

**RESOLUTION 98-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE  
RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL  
SUPPORTING ENACTMENT OF  
SENATE BILL 1376 - SENATOR  
KNIGHT'S BILL TO EMPOWER THE  
GREAT BASIN BOARD**

**WHEREAS**, The export of water from Owens Lake early in this century has resulted in blowing dust that creates health problems that plague many local residents under certain climatic conditions. The dust is bad enough at times to halt flight operations at the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division at China Lake; and

**WHEREAS**, The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District has conducted extensive studies of the Owens Lake dust problem and has recommended measures to mitigate the air quality impacts. Under existing law, the City of Los Angeles may appeal the measures or fees imposed by the District and delay or possibly avoid taking the measures recommended; and

**WHEREAS**, The air pollution problem must be solved by the City of Los Angeles or the United States Environmental Protection Agency will require that the State of California solve the problem with State funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Senator Knight has introduced Senate Bill 1376 which would empower the District to require the City of Los Angeles to undertake reasonable measures to mitigate the air quality impacts of its activities at its own expense and to require that those measures be implemented before May 31, 1988. The Bill is based on the premise that it is fair for the region that benefits most directly from the export of water from the Owens Valley to be responsible for the cost of the mitigation measures required.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE RIDGECREST CITY COUNCIL DOES HEREBY RESOLVE** as follows:

1. The Ridgecrest City Council supports the enactment of Senate Bill SB 1376 in the interest of prompt implementation of measures to mitigate the Owens Lake dust air pollution problem;

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2. The City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit copies of the resolution to the following:
- (a) The appropriate members of the legislature
  - (b) The City Councils of cities of Kern County, Antelope Valley and the Eastern Sierras.

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 4th day of February, 1998, by the following vote:

AYES: Mayor Lalor, Council Members Auld, Carter and Morgan.

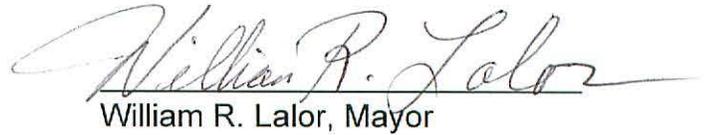
NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: None.



Pamela Bartlett, CMC  
City Clerk

  
William R. Lalor, Mayor