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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

CADIZ GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND DRY-YEAR SUPPLY PROGRAM

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1999

AT NEEDLES CITY HALL

1111 BAILEY STREET, NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA

AT 7:05 P.M.

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1 MS. SALENIUS: I'D LIKE TO START THE  
2 MEETING. I'M VERY HAPPY TO SEE ALL OF YOU HERE THIS  
3 EVENING.

4 MY NAME IS SYLVIA SALENIUS. I AM WITH P & D  
5 ENVIRONMENTAL. WE ARE THE FIRM THAT WAS HIRED TO ASSEMBLE  
6 THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT. THIS MEETING TONIGHT CONCERNS  
7 THE CADIZ GROUNDWATER SUPPLY AND DRY-YEAR GROUNDWATER --  
8 GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND SUPPLY PROJECT. I OUGHT TO GET  
9 THAT RIGHT BY NOW.

10 WE'RE HERE TO DISCUSS THE ADEQUACY OF THE  
11 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS THAT WERE RELEASED LAST MONTH.  
12 THERE IS A COMMENT PERIOD THAT EXTENDS TO THE LATTER PART  
13 OF FEBRUARY. AND TONIGHT THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD TO  
14 GIVE YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE SOME INPUT TO THAT  
15 PROCESS.

16 DIRK REED IS THE PROGRAM MANAGER FOR  
17 METROPOLITAN. DIRK WILL BE MAKING A PRESENTATION ABOUT THE  
18 PROJECT AND SOME OF THE FINDINGS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
19 DOCUMENT.

20 WE ALSO HAVE IN THE AUDIENCE JACK SAFELY. JACK  
21 HAS BEEN WORKING WITH DIRK ON THIS PROJECT FOR  
22 METROPOLITAN.

23 KEN ASHFORD IS HERE ALSO FROM METROPOLITAN. KEN  
24 IS GOING TO BE TAKING COMMENT CARDS FROM YOU. SO WHEN YOU  
25 CAME IN THE DOOR, IF YOU PLAN ON SPEAKING, IF YOU WOULD

1 PICK UP A COMMENT CARD FROM KEN AND FILL THAT OUT AND GIVE  
2 IT BACK TO KEN, THEN HE WILL KNOW THAT YOU WISH TO SPEAK  
3 THIS EVENING. AND YOU CAN DO THAT AT ANY TIME DURING THE  
4 PRESENTATION, IF YOU SO DESIRE.

5 THE COMMENT CARDS ARE ALSO SET UP IN A WAY THAT  
6 THERE ARE CERTAIN ONES THAT ARE -- THAT HAVE PRE-STAMPS ON  
7 THEM THAT YOU CAN MAIL THEM BACK WITH YOUR COMMENTS. YOU  
8 CAN ALSO USE THEM AS A SOURCE FOR THE MAIL-BACK ADDRESSES,  
9 IF YOU PLAN ON SENDING A LETTER OR SOMETHING OF THAT TYPE.

10 SO THAT'S BASICALLY HOW WE HAD THAT RESPONSE  
11 MECHANISM SET UP.

12 MOLLY BRADY FROM THE B.L.M. IS ALSO HERE THIS  
13 EVENING. THE B.L.M. IS THE CO-LEAD AGENCY ON THIS  
14 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.

15 METROPOLITAN IS PROPOSING THE PROJECT AND THEIR  
16 BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL ULTIMATELY MAKE A DECISION AS TO  
17 WHETHER THEY WISH TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT OR NOT. AND  
18 THEN THE B.L.M., BECAUSE THEY HAVE JURISDICTION OVER QUITE  
19 A BIT OF THE LAND THAT IS PART OF THE ROUTE OF THE PIPELINE  
20 FACILITIES, THEY HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION TO WHETHER THEY  
21 ALLOW THE USE OF THAT LAND.

22 SO, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THE PURPOSE OF THIS  
23 MEETING TONIGHT IS TO DISCUSS THE ADEQUACY OF THE  
24 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT AND ITS FINDINGS, ITS ALTERNATIVES.

25 THERE IS A FULL 90-DAY PERIOD OF PUBLIC REVIEW ON

1 THIS PROJECT. TYPICALLY, THERE IS A 45-DAY PERIOD OF  
2 REVIEW UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT, AND  
3 A 60-DAY PERIOD OF REVIEW UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
4 PROTECTION ACT. AND IN THIS CASE WE ARE ALLOWING A 90-DAY  
5 REVIEW.

6 THE LAST DAY TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS IS  
7 FEBRUARY 23RD OF 2000. SO THAT'S THE LATTER PART OF  
8 FEBRUARY.

9 THE WAY THE MEETING WILL PROCEED THIS EVENING IS  
10 THAT DIRK WILL MAKE HIS PRESENTATION. THAT SHOULD TAKE  
11 ROUGHLY 20 MINUTES OR SO. AFTER HIS PRESENTATION, WE WILL  
12 BE TAKING DOWN YOUR COMMENTS.

13 NOW, WE DO HAVE A COURT REPORTER HERE THIS  
14 EVENING, SO I WOULD REQUEST THAT WHEN YOU ARE MAKING YOUR  
15 COMMENTS, THAT ONLY ONE PERSON SPEAK AT A TIME SO THAT OUR  
16 COURT REPORTER CAN MAKE SURE THAT SHE'S GETTING CORRECT  
17 INFORMATION. IT'S VERY DIFFICULT FOR HER TO TAKE DOWN TWO  
18 CONVERSATIONS AT ONCE.

19 AFTER WE RECEIVE YOUR COMMENTS, WE WILL TAKE  
20 APPROXIMATELY A TEN-MINUTE BREAK SO THAT IF THERE ARE ANY  
21 QUESTIONS THAT WERE RAISED OR ANY COMMENT PERIOD, THEN WE  
22 WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO ANSWER THOSE QUESTIONS FOLLOWING THE  
23 BREAK. AND SO WHILE YOU ARE DOING YOUR COMMENTS, AS I DID  
24 AT THE SCOPING OF THE MEETING -- I DON'T KNOW WHETHER YOU  
25 WERE HERE THEN -- I WILL BE WRITING DOWN YOUR COMMENTS ON

1 THE PAD AND THEN WE WILL GO THROUGH THOSE AND ANSWER THE  
2 QUESTIONS AFTER THE BREAK.

3 I WANT TO POINT OUT THIS ADDRESS. THIS IS A WEB  
4 SITE THAT THE B.L.M. HAS, W-W-W DOT C-A DOT B-L-M DOT GOV/  
5 NEEDLES. THAT IS THE SITE WHERE YOU CAN ALSO READ THE  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT. AND THIS IS THE FULL E.I.R./E.I.S.  
7 DOCUMENT, THE 600-PLUS PAGE DOCUMENT, WHICH HAS ALL OF THE  
8 EXHIBITS AND ALL OF THE TEXT ON ALL OF THE SPECIAL ISSUES  
9 THAT WERE LOOKED AT FOR THIS PROJECT.

10 WITH THAT, I'D LIKE TO TURN IT OVER -- OH, ONE  
11 MORE THING. WE ALSO HAVE DOCUMENTS. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A  
12 COPY OF THE FULL BIG DOCUMENT, YOU WANT TO LOOK AT IT,  
13 THERE ARE COPIES OF THE DOCUMENT AVAILABLE IN THE PUBLIC  
14 LIBRARIES IN NEEDLES, SAN BERNARDINO, BARSTOW AND  
15 TWENTYNINE PALMS. SO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT THOSE  
16 DOCUMENTS, AND YOU ONLY RECEIVED THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, FOR  
17 EXAMPLE, YOU CAN GO FIND THOSE IN THOSE LOCATIONS.

18 THEY'RE ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE B.L.M. OFFICE HERE  
19 IN NEEDLES OR YOU HAVE NEEDLES AND RIVERSIDE ALSO. AND  
20 THEY'RE ALSO AVAILABLE AT METROPOLITAN'S DOWNTOWN OFFICE.

21 DIRK, YOU'RE ON.

22 MR. REED: THANKS. THANKS A LOT, SYL.

23 BASICALLY, WHAT I'M GOING TO DO IS JUST GIVE YOU  
24 A GENERAL OVERVIEW OF THE PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS AND  
25 THEN GO INTO A LITTLE BIT MORE DETAIL ABOUT THE PROJECT

1 ITSELF AND THEN GO INTO -- TURN IT BACK OVER TO SYL, LET  
2 HER TAKE US INTO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION OF THIS  
3 MEETING.

4           BASICALLY, WHAT WE'RE DOING HERE TODAY IS TO --  
5 THESE PUBLIC MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD TO OBTAIN COMMENTS ON  
6 THE DOCUMENTS. LIKE SYL MENTIONED TO YOU AT THE VERY  
7 BEGINNING, NOT JUST E.I.R. AT THE LIBRARY, ALL THE  
8 DOCUMENTS WITH THIS ENVIRONMENTAL E.I.R./E.I.S., INCLUDES  
9 ALL THE TECHNICAL REPORTS, THE WATER RESOURCES REPORTS, THE  
10 OTHER ONES, THE BIOLOGY AND OTHER ONES ALSO. THEY'RE ALL  
11 AT THE LIBRARIES THAT SYL MENTIONED A FEW MINUTES AGO.

12           WHAT WE'RE GOING TO ALSO DO, YOU HAVE SEVERAL  
13 AVENUES TO COMMENT. ONE, YOU GET UP AND SPEAK TODAY; TWO,  
14 YOU CAN RETURN A COMMENT CARD LIKE SHE MENTIONED OR WRITE  
15 US A LETTER. THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF THAT IS YOU GET  
16 US THE LETTER BEFORE FEBRUARY 23RD. I KNOW THIS SAYS  
17 FEBRUARY 22ND; IT IS FEBRUARY 23RD, YEAR 2000.

18           WE GO INTO A LITTLE BIT ABOUT METROPOLITAN  
19 THEMSELVES. EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS WHO METROPOLITAN IS AND  
20 WHAT WE DO. IT WAS CREATED IN 1928. WE ARE A STATE PUBLIC  
21 AGENCY. WHAT WE DO IS SUPPLY WATER TO THE SOUTHERN  
22 CALIFORNIA REGION COVERING VENTURA, CALIFORNIA; ORANGE,  
23 RIVERSIDE, SAN DIEGO AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTIES.

24           WE SUPPLY ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF THE WATER USED IN  
25 THAT REGION. IN PARTICULAR, METROPOLITAN PROVIDES ABOUT

1 TWO-THIRDS OF THE WATER USED IN -- IMPORTED WATER -- USED  
2 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. BY 2020, WE WILL BE PROVIDING  
3 ABOUT 300,000 ACRE-FEET PER YEAR, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY.

4 WE GET OUR WATER FROM TWO BASIC SOURCES: ONE,  
5 FROM NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO BAY-DELTA, VIA THE  
6 CALIFORNIA AQUEDUCT; SECOND ONE WE GET IS COLORADO RIVER  
7 WATER VIA THE CALIFORNIA RIVER AQUEDUCT.

8 MOST EVERYBODY UNDERSTANDS THE GROUNDWATER BASINS  
9 IN THE DESERT AREA BUT, BASICALLY, THERE'S TWO KINDS OF  
10 GROUNDWATER BASINS IN THE DESERT. THERE'S THE KINDS THAT  
11 DRAIN BACK TOWARD THE COLORADO RIVER, SUCH AS THE PIUTE AND  
12 CHEMEHUEVI. AND THERE'S THE KIND THAT DRAIN TOWARD DRY  
13 LAKE BEDS WHERE THE WATER THEN EVAPORATES AWAY SUCH AS  
14 FENNER, BRISTOL AND CADIZ.

15 SHOWN ON THIS MAP, YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE'S A LOT  
16 OF DIFFERENT GROUNDWATER BASINS DIVIDED IN THE DESERT  
17 REGION. THESE GROUNDWATER BASINS ARE DIVIDED BY ROCK  
18 STRUCTURE IN BETWEEN THEM THAT SEPARATE NOT JUST THE  
19 TOPOGRAPHIC, BUT THE SUBSURFACE FLOWS.

20 A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE PROJECT ITSELF. THE CADIZ  
21 GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND DRY-YEAR SUPPLY PROGRAM HAS  
22 BASICALLY THREE COMPONENTS TO IT. FIRST COMPONENT, WE'RE  
23 LOOKING TO STORE COLORADO RIVER WATER THAT'S AVAILABLE  
24 METROPOLITAN IN WET YEARS IN THE GROUNDWATER BASIN.

