applicable Law" as a defined term, meaning law applicable to a use arising under state, rule, or court judgment outside of this Grant

Values shall take into account the impacts of the activity or use in question as well as the cumulative impacts of other uses and activities on the Property. In every evaluation of whether impairment of Conservation Values has occurred or is threatened, both the magnitude and the duration of the actual or potential change(s) shall be considered.

# Extinguishment of Development Rights; Prohibition on Subdivision.

- (a) Except as otherwise reserved to the Grantor in this Easement, all development rights that were previously, are now, or hereafter allocated to, implied, reserved, appurtenant to, or inherent in the Property are hereby released, terminated and extinguished, and may not be used on or transferred to any portion of the Property as it now or hereafter may be bounded or described, or to any other property adjacent or otherwise, or used for the purpose of calculating permissible lot yield of the Property or any other property. This Easement shall not create any development rights.
- (b) The division, subdivision, de facto subdivision or partition of the Property, including transfer of development rights, whether by physical, legal, or any other process, is prohibited. The Property is currently comprised of one hundred twenty-five (125) parcels of land and is also identified as (i) Assessor Parcel Numbers 19-100-020, 19-100-019, 19-110-016, 11-200-009, 11-200-010, 11-280-021, 19-100-008, and (ii) Conway Ranch Subdivision parcels consisting of Assessor Parcel Numbers 19-200, parcels 1 through 6, 9 through 13, 16 through 50 (46 Assessor Parcels, 13 acres), 19-210, parcels 5 through 59 (55 Assessor Parcels, 16 acres) described in Exhibit A. Grantor will not apply for or otherwise seek recognition of additional legal parcels within the Property based on certificates of compliance or any other authority. Grantor shall treat the Property as a single legal parcel and shall not separately sell, exchange, convert, transfer, assign, mortgage or otherwise encumber, alienate, or convey any parcel associated with the Property or any portion of any parcel of the Property, provided, however, that a license or lease of a portion of the Property for uses allowed by this Easement is permitted, provided that no such license or lease shall impair the Conservation Values and shall be subject to this Easement.
- 3. <u>Rights of Grantee</u>. To accomplish the Purpose of this Easement, the following rights are conveyed to Grantee:
- (a) To carry out the Conservation Purpose of this Easement and to preserve and protect in perpetuity the Conservation Values of the Property;
- (b) To enter upon the Property, in accordance with the terms set forth herein, in order to monitor Grantor's compliance with and otherwise enforce the terms of this Easement;
- (c) To prevent any activity on or use of the Property that is not permitted by or consistent with the terms of this Easement and to require the restoration of such areas or features of the Property that may be damaged by any inconsistent activity or use;
- (d) To review and determine the suitability of those activities and projects described in Section 8, and to grant, grant with conditions, or deny permission therefor, subject to the standards specified in Section 8; and.

- (e) To place a sign(s) at access points to the Property, subject to the mutual agreement of Grantor, Grantee, and the Funders regarding text, design and location, to indicate the participation of the Parties and the Funders in the creation of this Conservation Easement.
- 4. <u>Reserved Rights</u>. Grantor reserves to itself, and its successors in interest, all rights accruing from its fee ownership of the Property which are not transferred and conveyed hereby, or which are not expressly granted to Grantee or prohibited herein and which are not inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose, including the right to engage in or permit or invite others to engage in all uses of the Property that are not expressly proscribed or limited hereby and are not inconsistent with the terms of this Easement. Grantor reserves the following:
- (a) Water and Water Rights: all Water and Water Rights in, on, under, to and benefiting or associated with or appurtenant to the Property, provided that, lease, sale, severance, conveyance, diversion or encumbrance of Water or Water Rights separately from the underlying title to the Property, or other action or inaction that abandons, forfeits, diminishes or extinguishes such Water or Water Rights, or use of any Water or Water Rights for any purpose or in any manner other than for permitted uses of the Property consistent with the requirements of this Easement and the "Management Plan" described in Section 13 is prohibited, except as required for compliance with the Water Code and other applicable law. In connection with leases or licenses for permitted uses, the aforesaid prohibition shall not preclude Grantor from licensing or leasing a right to use on the Property any Water or Water Rights for permitted uses of the Property consistent with the requirements of this Easement and the Management Plan, provided however, all of said leases and licenses shall be subject to and subordinate to this Easement and the Management Plan and shall incorporate the terms of this Easement and then-current Management Plan by reference, and shall include provisions that acknowledge the quantity or right to use Water or Water Rights is not guaranteed and may be adjusted during the term of the lease or license, if necessary, based on changes in conditions on or about the Property and based on restrictions described in this Easement and the then-current Management Plan. Grantor shall consult with Grantee regarding the proposed language for the lease or license intended to satisfy this Section 4(a).
- (b) Geothermal Resources, Oil, Gas and Mineral Rights: geothermal resources, oil, gas, minerals and mineral rights appurtenant to the Property, provided that, severance, conveyance, diversion or encumbrance of such resources or rights appurtenant to the Property, separately from the underlying title to the Property, or other action or inaction that diminishes or extinguishes such resources or rights is prohibited, as is exploration, extraction or use for any purpose or in any manner other than as permitted by this Easement.

# 5. General Requirements for All Uses.

- (a) Compliance with Terms, Conditions and Conservation Purpose of this Easement. All activities on the Property shall be conducted in a manner that is consistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement, and in accordance with the specific terms set forth in this Easement.
- (b) Protection of Conservation Values. All uses and activities on the Property shall be undertaken in a manner reasonably designed to minimize adverse impacts to the Conservation

Comment [LC10]: Sinke "water," Granter cannot reserve the corpus of water, which is owned by CA pursuant to Water Code 102. It also cannot chan the use of water on the Property (e.g., talleace) to the extent subject to water rights held by SCE. DWP, or other critics. It may reserve water rights which it hards, subject to the exception that it roust comply with the Water Code and applicable law.

Values, including minimizing soil degradation and erosion and unauthorized diversion or use of, pollution to, or degradation of, any surface or subsurface waters.

- (c) Compliance with Laws and Management Plan. All activities and uses permitted on the Property pursuant to this Easement shall be subject to, and undertaken in accordance with, all applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances, rules, and regulations ("Applicable Laws") and the Management Plan.
- 6. <u>Prohibited Uses</u>. Any activity on or use of the Property which is inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose or terms of this Easement or in violation of Applicable Laws is prohibited (collectively, "Prohibited Uses"). Grantor shall not engage in, or allow others to engage in, any Prohibited Use. The Parties agree that this Section 6 is not an exhaustive recital of all Prohibited Uses and that there may be other existing or future uses not expressly listed therein that are inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and except as expressly provided otherwise herein, the following uses, practices, and improvements are inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement and are Prohibited Uses that are expressly prohibited:
- (a) Construction or Reconstruction of Improvements. The construction or reconstruction of any buildings, other structures, or other improvements, except as may be permitted, or permitted with the prior consent of Grantee, in Sections 7 or 8;
  - (b) Billboards and Advertising. The erection of any billboards or other type of advertising;
- (c) *Mining*. The exploration, mining, extraction or removal from the Property of soil, rock, sand, gravel, oil, geothermal resources, natural gas, fuel or any other hydrocarbon or mineral substance using any exploration, mining, extraction or removal method;
- (d) Mobile Homes, Trailers, Heavy Equipment. The construction or placement of any mobile homes, trailers or heavy equipment, except as may be permitted in the "Building Envelope" within the Aquaculture Area as described in Section 8(a)(i) and Section 7(j);
- (e) Storage and Disposal of Unsightly and Offensive Materials. The dumping, burying, storage or accumulation of any kind of trash, refuse, derelict equipment, vehicles, ashes, garbage, or other unsightly, or offensive materials, except for limited and/or temporary uses as provided in Section 7(j);
- (f) Development and Manipulation of Wetlands and Water Resources. The draining, diversion, filling, dredging, diking, damming or other alteration, development or manipulation of wells, watercourses, springs and wetlands or use, extraction, pumping, or manipulation of any Water or Water Rights, by Grantor, for any purpose or in any manner other than for permitted uses of the Property, including uses permitted, or permitted with the prior consent of Grantee, in Sections 7 or 8, consistent with the requirements of this Easement and the Management Plan and excepting any actions for purpose of compliance with applicable law;

Comment [LC11]: This is prohibiting the manipulation of any water for any purpose other than for permitted uses of the property. Again, this ignores that the entire flow of the powerhouse and almost all other water rights to Mill Creek flow through the property. Perhaps this recurring problem can be addressed with a section stating permitted and prohibited uses of water only apply to water controlled by and beneficially used by and within the Grantor's water rights.

- (g) Removal of Native Plants. The removal of living native plants or trees located on the Property, except during the regular maintenance of existing or permitted irrigation ditches, water supply system, roads, grazing meadows, and except as specified by Section 7 and 8;
- (h) Motorized Vehicles. The use of motorized vehicles on the Property apart from use on existing (or permitted) roads and except for over-the-snow vehicles consistent with the Management Plan and for uses reasonably related to permitted uses not otherwise prohibited and emergency vehicles responding to an emergency;
- (i) New Roads and Paving of Existing Roads. The construction or paving with any impervious surfacing materials of any new roads on any part of the Property or the paving of any existing roads on any part of the Property;
- (j) Landscaping. Landscaping or planting the Property (excluding the Aquaculture Area or Building Envelope, as defined in Section 8(a)(i), other than for Grantee- approved restoration or enhancement purposes as set forth in Section 8 and in accordance with the Management Plan;
- (k) Commercial Use. Any commercial use of any portion of the Property, except as may be permitted by Section 7 and 8;
- Residential and Industrial Use. Any residential use, except as provided in Section 7(nm) (regarding limited overnight security and oversight of aquaculture and sheep ranching operations) or industrial use of any portion of the Property;
- (m) Commercial Power Generation and Transmission. Except as may be permitted in Section 8(d) (limited solar power collection, generation and sale for own use), commercial power generation, collection or transmission facilities, including solar or windmills or facilities, owned or operated by Grantor;
- (n) Hazardous Materials. The use, storage, disposal, transport and/or release of any "Hazardous Materials" as defined in Section 14(f), except as expressly provided in this Easement in conjunction with permitted uses under Section 7; and
- (o) Commercial Recreational Structures, Airstrips, Helicopter Pads. Construction or use of resort structures, golf courses, swimming pools, tennis courts, equestrian facilities, playing fields, or any other commercial recreational structure; airstrips, helicopter pads; operation of a stable and the commercial raising, training and boarding of horses; and any activity that requires artificial lighting or prepared grounds or courses.
- 7. Permitted Uses. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the uses and practices set forth in sub-sections (a) (n) below, though not necessarily an exhaustive recital of all uses and practices consistent with the Conservation Purpose, are permitted, subject to the limitations set forth herein:
- (a) Fences, Gates, Roads. Maintenance, repair, replacement and removal of existing and approved fences, gates, and roads at currently existing levels of improvement, including

Comment [LC12]: SCE may need to access the Lundy tailrace or transmission lines for maintenance emergency repair, and improvements. In some cases no roads exist to the facilities SCE should be consulted regarding proper presentation of these existing uses and easements

Comment [LC13]: Suggested edit to exclude existing transmission lines which already cross the property SCE should be consulted

Comment [LC14]: Clarify what "approved

associated trimming of brush and trees as reasonably necessary for safety and security. Grantor shall design and construct any replacement fencing, including boundary fences, using current best management practices for wildlife friendly fencing that accommodates wildlife movement, in accordance with the Management Plan. Where ownership or right to maintain fences is shared with another party, such as on property boundaries, to the extent that Grantor has control, newly constructed or replaced fences shall be designed using currently accepted standards for wildlife friendly fencing that accommodates wildlife movement;

- (b) Property Signs. Construction or erection of reasonable, non-illuminated signs, including no trespassing or no hunting signs or signs regarding County regulations on public use of the Property, or other appropriate markers in prominent locations on the Property, including boundary fences, access roads and entries to support and manage permitted uses of the Property;
- (c) Sheep Grazing. Grazing of sheep on the Property, and use of temporary fencing for sheep on the Property, with proceeds from grazing lease dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Property, in accordance with current best management practices and the Management Plan;
- (d) Surface Water. Management and utilization of the Water Rights (surface water) as reasonably necessary, but not exceeding the limits specified in this Easement and the Management Plan, including, but not limited to use of the Water Rights all in accordance with the quantity, diversion and use restrictions set forth in the Water Rights adjudication and the prohibition against impairment of the Conservation Values in connection with: (i) the maintenance, repair and replacement of water storage and delivery systems, including ponds and irrigation ditches, and any associated removal of living native plants or trees as permitted under Section 6(g); (ii) maintenance of existing meadows and irrigated areas; (iii) the restoration and enhancement of natural resources permitted under Section 8(f); and (iv) carrying out permitted aquaculture operations and sheep-grazing and supporting permitted public uses, all in accordance with Sections 7 and 8 and the Management Plan;
- (e) *Property Leases and Licenses*. Leasing or licensing of the Property, or portions thereof, to third parties for permitted uses, subject to the terms and conditions of this Easement, with "Written Advisement" to Grantee in accordance with Section 9(a);
- (f) Dangerous Trees and Plants. Removal of diseased, damaged or otherwise dangerous trees and plants on the Property;
- (g) Commercial Activities. Except as expressly provided otherwise in this Easement, with Written Advisement to Grantee in accordance with Section 9(a), commercial activities on the Property, other than sheep grazing and aquaculture, are limited to, non-motorized activities not otherwise specifically prohibited by the terms of this Easement, provided that: (i) these uses require no surface alteration, permanent facilities or other development of land; (ii) the proceeds from said limited commercial use are dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Property; (iii) said commercial uses comply with the Management Plan; and (iv) said commercial uses do not impair the Conservation Values;

Comment [LC15]: Given the wildlife protection purposes of this Conservation Easement, grazing provisions should be consistent with the USFWS recovery plan for the Sterra Nevada Bighorn Sheep, which have been a federally endangered subspecies since 2000 and use Lundy Cariyon as a habitat area. The recovery plan (Recovery Plan for the Sterra Nevada Bighorn Sheep - United States Fish and Wildlife Service (September 2007)) calls for no grazing west of Highway 395.

Comment [LC16]: Our understanding is that these are the only commercial activities that are allowed on the property. Entire section needs to be reworded to reflect that understanding.

