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Inyo-LA Standing Committee  
C/O Los Angeles Board of Water and Power Commissioners  
Room 1555-H, 15th Floor  
111 North Hope Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

C/O Inyo County Supervisors  
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Dear Standing Committee members:

Attached are comments documenting a management problem at parcel BLK094, and a simple proposed solution to avoid a serious impact. We first called this problem and the proposed solution to the attention of the Technical Group in a public comment in early 2006 and were ignored. We brought it up again in May 2007 and were told to write a letter.

In writing the requested letter (i.e. the attached comment), we realized our request for action is based on a reading of the Inyo-LA Water Agreement (LTWA) which may not be consistent with DWP's interpretation. We are thus asking that you, the Standing Committee, discuss and attempt to reach agreement on a very basic issue in the LTWA: whether or not the Technical Group has any obligation to modify management to avoid impacts before the fact, or whether it is required only to determine after the fact whether an impact is attributable to groundwater management and mitigation is necessary. While language in the LTWA and EIR repeatedly suggests the former, language in DWP's 2001 legal position (cited in attached comments) suggests the latter.

We respectfully request a written statement documenting your discussion and conclusions and giving appropriate direction to the Technical Group regarding the management problem at parcel BLK094.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Sincerely,

Sherryl Taylor  
President

Sincerely,

Daniel Pritchett  
Conservation Chair