25 THE SECOND COMPONENT, WE'RE LOOKING TO EXTRACT



1 THAT WATER FROM THE GROUNDWATER BASIN, MOVE IT BACK TO THE  
2 COLORADO RIVER AQUEDUCT AND MOVE IT BACK INTO  
3 METROPOLITAN'S SERVICE AREA.

4 THE THIRD COMPONENT IS A TRANSFER OF SOME OF THE  
5 INDIGENOUS GROUNDWATER IN THE BASIN BACK TO THE COLORADO  
6 RIVER AQUEDUCT AND BACK INTO THE METROPOLITAN SERVICE AREA.

7 FENNER VALLEY COVERS ABOUT 1300 SQUARE MILES.  
8 IT'S A LARGE GROUNDWATER BASIN. IT RISES IN ELEVATION TO  
9 ABOUT 7,500 FEET UP IN THE NEW YORK MOUNTAINS. THESE  
10 MOUNTAINS HAVE SNOW ON THEM AT TIMES. AND IT DROPS DOWN TO  
11 ABOUT 500 FEET ELEVATION DOWN BY THE BRISTOL/CADIZ DRY LAKE  
12 BEDS.

13 AVERAGE RAINFALL IN THIS BASIN IS 12 TO 13 INCHES  
14 PER YEAR. THE BASIN WITH THAT RAINFALL AND THE SNOWFALL  
15 HAS ABOUT 30,000 ACRE-FOOT PER YEAR OF NATURAL  
16 RECHARGE THAT MOVES THROUGH THIS BASIN DOWN TOWARD THE  
17 CADIZ AND BRISTOL DRY LAKES AND EVAPORATES OFF.

18 YOU CAN TELL THERE'S A DIFFERENCE IN DRY LAKE  
19 BED. THE CADIZ AND BRISTOL DRY LAKE BEDS ARE WHITE. THAT  
20 IS BECAUSE THE GROUNDWATER MOVES TOWARD THE DRY LAKE BEDS  
21 SUBSURFACE AND EVAPORATES OFF. WATER BELOW THE SURFACE IS  
22 ABOUT FIVE FEET BELOW THE SURFACE.

23 OTHER DRY LAKE BEDS, SUCH AS HAYFIELD VALLEY,  
24 LOCATED ALONG THE 10 FREEWAY, IS BROWN IN COLOR. THAT DRY  
25 LAKE BED HAS NO EVAPORATION OF GROUNDWATER. GROUNDWATER

1 THERE IS ABOUT 600 FEET BELOW SURFACE. A BIG DIFFERENCE IN  
2 THE TWO KINDS OF DRY LAKE BEDS; KIND OF GIVES YOU AN IDEA  
3 WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE GROUNDWATER ITSELF.

4 IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAM, A LOT OF  
5 FACILITIES NEED TO BE CONSTRUCTED. IN ORDER TO MOVE THE  
6 WATER UP INTO THE GROUNDWATER BASIN FOR STORAGE,  
7 METROPOLITAN NEEDS TO CONSTRUCT A 35-MILE PIPELINE TO RUN  
8 FROM THE IRON MOUNTAIN FACILITY PUMPING PLANT UP TO THE  
9 CADIZ AND FENNER VALLEY.

10 IN ORDER TO INFILTRATE -- GET THE WATER INTO THE  
11 GROUND, METROPOLITAN IS GOING TO HAVE TO CONSTRUCT ABOUT  
12 400 ACRES OF SPREADING BASINS. AND THEN TO EXTRACT THE  
13 WATER BACK OUT OF THE GROUND, APPROXIMATELY 30 EXTRACTION  
14 WELLS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED.

15 THOSE ARE THE FACILITIES THAT WERE NEEDED IN  
16 ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THOSE THREE OBJECTIVES OF STORING  
17 WATER, EXTRACTING WATER AND TRANSFERRING SOME OF THE NATIVE  
18 GROUNDWATER.

19 AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS, A NUMBER OF  
20 CATEGORIES WERE STUDIED. SOME OF THESE CATEGORIES WERE  
21 DEVELOPED AS PART OF THE SCOPING PROCESS, THE SCOPING  
22 MEETINGS WE HAD AT TWENTYNINE PALMS, CADIZ RANCH SITE AND  
23 HERE. THESE COVERED SUCH THINGS AS HYDROLOGY, WATER  
24 QUALITY, PALEO -- THE BONES AROUND THE DRY LAKE BED -- DOWN  
25 TO HAZARDOUS SERVICES, HAZARDOUS WASTE HAZARD.

1           IN THIS CASE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT UNEXPLODED  
2           ORDNANCES IN THE DESERT AREA. WHAT I'D LIKE TO TALK ABOUT  
3           IS MAINLY A FEW OF THEM THAT MOST OF THE PUBLIC HAD  
4           QUESTIONS ABOUT, THAT HAVE SOME ISSUES ADDRESSED IN THE  
5           ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.

6           I'M GOING TO GO ACROSS A FEW OF THESE. THESE ARE  
7           DISCUSSED IN DEPTH IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT ITSELF.  
8           FOR INSTANCE, HYDROLOGY; A LOT OF PEOPLE WANTED TO KNOW  
9           WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE EFFECT WHEN METROPOLITAN STORES  
10          APPROXIMATELY A MILLION ACRE-FEET OF WATER IN THE  
11          GROUNDWATER BASIN, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN WITH THE  
12          GROUNDWATER BASIN ITSELF?

13          AS YOU CAN SEE ON THIS ILLUSTRATION, WHAT YOU CAN  
14          SEE IS YOU WILL SEE A GROUNDWATER MOUND FORM UNDERNEATH THE  
15          SPREADING BASINS. APPROXIMATELY A HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FEET  
16          MOUND WILL BE FORMED UNDERNEATH THAT SPREADING BASIN. THAT  
17          WATER WILL FAN OUT TO WHERE IT GETS ABOUT A FOOT OF THE  
18          INCREASED GROUNDWATER ELEVATION OVER THE NATIVE  
19          GROUNDWATER ITSELF.

20          YOU CAN SEE THAT THE MARBLE MOUNTAINS AND THE  
21          SHIP MOUNTAINS ISOLATE THIS MOUNDING RIGHT OVER THE TOP OF  
22          THE CADIZ PROPERTY OF THE CADIZ LANDHOLDING IN THE FENNER  
23          VALLEY HERE.

24          NEXT BIGGEST QUESTION WAS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN  
25          METROPOLITAN EXTRACTS WATER FROM THE GROUNDWATER BASIN, NOT

1 JUST THE WATER WE STORED THERE, BUT IF WE EXTRACT  
2 ADDITIONAL WATER, NATIVE GROUNDWATER, FROM THE GROUNDWATER  
3 BASIN, WHAT'S GOING TO BE THE EFFECT?

4 YOU CAN SEE HOW THIS ILLUSTRATION -- WHAT HAPPENS  
5 IS IT ENDS UP CREATING ABOUT A HUNDRED AND EIGHTY FOOT HOLE  
6 IN THE GROUNDWATER BASIN. AGAIN, LOCATED UNDER THE CADIZ  
7 PROPERTIES, FANS OUT TO ABOUT A FOOT OF DISTANCE BETWEEN  
8 THE NATIVE GROUNDWATER WHERE IT WOULD HAVE BEEN WITHOUT THE  
9 PROJECT.

10 WHEN THE BIG AREAS DOWN IN THE BRISTOL DRY LAKE  
11 WAS A BIG CONCERN HAVING TO DO SALT MINING AND SALT MINING  
12 OPERATION THAT ARE LOCATED DOWN THERE, WE HAD SEVERAL  
13 QUESTIONS OF WHAT WOULD BE THE EFFECT ON THE SALT MINING  
14 OPERATIONS OF BRISTOL DRY LAKE.

15 OVER TIME, THE BRISTOL DRY LAKE IS GOING TO SEE A  
16 CHANGE IN ELEVATION. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE ALL POSITIVE;  
17 NOT GOING TO BE NEGATIVE. AS YOU CAN SEE, THIS IS BEING  
18 INCHES ON THE SIDE OF THE BOARD. AS YOU CAN SEE, WHEN WE  
19 PUT WATER IN, BRISTOL DRY LAKE IS GOING TO SEE AN ELEVATION  
20 RISE IN THE GROUND WATER ABOUT 12 INCHES.

21 BY THE -- HALFWAY THROUGH THE PROGRAM, YOU ARE  
22 GOING TO SEE ABOUT A 12-INCH DECLINE IN THE GROUNDWATER  
23 BASIN. AS IT MOVES, OVER TIME, IT'S GOING BACK TO  
24 EQUILIBRIUM, BACK TO ZERO EFFECT ON THE GROUNDWATER BASIN  
25 ITSELF.

1 SEVERAL PEOPLE WANTED TO KNOW IF THERE'S GOING TO  
2 BE AN EFFECT ON WATER QUALITY. BY INTRODUCING COLORADO  
3 RIVER WATER IN THE GROUNDWATER BASIN, WHAT WOULD BE THAT  
4 EFFECT?

5 COLORADO RIVER WATER HAS A DIFFERENT QUALITY THAN  
6 THE GROUNDWATER DOES. AS YOU'RE OPERATING THE GROUNDWATER  
7 BASIN, PUTTING WATER IN AND TAKING WATER OUT, WHAT'S GOING  
8 TO HAPPEN TO THE QUALITY OF THE WATER?

9 AN ILLUSTRATION OF THAT, WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE  
10 SALINE INTERFACE, IN ESSENCE, GOT FRESH WATER IN FENNER  
11 VALLEY, SALINE WATER IN THE DRY LAKE BEDS, WHAT'S GOING ON  
12 BETWEEN THOSE TWO WHEN YOU OPERATE THIS PROGRAM?

13 AS YOU CAN SEE, THE MAXIMUM INVOLVEMENT OF THAT  
14 SALINE INTERFACE, THE PORTION BETWEEN THE SALINE WATER AND  
15 THE FRESH WATER, IS ABOUT 2,000 FEET, THE MAXIMUM MOVEMENT  
16 OF THE SALINE INTERFACE.

17 WHAT HAPPENS IS WHEN WE PUT WATER IN, IT STARTS  
18 TO MOVE AWAY. WHEN WE TAKE WATER BACK OUT, IT STARTS TO  
19 MOVE BACK. IN ESSENCE, WHAT IT DOES, IT MOVES AWAY FROM  
20 THE PLACE ABOUT 2,000 FEET AND IT MOVES BACK TO ZERO.

21 MOST OF YOU MIGHT BE FAMILIAR WITH GROUNDWATER IN  
22 SURFACE ELEVATION CHANGES THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE CENTRAL  
23 VALLEY. UP THERE, DUE TO GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION, THEY HAVE  
24 SOMEWHERE AROUND 30 TO 60 FEET ELEVATION CHANGE IN THE  
25 SURFACE ITSELF. IT'S A MAJOR ISSUE THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED

1 AT AS PART OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION PROCESS, AND  
2 WE DID THAT ALSO HERE.

3 BY PUTTING WATER IN AND TAKING WATER BACK OUT,  
4 THERE ARE SATURATING ZONES OF SOIL THAT HASN'T BEEN  
5 SATURATED BEFORE. WHAT YOU SEE IS YOU CAN RE-LAY THE BEDS  
6 OF SOIL AGAIN. WHAT HAPPENS IN DOING THAT IS IT  
7 CONSOLIDATES, IT SUBSIDES. THE MAXIMUM SUBSIDENCE THAT  
8 WE'RE LOOKING AT TO HAVE ON THIS PROJECT IS ABOUT A FOOT  
9 AND A HALF OF SUBSIDENCE LOCATED AGAIN ON THE CADIZ  
10 PROPERTY. THAT'S SPREAD OVER ABOUT THREE MILES ACROSS AND  
11 ABOUT SIX MILES ALONG.

12 YOU CAN MODEL, YOU CAN CALCULATE, YOU CAN  
13 ESTIMATE WHAT THE EFFECTS OF ANY PROGRAM IS ON THE  
14 GROUNDWATER BASIN, BUT THE BEST THING TO DO IS TO DEVELOP A  
15 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN TO ENSURE THAT THE EFFECTS THAT  
16 YOU HAVE MODELED THAT YOU DETERMINED WOULD HAPPEN, NOTHING  
17 HAPPENS WORSE THAN THAT. AS A MATTER OF FACT, YOU TRY TO  
18 ALLEVIATE THOSE EFFECTS. THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT AGAIN IS  
19 DEVELOP A GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

20 THAT IS WHAT METROPOLITAN IS DEVELOPING IN  
21 WORKING WITH SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. WE ARE DEVELOPING A  
22 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THIS PROJECT, GROUNDWATER  
23 MANAGEMENT PLAN WILL BE PART OF THE FINAL DOCUMENTATION AND  
24 WILL BE UPDATED ANNUALLY.