- (h) Film Production. Commercial or private film production, including the filming of commercials; with Written Advisement to Grantee in accordance with Section 9(a), provided that: (i) any motorized activities occur only on existing roads, (ii) uses require no surface alteration, permanent facilities or other development of land; (iii) the proceeds from said limited commercial use are dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Property; (iv) said film production complies with the Management Plan; and (v) said film production does not impair the Conservation Values;
- (i) Aquaculture. Commercial aquaculture and public fishing in the Aquaculture Area and maintenance and repair of existing aquaculture facilities and public fishing, subject to the limitations set forth in this Easement and the Management Plan, with any monetary proceeds the County may receive from commercial aquaculture dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Property;
- (j) Storage. Vehicles, equipment, building materials, machinery and supplies required for permitted uses; compost piles; and wood piles may be stored within the Building Envelope or Aquaculture Area (aquaculture uses), or within reasonably close proximity to the existing or permitted structures located elsewhere on the Property (sheep grazing uses), provided that vehicles, equipment, building materials, machinery, and supplies used and stored around the Property for sheep grazing purposes shall be removed after sheep grazing season. Vegetation and other biodegradable non-manmade materials generated from the Property shall not be considered as waste material, refuse or debris, and need not be removed from the Property; temporary storage of waste generated in the ordinary course of permitted uses on the Property for regular, periodic removal off-site is permitted; as is the use and storage of agricultural products, agricultural chemicals, agricultural byproducts and agricultural equipment. Composting of organic materials from the Property is also permitted provided that the Conservation Values of the Property are not impaired;
- (k) Public Use. Public use for passive, non-motorized recreation, including, but not limited to hiking, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, bicycling, picnicking, wildlife viewing, bird watching or other nature study, horseback riding, visiting historical sites, painting, photography, hunting (to the extent permitted by County regulations regarding public use of the Property), and fishing, scientific research and education, consistent with the Management Plan. Grantor may adopt reasonable regulations regarding public use of the Property that is otherwise consistent with this Easement and the Management Plan;
- (1) Historic Resources. With Written Advisement to Grantee in accordance with Section 9(a), the maintenance and/or restoration of historic resources on the Property undertaken in accordance with the Management Plan;
- (m) Other Uses. Any other use expressly permitted without prior consent by Grantee by the then-current Management Plan, provided it is conducted in accordance with that Plan; and
- (n) Overnight Use. Overnight use by aquaculture employees or contractors and seasonal shepherds only as needed to oversee the overnight operations and security of the aquaculture and sheep ranching operations; permanent residential use is prohibited (e.g. an employee may not

Comment [LC17]: It would be appropriate to add language to specifically address fish waste material given the current and planned future aquaculture operation. live on the Property with his or her family nor otherwise use it as a "home" or domicile for any purpose).

- 8. <u>Uses of Property with Grantee's Prior Consent.</u> The following uses of the Property shall be prohibited unless the prior written consent of Grantee is obtained in accordance with Section 8(a)(v), with respect to Section 8(a) activities; or Section 9, with respect to Section 8(b)-(g) activities:
  - (a) Aquaculture; Public Fishing; Public Educational or Interpretive Facilities Related to Aquaculture.
  - (i) Within the approximately two (2) acre building envelope of the Aquaculture Area shown in Exhibit B-2 ("Building Envelope"), and sited to avoid and minimize impacts to wetland or wildlife habitat, Grantor shall have the right to construct, expand, renovate, replace, repair, and/or remove an existing commercial aquaculture operation, public fishing operations, and/or public educational or interpretive facilities, and may construct additional customary appurtenances and infrastructure associated with such improvements, such as landscaping, fences, telephone, electric, gas and other utility conduits, connections, and meters; a septic system and/or sewer connections; an unpaved driveway from the nearest public road to the Building Envelope of the Aquaculture Area (including customary appurtenant structures), provided that all new utilities are located and designed to avoid impacts to the Conservation Values.
  - (ii) The aggregate footprint of buildings within the Building Envelope shall not exceed six thousand (6,000) square feet. There shall be no more than three (3) buildings and four (4) storage buildings. Buildings shall be of varied heights, but shall not exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height and will be constructed with materials designed to blend into the landscape using harmonious earth tone colors, non-reflective roofing and siding, and appearing rustic and historic. Storage buildings shall have a footprint of no larger than eight by twenty feet (8 x 20') each, constructed with materials designed to blend into the landscape using harmonious earth tone colors, non-reflective roofing and siding, and appearing rustic and historic, and constructed below grade as much as reasonably feasible. Permanent night lighting will not be allowed. New impervious surfaces, other than permitted buildings, ponds and raceways, are not to exceed five thousand (5000) square feet. Additional raceways, ditches, ponds, or other aquaculture infrastructure, as permitted herein, shall be constructed within the Aquaculture Area.
  - (iii) Any construction or expansion of commercial aquaculture operations will be designed to function primarily on the Mill Creek Adjudicated Water Rights as described in Exhibit D and in the Baseline Documentation Report. Any extraction of groundwater will be limited to the following purposes and amounts ("Groundwater Extraction Limit"): (A) No more than 303 acre feet a year for the purposes of human consumption and sanitation in conjunction with permitted uses, disinfection of equipment, and taking, hatching and raising of fish eggs; and (B) no more than 216 acre feet per year from each of the two production support wells located at the head of two raceways, to respond to extreme heat and/or cold conditions in the fish raceways. (C) In the case of a catastrophic water supply or water quality emergency involving Wilson Creek, groundwater pumping of 6cfs for

Comment [LC18]: Our understanding is that they were almost exclusively going to be constructed into the berm – bunker style. This language leaves it more open and isn't consistent with previous discussions.

seven (7) days ("Emergency Water Supply Limit") will be allowed to provide time to evacuate fish stock. Based on these limited uses, the total annual Groundwater Extraction Limit is 519 acre feet and the Emergency Water Supply Limit is 83 acre feet to be used only in a qualified emergency, defined as a catastrophic water quality or quantity emergency involving Wilson Creek that requires immediate evacuation of fish stock, with Written Advisement for Emergency Water Supply to Grantee. Written Advisement respecting Emergency Water Supply will be given to Grantee by telephone and email within twelve (12) hours of the emergency event and will be followed by a written report to Grantee giving details of the event, duration and amount of groundwater pumping, and advisement of the proposed follow-up response to the emergency.

Any proposed pumping or extraction of groundwater for aquaculture purposes or permitted facilities must be evaluated through a Grantor-funded environmental study ("Water Study"), and associated monitoring program to determine the amount of water that can be extracted, not to exceed the Groundwater Extraction Limit and the Emergency Water Supply Limit, that will avoid the risk of impairing the Conservation Values or adversely affecting any wells in the vicinity. The Water Study will be considered adequate if conducted by a licensed hydro-geologist, agreed to in advance by Grantor and Grantee. The proposed Water Study Scope of Work for said hydro-geologist will also be agreed to in advance by Grantor and Grantee. The Water Study Scope of Work may include a temporary pump test if recommended by the hydro-geologist conducting the Study and, in that event, the nature and duration of the test would be specified in the agreed-upon Scope of Work and the testing activity specified in the Scope of Work would not be subject to any other Grantee prior approval requirement. Grantor will provide the complete Water Study, recommended pumping amounts and monitoring measures, and pump test data to Grantee. Grantee shall determine whether any proposed extraction would create a risk of impairing the Conservation Values. Proposed groundwater extraction will be considered a risk to Conservation Values if it is projected to remove groundwater from the root zone of groundwater dependent vegetation on or adjacent to the Property. Further, any projected adverse effect on springs, surface water, wetlands, or meadows from groundwater depletion will be considered a risk to Conservation Values. Grantee can approve the proposed use, approve with conditions (including the installation of monitoring wells) and can disapprove the proposed use. Conditions placed on or disapproval of proposed groundwater extraction will be protective of the Conservation Values even during drought conditions. In addition to any conditions imposed by Grantee to protect Conservation Values, Grantor shall adopt and implement such additional conditions (if any) and/or monitoring requirements as may be recommended or indicated by the Water Study to avoid any adverse effects on wells in the vicinity.

(iv) Mattly Ranch Aquaculture Area. The construction of a fish-rearing raceway within the thirty five by one thousand three hundred and twenty five foot (35 x 1,325') "Mattly Ranch Aquaculture Area" as shown in Exhibit E ("Mattly Ranch Aquaculture Area Sketch Map"), provided that: (i) a State or Federal wildlife agency identifies the development of a site as important to the recovery of endangered species and provides funding for a facility, operations and maintenance; (ii) Grantor receives approval for the facility from the Funders and Grantee; (iii) the facility is constructed entirely at or below ground level, other than fencing, with no buildings, storage, or groundwater extraction; (iv)

Comment [LC19]: In general, MLC is not keen on groundwater pumping for this type of commercial use; especially when historically the fish rearing operation was operated on surface water flow and was projected to continue that way into the future when the County acquired the property from TPL in 2000. We understand there may need to be some groundwater pumping to make the operation more viable and to safeguard the fish in case of an emergency shutdown of the power plant or some other event that eliminates water flow. Please see comments in our attached letter.

Comment [LC20]: Good requirement Exhibit D needs to provide clear information from which ESLT can determine if this highlighted requirement is being met.

Comment [LC21]: This section is vague and needs additional specificity in order to address the community concerns of Mono City (Lundy Mutual Water) and the Conway Ranch subdivision water supply. the facility is located and designed to avoid impairment to the Conservation Values; (v) funding to Grantee is provided for long term monitoring, stewardship, and the review and approval process in accordance with Section 8(a)(v), related to planning, constructing and operating the facility; and (vi) Grantee's approval shall be in Grantee's sole and exclusive discretion.

(v) Grantee Consent. Grantee's consent or approval is required for activities under Section 8(a) and, except for the additional conditions and standard of review set forth in Section 8(a)(iii), and (iv), shall be handled in accordance with this Section 8(a)(v). At least ninety (90) days prior to seeking any regulatory permit (such as construction, well-drilling, and/or grading permit) or initiating any activities allowed underfor the activities in Section 8(a), Grantor shall submit a written request for approval describing the nature, scope, design, location, timetable, and any other material aspects of the proposed activity, building or facility in sufficient detail, including the provision of the Water Study under Section 8(a)(iii), in addition to any proposed use of groundwater in the aquaculture operation, to establish that the proposed use or activity will not impair or diminish the Conservation Values and to permit Grantee to assess compliance with this Easement and to keep its records current.

Within sixty (60) days of Grantee's receipt of the request, Grantee will notify Grantor if the information provided is adequate to permit Grantee to evaluate the request or to request additional information. Except as provided in Section 8(a)(iv), (in which Grantee's sole and exclusive discretion shall govern decisions), in reviewing the request, Grantee shall exercise Grantee's reasonable discretion and Grantee may place reasonable conditions on the use of groundwater, size, design, and location of the building(s) or facilities to avoid impacts to the Conservation Values and ensure consistency with the Conservation Purpose, but cannot prohibit altogether the construction of a building(s) or facility(ies) that is in compliance with Section 8(a) and the Management Plan, except if the aforementioned Grantor-funded Water Study determines that any proposed groundwater extraction will create a risk of impairing the Conservation Values, in which event, the provisions of Section 8(a)(iii) shall apply.

Prior to any new construction or construction activities, including grading, Grantor, at Grantor's sole cost and expense, shall survey the Building Envelope and set boundary markers on the Property locating both the Building Envelope and the Aquaculture Area on the ground, and shall provide said survey of the Building Envelope and information on the boundary markers to Grantee for the purposes of supplementing the Baseline Documentation Report. Where the consent or approval of any of the Funders is required under this Easement, said approval shall in all cases be obtained by Grantor prior to taking the proposed action. No construction shall be carried out prior to receipt of approval from Grantee and delivery of the required survey of the Building Envelope and boundary marker information on the Building Envelope and Aquaculture Area to Grantee.

(b) Fencing. The construction of new permanent fences on the Property; Grantor shall design and construct any replacement fencing, including boundary fences, using currently accepted standards for wildlife friendly fencing that accommodates wildlife movement; Comment [LC22]: MLC does not support any infrastructure or fish-rearing operation on Mattly Ranch It is inconsistent with the conservation values of that part of the Conway Ranch property. It makes more sense to combine any LCT recovery program within the 75 acre aquaculture area since all the supplies, infrastructure, emergency water wells, and staff will be located there

ALSO, the mapped location in Exhibit E does not drain to the Wilson system and the downstream Aquaculture facility, therefore aquaculture in this area creates a new water use that competes with the water needs of the Aquaculture area

- (c) Infrastructure for Public Access, Education and Recreation. Except as otherwise provided in Section 8(a) pertaining to aquaculture, the construction of infrastructure related to public access, education, and passive recreation on the Property, including informational signage, picnic tables, parking area, and pit-toilet facility;
- (d) Solar Power Facilities. The installation of solar power collection and transmission facilities within the Aquaculture Area for limited production of power to be used on the Property, sited to avoid and minimize impacts to wetland or wildlife habitat, and scenic resources, not to exceed two thousand (2000) square feet. Power generated in excess of requirements on the Property may be sold to public or private utility companies;
- (e) Vegetation Management. The implementation of vegetation thinning based on current best management practices for fire safety and fuels reduction;
- (f) Planting for Restoration or Enhancement. The planting of the Property with native plants or seeds, or other ecologically beneficial activities for restoration or enhancement purposes;
- (g) Uses and Improvements not Expressly Addressed. Uses and improvements that might be consistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement that are not expressly addressed in the Easement may possibly be permitted with prior approval of Grantee obtained pursuant to Section 9.

