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ATTN: Jack Safely

Dear Mr. Safely:

We are writing to address some of the problems related to the "Cadig Groundwater Storage and Dry Year Supply Program" which does not appear to be resolved by the EIR put forward in November, 1999.

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We believe that a supplemental EIR should be provided which will give much needed enlightenment on the following questions:

First, of up to 1,000,000 acres-feet of stored water, how much can actually be retrieved for use in subsequent dry years with particular reference to evaporation losses?

Second, where is the Colorado River water going to come from for the 35 years of this project after 2015 when disbursement switches to the control of the Secretary of the Interior?

Third, how did the project come up with the figure of 30,000-acre feet per year as a sustainable annual groundwater removal amount when more recent estimates (USGS Report) show a much lesser figure?

Fourth, why is there no comprehensive groundwater monitoring plan with agency and public oversight which includes both agricultural usage and project usage so a sustainable regime can be maintained?

Sincerely,

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