25 A GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN IS GOING TO

1 REGULATE THE OPERATIONS OF THE PROGRAM. IN OTHER WORDS,  
2 WHEN SOMETHING IS STARTING TO HAPPEN OUT THERE, WE START TO  
3 SEE THINGS CHANGE. WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO IS WE'RE GOING  
4 TO CHANGE THE OPERATIONS. IT'S ALSO GOING TO IDENTIFY  
5 EARLY ANY -- AND PROVIDE MEASURES TO ELIMINATE ANY  
6 POTENTIALLY SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS. THAT IS WHAT A  
7 GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN IS SUPPOSED TO DO.

8 THE KINDS OF THINGS WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT,  
9 CHANGES IN THE WATER QUALITY DUE TO THE COLORADO RIVER  
10 WATER BEING PUT INTO THE GROUNDWATER BASIN ITSELF.

11 OTHER ITEMS, FLUCTUATIONS OF GROUNDWATER LEVELS.  
12 WE WILL HAVE TO MAKE SURE WHAT WE SHOW IS HAPPENING IN OUR  
13 MODELING IS WHAT HAPPENS IN THE GROUNDWATER BASIN.

14 WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT THE MOVEMENT OF THE BRINE  
15 WATER INTERFACE THAT HAS AN EFFECT ON THE GROUNDWATER  
16 BASIN; AND ALSO WATCH THE CHANGES IN THE SURFACE ITSELF  
17 WITH ELEVATION SURVEYS SO THAT WE CAN KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON  
18 THAT.

19 THIS IS WHAT WE PLAN TO DO IN ORDER TO MONITOR,  
20 MANAGE AND THIS ALSO HAS MEASURES TO CORRECT ANYTHING  
21 THAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE IN THE GROUNDWATER BASIN ITSELF  
22 DOWN TO CHANGE IN THE OPERATIONS OF THE PROGRAM.

23 BASICALLY, WE ENDED UP WITH THREE TYPES OF  
24 RESOURCES THAT WE COULD NOT MITIGATE BELOW THE LEVEL OF  
25 SIGNIFICANCE. THOSE THREE RESOURCES COVER BROAD AREAS SUCH

1 AS PALEO RESOURCES, AIR QUALITY AND NOISE AND HAZARDOUS  
2 MATERIALS.

3 FIRST, THE BOTTOM ONE WHAT THAT HAS TO DEAL WITH,  
4 THAT HAS TO DEAL WITH UNEXPLODED ORDNANCES. WE ARE GOING  
5 TO BE SERVING IN FRONT OF THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT TO SEE  
6 IF WE HAVE ANY ORDNANCE OUT THERE, BUT THERE IS NO  
7 GUARANTEE THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE ABLE TO SEE ALL OF THEM  
8 AND REMOVE THEM PRIOR TO CONSTRUCTION.

9 IF THE CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT RUNS ACROSS ANY OF  
10 THOSE ORDNANCES, THAT WOULD BE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT,  
11 SPECIALLY TO THE PEOPLE THAT ARE IN THE CONSTRUCTION. YOU  
12 CAN'T MITIGATE THAT BEYOND THE LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AND BE  
13 SURE. THAT IS THE REASON WHY THAT WOULD BE REMAINING.

14 SECOND ONE HAS TO DO WITH AIR QUALITY AND NOISE.  
15 THERE IS QUITE A BIT OF DUST OUT THERE ALREADY. IF  
16 INCREASED, ANY DUST IN THE AREA IS GOING TO BE CONSIDERED  
17 SIGNIFICANT. WE HAVE CONSIDERABLE MEASURES THAT WE HAVE IN  
18 PLACE TO MITIGATE FOR DUST. BUT THE INCREASE IN ANY DUST  
19 DUE TO CONSTRUCTION WILL STILL CAUSE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT.

20 THE LAST ONE HAS TO DO WITH PALEO RESOURCES;  
21 THOSE ARE BONES. WHAT YOU HAVE WHEN YOU GET AROUND DRY  
22 LAKE BEDS IS THE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF ANIMALS THAT HAVE  
23 GONE DOWN TO THE DRY LAKE BEDS, ENDED UP DYING DOWN THERE.  
24 WE EXPECT TO GET SOME OF THE BONES AS PART OF THE  
25 CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIPELINE. WE WILL MONITOR THOSE. WE



1 WILL RECOVER WHAT WE CAN ON THOSE. WE WILL DO STUDIES ON  
2 SOME OF THEM.

3 METROPOLITAN HAS DONE EXTENSIVE WORK ON PALEO  
4 RESOURCES IN THE PAST AND DO SO ON THIS PROJECT ALSO. BUT  
5 BY EXCAVATING ANY OF THOSE RESOURCES, THUS HAVE A  
6 SIGNIFICANT IMPACT, YOU CANNOT MITIGATE THAT BELOW THE  
7 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE. THAT IS THE REASON WHY THAT ONE IS  
8 REMAINING.

9 THAT IS WHERE THE TIME LINE -- YOU REMEMBER WE  
10 WERE OUT HERE IN FEBRUARY -- MARCH WHEN WE HAD THE SCOPING  
11 MEETING. THAT WAS WHEN YOU COULD GIVE US INPUT ON WHAT  
12 ISSUES WE NEEDED TO ADDRESS IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.  
13 WE BELIEVE WE HAVE ADDRESSED THOSE. THOSE, AS SYL  
14 MENTIONED TO YOU, ARE AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARY FOR YOU TO  
15 GO BY AND SEE. TWO FULL SETS AT EACH LIBRARY. ALSO, THEY  
16 ARE AVAILABLE AT THE NEEDLES OFFICE.

17 WE HAVE PREPARED THAT DRAFT E.I.R., PUT IT OUT TO  
18 PEOPLE TO READ, COMMENT ON. WE ARE HAVING THESE PUBLIC  
19 MEETINGS TO GET YOU THE INFORMATION, TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT'S  
20 AVAILABLE, WHERE IT IS.

21 WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS HAVING A COMMENT PERIOD  
22 THROUGH FEBRUARY 23RD -- AND I KNOW WHAT IT SAYS ON THE  
23 BOARD -- FEBRUARY 23RD, THE YEAR 2000. YOU MIGHT SEE ONE  
24 THING EVERY NOW AND THEN SAYS FEBRUARY 23RD, 1999. THAT'S  
25 NOT THE COMMENT PERIOD DATE EITHER. ONE OF THOSE Y2K

1 PROBLEMS, WHEN YOU TYPE IT IN, DOESN'T QUITE FIX IT. IT IS  
2 FEBRUARY 23RD, YEAR 2000 IS CLOSED COMMENT PERIOD. WE'D  
3 LIKE TO HAVE YOUR COMMENT LETTER BY THAT DATE.

4 C.E.Q.A. HAS A 45-DAY COMMENT PERIOD.

5 N.E.P.A. HAS A 60 DAYS. THOSE ARE THESE PERIODS  
6 FOR CALIFORNIA QUALITY ACT, NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY  
7 ACT. THOSE ARE DIFFERENT COMMENT PERIODS. THIS ALSO HAS A  
8 DESERT PLAN AMENDMENT ATTACHED TO IT, HAS A 90-DAY COMMENT  
9 PERIOD. WHAT WE'VE DONE IS EXTENDED ALL OF THEM TO THE  
10 90-DAY COMMENT PERIOD TO ALLOW YOU TO COMMENT, NOT JUST ON  
11 THE PLAN AMENDMENT CHANGES, NOT JUST ON THE C.E.Q.A.  
12 CHANGES, EVERYTHING ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE FULL EXTENT OF  
13 THE COMMENT PERIODS.

14 WHAT WILL HAPPEN IS METROPOLITAN'S BOARD WILL  
15 LOOK AT YOUR COMMENTS.

16 LET ME BACK UP A STEP FIRST. EVERY COMMENT YOU  
17 SUPPLY TO US, EITHER TODAY WHEN YOU GET UP AND SPEAK, OR ON  
18 THE COMMENT CARDS, OR EVEN WHEN YOU WRITE A LETTER TO US,  
19 WILL BE RESPONDED TO IN WRITING. YOU WILL GET A WRITTEN  
20 RESPONSE TO THOSE COMMENTS. WHAT I SAY TODAY WILL BE  
21 MOSTLY FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE PROJECTS BECAUSE I DON'T  
22 KNOW ALL THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROGRAM. WE CAN FILL  
23 UP THE ROOM WITH THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE DONE THE WORK ON  
24 THAT, AND SO WE DECIDED TO LEAVE THOSE PEOPLE HOME, TRY TO  
25 GIVE YOU WHAT WE CAN.

1           YOU TELL US WHAT YOUR COMMENTS ARE, WE WILL  
2 RESPOND TO YOUR COMMENTS IN WRITING PRIOR TO ANY BOARD  
3 ACTION OR ANY ACTION WITH THIS PROJECT. THOSE COMMENTS,  
4 THIS ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT, WILL ALL BE PROVIDED TO  
5 METROPOLITAN'S BOARDS FOR ACTION, INCLUDING B.L.M., PRIOR  
6 TO ACTION, THAT WAY YOU GET -- YOU KNOW THAT YOUR COMMENTS  
7 ARE PART OF THE PROCESS.

8           IF THE PROJECT MOVES FORWARD, WHAT WE'RE LOOKING  
9 AT IS ABOUT 12 TO 14 MONTHS WORTH OF CONSTRUCTION. THAT'S  
10 HOW LONG IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO BUILD THE PROJECT. IT'S A  
11 LARGE PROGRAM, A LOT OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES. IT WILL  
12 TAKE ABOUT A LITTLE OVER A YEAR TO CONSTRUCT THIS PROJECT.  
13 SO YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IT TO BE ON LINE, OPERATIONAL,  
14 SOMETIME AROUND SPRING OF 2001.

15           WITH THAT BEING SAID, WHAT I WILL DO IS TURN IT  
16 BACK OVER TO SYL, LET HER TAKE US INTO THE PUBLIC COMMENT  
17 PORTION OF THE MEETING. SHE'S GOING TO BE WRITING DOWN THE  
18 COMMENTS ON THE BOARD. THE STENOGRAPHER IS GOING TO BE  
19 TRYING TO RECORD YOUR COMMENTS YOU GOT TO -- REASON TO SAY  
20 YOUR NAME, SHE CAN GET THAT STRAIGHT, WE CAN GET IT ALL ON  
21 THE RECORD SO WE GET THEM RESPONDED TO.

22           THANK YOU.

23           MS. SALENIUS: HAS EVERYONE WHO WISHES TO  
24 SPEAK THIS EVENING FILLED OUT A COMMENT CARD? GET ONE FROM  
25 KEN THERE. COULD YOU RAISE YOUR HANDS IF YOU'D LIKE A

1 COMMENT CARD?

2 (NO HANDS RAISED.)

3 MS. SALENIUS: OKAY. I JUST WANT TO MAKE  
4 ANOTHER STATEMENT ABOUT THE RESPONSES TO THE COMMENTS.  
5 RESPONSES TO THE COMMENTS WILL BE COMPILED IN A DOCUMENT  
6 THAT WILL BE USED AS THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT  
7 STATEMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT; SO THEY WILL ALL BE  
8 TOGETHER IN ONE DOCUMENT AND AVAILABLE FOR YOU TO REVIEW.