### 9. Written Advisement; Grantee Consent.

- (a) Written Advisement. As described in this sub-section, below, and as set forth elsewhere in this Easement, certain actions by Grantor will require the prior written notice of Grantee. Where expressly required in this Easement and, prior to undertaking any activity or improvement on the Property as permitted herein or exercising any reserved right that may impair the Conservation Values or Purpose of this Easement, including any activity requiring a building, grading, well-drilling, or zoning permit or environmental regulatory review or permit, Grantor shall give Grantee at least sixty (60) days' advance written notice thereof (except where a longer period is expressly required), ("Written Advisement") sent in accordance with the notice provisions of Section 21. The Written Advisement must provide Grantee with adequate information, documents and plans so as to enable Grantee to confirm compliance with this Easement and enable Grantee to keep its records current.
- (b) Grantee Consent. Where Grantee's consent or approval is required under this Easement, said approval (i) shall not be unreasonably delayed by Grantee, (ii) shall be sought at least sixty (60) days in advance of the desired action and given in writing, and (iii) shall in all cases be obtained by Grantor prior to taking the proposed action. Where the consent or approval of any of the Funders is required under this Easement, said approval shall in all cases be obtained by Grantor prior to taking the proposed action. In seeking approval, Grantor will describe the nature, scope, design, location, timetable, and any other material aspects of the proposed activity in sufficient detail to establish that the proposed use or activity will not impair or diminish the Conservation Values and to permit Grantee to confirm compliance with this Easement and to keep its records current. Within sixty (60 days of Grantee's receipt of the request, Grantee will notify

Comment [LC23]: Missing, provision for public notice, involvement in 1) actions proposed by Grantor 2) regular monitoring, annual planning, and meetings. Grantor if the information provided is adequate to permit Grantee to evaluate the request or to request additional information. Grantee shall grant approval only where Grantee, acting in Grantee's reasonable discretion (except where Grantee's discretion is expressly stated to be in Grantee's sole and exclusive discretion) and in good faith, determines that the proposed action will not diminish or impair the Conservation Values or otherwise be inconsistent with the terms and Conservation Purpose of this Easement and the Management Plan. Grantee's approval of a proposed use may be subject to reasonable conditions to ensure consistency with the Conservation Purpose and protection of the Conservation Values. Pending the determination by Grantee, the use or activity may not be conducted.

- 10. Monitoring. Grantee shall manage its responsibilities for the Easement, including but not limited to, annual monitoring, such additional monitoring as circumstances may require, record keeping, and enforcement, for the purposes of preserving the Property's enumerated Conservation Values in perpetuity. With forty-eight (48) hours' advance oral notice, except in the event of an emergency or suspected emergency, in which case a shorter, but reasonable oral notice shall be given, Grantee has the right to enter upon, inspect, observe, and evaluate the Property to identify the current condition of, and uses and practices on the Property to determine whether they are consistent with this Easement. The Funders may accompany Grantee on its annual monitoring visits. This monitoring will be supported through the Baseline Conditions Report and subsequent reviews, using photographs and narrative descriptions, among other evaluation tools. Monitoring will consider issues such as changing conditions in the vicinity of the Property and impacts to Conservation Values, water conditions, weather and climate conditions, unusual natural events, vegetative variety and quality and trends in resource conditions. Failure of Grantee to carry out these responsibilities shall not impair the validity of the Easement or limit its enforceability in any way. Grantee shall indemnify, defend with counsel of Grantor's choice, and hold Grantor harmless from, all expense, loss, liability, damages and claims, including Grantor's reasonable attorneys' fees, if necessary, arising out of Grantee's entry on the Property, unless caused by a violation of this Easement by Grantor or by Grantor's negligent action or omission or willful misconduct.
- 11. <u>Disputes and Remedies</u>. If Grantee determines that Grantor or third party is conducting or allowing a use, activity, or condition on the Property which is prohibited by the terms of this Easement or that a violation is threatened, Grantee shall give written notice to Grantor of such violation and demand corrective action sufficient to cure the violation, and, where the violation involves damage to the Property resulting from any use or activity inconsistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement, to restore the portion of the Property so damaged to the condition in which it existed prior to the damage.
- (a) Consultations Regarding Interpretation and Enforcement of Easement. When any disagreement, conflict, need for interpretation, or need for enforcement arises between the Parties to this Easement, each Party shall first consult with the other party in good faith and attempt to resolve the issue without resorting to mediation or legal action.
- (b) Mediation. Grantor and Grantee agree that mediation offers an alternative to the expense and time required to resolve disputes by litigation. Mediation is therefore the Parties' preferred dispute resolution procedure when circumstances do not require Grantor or Grantee to seek immediate injunctive relief from the courts. If a dispute arises between the Parties

concerning the meaning, requirements, interpretation, or implementation of the Easement, including the consistency of any proposed use or activity with the terms of this Easement that they cannot resolve through unassisted consultation between themselves, and Grantor agrees not to proceed with, or shall discontinue, the use or activity, or to compel a third party to not proceed or to discontinue the use or activity, pending resolution of the dispute, either party may refer the dispute to mediation by request made in writing upon the other. The non-requesting Party shall have ten (10) days after receipt of a mediation request to consent thereto or refuse to mediate the dispute.

- (i) Procedure. Within ten (10) days after Grantor and Grantee agree to mediation of a dispute, the Parties shall mutually select a trained and impartial mediator. Mediation hearings shall remain informal, with each party being permitted to present such facts and evidence as it may reasonably believe supports that Party's position. Costs and expenses of mediation shall be divided equally between Grantor and Grantee; provided, however, that each Party shall pay its own attorneys' fees.
- (ii) <u>Limitations</u>. The mediation is not intended to result in any express or *de facto* modification or amendment of the terms, conditions or restrictions of this Easement. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, the mediation procedure set forth herein shall in no way be construed to deprive Grantor or Grantee of any judicial remedy provided at law or in equity, or by agreement herein, and is intended solely as an informal dispute resolution mechanism. Neither Grantor nor Grantee shall have the right to compel performance of mediated solutions, unless such solutions are reduced to a binding written agreement between Grantor and Grantee at the conclusion of the mediation process. The parties hereto intend that each conflict and dispute submitted to mediation shall be unique, with facts, circumstances, and recommended resolutions to be determined on a case-by-case basis, without reference to prior conflicts, disputes, or the resolutions thereto.
- (iii) Confidentiality. All information presented to the mediator shall be deemed confidential and shall be disclosed by the mediator only with the consent of the Parties or their respective counsel. The mediator shall not be subject to subpoena by any party. No statements made or documents prepared for mediation sessions shall be disclosed in any subsequent proceeding or construed as an admission of a party.
- (iv) <u>Time Period</u>. Neither party shall be obligated to continue the mediation process beyond a period of ninety (90) days from the date of receipt of the initial request or if the mediator concludes that there is no reasonable likelihood that continuing mediation will result in a mutually agreeable resolution of the dispute.
- (c) Other Remedies. If Grantor fails to cure the violation within thirty (30) days after receipt of notice thereof from Grantee, or under circumstances where the violation cannot reasonably be cured within a thirty (30) day period, fails to begin curing such violation within the thirty (30) day period, or fails to continue diligently to cure such violation until finally cured, Grantee may bring an action at law or in equity in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Easement, to enjoin the violation, to recover any damages to which it may be entitled for violation of the terms of this Easement or injury to any Conservation Values and to

require the restoration of the Property to the condition that existed prior to any such violation or injury. Grantee's rights under this Section apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Easement. These remedies shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to all remedies now or hereafter existing at law or in equity. The failure of Grantee to discover a violation or to take immediate legal action shall not bar Grantee from doing so as a later time.

- (d) Damages. Grantee is entitled to recover damages for violation of the terms of this Easement, including, without limitation, damages for the loss of scenic, aesthetic, or environmental values, and to require the restoration of the Property to the condition that existed prior to any violation or damage. Without limiting Grantor's liability, Grantee shall apply any damages recovered to the cost of undertaking corrective action on the Property. Should the restoration of lost values be impossible or impractical for whatever reason, after reimbursing Grantee for all costs of enforcement, any and all remaining damages recovered shall be paid to the Funders as determined in accordance with Section 16(b), or as otherwise directed by the Funders.
- Equitable Remedies. Grantee's rights under this Section apply equally in the event of either actual or threatened violations of the terms of this Easement. Grantor and Grantee expressly agree that the Property, by virtue of its Conservation Values, is unique and that a violation of this Easement, and the ensuing harm or alteration of the Property, may result in damages that are irremediable and not subject to quantification. Grantor agrees that Grantee's remedies at law for a violation of the terms of this Easement may be inadequate and that Grantee may seek the injunctive relief described in this Section, both prohibitive and mandatory, in addition to such other relief to which Grantee may be entitled, including specific performance of the terms of this Easement, without the necessity of proving either actual damages or the inadequacy of otherwise available legal remedies. Grantee may bring an equitable action in a court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Easement, to enjoin the violation, ex parte as necessary, by temporary or permanent injunction. If Grantee, in its sole discretion, determines that circumstances require immediate action to prevent or mitigate significant damage to the Conservation Values of the Property, Grantee may pursue its remedies under this Section without prior notice to Grantor or without waiting for the period provided for cure to expire.
- (f) Recovery of Costs. If Grantee prevails in any action to enforce the terms of this Easement, any and all costs incurred by Grantee in enforcing the terms of this Easement against Grantor or against others where Grantor had the legal right and had the legal obligation to have acted in a manner that would have made such enforcement action unnecessary, including, without limitation, costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees, and any and all costs of restoration resulting from Grantor's violation of the terms of this Easement shall ultimately be the responsibility of Grantor, provided that, in an action against a third party, Grantee shall make good faith reasonable efforts to first recover any costs from the third party whose actions or omissions were responsible for the legal action. If Grantor prevails in any action to enforce the terms of this Easement, any and all costs incurred by Grantor, including, without limitation, costs of suit and reasonable attorneys' fees, shall be the responsibility of Grantee. The prevailing party also shall be entitled to recover all such costs and fees that may be reasonably incurred in

enforcing any judgment or award, and this provision shall not be merged into any judgment but shall survive any judgment.

- (g) Grantee's Discretion. Enforcement of the terms of this Easement shall be at the discretion of Grantee, and any forbearance by Grantee to exercise its rights under this Easement in the event of any breach of any term of this Easement by Grantor shall not be deemed or construed to be a waiver by Grantee of such term or of any subsequent breach of the same or any other term of this Easement or of any of Grantee's rights under this Easement. No delay or omission by Grantee in the exercise of any right or remedy upon any breach by Grantor shall impair such right or remedy or be construed as a waiver. Grantee's permission to carry out, or failure to object to, any proposed use or activity shall not constitute consent to any subsequent use or activity of the same or any different nature, nor shall it permit any activity prohibited by law.
- (h) Waiver of Certain Defenses. Grantor hereby waives any defense of laches, estoppel, prescription, unclean hands or the doctrine of changed circumstances in any action or proceeding, including but not limited to any mediation brought by Grantee to enforce or to interpret the provisions of this Easement.
- (i) Acts Beyond Grantor's Control. Nothing contained in this Easement shall be construed to entitle Grantee to bring any action against Grantor for any injury to or change in the Property resulting from any natural cause, including fire not caused by Grantor, flood, storm, extreme temperatures, drought, and earth movement or other acts of God, or from any prudent action taken by Grantor under emergency conditions to prevent, abate or mitigate significant injury to any person or to the Property resulting from such causes. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Grantor's failure to comply with any applicable restrictions on use of the Property, including the use of Water and Water Rights, arising from fire, flood, storm, extreme temperatures, drought, and earth movement or other acts of God shall be subject to the enforcement provisions of this Easement (e.g., in the event of a drought, if water use restrictions are imposed pursuant to the Easement, Management Plan or Applicable Laws).
- 12. <u>Public Access</u>. Grantor shall not be obligated to allow public access to the Aquaculture Area.
- 13. Management Plan. Grantor and Grantee have prepared a management plan for the Property, dated \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2014, incorporated herein by this reference, ("Management Plan"), providing for sustainable sheep grazing, commercial aquaculture, public access, and the protection and preservation of water resources (Water and Water Rights), wetland, riparian and other sensitive habitats, flora, fauna and other sensitive resources, historic resources, and natural features of the Property. The Management Plan provides that sheep grazing and aquaculture operations shall be conducted only in a manner and to an extent that will not diminish or impair the Conservation Values and that are consistent with the terms and Purpose of this Easement and with all Applicable Laws. An "Operations Plan" for sheep grazing, aquaculture, public access activities and infrastructure, and any other planned activities will be provided to Grantee by Grantor prior to April 1 at an annual meeting. Both Parties acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Management Plan. The Management Plan shall be updated and adjusted as necessary, upon mutual agreement of Grantor and Grantee, but in no event less frequently than every five (5) years. If sheep

Comment [LC24]: The Operations Plan will include a plan for the exercise of the County's Adjudicated Water Rights that specifies planned daily diversions and uses for the year.

grazing or aquaculture operations cease or are downsized, as determined by mutual agreement of Grantee and Grantor, Grantor will undertake restoration and irrigation activities (if necessary), as described in the Management Plan. Grantee shall have the right to monitor and enforce the specific terms and restrictions of the Management Plan, the same as any other term or provision of this Easement.

- 14. Costs and Liabilities. Grantor retains all rights and privileges of ownership that are not prohibited or restricted by this Easement, and Grantor retains all responsibilities of ownership. Nothing contained in this Easement shall be construed as giving rise to any right or ability in Grantee or the Funders to exercise physical or management control over the day-to-day operations of the Property, or any of Grantor's permitted activities on the Property. Other than as specified herein, this Easement is not intended to impose any legal or other responsibility on Grantee, or in any way to affect any obligations of Grantor as owner of the Property. Neither Grantee, nor the Funders, shall have responsibility for the operation of the Property, monitoring of hazardous conditions on it, or the protection of Grantor, the public or any third parties from risks relating to conditions on the Property. Neither Grantee, nor the Funders, shall be liable to Grantor or other person or entity in connection with consents given or withheld, or in connection with any entry upon the Property occurring pursuant to this Easement, or on account of any claim, liability, damage or expense suffered or incurred by or threatened against Grantor or any other person or entity, except as the claim, liability, damage, or expense is the result of the gross negligence or intentional misconduct of Grantee or the Funders.
- (a) Liability Insurance. Grantor shall maintain comprehensive general liability insurance in the amount of no less than two million dollars (\$2,000,000) (either in a stand-alone general liability policy, or as part of any umbrella coverage, or a combination of the two) for the Property. Grantor shall cause all such policies of insurance to name Grantee as an additional insured and provide Grantee with a certificate of insurance for each such policy and all renewals thereof.
- (b) Taxes. To the extent applicable to Grantor, Grantor shall pay before delinquency all taxes, assessments, fees and charges of whatever description levied on or assessed against the Property by competent authority (collectively "Taxes"), including any Taxes imposed upon, or incurred as a result of, this Easement, and shall furnish Grantee with satisfactory evidence of payment upon request. If Grantee pays any taxes or assessments to protect Grantee's interest in the Property, Grantor will reimburse Grantee for the same, together with interest at the legal rate from the date of the payment by Grantee.
- (c) Upkeep and Maintenance. Grantee shall have no obligation for the upkeep and maintenance of the Property.
- (d) Compliance with Laws. Nothing in this Easement shall be construed as limiting Grantor's ability or relieving Grantor of its obligation to undertake activities on the Property to comply with any statute, law, ordinance, rule, regulation, code, order, guideline, or other restriction or requirement applicable to the Property which currently exists or is enacted or otherwise promulgated by any federal, state, county, municipal, or other governmental body (whether legislative, administrative, or judicial), or by any competent official of any of the foregoing (collectively, the "Applicable Laws"). Nothing in this Easement shall be construed as

granting Grantor any rights not permitted by local land use and/or zoning regulations at the time of construction, demolition, occupation, or other regulated use.

