

January 31, 2000

Mr. Dirk Reed Metropolitan Water District of Southern California P.O. Box 54153 Los Angeles, CA 90054-1053

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RE: R/W 99007/99723-1SN; Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry -Year Supply Program

Dear Mr. Reed:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a significant change in the status of our 30-inch diameter pipeline located near your proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage Project.

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Our pipeline system from Emidio, CA to West Texas has been shutdown and the crude oil in the pipeline is currently being displaced with nitrogen. This process is almost complete from California to the New Mexico/Texas border. The section of the pipeline from which the crude oil has been displaced will be filled with nitrogen gas at a pressure of 50 to 100 psig.

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The pipeline will not be returned to crude oil service. It is anticipated that in the near future this portion of our pipeline will be sold. It is likely that the pipeline at some point will be returned to service most probably as a natural gas pipeline, but at this time that is not known with certainty. It is also likely that all of the station equipment, piping, and tanks associated with crude oil transportation will be removed from the Cadiz Station.

We thought you should have this information to update your project Draft EIR/EIS. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this change further, please give me a call, (661) 664-5345.

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Sincerely,

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Director, Regulatory Compliance

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