9 I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE FIRST SPEAKER, IF WE HAVE A  
10 NAME.

11 LINDA STARR: NO, NO. THAT'S OKAY. I'M NOT  
12 QUITE READY.

13 MS. SALENIUS: PARDON?

14 MR. ASHFORD: THAT'S THE ONLY ONE WE HAVE SO  
15 FAR, MRS. STARR.

16 MS. SALENIUS: ALL RIGHT.

17 RUTH LOPEZ: I WILL GIVE YOU MINE.

18 MS. SALENIUS: I WILL WAIT A MOMENT.

19 RUTH LOPEZ: I WILL JUST -- QUESTION ONE.

20 MY FIRST ONE IS WHO WILL BE MAKING A DECISION ON THIS  
21 PROJECT, SPECIFICALLY NAME, PHONE NUMBER, ADDRESS; AND WHAT  
22 INTEREST THEY HAVE IN THIS PROJECT? WHAT SHARES THAT YOU  
23 HAVE ALREADY GIVEN THEM IN THE COMPANY AND ANYBODY ELSE  
24 INVOLVED IN DECISION MAKING, IF THEY HAVE BEEN -- ALSO BEEN  
25 GIVEN SHARES IN THE COMPANY, THE PUBLIC WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

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WHAT INTEREST THEY HAVE, AND WHO'S GOING TO MAKE THE  
DECISION WHAT INTEREST IN THE PROJECT THEY HAVE?

THAT'S MY FIRST QUESTION.

MS. SALENIUS: OKAY.

RUTH LOPEZ: COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE US AN  
ANSWER?

MY NAME IS RUTH LOPEZ, 420 E. STREET, NEEDLES,  
CALIFORNIA; PHONE NUMBER (760) 326-4318; ALSO 2519.  
MESSAGE: 4318.

I AM DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE AGAINST  
RADIOACTIVE DUMPING. I AM FORMER COUNCIL PERSON OF THE  
CITY OF NEEDLES, ALSO FORMER EMPLOYEE ARCHEOLOGIST AT THE  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WITH REINSTATEMENT RIGHTS -- BY  
THE WAY. AND I WAS AN EXEMPLARY EMPLOYEE WITH THE B.L.M.  
I RECEIVED MANY CERTIFICATES AND HONORS AND RECOGNITION OF  
THAT FACT AND WAS DENIED REINSTATEMENT TODAY BY MAIL --  
THANK YOU -- UM, FOR SOME UNKNOWN REASON.

ANYWAY, I THINK IT MIGHT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO  
WITH THE FACT OF MY POSITION POLITICALLY OBJECTING TO A  
PROJECT SUCH AS CADIZ SO VOCIFEROUSLY OUTSPOKENLY.

UM, MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IS PARDNERS AT C-T-A-Z DOT  
COM. AND ANYBODY CAN E-MAIL ME AND GET TOGETHER WITH THE  
ASSOCIATION THAT WE'RE TRYING TO PULL TOGETHER DURING THIS  
REVIEW PERIOD.

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UM, PEOPLE ALL OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ARE GOING

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1 TO BE AFFECTED. PEOPLE FROM ARIZONA ARE GOING TO BE  
2 AFFECTED, FROM MEXICO ARE GOING TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.  
3 ALL OF THESE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

4 IF YOU'D LIKE TO GET INVOLVED, GIVE ME A CALL OR  
5 E-MAIL ME OR WRITE TO ME.

6 AND YOU CAN PUT MY E-MAIL ADDRESS UP THERE ALONG  
7 WITH THE B.L.M.'S, PLEASE.

8 COULD WE HAVE AN ANSWER TO THE QUESTION BEFORE?

9 MS. SALENIUS: WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A BREAK  
10 AFTER. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A BREAK  
11 AFTER WE GET THE TESTIMONY SO THAT WE CAN DETERMINE WHICH  
12 QUESTIONS WE ARE ABLE TO ANSWER -- BECAUSE WE HAVE  
13 INFORMATION THIS EVENING -- AND WHICH QUESTIONS ARE GOING  
14 TO HAVE TO APPEAR IN THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT WITH  
15 ANSWER. BECAUSE SOME OF THE QUESTIONS YOU ASK, WE MAY NOT  
16 HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TONIGHT TO BE ABLE TO ANSWER  
17 THEM.

18 MS. LOPEZ: IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE ASK A  
19 QUESTION, YOU ARE NOT GOING TO ANSWER?

20 MS. SALENIUS: THERE MAY BE SOME QUESTIONS  
21 THAT WE DO NOT HAVE THE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE TO RESPOND TO  
22 THIS EVENING.

23 THERE WERE A LOT OF GEOHYDROLOGISTS WHO WORKED ON  
24 THIS PROJECT, A LOT OF BIOLOGISTS.

25 THIS IS NOT A TECHNICAL QUESTION. GO THROUGH

1 YOUR QUESTIONS AND THEN WE WILL BE ABLE TO DETERMINE WHICH  
2 ONES WE CAN ANSWER.

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3 RUTH LOPEZ: I HAVE TO HAVE AN ANSWER TO  
4 THAT BEFORE I CAN GO ONTO MY NEXT QUESTION; WHO IS GOING TO  
5 MAKE THE DECISION ON THIS PROJECT? IF WE DON'T KNOW THAT,  
6 HOW CAN WE EVEN --

7 MS. SALENIUS: WE WILL TAKE THAT INTO  
8 CONSIDERATION WHEN WE GO TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS. WE HAVE  
9 TO GET YOUR QUESTIONS AND THEN WE ARE GOING TO TAKE A BREAK  
10 AND THEN WE WILL RESPOND TO YOUR QUESTIONS TO THE EXTENT  
11 THAT WE ARE CAPABLE OF RESPONDING THIS EVENING.

M3-5  
12 RUTH LOPEZ: OKAY. WHAT -- THE THIRD  
13 QUESTION THEN IS ACTUALLY THE SECOND QUESTION THAT YOU HAVE  
14 NUMBERED FOR NUMBER THREE, WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR  
15 EVALUATING WHETHER OR NOT THIS PARTICULAR DOCUMENT, WHICH  
16 THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES AND CADIZ,  
17 ALONG WITH THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT HAVE -- HAS  
18 WRITTEN? WHAT IS THE CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING WHETHER IT'S  
19 SUFFICIENT AND ADEQUATE?

20 DO YOU HAVE C.F.R. OR STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS?

21 WHAT REQUIREMENTS ARE YOU GOING TO GO BY?

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22 MY FOURTH QUESTION IS WHAT NEW LAWS HAVE GONE IN  
23 EFFECT SINCE THE LAST TIME YOU'VE HAD A PUBLIC MEETING  
24 WHICH WOULD AFFECT THIS PROJECT?

25 WHAT NEW LEGISLATION WAS PASSED ON A STATE AND

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 1 FEDERAL LEVEL? AND WAS THIS LEGISLATION INCLUDED IN THE  
 2 DOCUMENT THAT IS -- HAS BEEN SENT TO THE PUBLIC FOR REVIEW?  
 3 THE NEW STATE LAWS AND FEDERAL LAWS THAT WOULD --  
 4 REGULATIONS THAT WOULD AFFECT THIS PARTICULAR PROJECT  
 5 AND -- AND WHAT EFFECT THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT'S  
 6 POSITION CONCERNING MANAGEMENT OF THE DESERT WATER?

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 7 WHICH LEADS ME TO THE FIFTH QUESTION, AND THAT IS  
 8 WHO OWNS THE WATER THAT IS BEING SURPASSED -- SURPASSED FOR  
 9 TRANSFER FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER?

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 10 AND WHAT RIGHT DO THE PEOPLE HAVE WHO HAVE  
 11 HISTORICALLY MANAGED AND CONTROLLED THE WATER THAT HAVE  
 12 SEEMED TO BE LEFT OUT OF THIS, UM, DECISION-MAKING PROCESS  
 13 AS FAR AS THEIR RIGHTS TO THE WATER?

14 MS. SALENIUS: OKAY.

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 15 RUTH LOPEZ: AND CONCERNING THE WATER THAT  
 16 WOULD BE DELIVERED FROM THE COLORADO RIVER UNDER THE, UM,  
 17 SUBJECT OF HAZARDOUS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, UM, THE ONLY  
 18 THING THAT WAS SPOKEN ABOUT TONIGHT -- AND I'M NOT SURE  
 19 EXACTLY WHAT'S BEEN WRITTEN IN THE DOCUMENT BECAUSE IT'S  
 20 TOO EARLY FOR A LOT OF US TO HAVE REVIEWED IT SINCE WE  
 21 JUST, UM, GOT A COPY OF IT RECENTLY, AND IT'S QUITE LARGE.  
 22 WHAT, UM, DOES THE DOCUMENTS SAY OR SINCE IT WAS LEFT OUT  
 23 OF THE LITTLE INTRODUCTION TONIGHT CONCERNING THE, UM, THE  
 24 AMOUNTS OF RADIOACTIVITY IN THE COLORADO RIVER WATER THAT  
 25 WOULD BE TRANSPORTED TO THE DESERT AQUEDUCT FIRST AND WHAT



1 EFFECT WOULD THIS HAZARDOUS MATERIAL OR RADIOACTIVE  
2 MATERIAL HAVE UPON THE EXISTING, UM, PRISTINE WATER THAT IS  
3 IN OUR DESERT AREAS?

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4 IF IT WAS NOT MENTIONED IN THE DOCUMENT, I WOULD  
5 THINK THAT THAT WOULD BE ONE THING THAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED  
6 INADEQUATE -- INADEQUATELY REVIEWED AND CONSIDERED.

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7 AND, YOU KNOW, DO YOU HAVE AS FAR AS HAZARDOUS --  
8 EFFECTS TOO, I DIDN'T HEAR MR. DIRK -- DIRK REED --  
9 MR. REED -- DIRK REED -- MR. DIRK REED SAY ANYTHING ABOUT  
10 THE HAZARDOUS EFFECTS OF, UM, THE LACK OF WATER THAT'S  
11 REACHING MEXICO OR THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA. AND WHAT EFFECT  
12 IT WOULD HAVE ON THE WILDLIFE THERE AND THE OTHER NATURAL  
13 RESOURCES -- FLORA-FAUNA (PHONETIC).

14 THE COURT REPORTER: I AM SORRY. I COULDN'T  
15 HEAR YOU.

16 RUTH LOPEZ: -- TO YOUR HEALTH, SAFETY.

17 AND I'D LIKE TO SEE A COMPARISON OF THE AMOUNT OF  
18 WATER, UM, THAT'S PROPOSED TO BE HEISTED, SIPHONED AND  
19 STOLEN FROM US OUT HERE LIVING OUT HERE AND TRANSFERRED TO  
20 THE LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS.

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21 I'D LIKE TO SEE A COMPARISON OF THAT AMOUNT OF  
22 WATER WITH OTHER WATER HEISTS IN THE PAST SUCH AS -- AND  
23 PLEASE USE THE WORD HEIST OR THEFT OR SOMETHING TO THAT  
24 EFFECT BECAUSE, OTHERWISE, YOUR E.I.S. WOULD BE CONSIDERED  
25 INADEQUATE BY THOSE OF US WHO ARE REDEEMING, WHO WANT TO BE

1 HONEST AND FORTHRIGHT.

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2 PLEASE COMPARE THAT AMOUNT OF WATER WITH THE  
3 AMOUNT OF WATER THAT HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY TAKEN FROM OTHER  
4 PARTS OF THE COUNTRY SUCH AS OWEN'S VALLEY, HOW MUCH MORE  
5 WATER ARE YOU TAKING FROM THIS AREA THAN WHAT YOU WERE EVEN  
6 TAKING IN OWEN'S VALLEY?

7 I MEAN, M.W.D. IS ALREADY TAKING WATER FROM THE  
8 COLORADO RIVER AND THE TOTAL AMOUNT, VOLUME WISE, OR  
9 ACRE-FEET IN COMPARISON TO WHAT'S BEEN TAKEN FROM OWEN'S  
10 VALLEY. JUST SO PEOPLE CAN GET AN IDEA OF, YOU KNOW, WHAT  
11 A -- WHAT A HORRIBLE IMPACT THAT THIS PROJECT IS GOING TO  
12 HAVE ON THE LOCAL RESIDENTS HERE.

13 I KNOW THAT THERE'S A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE  
14 AUDIENCE HERE WHO DON'T LIVE HERE, WHO ARE FROM OTHER  
15 PLACES, AND THEY MAY HAVE NEVER EVEN CONSIDERED THE FACT  
16 THAT THIS IS, YOU KNOW, A THEFT OF LOCAL RESOURCES. BUT  
17 MAYBE AFTER TONIGHT, AND MAYBE, YOU KNOW, SOMEWHERE IN YOUR  
18 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT, YOU CAN MENTION THAT.