- (e) Hold Harmless. Grantor shall hold harmless, indemnify, and defend Grantee and the Funders, and their respective members, directors, officers, employees, agents, and contractors and the heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns of each of them (collectively "Indemnified Parties") from and against all liabilities, claims, demands, losses, expenses, damages, fines, fees, penalties, suits, proceedings, actions, orders, liens, and costs of actions, sanctions asserted by or on behalf of any person or governmental authority, or causes of action or cases and other liabilities (whether legal or equitable in nature and including, without limitation, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees and attorneys' fees on appeal) to which the Indemnified Parties may be subject or incur relating to, or occurring on the Property or the Easement, arising out of Grantor's acts or omissions, including, but not limited to, Grantor's negligent acts or omissions or Grantor's breach of any representation, warranty, covenant, agreements contained in this Easement, or violations of any Applicable Laws, including all "Environmental Laws" as defined below, except to the extent caused by the active negligence or willful misconduct of the Indemnified Parties.
- (f) Environment Matters. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Easement to the contrary, the parties do not intend and this Easement shall not be construed such that it creates in Grantee or the other Indemnified Parties: (1) the obligations or liabilities of an "owner" or "operator" or "arranger" or "generator" as those words are defined and used in "Environmental Laws," as defined below, including without limitation, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (42 USC, sections 9601 et seq. and hereinafter "CERCLA"); or (2) the obligations or liabilities of a person described in CERCLA at 42 USC section 9607(a)(3) or (4); or (3) the obligations of a responsible person under any applicable Environmental Laws; (4) the right or duty to investigate and remediate any "Hazardous Materials," as defined below, associated with the Property; or (5) any control over Grantor's ability to investigate, remove, remediate or otherwise clean up any Hazardous Materials associated with the Property.

Grantor represents, warrants and covenants to Grantee that Grantor is in compliance with all applicable Environmental Laws and Grantor's use of the Property shall comply in all material respects with all applicable Environmental Laws. Grantor further represents, warrants and covenants to Grantee that Grantor has no actual knowledge of a release or threatened release of Hazardous Materials on the Property and hereby promises to indemnify, defend and hold the Indemnified Parties harmless from any and all loss, cost, claim (without regard to merit), administrative actions, liability or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees and investigation, testing and remediation costs) arising from or connected with the release or threatened release of any Hazardous Materials on, at, beneath or from the Property, or arising from or connected with a violation of any Environmental Laws.

If at any time after the grant of this Easement there occurs a release in, on or about the Property (excluding any release caused by an Indemnified Party, its employees, agents, consultants or contractors) of Hazardous Materials, Grantor agrees to take all steps that may be

required under federal, state or local law necessary to assure its containment and remediation, including any cleanup.

# For the purposes of this Easement:

- (i) The term "Hazardous Materials" means any petroleum, petroleum products, fuel oil, waste oils, natural gas, natural gas liquid, liquefied natural gas, synthetic gas usable for fuel (or mixtures of natural gas and such synthetic gas), drilling fluids, produced waters, and other wastes associated with the exploration, development or production of crude oil, natural gas or geothermal sources, explosives, reactive materials, ignitable materials, corrosive materials, hazardous chemicals, hazardous wastes, hazardous substances, extremely hazardous substances, toxic substances, toxic chemicals, asbestos-containing materials, radioactive materials, infectious materials and any other element, compound, mixture, solution or substance which may pose a present or potential hazard to human health or the environment or any other material defined and regulated by Environmental Laws.
- (ii) The term "Environmental Laws" means any and all Federal, state, local or municipal laws, rules, orders, regulations, statutes, ordinances, codes, guidelines, policies or requirements of any governmental authority regulating or imposing standards of liability or standards of conduct (including common law) concerning air, water, solid waste, Hazardous Materials, worker and community right-to-know, hazard communication, noise, radioactive material, resource protection, subdivision, inland wetlands and watercourses, health protection and similar environmental health, safety, building and land use as may now or at any time hereafter be in effect.
- (g) Compliance with Grant Agreements. Nothing in this Easement shall be construed as relieving Grantor of its obligation to comply with the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreements.
- Purpose of this Easement shall be carried out forever, notwithstanding economic or other hardship or changed conditions of any kind. No inaction or silence by Grantee shall be construed as abandonment of the Easement. The fact that the Property is not in agricultural or aquaculture use, or that the Property's natural and historic resources are diminished, are not reasons for termination of this Easement. Nonetheless, if circumstances arise in the future such that render the Purpose of this Easement impossible to accomplish, this Easement shall only be terminated or extinguished, whether in whole or in part, by judicial proceedings in a court of competent jurisdiction, and the amount of the proceeds to which Grantee shall be entitled, after the satisfaction of prior claims, from any sale, exchange, or involuntary conversion of all or any portion of the Property subsequent to such termination or extinguishment shall be determined as provided in Section 16 below, unless otherwise provided by California law and applicable Federal law at the time. Grantee shall distribute all such proceeds in a manner consistent with this Easement.

## 16. Condemnation.

- This Easement constitutes a real property interest immediately vested in Grantee. (a) If all or any part of or interest in the Property is taken by exercise of the power of eminent domain, or acquired by purchase in lieu of condemnation, whether by public, corporate or other authority, so as to terminate this Easement, in whole or in part, Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that Grantee and the Funders are entitled to certain rights of notice, comment and compensation as provided in section 1240.055 of the California Code of Civil Procedure. If Grantor or Grantee is notified that the Property may be acquired for public use by eminent domain, the party receiving such notice shall notify the other party and the Funders of the potential acquisition no later than fifteen (15) days after first receiving such notice. Prior to the inspection of the Property by the appraiser pursuant to section 7267.1 of the California Government Code or any other provision of law, Grantor shall notify Grantee that it or its designated representative may accompany the appraiser during his or her inspection. Within seven (7) days of receiving any notice of the hearing on the resolution of necessity pursuant to section 1245.235 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, Grantor shall provide Grantee and the Funders a copy of the notice of the hearing. As provided in sections 1250.220 and 1250.230 of the California Code of Civil Procedure, in any eminent domain proceeding to acquire all or a portion of or interest in the Property, Grantee shall be named as a defendant and may appear in the proceedings.
- (b) If all or any part of or interest in the Property is taken by exercise of the power of eminent domain, or acquired by purchase in lieu of condemnation, Grantor, Grantee and the Funders shall act collectively to recover from the condemning authority the full value of the property or interest so taken or purchased, and all direct or incidental damages resulting therefrom. The Funders or their respective successors shall be entitled to the proportionate share of the Award (as defined below) as determined in accordance with the Grant Agreements.

Grantee has also contributed indirect costs and services to the acquisition of this Easement and contributed administrative costs of ongoing easement monitoring and enforcement. Those contributions shall be deducted from the total proceeds prior to the proportional division set forth above. All expenses incurred by Grantor and Grantee in connection with the taking or in-lieu purchase and Grantee's contribution for Easement monitoring and enforcement shall first be paid out of the total amount recovered and the net amount shall then be distributed to each of the Funders in accordance with their respective proportionate shares. If only a portion of the Property is subject to such exercise of the power of eminent domain or in-lieu purchase, this Easement shall remain in effect as to all other portions of the Property, and the deduction for Grantee's contributions of indirect costs and services shall likewise be proportional. Grantor shall promptly notify Grantee of any notices or actions pertaining to the actual or potential condemnation of all or any part of the Property. For purposes of this Agreement, the "Award" shall mean all compensation awarded, paid or received on account of the Property so taken or purchased, and all direct or incidental damages resulting from the taking or purchase, less all out-of-pocket expenses reasonably incurred by Grantee in connection with the taking or purchase.

17. Grantor's Title Warranty. Grantor represents and warrants that Grantor has good fee simple title to the Property, that the Property is not subject to any other conservation easement whatsoever and that <u>Exhibit I</u> attached hereto sets forth all senior liens and encumbrances affecting the Property ("Prior Encumbrances"). If Grantor discovers at any time that any old or new interest in the Property exist that is not disclosed herein, Grantor shall immediately notify Grantee of the discovery of the interest and shall take all necessary steps to make the discovered interest subject to this Easement.

- 18. Perpetuation of Easement. This Easement shall be of perpetual duration, pursuant to California Civil Code section 815.1. No merger of title, estate or interest shall be deemed effected by any previous, contemporaneous or subsequent deed, grant or assignment of an interest or estate in the Property, or any portion thereof. It is the express intent of the Parties that this Easement shall not be extinguished by, or merged into, any other interest or estate in the Property now or hereafter held by Grantee or Grantee's successor or assignee.
- 19. Transfer of Easement by Grantee. This Easement is transferable, but Grantee may assign its rights and obligations under this Easement, only with Grantor's and the Funders' consent, which shall not be unreasonably withheld, and only to an organization that is a qualified organization at the time of transfer under section 170(h) of the Code (or any successor provision then applicable), and the applicable regulations promulgated thereunder, and authorized to acquire and hold conservation easements under California Civil Code section 815.3 (or any successor provision then applicable). If Grantor fails to respond to a written request for assignment by Grantee within thirty (30) days of Grantee's request therefor, such lack of response shall be deemed consent on the part of Grantor to the assignment. If no such private nonprofit organization exists or is willing to assume the responsibilities imposed by this Easement, then this Easement may be transferred to a public agency authorized to hold interests in real property as provided in section 815.3(b) of the Civil Code of California. Such a transfer may proceed only if the transferee agency or organization expressly agrees to assume the responsibility imposed on Grantee by this Easement pursuant to an assignment and assumption agreement. Any such assignment shall be in writing, shall refer to this Easement by reference to its recordation data, and shall be recorded in the Official Records of Mono County, California.
- 20. Subsequent Transfers. Any conveyance of the fee simple interest in the Property requires the approval of the Funders. Grantor agrees to incorporate the terms of this Easement in any deed or other legal instrument by which they divest themselves of any interest in all or a portion of the Property, including, without limitation, a leasehold interest or a license. Grantor further agrees to give written notice to Grantee of the transfer of any interest at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of such transfer. The failure of Grantor to perform any act required by this Section 20 shall not impair the validity of this Easement or limit its enforceability in any way or excuse the transferce from complying with the terms of this Easement.
- 21. <u>Notices</u>. Any notice, demand, request, consent, approval or communication that either party desires or is required to give to the other shall be in writing. Notice shall be sufficiently given for all purposes as follows:
- (a) Personal Delivery. When personally delivered to the recipient, notice is effective on delivery.

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- (b) Overnight Delivery. When delivered by overnight delivery, charges prepaid or charged to the sender's account, notice is effective on delivery, if delivery is confirmed by the delivery service.
- (c) Facsimile Transmission. When sent by facsimile to the last facsimile number of the recipient known to the party giving notice, notice is effective on receipt, provided that (i) a duplicate copy of the notice is promptly given by certified mail or by overnight delivery as set forth above, or (ii) the receiving party delivers a written confirmation of receipt. Any notice given by facsimile shall be deemed received on the next business day if it is received after 5:00 p.m. (recipient's time) on a nonbusiness day.
- (d) *Email Notices*. Written notice for Written Advisements may be given by email to the parties at the email addresses set forth below. Notices transmitted by email shall be deemed given on the date the receiving party confirms receipt by return email.

Addresses for purpose of giving notice are as follows:

To Grantor:

Board of Supervisors Attn: Clerk of the Board

P.O. Box 715

Bridgeport, CA 93517 (760) 932-5530

Email: lroberts@mono.ca.gov

To Grantee:

Eastern Sierra Land Trust Post Office Box 755 Bishop, California 93515 Telephone: (760) 873-4554

Email:

To Funders:

or to such other address, facsimile number or email address as either party from time to time shall designate by written notice to the other.

Any correctly addressed notice that is refused, unclaimed, or undeliverable because of an act or omission of the party to be notified shall be deemed effective as of the first date that said notice was refused, unclaimed, or deemed undeliverable by the postal authorities, messenger, or overnight delivery service.

- 22. <u>Recordation</u>. This Easement shall be recorded in the Official Records of the County of Mono, State of California, according to the requirements of the County of Mono.
- 23. Amendment. If circumstances arise under which an amendment to or modification of this Easement would be appropriate, Grantor and Grantee may jointly amend this Easement; provided that no amendment shall be allowed that will adversely affect the qualification of this Easement or the status of Grantee under any applicable laws, including California Civil Code section 815.3 or section 170(h) of the Code, and any amendment shall be consistent with the Conservation Purpose of this Easement and with Grantee's easement amendment policies and procedures and shall not impair the Conservation Values, nor affect its perpetual duration. Any amendment of this Easement shall require the prior written consent of the Funders and any amendment made without this consent shall be void. Any such amendment shall be recorded in the Official Records of Mono County, California.
- 24. Executory Limitation. If Grantee ceases to exist or no longer qualifies to hold the Easement under section 170(h) of the Internal Revenue Code or applicable state law, a court of competent jurisdiction shall, upon consultation with Grantor and the Funders, transfer Grantee's interest in this Easement to another qualified organization as defined in Section 19 having similar purposes that agrees to assume the responsibilities imposed by this Easement or to a public agency that is willing and authorized to hold interests in real property as provided in section 815.3(b) of the Civil Code of California.
- 25. Third-Party Beneficiaries. Except as expressly provided below, there shall be no third-party beneficiaries of the Easement. The Funders are, jointly and severally, intended third-party beneficiaries of this Easement, in accordance with California Civil Code sections 1085 and 1559 and common law and, as such, hold the right to enforce its terms in accordance with applicable law and policy; provided, however, that (a) only Grantee (including any successor Grantee) shall have the right to enforce the provisions of this Easement unless and until any of the Funders gives written notice to Grantor that Grantee has been replaced as the enforcing party; and (b) thereafter, only the Funder, as designated in such notice, shall have such enforcement authority until the enforcing Funder gives written notice to Grantor that Grantee has been reinstated as the enforcing party. It is the intent of the preceding sentence that, at any particular time, only one party shall have the right to enforce the terms of this Easement against Grantor (Grantee, or any one of the Funders).

