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Dear Sirs:

This letter is submitted on behalf of SF Pacific Properties Inc., a Delaware corporation and owner of substantial amounts of land throughout California, including the Mojave Desert area. SF Pacific owns approximately 160,000 acres in the vicinity of the facilities to be included in the proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program.

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We have reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Draft EIS/EIR"). We recommend further off-site mitigation property in the Fenner, Cadiz, and Bristol Valleys in addition to the mitigation measures and project design features described in the Draft EIS/EIR.

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We are also aware of the hydrological issues associated with the project raised by the U.S. Geological Survey ("USGS") in its "Review of the Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program" dated February 23, 2000, and additional issues raised by the County of San Bernardino, in its "Report/Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors of San Bernardino County, California and Record of Action" dated March 7, 2000, and others. We believe that the issues raised by the USGS, the County, and others warrant further evaluation in a recirculated, supplemental draft EIS/EIR.

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Like many other California businesses, we believe that a secure and reliable source of water is a cornerstone piece in the economic stability of not only San Bernardino County, but the entire Southern California region. It is our belief that the groundwater storage programs can help support the region's overall objective of maintaining a secure and reliable water supply.

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Thank you very much for the opportunity to comment on this project.

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Sincerely yours,

SF PACIFIC PROPERTIES INC.

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