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19 MAYBE AS YOU CAN CHANGE THE TITLE TO THE MORE  
20 HONESTLY REFLECTED, THAT WHAT IS ACTUALLY HAPPENING INSTEAD  
21 OF THE DRY-YEAR SUPPLY PROGRAM, CADIZ GROUNDWATER STORAGE,  
22 MAYBE YOU CAN SAY THE DOMENIGONI (PHONETIC) DAM EAST VALLEY  
23 RESERVOIR RECREATION PROJECT. YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT WOULD  
24 MORE ADEQUATELY DESCRIBE THE PROJECT. OR MAYBE EVEN THE  
25 COLORADO RIVER DESERT PRISTINE DESERT WATER RESOURCES

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 1 HEIST. THAT MIGHT MORE ADEQUATELY REFLECT THE PROJECT.  
 2 CHANGE OF TITLE. IT'S A VERY DISHONEST  
 3 MISLEADING TITLE FOR YOUR -- FOR YOUR PROJECT. DRY-YEAR  
 4 SUPPLY PROGRAM IS A LITTLE BIT OF A JOKE.

5 WHAT ABOUT PEOPLE IN MEXICO? WHAT ABOUT THEIR  
 6 DRY-YEAR SUPPLY? THEY'VE GOT A DRY-YEAR FOR YEARS AND  
 7 YEARS AND YEARS NOW, AND TO CALL THIS A DRY-YEAR SUPPLY  
 8 PROGRAM IS VERY VERY VERY MISLEADING. IT'S MORE OR LESS  
 9 LET'S KILL OFF THE MEXICANS. I MEAN, THAT WOULD BE A GOOD  
 10 HONEST TITLE FOR THIS PROJECT.

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 11 HOW ELSE ARE WE GOING TO KILL THE MEXICAN PEOPLE?  
 12 I MEAN, LET'S GO TO WAR AGAINST MEXICO. LET'S TAKE THEM  
 13 ON. THAT IS WHAT THIS IS ENDING UP BEING. LET'S TAKE MORE  
 14 COLORADO RIVER WATER THAT WILL NEVER EVER REACH THOSE  
 15 PEOPLE.

16 I MEAN, DOES ANYBODY ELSE WANT TO SPEAK YET? HAS  
 17 ANYBODY ELSE SUBMITTED A CARD?

18 MS. SALENIUS: IF ANYBODY HAS SUBMITTED A  
 19 CARD, YOU SURE CAN AT ANY TIME --

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 20 RUTH LOPEZ: BY THE WAY, THIS IS NOT MY  
 21 COMPLETE COMMENTS REGARDING THE ADEQUACY OF THIS DOCUMENT.  
 22 I MEAN, I AM JUST SPEAKING OFF THE TOP OF MY HEAD RIGHT  
 23 NOW. I DON'T HAVE ANY NOTES. I HAVEN'T REALLY EVEN LOOKED  
 24 AT THIS REPORT.

25 MS. SALENIUS: ANYONE HAS A RIGHT TO SUBMIT

1 ANY NUMBER OF COMMENTS THAT THEY WISH TO.

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2 RUTH LOPEZ: WOULD YOU GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT  
3 HOW MUCH WATER IS BEING PROPOSED TO BE TAKEN FROM WARD  
4 VALLEY IN PARTICULAR? UM, CAN WE HAVE A SECOND CHANCE?

5 MS. SALENIUS: PARDON?

6 RUTH LOPEZ: I MEAN, ARE WE ONLY LIMITED  
7 TO --

8 MS. SALENIUS: THIS IS THE PART OF THE  
9 PUBLIC HEARING RIGHT NOW?

10 RUTH LOPEZ: I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM SOMEBODY  
11 ELSE, IF THERE'S ANY COMMENTS. YOU KNOW, I'M SURE I'M NOT  
12 THE ONLY ONE HAS COMMENTS.

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13 WELL, WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER PEOPLE? DO YOU HAVE  
14 ANYTHING IN THAT DOCUMENT ABOUT HOW THIS WATER TRANSFER  
15 PROJECT IS GOING TO AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THE WATER IN --  
16 IN WELLS THAT ARE IN THE CADIZ AREA? AND DO YOU MENTION  
17 THE LAND OWNERS OUT THERE, WHOSE WELLS WOULD BE AFFECTED?  
18 ARE THOSE PEOPLE MENTIONED? IS THERE ANYTHING THAT'S GOING  
19 TO BE OFFERED TO THEM FOR COMPENSATION FOR ANY ADVERSE  
20 IMPACT THIS PROJECT MIGHT HAVE UPON THEIR -- THEIR EXISTING  
21 RESOURCES? I MEAN, I DIDN'T SEE IT UP THERE ON YOUR LIST  
22 OF ITEMS THAT WOULD BE ADDRESSED.

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23 ALSO, THIS IS KIND OF AN ASIDE, JUST UNTIL  
24 SOMEBODY ELSE WANTS TO SPEAK, BUT WHEN MR. REED SPOKE OF  
25 THE PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES, HE MENTIONED THOSE ARE THE

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1 BONES -- THOSE ARE THE BONES -- SEVERAL TIMES. I'D JUST  
 2 LIKE TO SAY THAT THAT IS -- ACTUALLY INVOLVES MORE THAN  
 3 BONES. AND I WAS KIND OF SURPRISED WHEN HE SAID THAT THERE  
 4 WERE -- WERE -- WERE BONES OUT THERE AND IN THESE DRY LAKES  
 5 IN THE DESERT. AND I WONDERED, YOU KNOW, I REALIZE THAT  
 6 THERE WERE -- THERE WERE FOSSILS THAT WERE FOUND OVER IN  
 7 THE DOMENIGONI (PHONETIC) EAST VALLEY RESERVOIR AREA THAT  
 8 WAS, UM, HEADLINES IN THE LOCAL PAPERS IN SAN BERNARDINO  
 9 AREA, BUT ARE YOU FINDING THE SAME TYPE OF PALEOLOGICAL  
 10 RESOURCES IN THESE OTHER DRY LAKES ALREADY? I'M JUST OUT  
 11 OF CURIOSITY? PREHISTORIC ARTIFACTS, MAMMOTHS.

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12 UM, IF THIS -- IF THIS PROJECT IS REVIEWED AND A  
 13 DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT -- THAT IT SHOULD GO FORWARD AND  
 14 PROCEED, COULD THAT HAPPEN EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE ADVERSE  
 15 IMPACTS THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED? WILL THAT HAPPEN WHETHER  
 16 THERE'S UNMITIGABLE IMPACTS OR NOT?

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17 AND, UM, HOW MUCH MONEY HAS ALREADY BEEN SPENT ON  
 18 THIS PROJECT TO DATE? AND OUT OF WHAT FUNDS HAS THE  
 19 FUNDING COME FROM? IS IT PUBLIC FUNDS?

20 I'D LIKE TO KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THE MONEY'S COMING  
 21 FROM FOR PROCESSING THIS MONUMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECT  
 22 DOCUMENT.

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23 AND, OH, IF -- IF A DETERMINATION IS MADE THAT  
 24 THERE IS IMPACTS OR NO IMPACT, OR WHATEVER THE  
 25 DETERMINATION IS MADE, AND SOMEBODY DECIDES -- WHOEVER THAT

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1 MAY BE THAT MAKES A DECISION -- DECIDES THAT YES, THIS  
2 PROJECT IS A GO, EXACTLY WHEN WOULD THAT DECISION BE MADE?  
3 OR WHAT IS THE PREDICTED PROJECTED TIME FRAME THAT THAT  
4 DECISION WOULD BE MADE?

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5 AND, ALSO, I'D LIKE TO SEE IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
6 DOCUMENT, IF IT'S NOT ALREADY THERE, THE ISSUE ADDRESSED AS  
7 TO HOW THE PUBLIC CAN CONTEST OR APPEAL THE DECISION IF IT  
8 IS, UM, IN FAVOR OF PROCEEDING, THE APPEAL PROCESS.

9 AND I'D LIKE TO KNOW IF THE PUBLIC HAS -- WAS TO  
10 APPEAL THIS PROJECT, ARE THEY GOING TO HAVE TO DO IT  
11 THROUGH THE STATE AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THROUGH  
12 SOME OTHER, UM, MUNICIPALITY SUCH AS M.W.D.?

13 I MEAN, HOW MANY APPEAL PROCESSES WOULD THE  
14 PUBLIC BE REQUIRED TO TAKE ON IF THEY WANTED TO OBJECT, AND  
15 WOULD AN APPEAL PROCESS BE NECESSARY BEFORE, UM, BEFORE A  
16 PUBLIC -- A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC OR A GROUP COULD -- COULD  
17 ACTUALLY GET A JUDICIAL DETERMINATION?

18 WHAT -- WHAT I'M SAYING IS WHAT -- WHAT IS THE  
19 ALTERNATIVE HERE FOR US? DO WE HAVE -- DO WE STAND A  
20 CHANCE? I MEAN, USUALLY WHEN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND  
21 STATE GOVERNMENT DECIDES TO BLOW THIS MUCH MONEY ON A  
22 PROJECT, THEY TELL US.

23 EVERYBODY SEEMS TO THINK THIS IS A DONE DEAL AND  
24 I -- YOU KNOW, I'D LIKE THE PUBLIC TO KNOW THAT IT'S NOT  
25 ALWAYS A DONE DEAL, AND THAT THEY CAN STOP THIS. AND WE

1 STOPPED WARD VALLEY, AND WE CAN STOP THIS.

2 AND BUT HOW, YOU KNOW, HAS THERE BEEN CHANGES IN  
3 THE LAW THAT MAKE UP -- MAKE THAT MORE DIFFICULT? AND I  
4 THINK THAT THE GOVERNMENT, I.E., THE PEOPLE WHO ARE WRITING  
5 THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT, HAVE A DUTY TO THE  
6 PUBLIC TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT THEY CAN DO TO STOP THIS  
7 PROJECT.

8 I MEAN, THERE IS -- YOU KNOW, IT SEEMS TO BE  
9 TAKEN FOR GRANTED THAT THIS PROJECT IS GONNA HAPPEN AND,  
10 UM, WE WANT -- I'D LIKE TO KNOW -- AND I KNOW OTHER PEOPLE  
11 WOULD LIKE TO KNOW -- HOW THEY CAN STOP IT.

12 HOW MANY -- HOW MUCH -- HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN  
13 SPENT? HOW MANY SHARES HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO VARIOUS PUBLIC  
14 OFFICIALS, LOCAL OFFICIALS, COUNTY OFFICIALS?

15 I NOTICE THAT THERE WERE SOME OFFICIALS THAT WERE  
16 APPOINTED BY GRAY DAVIS WHO HAVE SHARES IN THE CADIZ LAND  
17 COMPANY. I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LIST OF ALL THE PEOPLE WHO  
18 HAVE SHARES IN THE CADIZ LAND COMPANY. I THINK THAT WOULD  
19 BE VERY REVEALING.

20 WERE THERE COMMENTS AT THE OTHER LOCATIONS WHERE  
21 YOU HELD PUBLIC MEETINGS? AND WHAT WERE THEY?

22 AND MY FINAL QUESTION FOR RIGHT NOW IS WHY WERE  
23 NOT THE PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT WERE FORTHCOMING PRIOR TO  
24 TONIGHT, SUCH AS THE LAST MEETING YOU HELD HERE AND THE  
25 MEETINGS YOU HELD IN OTHER PLACES, WHY WERE THESE COMMENTS

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1 NOT INCLUDED IN THE DRAFT? AND WHY WEREN'T THEY ADDRESSED  
2 IN THE DRAFT?

3 MS. SALENIUS: OKAY.

4 RUTH LOPEZ: ONE MORE THING. LET'S JUST  
5 MAKE IT 20. I'M VERY SADDENED TO SEE THAT THERE WAS NO  
6 ANNOUNCEMENT OR ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER HERE.  
7 THE NEWSPAPER DIDN'T EVEN REPORT THAT THERE WAS A MEETING.  
8 AND I THINK THAT IT'S SHAMEFUL THAT THE LOCAL PEOPLE HERE  
9 IN THIS ENTIRE VALLEY WERE NOT NOTIFIED BY ANNOUNCEMENT IN  
10 THE PAPER -- THAT A MEETING AT THE NEW COLLEGE HERE IN TOWN  
11 WAS ANNOUNCED, HEADLINED, FRONT PAGE, WEDNESDAY, BUT THERE  
12 WAS NOTHING REGARDING THIS MEETING FOR TONIGHT.

