

Petition for Change – Temporary Urgency  
Attachment A

To temporarily deviate from the dry year flow requirements of Decision 1631 by setting Rush Creek flows to 20 cfs regardless of Grant Lake Reservoir storage and inflow levels until March 31, 2016. Decision 1631 requires that Rush Creek instream flows shall be the lesser of the inflow to Grant Lake or the specified dry year flow requirements if Grant Lake falls below 11,500 acre-feet.

The Mono Lake Committee (MLC), on behalf of other members of the Parties consisting of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) and California Trout, Inc. (CalTrout) supports the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) proposal to temporarily modify Mono Basin operations by maintaining 20 cfs base flows in Rush Creek when Grant Lake storage falls below 11,500 acre-feet in lieu of matching outflow with inflow. This proposal was made following MLC's consultation in-line with recommendation by the State designated Stream Scientist, Ross Taylor.

The proposed 20 cfs constant base flows will ensure healthy brown trout fisheries in Rush Creek during dry year winter flow releases (*Fisheries Habitat Mapping, 2008*) since flows are expected to remain very low through the end of the runoff year. Similar requests were made and approved by the SWRCB during past dry runoff years.