Has 2 small islands—Paoha and Negit

Famous for its tufa towers—formed by springs on the lake bottom
Grant Lake spillway

Mono Lake's streams
Dust storm on Mono Lake bed
Public Trust Doctrine

• Public trust is an ancient Roman concept that certain lands and resources belong to the whole people and that the govt., which serves as guardian, has to manage these properties well

• This concept has been best developed in regard to one particular type of case: LAND COVERED BY WATER
Brine shrimp

Dead level
Negit Island Land Bridge

Mono Cmte. 6378'

Dead level
Everybody wanted to set a lake level! And all of them were higher than those Suggested by the LA DWP!
In Fall 1989, state passed AB 444 which would give the DWP $60MM to help them find alt. water sources.
1994 SWRCB Findings

- keep lake a few feet above 6390 as drought insurance and to control dust
- DWP must continue to restore streambeds. and must prepare a plan to restore duck habitat
- If drought drove lake levels down, diversions must shrink and must cease altogether at 6388’

Currently (1/22/10) at 6381.7 feet