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13 AND, YOU KNOW, I CAN EVEN GET AN ANNOUNCEMENT FOR  
14 MY GIRL SCOUT EVENTS IN THE LOCAL PAPER. AND IF I REALLY  
15 PRESS IT, HE MIGHT EVEN PUT IT ON THE FRONT PAGE, BUT THERE  
16 WAS NOTHING.

17 IF YOU WOULD HAVE JUST CALLED THE NEWSPAPER AND  
18 TOLD THEM WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A MEETING, COULD YOU PLEASE  
19 MAKE AN ANNOUNCEMENT, THEY PROBABLY WOULD HAVE -- I BELIEVE  
20 HE WOULD HAVE ANNOUNCED IT BECAUSE HE PLAYS A -- HAS A  
21 PLACE FOR MEETINGS TO BE ANNOUNCED; AND YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE  
22 TO PAY A CENT TO GET IT ANNOUNCED.

23 MS. SALENIUS: ARE YOU READY FOR US TO TAKE  
24 A BREAK?

25 RUTH LOPEZ: YES.



1 MS. SALENIUS: YOU SAID THAT WAS THE LAST  
2 QUESTION?

3 RUTH LOPEZ: YES. I'M IN CHARGE NOW.

4 MS. SALENIUS: THIS PART OF THE MEETING, THE  
5 PUBLIC IS IN CHARGE. SO THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU THAT  
6 QUESTION. BECAUSE I'M JUST WONDERING YOU MENTIONED THIS  
7 WAS THE LAST QUESTION.

8 RUTH LOPEZ: CAN WE HAVE A CHANCE TO ASK  
9 QUESTIONS WHEN THEY'RE ADDRESSING OUR QUESTIONS?

10 MS. SALENIUS: WE -- TYPICALLY, THAT'S NOT  
11 THE WAY WE'VE BEEN RUNNING THE MEETING, BUT IT'S -- WE WILL  
12 SEE HOW IT GOES. OKAY?

13 RUTH LOPEZ: OKAY.

14 MS. SALENIUS: ARE WE READY FOR A BREAK?

15 I UNDERSTAND THAT IT MAY BE TIME FOR A BREAK.  
16 AND IF YOU ARE FINISHED WITH YOUR COMMENTS, I'D BE HAPPY TO  
17 TAKE A BREAK.

18 RUTH LOPEZ: SURE.

19 MS. SALENIUS: WE WILL BE BACK IN ABOUT TEN  
20 MINUTES.

21 THANK YOU.

22 (THERE WAS A SHORT BREAK TAKEN AT 7:58 P.M.  
23 UNTIL 8:19 P.M.)

24 MS. SALENIUS: WE'D LIKE TO RECONVENE THE  
25 MEETING NOW. IF WE COULD HAVE PEOPLE TAKE THEIR SEATS,

1 PLEASE.

2 EXCUSE -- EXCUSE US. EXCUSE ME. WE'D LIKE TO  
3 RECONVENE THE MEETING AT THIS TIME. IF YOU COULD PLEASE  
4 TAKE YOUR SEAT. WE'D LIKE TO RECONVENE THE MEETING AT THIS  
5 TIME, IF YOU'D PLEASE TAKE YOUR SEAT.

6 PLEASE SIT DOWN.

7 THANK YOU.

8 OKAY. WE ARE GOING TO MAKE AN EFFORT TO TRY TO  
9 ANSWER SOME OF THE QUESTIONS, IF WE CAN.

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10 RUTH LOPEZ: EXCUSE ME. BEFORE YOU START, I  
11 HAVE A QUESTION. UM, SOME QUESTIONS CAME UP DURING THE  
12 RECESS AND WE'RE HOPING TO GET THESE ON THE QUESTIONS TOO  
13 FOR THE PUBLIC. AND SOME OF US -- SOME OF THE PEOPLE ARE A  
14 LITTLE BIT SHY TO SPEAK OUT. I THOUGHT WITH ALL THESE  
15 OUTSPOKEN COUNCIL PEOPLE SITTING BACK HERE, THEY MIGHT  
16 BRING IT UP, BUT WE'D LIKE -- I THINK A LOT OF US WOULD  
17 LIKE TO KNOW WHO'S GETTING PAID FOR THIS WATER? WHO GETS  
18 THE MONEY FOR THE WATER? I MEAN, THAT'S THE EASIEST  
19 SIMPLEST WAY TO PUT IT. WHO IS GOING TO MAKE THE BUCK OFF  
20 THIS WATER?

21 NOW, AT ONE POINT, THE CITY OF NEEDLES HAD A  
22 WATER PROJECT. IT WAS NOWHERE NEAR WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED  
23 HERE -- A LITTLE WATER PROJECT -- HAD TO DO WITH DRILLING  
24 SOME WELLS IN WARD VALLEY AND SELLING IT TO THE  
25 METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT. AND, OBVIOUSLY, OUR LITTLE

1 WATER PROJECT HERE IN NEEDLES GOT STOLEN. I MEAN, IT'S  
2 OBVIOUS TO ME, MY OPINION, A LOT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S OPINION,  
3 NOW -- NOW OUR PROJECT HAS BEEN TURNED INTO A MONSTER.

4 THIS IS WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED. WE'D LIKE TO  
5 KNOW IF THE CITY OF NEEDLES IS NOT BEING PAID, CHEMEHUEVI,  
6 MOHAVE OR PEOPLE HISTORICALLY USED THIS WATER, WHICH WATER  
7 IS TRIBUTARY TO OUR GROUNDWATER, OUR WELLS AND SUPPLIES,  
8 OUR WELL WATER, WHO IS GETTING PAID?

9 I THINK THIS IS REALLY THE FUNDAMENTAL MOST  
10 IMPORTANT QUESTION. I GUESS IT WAS SUCH AN OBVIOUS  
11 QUESTION, DIDN'T COME TO ME AT THE FIRST PART OF THE  
12 MEETING. I THINK IT'S BEEN RAISED AT OTHER MEETINGS. DID  
13 YOU RAISE IT IN THIS DRAFT? AND IF IT ISN'T DISCUSSED IN  
14 THE DRAFT, I THINK THE DRAFT'S INADEQUATE AND IT NEEDS TO  
15 BE ADDRESSED.

16 MS. SALENIUS: DIRK, WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO  
17 BACK TO THE QUESTIONS IN THE BEGINNING AND SEE -- START  
18 ANSWERING SOME OF THE QUESTIONS?

19 MR. REED: FIRST QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH IS  
20 WHO WILL MAKE THE DECISIONS ON THE PROJECT?

21 BASICALLY, WHAT IT GETS DOWN TO -- AND I WILL  
22 SPEAK TO IT ON THE METROPOLITAN SIDE -- METROPOLITAN IS A  
23 STATE PUBLIC AGENCY. WE HAVE 52 BOARD DIRECTORS SITTING ON  
24 OUR BOARD. THEY WILL MAKE THE DECISION AS FAR AS  
25 METROPOLITAN WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROJECT.

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1                   ON B.L.M. --

2                   MS. BRADY:   AND THE BUREAU OF LAND  
3 MANAGEMENT, ANY PLAN THAT CONTINUES -- A PLAN, HAVE THOSE  
4 THAT AREN'T FAMILIAR, AS WELL AS THE PLAN AMENDMENT, THIS  
5 AREA IS COVERED BY THE DESERT CONSERVATION PLAN OF 1990,  
6 IDENTIFIED CORRIDORS FOR UTILITIES, AND IT ALSO INDICATED  
7 THAT ANY -- ANY PIPELINE OF GREATER THAN INCHES THAT WAS  
8 GOING TO BE PROPOSED OUTSIDE OF THOSE, ANY OF THE  
9 DESIGNATED CORRIDORS, HAD TO GO THROUGH A PLAN --  
10 EQUIVALENT OF A PLAN -- A PLAN PROCESS.

11                   WE'RE EFFECTIVELY MAKING AN EXCEPTION TO THE  
12 PLAN.   THIS PARTICULAR PART OF THE PIPELINE PROPOSAL IS NOT  
13 WITHIN THE CORRIDOR, SO ANY PLAN AMENDMENT DECISION ON THAT  
14 PLAN AMENDMENT IS MADE BY OUR STATE DIRECTOR, THAT'S THE  
15 ORGANIZATION OF THE B.L.M.   WE HAVE STATE DIRECTORS AND  
16 THEN CALIFORNIA DESERT, WE HAVE DISTRICT MANAGER, AND THEN  
17 I'M THE FIELD MANAGER.   SO IT'S TWO LEVELS ABOVE ME THAT  
18 THE DECISION IS MADE.

19                   THE ACTUAL GRANT, THE RIGHT OF WAY GRANTS CAN BE  
20 MADE BY EITHER THE DISTRICT MANAGER OR MYSELF, BUT BECAUSE  
21 IT IS COMBINED WITH THE PLAN AMENDMENT, IT WILL PROBABLY BE  
22 THE STATE DIRECTOR.

23                   MR. REED:   BASICALLY, WHAT IS THE CRITERIA  
24 FOR EVALUATING THIS DOCUMENT, IF SUFFICIENT OR ADEQUATE ON  
25 THE STATE'S SIDE.

1 SYL WILL GO THROUGH A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THE  
2 CRITERIA HAVING TO DEAL WITH THE TOPICS THAT WERE DEFINED.

3 MS. SALENIUS: BOTH THE CALIFORNIA  
4 ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT AND THE FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT  
5 DEFINE THE TOPICAL AREAS THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED IN THE  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT. AND THEY'RE, FOR EXAMPLE, THE  
7 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT HAS A THING CALLED A  
8 CHECK LIST THAT IS KIND OF A CATCHALL LIST OF ALL THE  
9 DIFFERENT CONCERNS THAT ONE WOULD ADDRESS.

10 THE LAW ALSO REQUIRES US TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS  
11 ON THE FEDERAL LEVEL CALLED SCOPING. AND WHEN WE GO  
12 THROUGH THAT PROCESS, WE IDENTIFY ISSUES THAT THE PUBLIC  
13 WANTS US TO ADDRESS.

14 NOW, THAT WAS DONE FOR THIS PROCESS AND THE  
15 PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THAT FIRST PROCESS ARE LISTED IN THE  
16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION DOCUMENT WHICH WAS ONE OF THE  
17 DOCUMENTS THAT'S IN THE LIBRARIES. IT'S ABOUT AN INCH  
18 THICK. IT DISCUSSES ALL THE TOPICS THAT WERE RAISED AT THE  
19 MEETINGS.

20 SO, BASICALLY, THOSE TWO SETS OF LAWS DEFINE WHAT  
21 WE HAVE TO PUT IN THE DOCUMENT.

22 ONCE THE DOCUMENT IS PREPARED, THEN IT GOES TO  
23 THE TWO AGENCIES THAT ARE THE LEAD AGENCIES AND THEIR STAFF  
24 AND THEIR TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS EVALUATE WHETHER THE  
25 STUDIES HAVE BEEN DONE TO PROPER TECHNICAL SUFFICIENCY.

1           SO YOU ARE GOING TO HAVE BIOLOGISTS LOOKING AT  
2 BIOLOGICAL STUDIES, GEOLOGY, TECHNICAL STUDIES, CULTURAL  
3 RESOURCE STUDIES. LOOKING AT STUDIES, THEY DETERMINE  
4 INTERNALLY WHETHER THAT DOCUMENT IS SUFFICIENT. WELL, AT  
5 THAT POINT, THE DOCUMENT GETS PRINTED AS A DRAFT.

6           AFTER THEY'VE AGREED IF IT'S SUFFICIENT AND YOU  
7 AS THE PUBLIC, GET AN OPPORTUNITY, AND ALSO OTHER AGENCIES  
8 THAT ARE OUT THERE, GET AN OPPORTUNITY TO STATE WHETHER YOU  
9 THINK THE DOCUMENT IS ADEQUATE AND PRESENT OTHER TECHNICAL  
10 INFORMATION THAT EITHER AGREES WITH OR DOESN'T AGREE WITH  
11 WHAT'S IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.

12           SO THAT'S KIND OF THE PROCESS.

13           AND, FINALLY, IT GOES TO METROPOLITAN'S BOARD AND  
14 THEY HAVE TO CERTIFY WHETHER THEY THINK THE DOCUMENT IS  
15 ADEQUATE OR NOT. SO THAT'S PART OF THE ACTION THAT THEY  
16 TAKE WHEN THEY MAKE THEIR DECISION.

