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via Email

Honorable Edward Fowler, Chairman
Mineral County Commissioners

Re: Agenda Item relating to Proposed Lands Bill for Lyon, Mineral & Esmeralda Counties

Dear Chairman Fowler and Commissioners Tipton and Bryant:

With the adoption of Resolution No. 08-005 rejecting a lands bill for Mineral County at this time it would seem that, unless there are continuing discussions with Senators Reid and Ensign regarding the lands bill your board has just rejected, there should be no further reason for this matter to be left as a standing item on your board agendas.

I believe most residents understood the need for this to be a standing item while Mineral County was in the midst of determining which direction it ought to go with the proposed lands bill. However, now that you have rejected the proposed lands bill that was brought before you last February, it would now be appropriate to drop the standing agenda item.

Leaving this item on the agenda infers and intimates that Mineral County remains in discussion of the proposed lands bill that Mineral County residents and citizens have adamantly opposed and rejected and that Resolution No. 08-005 firmly rejected. Leaving the item on the agenda gives the impression to Senators Reid and Ensign that Mineral County is still “cooperating” and “in the process” of developing the “proposed lands bill.”

Mineral County rejected “a lands bill at this time.” At the May 21 meeting with Senator Reid’s representatives your board affirmed that rejection. It is, therefore, our opinion that the matter is not now an item on the table, although the board did make it clear to the representatives that there may, “in the future,” be a need for a lands bill for Mineral County.

Therefore, we would respectfully request that you remove the matter of the (recently past) proposed lands bill from its status as a standing agenda item. If another proposal for a lands bill is addressed, we believe it should begin at your board level, the local level, at which time the Board will have ample opportunity to place a new item on the agenda and to advertise the need for a lands bill to the public.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and the reasons given for it.

Respectfully,

Sue Silver, Chair
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