# 26. Miscellaneous Provisions.

- (a) <u>Controlling Law.</u> The interpretation and performance of this Easement shall be governed by the laws of the State of California.
- (b) <u>Liberal Construction</u>. Any general rule of construction to the contrary notwithstanding, this Easement shall be liberally construed in favor of the grant to effect the Purpose of this Easement and the policy and purpose of California Civil Code Section 815.1. If any provision in this instrument is found to be ambiguous, an interpretation consistent with the Purpose of this Easement that would render the provision valid shall be favored over any interpretation that would render it invalid.

- (c) Severability. If any provision of this Easement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is found to be invalid, the remainder of the provisions of this Easement, or the application of such provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is found to be invalid, as the case may be, shall not be affected thereby.
- (d) Entire Agreement. This instrument sets forth the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the Easement and supersedes all prior discussions, negotiations, understandings or agreements relating to the Easement, all of which are merged herein.
- (e) <u>No Forfeiture</u>. Nothing contained herein will result in a forfeiture or reversion of Grantor's title in any respect.
- (f) <u>Successors</u>. The covenants, terms, conditions, and restrictions of this Easement shall be binding upon, and inure to the benefit of, the parties hereto and their respective personal representatives, heirs, successors and assigns and shall continue as a servitude running in perpetuity with the Property.
- (g) <u>Termination of Rights and Obligations</u>. A party's rights and obligations under this Easement terminate upon transfer of that party's interest in the Easement or Property, except that liability for acts or omissions occurring prior to transfer shall survive transfer.
- (h) <u>Captions</u>. The captions in this instrument have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and are not a part of this instrument and shall have no effect upon construction or interpretation.
- (i) Counterparts. The parties may execute this instrument in two or more counterparts, which shall, in the aggregate, be signed by all parties; each counterpart shall be deemed an original instrument as against any party who has signed it. In the event of any disparity between the counterparts produced, the recorded counterpart shall be controlling.
- (j) Exhibits and Recitals. All of the exhibits attached to this Easement are hereby incorporated into this Easement by this reference. All recitals in this Easement are accurate and shall constitute an integral part of this Easement, and this Easement shall be construed in light of those recitals.
- (k) Administrative Costs. [The administration of this Easement by Grantee requires considerable time and expense. Because the Aquaculture Area was added to the scope of this Easement after the stewardship endowment was agreed upon. Grantee and Grantor are currently determining how administrative and stewardship expenses related to activities within the Aquaculture Area will be covered.]
- 27. Acceptance. As attested by the signatures of their authorized parties affixed hereto, in exchange for consideration, Grantee hereby accepts without reservation the rights and responsibilities conveyed by this Grant Deed of Conservation Easement.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD unto Grantee, its successors, and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF Grantor and Grantee have set their hands on the day and year first above written.

GRANTOR:		GRANI	GRANTEE:		
COUNTY OF MONO, a political subdivision of the State of California		EASTERN SIERRA LAND TRUST, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation			
By: Name: Its:	Chair, Board of Supervisors	By: Name: Its:	Executive Director		
Ap	proved as to form:				
	Marshall	Rudolph, Co	unty Counsel		

# ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

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### **EXHIBIT A**

## Legal Description of Property

Conway Ranch Legal Descriptions for APNs: 019-100-008, 019-100-019, 019-100-020, 019-110-016, 011-200-010, 011-200-009, 011-280-021 and lots within the Conway Ranch subdivision also known as lots A, B, 5 through 14, inclusive, 17 through 21 inclusive and lots 24 through 108, inclusive, in tract number 34-13, in book 9, pages 53 to 53H, inclusive, of maps in the office of the County of Mono Recorder.

### 019-100-008:

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER AND THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 12, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST, MDM IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF

### 019-100-019:

THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER AND THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER AND THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT OF SAID LAND FILED IN THE DISTRICT LAND OFFICE

### 019-100-020:

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### 019-110-016:

#### PARCEL 1:

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

#### PARCEL 2

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST MDM. IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF FILED IN THE DISTRICT LAND OFFICE ON DECEMBER 17, 1857.

#### PARCEL 3:

THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE WEST HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER AND THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, M.D.M., IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLACE THEREOF.

#### PARCEL 4:

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTH HALF OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

#### PARCEL 5:

THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE WEST HALF OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER; THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, ALL IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

#### PARCEL 6:

THE EAST HALF OF THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER; THE NORTHEAST QUARTER; ALL IN SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 2 NORTH, RANGE 26 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF.

### 011-200-09 & 10:

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 25 EAST, MDM, IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF. EXCEPT THEREFROM. THAT PORTION OF SAID LAND AS CONVEYED TO THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN DEED RECORDED MARCH 29, 1961 IN BOOK 50 PAGE 224 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS.

## 011-280-021:

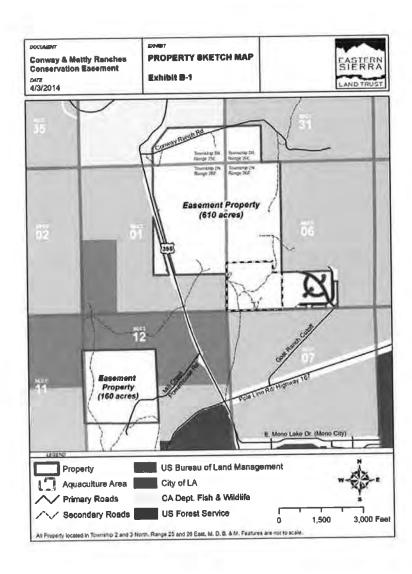
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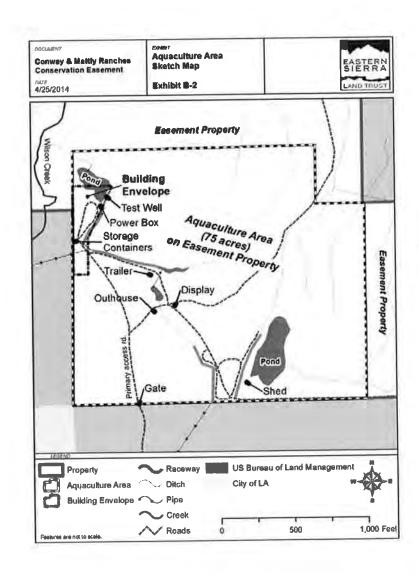
LOTS A, B, 5 THROUGH 14, INCLUSIVE, 17 THROUGH 21 INCLUSIVE AND LOTS 24 THROUGH 108, INCLUSIVE, IN TRACT NO. 34-13, IN BOOK 9, PAGES 53 TO 53H, INCLUSIVE, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY.



EXHIBIT B-1
Property Sketch Map



**EXHIBIT B-2**Aquaculture Area Sketch Map



### **EXHIBIT C**

# Legal Description of Aquaculture Area

All of that portion of the southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Township 2 North, Range 26 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, more particularly described as; Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6; And the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6; And the northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of section 6; And the South 400 feet of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6; And the South 400 feet of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6; in the County of Mono, State of California, according to the Official Plat thereof, approved December 17, 1857. Containing approximately 74.67 acres.

# EXHIBIT D Mill Creek Adjudicated Water Rights

Comment [LC26]: Please see MLC's narrative comments regarding Exhibit D. Additionally, the Decree should be attached as part of the Exhibit.

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TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest to a portion of the water rights appurtanant to the Property as follows: a total of 4.0 cubic feet per second ("cfs") (the "Conveyed Water Rights") of the 14 cfs of water annually which is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated pursuant to the Mono County Superior Court in Hydro Electric Company vs. J.A. Conway, et al., Judgment and Decree No. 2088 rendered by said Superior Court on June 17, 1915, but entered name pro tanc as of November 30, 1914 (the "Decree") which awarded John A. Conway 14 cfs to waters flowing in Mill Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the land referred to in the Decree. A summary of the water rights adjudicated by the Decree is attached hereto and incorporated herein at Exhibit B. The Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the following:

(A) a total of 3 cfs of the 12 cfs decreed to be owned by J.A. Conway under the Decree, which are "Priority 2" rights, which are further agreed to be the sixth (6th) cfs, the eigenth (7th) cfs and the eighth (8th) cfs of said 12 cfs; and

(B) a total of 1 efs of the 2 efs decreed to be owned by J.A. Conway under the Decree, which are "Priority 9" rights, which is further agreed to be the first (1st) of said 2 efs.

# SUMMARY OF WATER RIGHTS FOR MILL CREEK

Eased on Case #2088

Hydro Electric Co. v. John A. Conway et al (November 30, 1914)

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TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest to a portion of the water rights appurtenant to the Property as follows: a total of 12 cubic feet per second ("cfs") (the "Mill Creek Conveyed Water Rights") of the 18 cfs of water annually that is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated pursuant to the Mono County Superior Court in Hydro Electric Company v. J.A. Conway, et al., Judgment and Decree No. 2088 rendered by said Superior Court on June 17, 1915, but entered name pro tune as of November 30, 1914 (the "Mill Creek Decree") which awarded John A. Conway 14 efs and F.D. Mattly 4 cfs. to water flowing in Mill Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the land referred to in the Mill Creek Decree. A summary of the water rights adjudicated by the Mill Creek Decree is attached hereto and incorporated herein at Exhibit B.

The Mill Creek Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the following:

a total of 7 cfs of the 12 cfs decreed to be owned by J.A. Conway under the Mill Creek Decree, which are "Priority 2" rights, which are further agreed to be the first (1), second  $(2^{16})$ ,  $(10^6)$ ,  $(10^6)$ ,  $(10^6)$ ,  $(10^6)$ , eleventh  $(11^6)$  and  $(10^6)$  and  $(12^6)$  as (dentified in Exhibit B attached hereto.

- (B) a total of 3 cfs of the 3 cfs decreed to by owned by F.D. Mattly under the Mill Creek Decree, which are "Priority 8" rights as identified in <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto:
- (C) a total of 1 cfs of the 2 cfs decreed to be owned by J.A. Conway under the Mill Creek Decree, which are "Priority 9" rights as identified on Exhibit B attached hereto, which are further agreed to be the second  $(2^{nd})$  of said 2 cfs; and
- (D) a total 1 cfs of the 1 cfs decreed to be owned by F.D. Mattly under the Mill Creek Decree, which is "Priority 12" rights as identified on <u>Exhibit B</u> attached hereto.

TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest in and to a portion of the water rights appurtenant to the Property as follows: a total of 3 cfs (the "Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights") of the 6 cfs of water annually that is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated in United States v. Walker River Irrigation, et al. Case in Equity, C-125 ("Walker River Decree"), which final decree was entered April 14, 1936 and amended April 24, 1940, to waters flowing in Virginia Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the lands referred to in said decree.

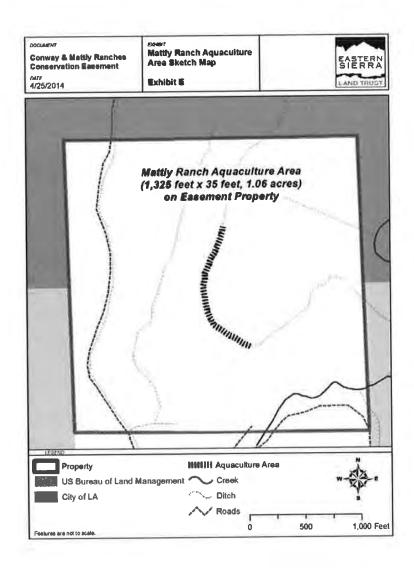
The Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the following: a total of 3 cfs of the 6 cfs of water from Virginia Creek decreed to J.A. and R.P. Conway under the Walker River Decree, which consists of the first (1°), third (3°), and fifth (5°) cfs of said 6 cfs. As provided in the Walker River Decree, of the 3 cfs of the Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights, 1.56 cfs has a relative priority date of 1860 and 1.44 has a relative priority date of 1863

TOGETHER WITH all right, title and interest in and to a portion of the water rights appurtenant to the Property as follows: a total of 2 cubic feet per second (cfs') (the "Mill Creek Conveyed Water Rights") of the 14 cfs of water annually that is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated pursuant to the Mono County Superior Court in Hydro Electric Company v. J.A. Conway, of al. Judgment and Decree No. 2088 rendered by said Superior Court on June 17, 1915, but entered nunc pro tunc as of November 30, 1914 (the "Mill Creek Decree") which awarded John A. Conway 14 cfs to water flowing in Mill Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the land referred to in the Mill Creek Decree. A summary of the water rights adjudicated by the Mill Creek Decree is attached hereto and incorporated herein 30 Exhibit B.

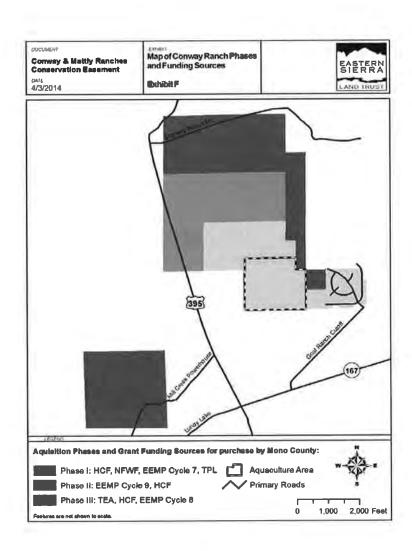
The Mill Creek Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the following: a total of 2 cfs of the 12 cfs decreed to be owned by J. A. Conway under the Mill Creek Decree which are "Priority 2" rights, which are further agreed to be the third (3rd) and the fourth 4th of said 12 cfs as identified in Exhibit B attached hereto, and

rights appurtenant to the Property as follows: a total of 3 cfs (the "Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights") of the 8 cfs of water annually that is an allocated proportion of the pre-1914 appropriative and adjudicated water rights as confirmed and adjudicated in *United States v. Walker River Irrigation, et al.* Case in Equity, C-125 ("V/alker River Decree"), which final decree was entered April 14, 1936 and amended April 24, 1940, to waters flowing in Virginia Creek for reasonable and beneficial purposes on the lands referred to in said decree. The Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights are more particularly the Jollowing: a total of 3 cfs of the 6 cfs from Virginia Creek decreed to J.A. and R.P. Conway under the Walker River Decree, which consists of the second (2nd), the fourth (4th), and the sixth (6th) cfs of said 6 cfs. As provided in the Walker River Decree, of the 3 cfs of the Virginia Creek Conveyed Water Rights, the second (2nd) cfs has a priority date of 1860 and the Jourth (4th) and the sixth (6th) cfs have a pric rity date of 1863.

