

February 24, 2004

Honorable Assemblymember John Laird
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

re: endorse AB 2600 Mono Lake

Dear Assemblymember Laird,

On behalf of the 15,000 members of the Mono Lake Committee, thank you for introducing AB 2600 to create the Sierra Conservancy. We are pleased to formally endorse AB 2600.

The Mono Lake Committee celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, proud that we are able to help ensure Mono Lake and the Mono Basin are very special places for people to visit forever. We are equally proud that, thanks to urban conservation programs funded by the Assembly in the late 1980s on Mono Lake's behalf, Los Angeles is using the same amount of water it used decades ago with over a million more people. This partnership between the rural Sierra and urban areas statewide is the most important concept in your bill. We will work hard to help you get the bill passed.

A Sierra Nevada Conservancy is essential to the future of the Sierra and to the future of California. Through wise investments of state and federal dollars in water, education, and natural resources, the state and the region will be able to work together to protect the Sierra for all Californians.

Thanks again for being the champion of the Sierra. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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