17           ONCE THEY DETERMINE THAT THE DOCUMENT IS  
18 ADEQUATE, THEN, AND ONLY THEN, CAN THEY MAKE A DECISION  
19 ABOUT WHETHER THEY WANT TO PROCEED WITH THE PROJECT OR NOT.

20           MR. REED: WHAT NEW LAWS, LEGISLATION HAVE  
21 STATE AND FEDERAL -- WE WILL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON  
22 THAT ONE, NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE LAWS STATE AND FEDERAL.  
23 AND WE WILL RESPOND TO THAT ONE.

24           MS. SALENIUS: I AM NOT AWARE OF ANY  
25 ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CHANGES WOULD CHANGE WHAT WE'VE DONE THUS

1 FAR.

2 MR. REED: WHO OWNS THE WATER? WE WILL  
3 COMBINE THAT WITH WHAT WATER RIGHTS DO PEOPLE HAVE?

4 WHAT BASICALLY -- AND, AGAIN, WE'RE NOT LAWYERS,  
5 WE WILL GIVE YOU A MORE DETAILED ANSWER ON THAT IN THE  
6 WRITTEN RESPONSES BUT, BASICALLY, IT GETS DOWN TO OVERLYING  
7 LAND OWNER HAS THE RIGHT TO USE THE WATER AS SEE FIT ON THE  
8 PROPERTY.

9 METROPOLITAN IS NOT A LAND OWNER IN THE VALLEY.  
10 WE'RE SUBSERVIENT TO THEM. IF THEY WANT TO USE THE WATER  
11 FOR THEIR PROPERTY ON THEIR PROPERTY, WE CAN DO -- THEY CAN  
12 DO WHAT THEY WANT WITH IT.

13 AGAIN, THAT IS WATER LAW AND THE LAWS.

14 AND WE'LL GET YOU A FORMAL RESPONSE IN WRITING ON  
15 THAT ONE.

16 RUTH LOPEZ: ABOVE THE LAW THEN, THEY DON'T  
17 JUST HAVE TO USE THE WATER ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY, THEY CAN  
18 TRANSFER IT FROM ONE GROUND BASIN TO ANOTHER; IS THAT  
19 CORRECT?

20 MR. REED: AS I JUST MENTIONED, THERE IS  
21 OVERLYING LAND OWNERS GET TO USE THE WATER ON THEIR  
22 PROPERTY.

23 METROPOLITAN IS NOT AN OVERLYING LAND OWNER. WE  
24 CAN TRANSFER THE PROPERTY OUT OF GROUNDWATER BASINS JUST  
25 LIKE ANYONE ELSE CAN, BUT THE OVERLYING LAND OWNERS, THE

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1 QUESTION DEALT WITH WHAT RIGHTS DOES THE LAND OWNER HAVE.

2 RUTH LOPEZ: I CAN TRANSFER OUT OF MY  
3 PROPERTY AND SELL IT.

4 MR. REED: NEXT QUESTION HAS TO DO --

5 MS. SALENIUS: PARDON ME.

6 WE WILL ANSWER THE QUESTION IN THE FINAL  
7 RESPONSE.

8 RUTH LOPEZ: I THINK IT'S A FUNDAMENTAL  
9 QUESTION HERE.

10 MS. SALENIUS: WE'RE NOT LAWYERS. WE WILL  
11 ANSWER YOUR QUESTION.

12 RUTH LOPEZ: MAYBE THAT'S THE -- AN ISSUE  
13 THAT WILL HAVE TO BE LITIGATED THEN; IS THAT CORRECT?

14 MR. REED: HAZARDOUS EFFECTS ON THE LACK  
15 OF -- NEXT QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH HAZARDOUS EFFECTS, WHAT  
16 WE TALKED ABOUT THE LACK OF WATER REACHING --

17 MS. SALENIUS: GULF OF CALIFORNIA, THAT IS  
18 COLORADO RIVER ALLOCATION ISSUES USE.

19 MR. REED: THIS QUESTION HAD TO TALK ABOUT  
20 HAZARDOUS WASTE, HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. THERE IS DIFFERENT  
21 CATEGORIES. THAT IS A SHORT LIST OF CATEGORIES.

22 THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT GOES THROUGH ALL THE  
23 CATEGORIES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO BE EVALUATED, PLUS WHAT WAS  
24 BROUGHT UP AT THE SCOPING MEETINGS. HAZARDOUS AND  
25 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DEAL WITH SUCH THINGS AS UNEXPLODED

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1 ORDNANCE.

2 WHAT QUALITY AFFECTS THE INTRODUCTION OF WATER IN  
3 THE GROUNDWATER BASIN, WATER QUALITY ON THE WATER ITSELF?  
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5 WE RAN NUMEROUS WATER SAMPLES ON GROUNDWATER  
6 BASINS AND NUMEROUS WATER SAMPLES OF THE COLORADO RIVER  
7 WATER AND DONE ANALYSIS ON THAT AND PRESENTED IT IN THE  
8 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT. THIS PIECE HAS TO DO WITH REGIONAL  
9 ACTIVITY. AGAIN, I'M NOT AN EXPERT IN WATER QUALITY  
10 ISSUES, BUT THERE IS A -- THERE IS NATURALLY-OCCURRING  
11 ELEMENTS IN THE GROUNDWATER. THERE IS NATURALLY-OCCURRING  
12 ELEMENTS IN THE SUBSURFACE SUPPLIES THAT WAS EVALUATED AND  
13 DISCUSSED IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.

14 DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER.

15 RUTH LOPEZ: WHAT ABOUT COLORADO RIVER  
16 WATER?

17 MR. REED: THAT IS PART OF SURFACE SUPPLIES.

18 NUMBER ONE, WE WILL DO THAT COMPARED TO WHAT  
19 WE'RE POSING AS PART OF THIS PROJECT.

20 HOW MUCH WATER IN WARD VALLEY? WARD VALLEY IS  
21 NOT PART OF THE PLAN. I THINK THAT WAS ON THE BOARD. WE  
22 HAD A BOARD TO SHOW THE DIFFERENT VALLEYS. WARD VALLEY IS  
23 NOT IN THIS PROGRAM. WE ARE IN FENNER VALLEY.

24 RUTH LOPEZ: IT IS IN THE DOCUMENT. IT'S  
25 ADDRESSED IN THE DOCUMENT. IT IS AN ALTERNATIVE.

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MR. REED: THERE IS NO WATER COMING OUT OF THIS PROGRAM FOR WARD VALLEY.

NEXT QUESTION HAS TO DO WITH THE TRANSFERENCE EFFECT; HOW WILL TRANSFER AFFECT WATER QUALITY IN WELLS?

RUTH LOPEZ: WHOSE PROJECTS ARE YOU ADDRESSING TONIGHT? I MEAN, THERE'S LIKE ALTERNATIVES PROJECT; CORRECT? I MEAN, MAYBE THE FIRST ALTERNATIVE WON'T GET SELECTED, AND MAYBE SOME OTHER ALTERNATIVE THAT INCLUDES WARD VALLEY WOULD; IS THAT CORRECT?

I MEAN, YOU'RE TRYING TO ANSWER THAT.

MR. REED: PUT THAT DOWN AS NUMBER 22.

RUTH LOPEZ: THAT'S ACTUALLY PART OF THE SAME QUESTION.

MR. REED: PART OF NUMBER 22.

RUTH LOPEZ: DON'T GET UPSET, MR. REED. I AM TRYING TO MAKE IT EASY ON YOU. I DON'T WANT TO UPSET YOU. YOU ARE NOT UPSET, ARE YOU, MR. REED?

MS. SALENIUS: EXCUSE ME.

RUTH LOPEZ: MR. REED.

MS. SALENIUS: EXCUSE ME. EXCUSE ME. IF WE CANNOT HAVE A COOPERATIVE EFFORT IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS, AND DO IT WITHOUT INTERRUPTION, I'D LIKE MR. REED TO BE ABLE TO PROCEED WITHOUT INTERRUPTION BECAUSE WE TOOK THE TIME AND DID NOT INTERRUPT THE PUBLIC COMMENTS THAT WERE PRESENTED.

1           SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS ALLOW HIM TO RESPOND TO  
2 THE QUESTIONS, TO THE EXTENT THAT HE IS ABLE TO DO THAT  
3 THIS EVENING, AND IF THAT CANNOT OCCUR, THEN I THINK WHAT  
4 WE NEED TO DO IS SIMPLY GO BACK AND RESPOND TO EACH ONE OF  
5 YOUR QUESTIONS IN DETAIL AND PRESENT THOSE RESPONSES IN OUR  
6 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.

7           WE DON'T -- ONE OF THE THINGS THAT HAPPENS AT  
8 MEETINGS LIKE THIS IS WE ARE ACTUALLY BEING -- WE'RE  
9 EXTENDING OURSELVES BY OFFERING RESPONSES THIS EVENING.

10           TYPICALLY, AT A PUBLIC HEARING OF THIS NATURE,  
11 YOU JUST TAKE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND EVERYONE GOES HOME; AND  
12 SO WE'RE TRYING TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE THAN IS REQUIRED FOR  
13 A PUBLIC HEARING.

14           SO WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS ALLOW MR. REED TO  
15 PROCEED. IF WE CANNOT PROCEED, THEN I'D LIKE TO ADJOURN  
16 THE MEETING AND ALLOW US TO PRESENT THE RESPONSES IN OUR  
17 FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.

18           THANK YOU.

19           MR. REED: NEXT ONE HAS TO DO WITH PALEO  
20 RESOURCES.

21           YOU ARE RIGHT, IT'S -- IT COVERS MORE THAN BONES.  
22 MOST PEOPLE DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES  
23 ARE. I TRIED TO DO AS PART OF MY PRESENTATION NARROW IT  
24 DOWN TO ISSUES AND EXPLAIN IT TO THE PUBLIC IN TERMS OF  
25 THAT THEY CAN UNDERSTAND WHAT SOME OF THESE WORDS MEAN.

1                   PALEONTOLOGIC RESOURCES COVER A LOT MORE THAN  
2 JUST BONES.

3                   THIRTEEN -- AND ALL THE ISSUES UNDER PALEO  
4 DISCUSSED IN YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT, WHAT THE EFFECTS  
5 ARE.

6                   THIRTEEN, IF DECIDED TO PROCEED, CAN IT --

7                   MS. SALENIUS: CAN YOU DO --

8                   MR. REED: OKAY. WHAT THAT'S GETTING AT, AS  
9 I MENTIONED ON THE ONE BOARD, THERE'S THREE ISSUES SUCH AS  
10 PALEONTOLOGICAL RESOURCES, SIGNIFICANT AFTER MITIGATION  
11 RESOURCES ARE APPLIED.

12                   ANSWERS IS YES, CERTAIN THINGS SUCH AS THOSE WE  
13 CAN PROCEED ON THE PROJECT BY OVERRIDING THEM. IN OTHER  
14 WORDS, WE LOOK AT OUR BOARD, THE AGENCIES THAT REVIEW THE  
15 PROJECT LOOK AT THE BENEFITS, LOOK AT THE IMPACT AND THEN  
16 DECIDE WHETHER TO MOVE ON WITH THE PROJECT AS IT IS.

17                   HOW MUCH MONEY IS SPENT TO DATE, PUBLIC FUNDS?  
18 RIGHT NOW, EXACT NUMBER, I DON'T HAVE. APPROXIMATELY 3.2  
19 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION  
20 STUDIES. THIS INCLUDES GROUNDWATER EVALUATIONS,  
21 FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS ON THE FACILITIES, BIOLOGY CULTURAL.  
22 ALL THE ISSUE ITEMS IN THE DOCUMENT COME UP TO ABOUT 3.2  
23 MILLION DOLLARS.

24                   IT ALSO INCLUDES STAFF TIME AND TIME OF EXPERTS  
25 FOR THESE -- FOR THESE MEETINGS ALSO.

1                   WHEN WOULD -- HOW MUCH PUBLIC FUNDS --  
2 METROPOLITAN HOLDS CONTRACTS ON THAT AND SPENDING THE MONEY  
3 OUT OF METROPOLITAN FUNDS.

4                   MS. BRADY: CAN I ADD SOMETHING ALSO?

5                   METROPOLITAN ALSO PAYS FOR THE -- ANY B.L.M. OR  
6 OTHER GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY -- THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S TIME  
7 AND EFFORT ON THIS ALSO UNDER WHAT THEY CALL A REIMBURSABLE  
8 ACCOUNT.