**EXHIBIT E**Mattly Ranch Aquaculture Area Sketch Map



**EXHIBIT F**Map of Conway Ranch Phases and Funding Sources



# **EXHIBIT G**Approval of Funders

The undersigned Funders hereby approve the foregoing Grant Deed of Conservation Easement:

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

By:THOMAS P. HALLENBECK
Title: District 9 Director
Date:
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
Ву:
Title:
Date:
NATIONAL FISH & WILDLIFE FOUNDATION
By:
Title:
Date:

### **EXHIBIT H**

Acknowledgement of Baseline Documentation Report

# **Conway and Mattly Ranches Conservation Easement**

# **Baseline Documentation Report**

Acknowledgement of Property Condition

In compliance with Section 1:170A-14(g)(5) of the federal tax regulations, the undersigned accept and acknowledge that this Baseline Documentation Report is an accurate representation of the property at the time the Conservation Easement was transferred to the grantee on June \_\_\_\_, 2014.

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**EXHIBIT I**Prior Encumbrances





# **United States Department of the Interior**



# Pacific Southwest Region FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Nevada Fish and Wildlife Office 1340 Financial Blvd., Suite 234 Reno, Nevada 89502

Ph: (775) 861-6300 ~ Fax: (775) 861-6301



June 17, 2014

Board of Supervisors Mono County P. O. Box 715 Bridgeport, California 93517

Dear Mono County Board of Supervisors;

Subject:

Mono County Draft Grant Deed of Conservation Easement Conway and Mattly

Ranches

We have reviewed the draft Grant Deed of Conservation Easement Conway and Mattly Ranches and associated documents. We commend Mono County's efforts to protect the natural, scenic, open space, habitat, and historic values (referred to as "Conservation Values") present on the Conway and Mattly Ranches (collectively referred to in the associated documents as "Conway Ranch"). We also support the development of a conservation easement between Mono County and the Eastern Sierra Land Trust to preserve, protect, and maintain these Conservation Values. However, we do have concerns regarding the activities and uses, operations, and management of these properties and potential effects to the federally endangered Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep (Ovis canadensis sierrae; Sierra bighorn), and the federally proposed Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of the Greater sage-grouse (Centrocercus urophasianus; sage-grouse) and its proposed critical habitat.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) responsibilities include administering the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act), including sections 7, 9, and 10. Section 9 of the Act prohibits the taking of any federally listed endangered or threatened species. Section 3(19) of the Act defines take to mean to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. Service regulations (50 CFR 17.3) define harm to include significant habitat modification or degradation which actually kills

or injures wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering. Harassment is defined by the Service as an intentional or negligent action that creates the likelihood of injury to wildlife by annoying it to such an extent as to significantly disrupt normal behavioral patterns which include, but are not limited to, breeding, feeding, or sheltering. The Act provides for civil and criminal penalties for the unlawful taking of listed species.

Exemptions to the prohibitions against take may be obtained through coordination with the Service in two ways. If the subject project is to be funded, authorized, or carried out by a Federal agency and may affect a listed species, the Federal agency must consult with the Service, pursuant to section 7(a)(2) of the Act. If a proposed project does not involve a Federal agency but may result in the take of a listed animal species, the project proponent should apply for an incidental take permit, pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Act. At present, we believe that several activities proposed or already occurring on these properties have the potential to result in take of federally listed or proposed species. We offer these comments to call your attention to these activities, and the need for further discussion with our agency.

## Domestic Sheep Grazing and Sierra Bighorn

Domestic sheep can transfer bacteria that cause pneumonia to bighorn sheep (Lawrence et al. 2010). The 2007 Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Recovery Plan identifies disease transmission and associated die-offs as a potentially significant source of mortality for this species (Service 2007). Additionally, disease can affect bighorn sheep populations well-beyond the initial mortality event. Disease may persist in a population and cause high mortality of lambs, which results in low recruitment and limits population recovery (Cassirer et al. 2013). In recent years, between 2009 and 2010, a bighorn sheep die-off occurred in nine herds located across five western states and resulted in a mortality rate of between 5 and 95 percent, depending upon the herd (WAFWA 2010). Three of the nine herds had observed or suspected association with domestic sheep or goats and the other herds occupied range near allotments where domestic sheep or goats were grazed (WAFWA 2010). Therefore, the transmission of disease from domestic sheep to Sierra bighorn could result in the take of a listed species and also negatively affect its recovery.

In 2010, representatives from the Service, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), and members of the Mono County Board of Supervisors met to discuss the Service's and CDFW's concerns regarding domestic sheep grazing on Conway Ranch and the risk of disease transmission to Sierra bighorn. We have attached the letter that was sent to Mr. Dan Lyster following this meeting (Attachment 1). As mentioned in the attached letter, we discussed findings from a disease risk assessment model that was developed by a subgroup of the Sierra bighorn recovery team to assess the disease risk associated with domestic sheep grazing allotments in the eastern Sierra Nevada. While the model specifically addresses domestic sheep grazing allotments on federal land, it can also be used to inform decisions about domestic sheep grazing on private property. The results of this model indicate that both the Conway and Mattly

Ranch properties are located within a predicted area of potential contact (Croft et al. 2009; Attachment 2). This predicted area of potential contact indicates that there is a high risk of Sierra bighorn coming into contact with domestic sheep.

It is unclear in the draft Conway Ranch Conservation Easement Management Plan as to when domestic sheep graze the Conway and Mattly Ranches. We ask that Mono County and the Eastern Sierra Land Trust clarify when domestic sheep will be grazed on these two properties. In 2012, we received a letter from the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power stating that, in late October, domestic sheep were observed trespassing on their property, which is adjacent to Mattly Ranch. The risk of contact between Sierra bighorn and domestic sheep increases during the Sierra bighorn breeding season (September through November) when rams are likely to make long-distance movements in search of females. Consequently, grazing this late in the season poses a serious risk to Sierra bighorn.

# Greater Sage-Grouse

On October 28, 2013, the Service issued a proposed rule to list the Bi-State Distinct Population Segment of Greater sage-grouse (sage-grouse) as a threatened species and designate critical habitat. The Conway and Mattly Ranches are both located within proposed critical habitat for the sage-grouse. We encourage Mono County, as a partner in the Bi-State Local Area Working Group, to consider any potential impacts to sage-grouse and its habitat associated with the activities and uses, operations, and management of these properties.

# Aquaculture

The draft Conway Ranch Conservation Easement Management Plan and associated documents do not indicate what fish species will be used for commercial fish-rearing. However, it is our understanding that, in the past, Mono County has expressed interest in rearing the federally threatened Lahontan cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki henshawi*) on these properties. In the draft Grant Deed of Conservation Easement Conway and Mattly Ranches, it states that the construction of a fish-rearing raceway in the "Mattly Ranch Aquaculture Area" could occur if "a State or Federal wildlife agency identifies the development of a site as important to the recovery of endangered species and provide funding for a facility, operations and maintenance". The rearing of a federally threatened fish species on private property will require further discussions with the Service.

We appreciate the opportunity to review the draft Grant Deed of Conservation Easement Conway and Mattly Ranches Grant Deed and associated documents. We would like to coordinate with representatives from Mono County and the Eastern Sierra Land Trust to refine

the draft Conway Ranch Conservation Easement Management Plan and identify measures that would meet the needs of the county, while also, protecting federally listed and proposed species. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Erin Nordin at (760) 872-5020.

Sincerely,

Edward D. Koch State Supervisor

# Enclosures

### ccs:

Tony Dublino, Mono County, South county Office, Mammoth Lakes, California Dr. Tom Stephenson, Senior Environmental Scientist, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Inland Deserts Region, Bishop, California

Kay Ogden, Executive Director, Lands Director, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, Bishop, California

Aaron Johnson, Lands Director, Eastern Sierra Land Trust, Bishop, California

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FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office VFWO INITIAL DATE

2493 Portola Road, Suite B F.S.

Ventura, California 93003 D.F.S

IN REPLY REFER TO: 81440-2011-CPA-00456

Dan Lyster Mono County P. O. Box 2415 Mammoth Lakes, California 93546

Dear Mr. Lyster:

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and discussion to the federally endangered sheep grazing at Conway Ranch and the risk of disease transmission to the federally endangered Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep (Ovis canadensis sierrae). This meeting was part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's effort to closely coordinate with you and other non-federal entities that authorize domestic sheep grazing in areas that have a potential for disease transmission between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep.

At the meeting, we presented findings from a risk assessment model that are relevant to domestic sheep grazing on Conway Ranch. As directed in the 2007 Recovery Plan for the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service established a subgroup of the recovery team to assess the disease risk associated with domestic sheep grazing allotments in the eastern Sierra Nevada. The model developed by the risk assessment team, and presented at our meeting, allows land managers to assess the relative risk of Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep rams entering areas where domestic sheep are grazed. The relative risk values, calculated by the model, provide information on the likelihood of a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep ram entering an area based on habitat type and proximity to Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep populations. Based on these values, a land manager can determine which grazing allotments pose a higher risk of disease transmission. The risk assessment model indicates that Conway Ranch is located within an area of high risk; therefore, it is important to develop a land management plan for Conway Ranch that addresses the potential for disease transmission.

We would like to coordinate with you on development of a land management plan for Conway Ranch. We hope that the outcome of this process will provide benefits for Mono County and increased protection for Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. As discussed at our meeting, we will continue to search for funding opportunities to aid in the development of a land management plan for Conway Ranch. In the meantime, we hope that you will continue to work with us on this endeavor. We will contact you at a future date to discuss this proposed plan in more detail.





# United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office 2493 Portola Road, Suite B Ventura, California 93003



IN REPLY REFER TO: 81440-2011-CPA-0045

December 9, 2010

Dan Lyster Mono County P. O. Box 2415 Mammoth Lakes, California 93546

Dear Mr. Lyster:

We appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and discuss our concerns regarding domestic sheep grazing at Conway Ranch and the risk of disease transmission to the federally endangered Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep (Ovis canadensis sierrae). This meeting was part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's effort to closely coordinate with you and other non-federal entities that authorize domestic sheep grazing in areas that have a potential for disease transmission between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep.

At the meeting, we presented findings from a risk assessment model that are relevant to domestic sheep grazing on Conway Ranch. As directed in the 2007 Recovery Plan for the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service established a subgroup of the recovery team to assess the disease risk associated with domestic sheep grazing allotments in the eastern Sierra Nevada. The model developed by the risk assessment team, and presented at our meeting, allows land managers to assess the relative risk of Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep rams entering areas where domestic sheep are grazed. The relative risk values, calculated by the model, provide information on the likelihood of a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep ram entering an area based on habitat type and proximity to Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep populations. Based on these values, a land manager can determine which grazing allotments pose a higher risk of disease transmission. The risk assessment model indicates that Conway Ranch is located within an area of high risk; therefore, it is important to develop a land management plan for Conway Ranch that addresses the potential for disease transmission.

We would like to coordinate with you on development of a land management plan for Conway Ranch. We hope that the outcome of this process will provide benefits for Mono County and increased protection for Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. As discussed at our meeting, we will continue to search for funding opportunities to aid in the development of a land management plan for Conway Ranch. In the meantime, we hope that you will continue to work with us on this endeavor. We will contact you at a future date to discuss this proposed plan in more detail.



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Should you have any questions regarding this matter, contact Erin Shapiro at the Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office at (805) 644-1766, extension 369.

Sincerely,

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# Application of the Document Entitled A Process for Identifying and Managing Risk of Contact between Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep and Domestic Sheep

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#### INTRODUCTION

On February 12, 2009, representatives of the U.S. Forest Service (Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests), Bureau of Land Management (Bishop Field Office), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Ventura and Nevada Fish and Wildlife Offices), and the California Department of Fish and Game (Bishop Field Office) held a meeting in Bishop, California, to discuss implementation of A Process for Identifying and Managing Risk of Contact between Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep and Domestic Sheep (Baumer et al. 2009; Risk Assessment). During this meeting, the land managers requested further assistance interpreting and applying the information provided in the Risk Assessment. They also expressed a need for guidance that would facilitate consistency in application of the Risk Assessment among the various agencies and jurisdictions. This guidance was requested within the context of recommendations 1, 2, and 8 provided in Section E of the Recovery Plan for the Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2007), which outlined a Recommended Strategy for Preventing Contact between Domestic Sheep or Goats and Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep.

Individuals representing the above-mentioned agencies met on February 19, 2009, to further discuss the information provided in the Risk Assessment and to develop recommendations for land managers to use when applying this information in their analyses of management options to prevent contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. This document (Application Document) was developed as a result of this interagency coordination and provides recommendations specific to implementation of the Risk Assessment.

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After completion of the 2009 domestic sheep grazing season and a meeting between the U.S. Forest Service's Regional Forester (Region 4) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Regional Director (Region 8) on November 23, 2009, further management coordination was recommended among the federal and state agencies to address domestic sheep grazing in proximity to Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. As a result, the original Application Document has been revised herein to further clarify how to apply the Risk Assessment.

All participants understand that the Risk Assessment is dynamic and that future updates, based on additional Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep movement data and other pertinent information, will likely change the results. This understanding is essential in the context of recovery for Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. For recovery to occur, Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep populations must increase in numbers, and populations must be distributed among the 12 herd units identified as essential for conservation of the species in the final recovery plan. These herd units were identified in the Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep recovery plan based on historic bighorn sheep locations and the availability of summer and winter range (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2007). Therefore, the likelihood of contact between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep is predicted to increase over time as recovery goals are met. The analyses used in the Risk Assessment and this Application Document focus on the potential for contact between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep in the eastern Sierra Nevada.

Section E of the recovery plan recommended a strategy for preventing contact between domestic sheep (and goats) and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. It also addressed the possibility that development and use of the Risk Assessment could alter our understanding of the risk of contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. It recommended that land managers incorporate use of the Risk Assessment into allotment specific analyses of management options to prevent contact. The Risk Assessment and this revised Application Document provide land managers additional tools for analyzing the risk of contact on domestic sheep allotments. Application of these tools may change our understanding of the risk of contact on certain allotments from that described in Section E of the recovery plan. The Risk Assessment, this Application Document, and the recovery plan are guidance documents that land managers should use along with any additional information from the published literature or Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep monitoring efforts in their decision-making processes to prevent contact between domestic sheep and the federally-listed, endangered Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep.

