

## LETTER FROM DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

Letter from the Department of Interior recognizing and thanking the county for choice of the Hydrodynamics Group and Mr. Mike King. The work performed on behalf of the county during the past several years has considerably augmented our knowledge and expanded our databases related to the hydrology of the area.



### United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
Death Valley National Park  
Death Valley, California 92328

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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May 25, 2000

The Honorable Michael A. Dorame  
Inyo County Board of Supervisors  
P.O. Box F  
Independence, California 93526

Dear Chairman Dorame:

We have been informed by Mr. Andrew Remus, Project Coordinator, Inyo County Yucca Mountain Repository Assessment Office, that the Inyo County Board of Supervisors has approved the expenditure of a considerable level of funding to support the construction of a well in the Furnace Creek area of Death Valley National Park. The approved funds will provide for several activities associated with the construction for the wells and will cover costs that would otherwise be borne by the National Park Service or one of the other allied organizations here at Furnace Creek.

We wish to extend to the Board and the people of Inyo County the gratitude of the National Park Service for their valuable assistance and support. This project will result in the acquisition of information essential to our understanding of the hydrogeology of Death Valley, and is important to our joint efforts to protect the water resources of the park and of the county.

We would like to take this opportunity to further recognize and thank the county for its extensive efforts in this area. We have been most gratified with the cooperation and assistance provide by Andrew Remus and the county's hydrology consultant, Mr. Mike King. The work they have performed on behalf of the county during the past several years has considerably augmented our knowledge and expanded our databases related to the hydrology of the area.

That information is important to the National Park Service and to the ongoing multi-agency research studies on the Death Valley Regional Ground Water Aquifer System. The county's contributions to what may constitute the most extensive scientific undertaking of its kind are significant.

We are particularly pleased with the work done by Andrew and Mike in hosting the Annual Devils Hole Workshop this year. They should both be recognized for the effort they made to insure an effective, informative, and enjoyable conference. Again, please accept our gratitude for the work and assistance Inyo County is providing in these efforts.

Sincerely,

Richard H. Martin  
Superintendent

cc:

Andrew Remus, Inyo County  
Mike King, Hydrodynamics Group