

## Danielle Espinosa

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**From:** Kendall Tani <kendallatani@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 8:39 PM  
**To:** BOS  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Long Valley and Little Round Valley Irrigation

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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To Whom It May Concern,

As a born-and-raised resident of Mammoth Lakes, I am long familiar with the history of how LADWP has taken water from Payahuunadü, or the Owen's Valley. The recent developments concerning Long Valley and Little Round Valley are alarming.

I believe it is imperative for the county to take preventative measures to ensure that our valleys do not sustain any new damage from the actions of the DWP, rather than wait to take action once new damage is done. I urge to take these views into your consideration.

Best regards,  
Kendall Tani

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**From:** jbsgss@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, August 15, 2022 10:41 PM  
**To:** BOS  
**Subject:** 16 August 2022 meeting regarding LADWP water extraction

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### [EXTERNAL EMAIL]

To: Mono County Board of Supervisors  
From: Gail S. Smith

I have been a resident of Inyo County for over forty years, starting first in 1966. I have listened to the rhetoric, heard both sides of the arguments, read the results of court contentions, have seen consequences, including of human health, of water extraction in Inyo County -- was even in an airplane recording the places pictures were taken of water extraction vegetation results -- and I have been left with the knowledge that Mono County must be proactive in their attempts to hold LADWP in a binding agreement as to irrigation levels to provide protection for southern Mono County. Nothing must be left to court discretion (we all know by now that courts, up to and including the U.S. Supreme Court, cannot be counted on to judgements based on the will of the people nor on long held precedents), particularly if a court is trusting the veracity of an institution that has proven time and again not to be worthy of such trust. Concrete definitions and binding agreements are the basis of any real protections to be had. Please do your very best at this time to protect what you can, particularly in light of very real environmental/climate changes where continued severe drought will wreak havoc and any mitigation will be a saving grace.

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**From:** Debbie Boucher <dboucher2008@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 9:18 AM  
**To:** BOS  
**Subject:** Meeting about water issues today

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### [EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Dear Board of Supervisors:

Water is one of the more critical issues in Mono County as we endure a fifth year of drought. I will not be able to attend today's meeting, but I wanted to share some thoughts with you.

1)Development: Do we have enough water for the expansion of facilities at Mammoth Mountain and the construction of large projects in town? At what point do we say, We don't have enough water to do this.

2)As a homeowner, I am adhering to the two-day-per-week watering schedule, but I wonder what adjustments are being made by businesses and condo projects with landscaping.

3)It is sad that we have to constantly litigate with DWP. The latest move seems to concern "waterless leases." Please oppose this. Without water, no one is going to want to lease their land, whether it is SNARL or ranchers. DWP needs to provide water to its lease holders.

4) Please be proactive rather than reactive in regard to DWP. Please hold DWP accountable. Sadly, they have proven themselves to be untrustworthy in the past.

Thank you,

Debbie Boucher  
Mammoth Lakes

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**From:** Sophia Borgias <sophiaborgias@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 16, 2022 3:01 PM  
**To:** BOS  
**Subject:** Public comment on Long Valley and Little Long Valley irrigation

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**[EXTERNAL EMAIL]**

Dear Mono County Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to take proactive action to hold LADWP accountable to providing irrigation to Long Valley and Little Long Valley around historical levels in order to support local livelihoods, critical ecosystems, and important Tribal interests. The history in Inyo county demonstrates how important it is to have binding agreements in place to avoid new impacts and to establish more equitable and transparent decision-making regarding water allocation. In that regard, I would also emphasize the importance of having native nations at the table to negotiate an agreement of that sort establishing protections for this area that they have stewarded since time immemorial.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
Sincerely,

Sophia Borgias, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Boise State University