#### APPLICATION OF THE RISK ASSESSMENT

A Process for Identifying and Managing Risk of Contact between Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep and Domestic Sheep (Baumer et al. 2009; Risk Assessment) identified the following five-step process for Risk Assessment implementation:

1. Determine the relative likelihood that a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep will utilize habitat where domestic sheep are grazed;

- 2. Assess whether grazing domestic sheep in a specific allotment could result in contact with Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep:
- 3. Determine whether changes in the temporal (e.g., seasonal closures) or spatial use of allotments would prevent contact between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep;
- Determine whether implementing the grazing practices detailed in Section III of the Risk Assessment would prevent contact between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep; and
- 5. Monitor and verify whether grazing practices are being implemented and assess their effectiveness in reducing straying of domestic sheep.

Below, we describe a method for applying this five-step process on lands managed by the Inyo and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forests and the Bureau of Land Management (Bishop Field Office). For more information on the five-step process, please refer to Section IV of the Risk Assessment.

**Step 1 -** Determine the relative likelihood that a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep will utilize habitat where domestic sheep are grazed.

Please refer to the Risk Assessment (Section II pages 3-6; Attachment 6; Figure 2; Table 1) for a more complete description including the outcome of this previously completed step. Briefly, a geographic information system (GIS) based model was developed that incorporated Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep habitat suitability and proximity to herd use areas to determine the relative likelihood of Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep use of any particular location within the modeled area.

First, a GIS layer of habitat suitability was developed to indicate habitat preferences based on elevation, slope, aspect, hillshade, distance to escape terrain, terrain ruggedness, and vegetation (forest-nonforest). The final habitat suitability layer combines the habitat variables and incorporates each based on its importance. This GIS layer, with thousands of pixels (i.e., geographic parcels) each representing the habitat suitability of 30 meter x 30 meter cells, was applied across the eastern Sierra landscape. In order to determine the relative resistance to bighorn sheep movement for a particular portion of the landscape, the habitat suitability layer was inverted to create a resistance to movement layer. In this layer, each pixel now represents the lack of habitat suitability for bighorn sheep at each location.

Second, to determine the relative likelihood of contact between bighorn sheep and domestic sheep at any location, a measure of the actual or potential presence of bighorn sheep was needed for each location. To do that, all known locations of radio-collared bighorn sheep, including GPS, ground, and aerial telemetry locations, were used to create home ranges for each herd unit. Core areas of these home ranges were then delineated using 50 percent kernels to create a *core home range* layer. Only those locations within each core home range were then used as source points for indentifying potential movement paths for bighorn sheep.

Finally, a cost-weighted distance function was applied to the core home range layer, utilizing the resistance to movement layer, to create a *cost distance layer* specific to Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. This calculates the cost of travel from one cell to the next, initiated at the core home range locations. In the resulting composite cost distance layer, the value of each pixel represents the cumulative cost associated with travel to that point from a core home range location by a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep.

Because bighorn sheep will not travel indefinitely, the model used a maximum dispersal limit of 60 kilometers from core home range locations (based on travel distances of GPS collared Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep rams) (Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep Recovery Program 2004). The cost-weighted distance was calculated from the core home range locations to the maximum dispersal limit.

There are a few recognized limitations to the GIS-based model, including: 1) not all Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep rams are collared, therefore, distance and location data points collected over the modeled time period are limited in number, 2) the vegetation layer used to map habitat suitability was limited in resolution, and 3) while the model was based on the best available data, it cannot predict every outcome.

In addition to the process described above, which is carried over and utilized in this Application Document, the Risk Assessment provided an additional step that averaged all of the pixel values within the boundary of a given allotment. This averaged value was meant to represent the relative likelihood that a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep would utilize a given allotment. In the Risk Assessment, this value is referred to as the Mean Inverse Weighted Distance (MIWD). Table 1 of the Risk Assessment lists all the allotments analyzed with their MIWD values. Values closer to 1 indicate a high likelihood of use by a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. Values closer to 0 indicate a low likelihood of use by a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep.

The use of MIWD, as discussed above, estimates the mean relative likelihood of Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep use of a given allotment. However, averaging pixel values to obtain a single value for an allotment ignores the variability of pixel values across the allotment. Therefore, an allotment could have portions that are highly conducive to bighorn sheep use, but the allotment's MIWD value would not reflect this because it is an average of all pixels values within the allotment.

In addition, the Risk Assessment does not provide a threshold above which a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep's use of an allotment would be considered too high a risk for contact. Such a threshold has been requested by land managers to assist in making grazing management decisions. The Application Document does not use the mean relative likelihood of Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep use of a given allotment (i.e., MIWD) in determining risk of contact, but provides an alternative method in Step 2.

Step 2 - Assess whether grazing domestic sheep in a specific allotment could result in contact with Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep.

The Risk Assessment provided an equation for determining a relative risk of contact between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep for each allotment based on the allotment's mean relative likelihood that a bighorn sheep would occur there and the dates and length of time the allotment would be grazed (i.e., Relative Risk = MIWD X (number of grazing days + Julian Date; Section II, page 5). The resulting value provides a relative value, but not a threshold value for the risk of contact for each allotment.

After further evaluation of this equation, a few issues also became evident about whether this is an appropriate way to represent risk. These issues include: 1) uncertainty about how the variables relate to one another and whether some are more important than others, 2) equation variables are expressed using different scales, 3) the likelihood that a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep would occur in an allotment is based on the mean likelihood which ignores the variability of risk across an allotment, and 4) the timing of use of an allotment is more influential in the equation than the bighorn sheep location information.

The equation is, therefore, inappropriate to use in determining whether use of an allotment crosses a threshold of acceptable risk of contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. It may be appropriate to use the equation to make modifications to grazing seasons to reduce risk of contact for allotments located further away from Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep core population areas that have a low likelihood of Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep use (see Step 4). For allotments with a high likelihood of Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep use, employing the equation to make modifications to grazing seasons to reduce risk of contact is not appropriate. As a result of these concerns, it is recommended that this equation's role in the determination of the risk of contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep be diminished.

A more direct approach to assessing the level of risk of contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep by allotment is to determine whether an allotment or portion of an allotment crosses a threshold of acceptable risk. There are two parts to this analysis. One part is to determine a threshold of acceptable risk and the other is to determine whether this threshold is crossed in an allotment or portion of an allotment.

To determine a threshold of acceptable risk, the final GIS layer (as described in Step 1) was overlain with locations where Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep are known to have occurred. To reduce error and ensure spatial accuracy, only those locations collected using GPS were used, resulting in 6,719 Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep ram locations (2002-2007). Data from these years was utilized because this was the most up to date data available at the time the model and the Risk Assessment were completed. It is important to use a multi-year data set to capture the full range of potential bighorn sheep movement patterns under various conditions. Use of a smaller range of years would reduce the amount of interannual variability that is captured and would provide a narrower view of potential Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep use than is likely to occur.

After the GIS layer was overlain with the Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep location data, the pixel value for each individual ram location in the data set was recorded to determine the full range of pixel values that correspond to Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep locations. All pixels in the GIS layer that have values within this range have a high likelihood of Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep use. By mapping the location of all pixels with values within this range, it is possible to highlight all locations in the eastern Sierra that have a high likelihood of bighorn sheep use instead of examining the relative likelihood as an average over an entire allotment. California Department of Fish and Game's 2002 to 2007 Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep monitoring efforts provided sufficient data for this analysis.

Through the analysis described above, it was determined that the values for all the known locations of collared rams within this dataset ranged from 0.833 to 1.0. The lowest value (0.833) for a known bighorn sheep location may, therefore, be used as a threshold value, above which bighorn sheep use is highly likely. If domestic sheep are grazed in locations (i.e., pixels) that have a high likelihood of Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep use, the potential for contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep exists and is predicted. Because the goal of the Risk Assessment is to prevent contact between the two species, values currently between 0.833 and 1.0 fall into a category of unacceptable risk. The locations of those areas that have a value between 0.833 and 1.0 and their relationship to domestic sheep grazing allotments are mapped in Figures 1 and 2. These predicted areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833) allow for identification of portions of allotments that are above the 0.833 threshold. This is critical to making sure that land managers do not underestimate risk on some portions of a given allotment. At this time, if the relative likelihood of a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep being in an allotment or portion of an allotment is 0.833 or greater, a high/unacceptable risk of contact between the two species exists for that allotment or portion of an allotment. If the value is less than 0.833, a low risk of contact between the two species exists for that allotment or portion of an allotment. Areas adjacent to these high contact risk areas should employ best management grazing practices to ensure that domestic sheep do not move into areas of high contact risk (see Step 4).

Since most Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep are not collared, the identified range of the relative likelihood of a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep being in a location provides a scientific approach to management given the uncertainty associated with observing and tracking the movements of a subset of the population. The 0.833 threshold is based on known locations of GPS collared Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep location data based on VHF and observational data (some with locations that would expand range of values) were not included. It is also possible that uncollared Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep have moved farther, and into a wider range of habitats, than is demonstrated by the mapped areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833). Due to these restrictions and uncertainty, the value 0.833 is considered a conservative threshold for evaluating the relative risk of contact on an allotment.

The current threshold of 0.833 is based on the best available data at this time. Based on a preliminary review, additional Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep GPS location data collected from 2007 to 2009 (but not yet included in the model) remain within the 0.833 and above values of habitat modeled. Over time, new Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep location data could change the threshold. The value will be at least 0.833 (unless a dramatic loss of a herd occurred), but it will likely become lower as Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep increase in number and expand geographically as is necessary for recovery.

Distances between domestic sheep grazing areas and bighorn sheep locations have been considered by others when evaluating the risk of contact and disease transmission, and distance buffers to separate the two species have been previously recommended. Guidance developed by the Bureau of Land Management (1998) recommended buffer distances up to 9 miles around native wild sheep habitat unless topographic features or other barriers minimized the risk of contact. Singer et al. (2001) recommended bighorn sheep be restored to areas that are greater than 14.3 miles from domestic sheep grazing areas. A number of other documents address the concerns associated with domestic sheep grazing near Sierra Nevada or other bighorn sheep habitats. These documents discuss the need for buffers but do not recommend specific distances, or they suggest effective separation through spatial or temporal measures to reduce the risk of contact between the two species (Onderka et al. 1988, Sweeney et al. 1994, Ward et al. 1997, Schommer and Woolever 2001, Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies 2007, George et al. 2008, Miller et al. 2008, Clifford et al. 2009). While a specific distance is not recommended in this Application Document to prevent contact, it is recognized that the proximity between these two species relates to the risk of contact.

The likelihood of contact plays an important role in the risk of disease transmission between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep in the Sierra Nevada. Contact may result in the possible introduction of new pathogens from domestic sheep to Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep that may cause pneumonia. There is concern that this could lead to the loss of entire bighorn sheep herds in the Sierra Nevada.

Clifford et al. (2009) developed a spatially explicit disease transmission model to quantitatively assess the risk of respiratory disease transmission from domestic sheep to Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. This model was used to predict the impacts of a respiratory disease outbreak within and among populations in the Northern, Central, and Southern Recovery Units. We acknowledge several of the study's limitations. These include:

1) disease transmission data was from enclosures or experimental situations, 2) all available Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep location data was not included which could have increased home range size, 3) future Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep movements based on growth or exploration were not modeled, and 4) quantifying husbandry practices that may have increased contact risk, such as grazing estrous domestic sheep females, was not possible. Clifford et al. (2009) reported that the most frequently predicted levels of population mortality due to disease (33 to 76 percent in the North; 45 to 77 percent in the Central) were consistent with other estimates of mortality ranging from 28 percent to 80 percent reported in respiratory disease outbreaks of free-ranging bighorn sheep populations located elsewhere (with or without suspected contact with domestic sheep)

(Festa-Bianchet 1988, Ryder et al. 1992, Cassirer et al. 1996, Enk et al. 2001, George et al. 2008).

Because the current range wide population of this species is less than 400 individuals, the loss of an entire or almost entire Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep herd(s) due to disease transmission would significantly impact recovery efforts for this species.

**Step 3 -** Determine whether changes in the temporal (e.g., seasonal closures) or spatial use of allotments would prevent contact between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep.

Land managers should also consider the following criteria when evaluating whether an allotment or portion of an allotment identified as having a high/unacceptable risk of contact using Step 2 (i.e., within the areas of potential contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833) may remain open and still ensure the prevention of contact between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep (i.e., allotment specific criteria – see below).

If none of the criteria listed below applies to a given allotment, the allotment or portions of the allotment equal to or greater than the 0.833 threshold should not be grazed by domestic sheep to prevent contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. If one or more of the criteria listed below apply to a given allotment, an allotment specific evaluation should be completed to determine whether the site-specific criteria provide sufficient barriers to Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep movement to prevent contact.

#### Criteria

- 1) Allotments or portions of allotments within the predicted areas of potential contact (*i.e.*, areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833; Figures 1 and 2) that are separated from occupied Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep habitat by towns, highly developed recreation areas, or other human developments that inhibit bighorn sheep movement.
- 2) Allotments or portions of allotments within the predicted areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833; Figures 1 and 2) that are separated from occupied Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep habitat by large contiguous forested areas that inhibit bighorn sheep movement.
- 3) Allotments or portions of allotments within the predicted areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833; Figures 1 and 2) that are east of the U.S. Highway 395 management boundary recommended in Section II-E of the final Recovery Plan for Sierra Nevada Bighorn Sheep (U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 2007).
- 4) Allotments or portions of allotments within the predicted areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn

sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833; Figures 1 and 2) that are separated from occupied Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep habitat by major bodies of water (e.g., Mono Lake, Crowley Lake) that inhibit bighorn sheep movement.

For allotments or portions of allotments that meet one or more of the four criteria listed above, land managers may determine that full closure is not required to prevent contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. After allotment specific analysis, the responsible land management agency may determine that a given allotment that meets one or more of the above criteria does not require seasonal or spatial restrictions to prevent contact. Conversely, allotment specific analysis may reveal that an allotment that meets one or more of the above criteria does require seasonal and/or spatial restrictions to prevent contact. In such a case, seasonal closure or closure of a portion of the allotment would be a suitable alternative to full closure if the agency determines that grazing under these restrictions would prevent contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. Allotment specific seasonal closure periods should be determined by the responsible land management agency in cooperation with the affected permittee and in coordination and consultation, if appropriate, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In addition to the four criteria listed above, land managers may use the equation (Relative Risk = MIWD X (number of grazing days + Julian Date) provided in Section II of the Risk Assessment to quantify the predicted change in the relative risk that would occur as a result of temporal and/or spatial restrictions for a given allotment or allotment subunit. Use of the equation may provide a useful decision-making tool if the land manager determines that seasonal and/or spatial restrictions are needed, but decision makers must keep in mind the equation limitations discussed in Step 2.

