

# JEFF MAURER CHAUTAUQUA RESEARCH GRANT

## 2010 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua's mission is to enhance appreciation and understanding of the Mono Basin's diverse and abundant bird life and to educate the public about this area's value to birds and people.

The Mono Basin is one of the most intensively studied natural areas in California. Deep personal concern for the plight of birds sparked a legal struggle that resulted in the California Supreme Court's 1983 Public Trust decision, which reaffirmed the state's duty to balance the public trust with water allocations and thereby protect the people's common heritage resources. Guided by this new direction, the State Water Resources Control Board modified the water diversion licenses of the City of Los Angeles in 1994. The decision is still in effect today, and science played a critical role in shaping the outcome.

In order to foster and continue the long history of ecological research in the Mono Basin, and thus further the understanding and conservation of the unique Mono Basin ecosystem, the Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua's organizing members will select one bird research project each year to receive a portion of that year's Chautauqua proceeds.

**GRANT AMOUNT:** \$2,000.00

**ELIGIBILITY CAVEATS:** No single *project* can receive a Bird Chautauqua Research Grant two years in a row, and a project can receive no more than 3 years of funding within a 10 year period. *Individuals* and *organizations* may apply for the Grant in consecutive years; however the project must be distinctly different in each year.

**HOW TO APPLY:** Fill out Grant Application, attach appropriate documentation, and send to: Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua Grant Selection Committee, P.O. Box 29, Lee Vining, CA 93541, or email to [lisa@monolake.org](mailto:lisa@monolake.org)

**PROJECT TIME PERIOD:** The 2010 grant award can go toward research planned for June 1, 2010– May 31, 2011.

**GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE:** The grant selection committee must receive all applications by 5 p.m. **April 16, 2010.**

**GRANT SELECTION PROCESS:** Each member of the grant selection committee reviews and confidentially scores each application category. Scores are compiled and the application to receive the highest score is awarded. Individual members of the selection committee will abstain from scoring applications if the organization in which they represent has submitted a proposal.

**ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION:** The grant selection committee will contact the chosen applicant by **April 30, 2009** via email and written notification. We will also announce the recipient publicly at the 2010 Mono Basin Bird Chautauqua picnic, Sunday, June 20.

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## APPLICATION

**PROJECT TITLE:**

**APPLICANT:** *(please include name, organizational affiliation and contact information for person responsible for the project):*

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

**PROJECT SUMMARY** *(please generally describe your project in 500 words or less):*

**SELECTION CRITERIA:**

- 1. Local Partnerships** *(please describe in 250 words or less how this project interacts with ongoing research, land management, conservation and/or education efforts in the Mono Basin):*
- 2. Conservation Value** *(please describe in 250 words or less how this project is applicable to the conservation of the Mono Basin ecosystem):*
- 3. Education** *(please describe in 250 words or less any educational component of the research project):*

**PLEASE ATTACH CV OF APPLICANT AND ORGANIZATIONAL DESCRIPTION / MISSION STATEMENT** *(if applicable).*