

NOW - A Pristine Landscape

In the early 1980s, Inyo County and the City of Los Angeles began working together to resolve disagreements over water issues. They jointly developed the Long-Term Water Agreement, which today guides LADWP's water-gathering activities in the Owens Valley. The Agreement has two goals: to protect the Owens Valley and provide a reliable source of water for Los Angeles.

LADWP has implemented numerous enhancement/mitigation projects to add to the quality of life and recreation opportunities in the Owens Valley, including Millpond Recreation Area, Klondike Lake, the Lone Pine Sports Complex and many others. Additionally, an enormous project to mitigate Owens Lake dust is well underway, the Owens River Gorge has been re-watered and now supports an excellent fishery, and the Lower Owens River Project is complete, re-watering 63 miles of the river dry since 1913.

All told, LADWP owns over 300,000 acres in Inyo and Mono counties, and nearly all of this property is open for public access for hunting, fishing, water sports, hiking, climbing, biking, photography, wildlife viewing and other recreation. LADWP also provides land at nominal administrative lease fees for campgrounds, airports and scientific projects.

Thanks to the Los Angeles Aqueduct, LADWP is a huge part of Owens Valley's past and a valuable partner in preserving the land for the benefit of future generations.