If land managers determine, through the allotment specific analysis process described above, that contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep cannot be prevented on a given allotment, the allotment or portions of the allotment should not be grazed by domestic sheep.

Step 4 - Determine whether implementing the grazing practices detailed in Section III of the Risk Assessment would prevent contact between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep (i.e., prevent domestic sheep from straying into areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact with Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep)).

The Risk Assessment indicates that land managers can alleviate some risk of contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep through implementation of best management grazing practices. However, when evaluating the risk of contact, both domestic sheep movements and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep movements must be considered. Land managers should not regard the implementation of best management grazing practices as an appropriate means of preventing contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep on an allotment or portion of an allotment where the analysis described above has determined that there is a high/unacceptable risk of contact

(i.e., modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use are equal to or greater than 0.833). These best management grazing practices, as detailed in Section III of the Risk Assessment, are designed primarily to keep domestic sheep from straying from the herd and/or allotment, to detect domestic sheep that have strayed from the herd and/or allotment, and to reduce predation on domestic sheep within an allotment. They are not designed to prevent Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep from entering an allotment and coming into contact with domestic sheep.

Herding and guard dogs have traditionally benefitted herders by keeping domestic sheep together and reducing predation. While they may have some potential to keep Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep from coming into contact with domestic sheep on an allotment, there is currently no scientific literature or other information that indicates or supports the assertion that herding or guard dogs can effectively prevent bighorn sheep from coming into contact with domestic sheep. These grazing practices are, therefore, never appropriate as stand-alone mitigation for use on allotments or portions of allotments within the predicted areas of potential contact (*i.e.*, areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833) (Figures 1 and 2).

The appropriate use of best management grazing practices is to keep domestic sheep from straying out of open allotments where there is a low risk of contact and into areas where there is a high risk of contact with Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. As described in the Risk Assessment, the only method to ensure the prevention of contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep is to avoid the use of overlapping ranges through temporal and/or spatial separation.

The allotment specific application of the best management grazing practices recommended in Section III of the Risk Assessment should be determined by the responsible land management agency in cooperation with the affected permittee and in coordination and consultation, if appropriate, with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**Step 5 -** Monitor and verify whether grazing practices are being implemented and assess their effectiveness in reducing straying of domestic sheep.

Land managers should monitor and verify that livestock producers are appropriately implementing best management grazing practices as discussed in Section III of the Risk Assessment on those allotments where they are applied (Step 4). For those allotments where the best management grazing practices are required, land managers should compile all monitoring and reporting information from both permittees and agency personnel on an annual basis and evaluate whether these practices are being fully and effectively implemented.

#### RESULTS OF RISK ASSESSMENT APPLICATION

The predicted areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833)

between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep (Figures 1 and 2), determined through application of Step 2, overlap 27 domestic sheep allotments or allotment subunits (Table 1, Figure 2). Of those, eight are vacant to prevent contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. Five currently permitted allotments or allotment subunits are entirely within the predicted areas of potential contact (*i.e.*, areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833) (Tamarack, Cameron Canyon, Dunderberg, Rock Creek – Hilton Unit, and Sherwin Deadman 1). Only a portion of the predicted areas of potential contact overlaps the remaining 13 allotments (Table 1, Figure 2). Table 1 identifies the allotments that overlap the predicted areas of potential contact (*i.e.*, areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833). Table 1, column 6, indicates the mean relative likelihood that a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep would use a given allotment. Table 1, column 7, indicates the maximum relative likelihood that a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep would use any point within a given allotment.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend that the Humboldt-Toiyabe and Inyo National Forests and the Bureau of Land Management (Bishop Field Office) analyze all of their respective allotments that overlap the predicted areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833) between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep (Table 1, Figures 1 and 2) as outlined in Steps 2 and 3.

If the responsible land management agency determines that a given allotment, or portion of an allotment, does not meet one or more of the criteria identified in Step 3, we recommend that the allotment, or portion of the allotment, identified as having a high/unacceptable risk of contact not be grazed by domestic sheep to prevent contact between domestic sheep and Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. There is uncertainty associated with determining when contact may occur and the likely adverse effects to Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep populations that could result from a contact related disease outbreak. Therefore, it is recommended that any currently permitted allotment, or portion of an allotment, identified as having a high risk/unacceptable risk of contact as a result of the above analysis, be closed on either a temporary non-use or emergency basis until the responsible land management agency determines whether permanent closure to domestic sheep grazing is warranted.

If the responsible agency determines that a given allotment meets one or more of the criteria identified in Step 3, we recommend that the agency determine whether temporal and/or spatial restrictions are necessary to prevent contact through the appropriate agency analysis and decision making process. In instances where domestic sheep could stray from an open allotment into an areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833), we recommend the implementation of best management grazing practices from Section III of the Risk Assessment as outlined in Steps 4 and 5.

The Risk Assessment, this revised Application Document, and the recovery plan are guidance documents that land managers should use along with any additional information from the published literature or Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep monitoring efforts in their decision-making process to prevent contact between domestic sheep and the federally-listed, endangered Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep. The decision tree provided below may be helpful when evaluating the allotments.

As stated in the Risk Assessment, the model will be updated by the California Department of Fish and Game in coordination with land management agencies as new information is collected on bighorn sheep movement and domestic sheep allotment management. The model should be rerun when new information (e.g., changes in bighorn sheep distribution/movement, habitat conditions and/or domestic sheep grazing regimes) is available. At a minimum, we recommend that Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep location data be reviewed biennially and compared to the 0.833 threshold. If this new location data indicates a substantial shift of bighorn sheep habitat use and therefore changes the risk of contact, the model should be updated to incorporate this new data and new model run outputs made available to agencies. Model updates will be contingent on funding by state and federal agencies or other sources.

#### **Decision Tree**

# A. Assess whether domestic sheep in an allotment could contact bighorn sheep

1. Does the allotment or portion of the allotment overlap modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833 as indicated in Table 1?

Yes. The allotment or portion of the allotment equal to or greater than 0.833 should not be grazed by domestic sheep and closure of the allotment should be considered, unless it meets one or more of the four criteria in Step 3.

No. Domestic sheep grazing may be permitted. Best management grazing practices should be implemented in areas where domestic sheep might stray off of a low risk allotment into a high risk allotment. Go to C.

# B. Determine if the allotment meets one of the Step 3 criteria and whether changes in temporal or spatial use of the allotment would prevent contact

1. Does the allotment meet one or more of the criteria in Step 3?

Yes. The responsible land management agency may determine that full closure is not required to prevent contact. The equation in Step 2 may be used to determine what changes in temporal and/or spatial restrictions would reduce the risk of contact to a low level. Go to B 2. Also go to C.

No. The allotment or portion of the allotment that overlaps modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use is equal to or greater than 0.833. The allotment or portion of the allotment should not be grazed by domestic sheep and closure of the allotment should be considered.

2. Will changes in temporal or spatial use of the allotment prevent contact?

Yes. Domestic sheep grazing may be permitted under temporal and/or spatial restrictions.

No. The allotment should not be grazed by domestic sheep.

# C. Determine whether best management grazing practices would prevent contact

1. Will the use of best management grazing practices prevent contact?

Yes. The allotment or portion of an allotment is less than 0.833 and/or meets one or more of the Step 3 criteria. The allotment may be grazed by domestic sheep with implementation of best management grazing practices. Also go to D.

No. The allotment or portion of the allotment is equal to or greater than 0.833 and none of the Step 3 criteria apply. The allotment or portion of the allotment should not be grazed by domestic sheep and closure of the allotment should be considered.

#### D. Monitor and verify whether grazing practices are being implemented effectively

If domestic sheep grazing is permitted and grazing practices are implemented to keep domestic sheep from straying off of a low risk allotment into a high risk allotment, monitoring and reporting information should be compiled annually and evaluated.

#### **TABLES AND FIGURES**

**Table 1.** Allotments that overlap the predicted areas of potential contact (*i.e.*, areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact; modeled areas of likely bighorn sheep use equal to or greater than 0.833) between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep described in Step 2. The Allotment Mean Likelihood of Use values are taken from the Risk Assessment. The values represent the mean likelihood that a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep will use an allotment. The Allotment Maximum Likelihood of Use values represent the maximum likelihood that a Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep will use a location within an allotment.

Allotment Name	Jurisdiction <sup>a</sup>	Status	Total Permitted Days	Permitted Julian Day	Allotment Mean Likelihood of Use	Allotment Maximum Likelihood of Use
Alger's Lake	INF	Vacant	NAb	NA	0.929	0.966
Bloody Canyon	INF	Vacant	NA	NA	0.936	0.974
Cameron Canyon	HTNF	Permitted	95	289	0.911	0.949
Dog Creek	BLM	Permitted	153	305	0.881	0.949
Dunderberg	HTNF	Permitted <sup>c</sup>	95	274	0.970	0.997
Green Creek	BLM	Permitted	153	305	0.852	0.911
Green Creek	HTNF	Vacant	NA	NA	0.929	0.960
Horse Meadow	INF	Vacant	NA	NA	0.937	0.963
Jordan Basin	HTNF	Vacant	NA	NA	0.971	0.999
June Lake (East)	INF	Permitted	62	244	0.800	0.864
June Lake (West)	INF	Vacant	NA	NA	0.836	0.907
Little Mormon	BLM	Permitted	153	305	0.805	0.864
Little Round Valley 1	BLM	Permitted	14	292	0.850	0.873
Little Round Valley 3	BLM	Permitted	14	292	0.831	0.840
McGee	INF	Permitted <sup>d</sup>	92	251	0.903	0.952
Rancheria Gulch	BLM	Permitted	153	305	0.784	0.932
Rickey (South)	HTNF	Permitted	NA	NA	0.827	0.848
Rock Creek 1 (West)	INF	Vacant	NA	NA	0.864	0.906
Rock Creek 2 (Highway)	INF	Vacant	NA	NA	0.865	0.885
Rock Creek 3 (East)	INF	Permitted	92	243	0.819	0.868
Rock Creek 4 (Hilton)	INF	Permitted	66	227	0.860	0.876
Sherwin/Deadman 1 (Mammoth)	INF	Permitted	87	274	0.915	0.931
Sherwin/Deadman 2 (Sawmill)	INF	Permitted	87	274	0.844	0.917
Sherwin/Deadman 4 (Smokey Bear)	INF	Permitted	87	274	0.794	0.882
Summers Meadow S&G	HTNF	Permitted	30	305	0.855	0.885
Tamarack	HTNF	Permitted	95	289	0.912	0.958
Volcanic Tablelands	BLM	Permitted	46	167	0.716	0.871

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest (HTNF), Inyo National Forest (INF).

b Not applicable (NA).

c Not grazed in 2007-2009.

d Closed since finalization of original Application Document

Figure 1 – Red areas are the mapped locations that have Likelihood of Use values between 0.833 and 1 and are considered the predicted areas of potential contact (i.e., areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact). Green allotments are U.S. Forest Service domestic sheep allotments. Beige allotments are Bureau of Land Management domestic sheep allotments. Allotments are mapped over the Risk Assessment's Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep Likelihood of Use layer (i.e., brown and yellow layer) and the Risk Assessment's Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep ram habitat suitability layer (i.e., black and white layer).

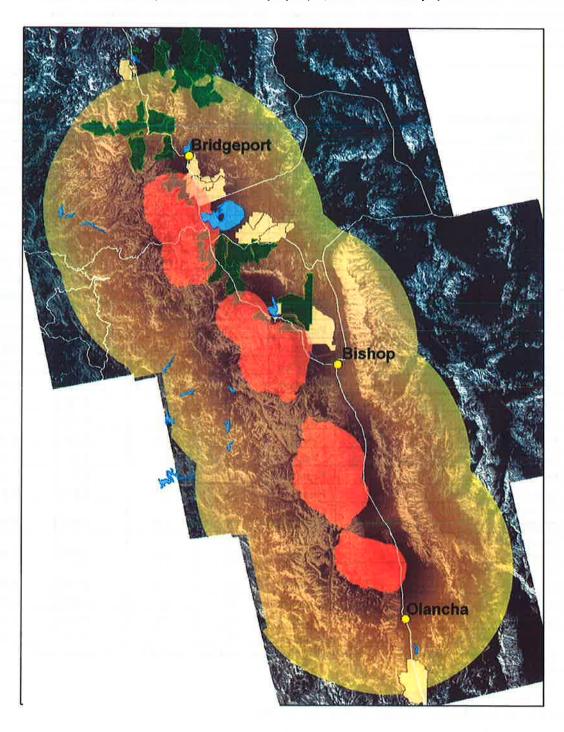


Figure 2 – Labeled allotments overlap the predicted areas of potential contact in red (i.e., areas with a high/unacceptable risk of contact) between Sierra Nevada bighorn sheep and domestic sheep.

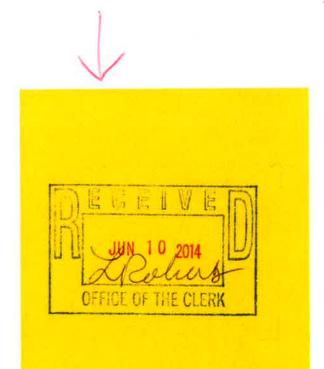


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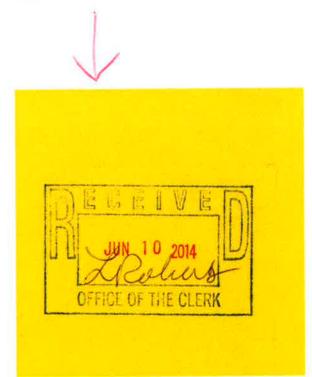
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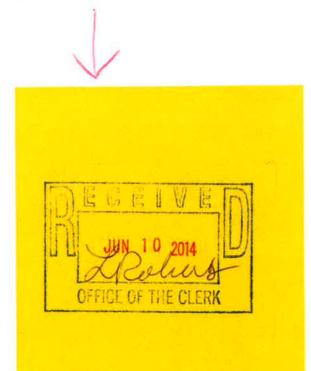
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