9                   MR. REED: WE DO THAT ALSO WITH COUNTIES,  
10 NOT UNCOMMON IN ORDER FOR THEM TO REIMBURSE FOR STAFF.

11                   WHEN WOULD DECISIONS BE MADE ON THE PROJECT, TIME  
12 FRAME?

13                   AND THEN THE NEXT ONE GOES HAND IN HAND WITH  
14 ISSUES OF THE PUBLIC CAN CONTEST.

15                   REALLY, 16 OUGHT TO BE IN FRONT OF 15 BECAUSE THE  
16 DECISIONS, ULTIMATE DECISIONS, ON PROCEEDING WITH THE  
17 PROJECT FOLLOW ULTIMATE DECISION OF MOVING FORWARD WITH THE  
18 PROPER CERTIFICATION.

19                   THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO PROTEST AND APPEAL  
20 THOSE DECISIONS. AND THEN MOVING FORWARD ON THE PROJECT  
21 HAPPENS FOLLOWING THAT PROCESS.

22                   THE EXACT TIME FRAMES AND DATES ON THAT, I AM NOT  
23 THE EXPERT ON IT, BUT WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS NOT A REAL  
24 SHORT PERIOD. AND IT'S NOT ON COMMENT DUE DATES OF  
25 FEBRUARY 23RD, YEAR 2000, BUT WE'D HAVE TO GET BACK WITH

1 THE EXACT TIME FRAMES ON THAT.

2 BASICALLY, WHAT IT GETS DOWN TO, THERE IS TIME  
3 FRAMES IN THERE FOR PUBLIC PROTEST AND APPEALS, AND THERE  
4 IS TIME FRAMES ON PROCEEDING WITH THE PROJECT.

5 MS. BRADY: I CAN BE MORE SPECIFIC, IF YOU'D  
6 LIKE, WITH RESPECT TO THE FEDERAL LAW.

7 THE PLAN AMENDMENT, WHEN IT GOES OUT IN THE FINAL  
8 E.I.S. AND THE PROPOSED PLAN AMENDMENT, THE PUBLIC HAS 30  
9 DAYS TO PROTEST THAT DECISION TO OUR DIRECTOR OF THE B.L.M.  
10 AND THAT CAN TAKE UP TO A YEAR TO RESOLVE, YOU KNOW, IF  
11 IT'S A VERY CONTROVERSIAL ACTION.

12 THEN ALSO THIS PARTICULAR CASE, ONCE THE -- IF  
13 THE ACTION, IF THE PLAN AMENDMENT IS APPROVED AND THE  
14 RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT IS ISSUED, WHEN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT  
15 DECISION IS MADE.

16 THEN THERE IS A 30-DAY APPEAL PERIOD IN WHICH YOU  
17 CAN APPEAL THE DECISION IF YOU'RE AFFECTED, AND YOU'RE  
18 FOUND TO BE, YOU KNOW, THAT YOU HAVE STANDING TO APPEAL,  
19 THEN YOU CAN APPEAL THE ACTION, THE ISSUANCE OF THE GRANT  
20 TO THE INTERIOR BOARD OF LAND APPEALS. AND THAT CAN TAKE  
21 THREE TO FOUR YEARS.

22 WHEN HE TALKS ABOUT LONG PERIODS OF TIME, IT CAN  
23 BE EXTREMELY LONG IN CONTROVERSIAL PROJECTS.

24 MS. SALENIUS: THE FEDERAL -- EXCUSE ME --  
25 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENT QUALITY ACT ALSO HAS A 30-DAY

1 APPEAL PERIOD FOLLOWING THE CERTIFICATION OF THE  
2 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT.

3 MR. REED: NEXT ONE HAS TO DO WITH HOW MANY  
4 SHARES HAS BEEN GIVEN?

5 AGAIN, I DON'T HAVE AN IDEA ON THAT. I DO KNOW  
6 CADIZ PUBLICLY TRADED, CO-PUBLICLY TRADED. YOU CAN BUY  
7 STOCK. I DON'T KNOW WHO OWNS WHAT.

8 MS. BRADY: ONE ISSUE, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT IN  
9 YOUR CASE, BUT FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ALL OF THE MAJOR PLAYERS  
10 IN THIS -- ALSO, I HAVE TO FILL OUT, FOR EXAMPLE, A  
11 FINANCIAL STATEMENT EACH YEAR, AND ALL OF THAT IS AVAILABLE  
12 TO THE PUBLIC.

13 MR. REED: SAME WAY WITH THE STATE AGENCIES.  
14 EVERY YEAR, WE HAVE TO FILL OUT A FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
15 EXPLAINING EXACTLY WHAT OUR MONEY IS, WHERE OUR MONEY IS.

16 MS. BRADY: WHAT INTEREST WE HAVE.

17 MR. REED: PART OF THE PUBLIC RECORD.

18 EIGHTEEN: WERE THERE COMMENTS AT THE OTHER  
19 MEETINGS, AND WERE THERE COMMENTS FROM OTHER MEETINGS AND  
20 DRAFTED? THESE TWO KIND OF A LITTLE BIT TOGETHER.

21 FIRST ONE, THE 19 ONE, COMMENTS, THERE IS A  
22 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REPORT AVAILABLE AT THE LIBRARIES  
23 ABOUT AN INCH THICK, ALL THE COMMENTS ALSO RECEIVED ON THE  
24 PROJECT, HAS THE COMMENTS THAT WERE RECEIVED IN THE  
25 MEETINGS LISTED IN THERE. AND SO THAT'S AVAILABLE.

1           COMMENTS ON THE OTHER MEETINGS.   BASICALLY, WE'VE  
2 HAD TWO OTHER MEETINGS ON THE PROJECT AND THERE WAS  
3 COMMENTS.   THOSE ARE PART OF THE RECORD.   THEY HAD TO DO  
4 DEAL -- MOSTLY DEPENDS ON WHERE YOU WERE.   SALINITY ISSUES  
5 ON THE DRY LAKE BEDS, HAD TO DEAL WITH THAT ALSO ON THE  
6 GROUNDWATER ISSUES OF PUTTING WATER IN, TAKING WATER OUT.  
7 THAT IS A REASON WHY A LOT OF THE SHORT PRESENTATION DEALT  
8 WITH THOSE ISSUES IN PARTICULAR.   AND THOSE WILL BE PART OF  
9 THE RECORD, AND THEY ARE BEING RECORDED HERE ALSO.

10           ANNOUNCEMENT, LEGAL PAPERS.

11           WE MAILED OUT ROUGHLY 12 TO -- 12 NEWSPAPERS ON  
12 THE PROJECT.   ONE NEWSPAPER PICKED IT UP, AND THAT WAS THE  
13 SAN BERNARDINO SUN, RAN TWO ARTICLES ABOUT WHERE YOU COULD  
14 GET THE DOCUMENTS AND THE MEETINGS.

15           AS FOR THE LOCAL NEWSPAPER, WHY IT DIDN'T RUN IT,  
16 I AM NOT SURE, BUT WE DID -- WE DID SEND OUT TO 12  
17 NEWSPAPERS AND -- AND SAN BERNARDINO SUN DID PICK IT UP.

18           ALL IN ALL ON THE PROJECT, WE MAILED OUT  
19 NOTIFICATION ON THIS MEETING.   THESE MEETINGS WERE TO  
20 RECEIVE IT TO APPROXIMATELY 750 INDIVIDUALS OR AGENCIES  
21 CONCERNING THESE MEETINGS AND WHERE THE DOCUMENTATION IS  
22 LOCATED AT.

23           TWENTY-ONE:   WHO GETS --

24           MS. SALENIUS:   THE MONEY FOR THE WATER.

25           MR. REED:   -- THE MONEY FOR THE WATER?



1 OTHER PROJECTS STILL IN TURN --

2 MS. SALENIUS: BEEN STOLEN AND TURNED INTO  
3 THIS PROJECT.

4 MR. REED: I AM NOT SURE WHAT THIS PROJECT  
5 IS.

6 WHAT THIS PROGRAM HAS TO DEAL WITH, HAS TO DEAL  
7 WITH VERY DIFFERENT ISSUES SUCH AS STORAGE OF WATER, THE  
8 USE OF STORAGE OF THAT WATER, TAKING THAT STORAGE, STORING  
9 GROUNDWATER BASIN, EXTRACTING THAT WATER, PUTTING IT BACK  
10 IN THE AQUEDUCT.

11 WHEN WE STORE THE WATER, PUTS IT IN THE GROUND,  
12 THEY OPERATE THAT. WHEN WE HAVE TO HAVE THE WATER  
13 RETURNED, WE PAY CADIZ AND THEY GET THE WATER BACK TO US.

14 AS TO THE TRANSFER OF WATER, AGAIN, THE SAME  
15 THING THERE. WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS WE PAY CADIZ FOR THE  
16 WATER OF -- TRANSFER OF WATER THAT'S COMING OUT OF THE  
17 GROUND AND BEING RETURNED TO THE AQUEDUCT ALSO.

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18 RUTH LOPEZ: WHAT ABOUT THE COLORADO RIVER  
19 WATER? YOU DON'T PAY THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FEDERAL  
20 GOVERNMENT FOR THAT?

21 MR. REED: NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF. I AM NOT  
22 POSITIVE ABOUT THAT.

23 RUTH LOPEZ: IS THAT IN THE DOCUMENT?

24 WHAT ABOUT THE WATER THAT'S BEING --

25 MS. SALENIUS: WE WILL GET AN ANSWER ON THAT

1 ISSUE FOR YOU AND PUT IT IN THE FINAL.

2 MR. REED: THERE ARE -- THERE ARE OTHER --

3 MS. SALENIUS: ALTERNATIVES.

4 MR. REED: -- ALTERNATIVES THAT USE WARD

5 VALLEY. THE ANSWER IS IN THE DOCUMENT. THE DOCUMENT

6 SPECIFIES THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE, WHICH ALTERNATIVES

7 WE'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH THAT WE'RE ASKING COMMENTS ON.

8 THAT IS THE CADIZ PROJECT, THE CADIZ GROUNDWATER

9 DRY-YEAR PROJECT.

10 WARD VALLEY WAS ONE OF THE ALTERNATIVES

11 EVALUATED. WHAT WE SAID IN THIS DOCUMENT, WE SPECIFIED

12 WHICH ALTERNATIVE THAT WE'RE PROCEEDING WITH, WHICH

13 ALTERNATIVE IS ON THE TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION.

14 MS. SALENIUS: OKAY.

15 I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR PARTICIPATING IN

16 THE MEETING THIS EVENING.

17 I WANT TO REMIND YOU THAT THE PUBLIC COMMENT

18 PERIOD WILL END ON FEBRUARY 23RD, 2000.

19 AND IF YOU WISH TO MAIL IN ANY COMMENTS, AGAIN,

20 WE HAVE THE STAMPED COMMENT CARDS AT THE TABLE. AND WE

21 HAVE UNSTAMPED CARDS THAT HAVE THE MAILING ADDRESSES FOR

22 COMMENTS.

23 COMMENTS WILL BE MAILED TO JACK SAFELY, WHOM I

24 INTRODUCED EARLIER AT METROPOLITAN, AND ALSO JIM WILLIAMS,

25 B.L.M., IN THE RIVERSIDE OFFICE. HE WILL BE THERE FOR

1 APPOINTMENT FOR RECEIVING COMMENTS FROM THE B.L.M.

2 RUTH LOPEZ: WE HAVE THE ADDRESSES ON THE  
3 BOARD SO THAT WE CAN --

4 MS. SALENIUS: IF YOU JUST TAKE ONE OF THE  
5 CARDS, THEY'RE PRINTED RIGHT ON THE CARDS. ANYONE CAN TAKE  
6 THEM. TAKE EXTRA ONES, GIVE THEM TO YOUR FRIENDS.

7 (THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 8:43 P.M.)

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I, LINDA S. LANE, C.C.R., R.P.R., DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I TOOK DOWN IN SHORTHAND (STENOTYPE) ALL OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD IN THE ABOVE-ENTITLED MATTER AT THE TIME AND PLACE INDICATED, AND THAT THEREAFTER SAID SHORTHAND NOTES WERE TRANSCRIBED INTO TYPEWRITING AT AND UNDER MY DIRECTION AND SUPERVISION, AND THE FOREGOING TRANSCRIPT CONSTITUTES A FULL, TRUE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS HAD, ALL DONE TO THE BEST OF MY SKILL AND ABILITY.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO AFFIXED MY HAND THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2000.

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*Linda S. Lane*  
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