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📄 [johnkarls](#) » Thu Jun 14, 2018 9:50 am

Earlier this morning (June 14), an identical 4-page letter was sent to each of 11 members of the Board of Directors of the National Audubon Society for whom a physical address could be ascertained. Here is a sample of that letter --

[📄RL-e614-DirectorLetter-NationalAudubonSociety.pdf](#)

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Each of those 11 letters contained an enclosure comprising a copy of our 5-page 4/24/2018 letter to National Audubon Society CEO David Yarnold and its 7 enclosures comprising an additional 25 pages. Here is a copy of that letter and its enclosures --

[📄RL-e425- Last-Ditch Appeal To National Audubon Society CEO - 5 pages + 7 enclosures = 30 pages total.pdf](#)

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Those letters were sent certified mail to --

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In addition, as noted in the PS to the letter sent to the foregoing 11 Directors, the following e-mail was sent earlier this morning (June 14) via LinkedIn to 9 Members of the Board of Directors of the National Audubon Society for whom physical addresses could not be ascertained but who were listed with LinkedIn --

Subject = National Audubon Board of Directors

Harvard Club – Box 126
27 West 44th Street
New York, NY 10036
john@johnkarls.com – please send any reply by e-mail since my itinerary until December is fluid
June 14, 2018

Mr. Karim Al-Khafaji
Member - Board of Directors
National Audubon Society

Re: Whether the National Audubon Society Is Executing Great Salt Lake’s Death Warrant

[Comments of the Working Group of a Salt Lake City 12-Year-Old 150-Member Public-Policy Study Group]

Dear Mr. Al-Khafaji:

Our group is attempting to contact you with regard to the referenced subject.

Unfortunately, you do not seem to have a physical address that can be ascertained and LinkedIn severely limits e-mails to non-contacts.

Accordingly, a sample letter to 11 of your colleagues is available for download in Adobe.pdf format by scrolling down to the sixth section of <http://www.ReadingLiberally-SaltLake.org> labelled “6/14/2018: National Audubon Executing Great Salt Lake Death Warrant?”

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Karls
JD, Harvard Law School, 1967
Who's Who in American Law, 1988-2003
Who's Who in America, 1988-2003
Who's Who in the World, 1994-2003

The foregoing e-mail was sent via LinkedIn to the following 9 Members of the Board of Directors of the National Audubon Society --

Mr. Karim Al-Khafaji
<https://www.linkedin.com/in/karimalkhafaji>

Ms. Susan Bell
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[Reading Liberally Editorial Note: Richard Lawrence's LinkedIn listing BLOCKED sending e-mails to him.]

In addition, the PS to our 6/14/2018 letter to the 11 Members of the Board of Directors of the National Audubon Society said that there were 13 Members of the Board of Directors for whom physical addresses could not be ascertained and who were not listed with LinkedIn. The PS requested each of the

11 recipients of the 6/14/2018 letter to provide a “Heads Up” to each of their 13 colleagues listed below that s/he could obtain a copy of the 6/14/2018 letter with enclosures from this section of <http://www.ReadingLiberally-SaltLake.org> --

Ms. Maggie Walker
Mr. Joseph Ellis
Ms. Terry L. Root
Mr. Phil Swan
Ms. Jane Alexander
Mr. Christian T. Brown
Mr. William Heck
Ms. Sarah Jeffords
Ms. R. Cynthia Pruett
Mr. Jack Stewart
Dr. Kathy Sullivan
Ms. Lili Taylor
Mr. Art Wang

[The National Audubon Staff Re-Affirms Its Position](#)

📧 **[johnkarls](#)** » Fri Jun 15, 2018 10:53 pm

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From: ReadingLiberally-SaltLake@johnkarls.com
To: ReadingLiberallyEmailList@johnkarls.com
Bcc: The members of our Great Salt Lake Working Group
Subject: The National Audubon Staff Re-Affirms Its Position
Date: Fri, June 15, 2015 10:41 pm MDT
Attachment: RL-e615-LetterFromNationalAudubonGeneralCounsel.pdf

Dear Friends,

The attached letter was received earlier this evening by e-mail from the National Audubon General Counsel in reaction to our 6/13/2018 communications to the members of the National Audubon Board of Directors.

[📎RL-e615-LetterFromNationalAudubonGeneralCounsel.pdf](#)
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She and National Audubon CEO David Yarnold appear to be taking the position that their Board of Directors has no say on the issue of whether Great Salt Lake is destroyed by using its water to grow subsidized hay for export to China.

Based on her and CEO Yarnold's behavior in ignoring our 4/24/2018 letter imploring them "to permit any donors we might solicit to contribute directly into a special fund or restricted account with your organization to be used only to finance the litigation" which National Audubon's glossy fund-raising brochure had promised in order to save Great Salt Lake, this evening's letter is not surprising. After all, she and CEO Yarnold could hardly claim that each did not receive her/his copy of the letter by FedEx on 4/25/2018.

Now that their behavior has prevented the National Audubon Society from receiving two 8-figure donations to finance the litigation as described in our 6/13/2018 letter to the National Audubon Directors, the denouement described in our letter has been reached -- the National Audubon Board of Directors will have to decide whether to reverse the staff decision and use National Audubon's own resources to save Great Salt Lake with litigation.

And if the Board fails to take such action, each individual director will be faced with the moral decision of whether to resign.

So yes, we anticipated that the National Audubon staff would re-affirm the position implied by its inaction and silence.

And yes, as we anticipated, "the events of the final chapter of [this] book to be written have yet to occur."

Your friend,

John K.

Best Wishes For Your Sabbatical

by [Cal Burgart](#) » Sat Jun 16, 2018 12:08 pm

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Best Wishes For Your Sabbatical
From: Calvin Burgart
Date: Sat, June 16, 2018 9:31 am MDT
To: ReadingLiberally-SaltLake@johnkarls.com
Attachment:

Glad to hear that you are focusing on something that you have had a great interest in.
Calvin

----- Original Message -----
Subject: Re: Best Wishes For Your Sabbatical

From: ReadingLiberally-SaltLake@johnkarls.com

Date: Sat, June 16, 2018 11:44 am MDT

To: Calvin Burgart

Attachment:

Dear Cal,

Thank you for your Good Wishes.

And yes, just like 14 years of my life were devoted to the matters described in "Inner-City Holocaust and America's Apartheid 'Justice' System (In Honor of Jonathan Kozol and in Memory of John Howard Griffen)", a significant portion of the last 2 years of my life were devoted to matters to be described in "The National Audubon Society Executes Great Salt Lake's Death Warrant."

Indeed, the other members of our Great Salt Lake Working Group thought that the National Audubon General Counsel had a lot of Chutzpah in saying that we should just forget about all the work we put into trying to save Great Salt Lake the last two years, only to see the National Audubon Society seize on our work as nothing but a fund-raising opportunity with no intention of doing what their fund-raising brochure promised -- saving Great Salt Lake with litigation.

I hope all is well with you since the end of ski season.

BTW, as our resident expert on all matters nuclear (via, inter alia, your PhD in Nuclear Engineering from the U/Tennessee's Oak Ridge National Nuclear Research Laboratory), I hope you will be proposing at least one "ad hoc topic" during my sabbatical on a nuclear public-policy matter.

Your friend,

John K.