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**MWD** Box 54153 Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

Attn: Dirk W. Reed, Project Manager

Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program

Dear Mr. Reed:

Approximately one week ago I was astonished to receive a notice that certified mail from the MWD was being held for me at the Rancho Cucamonga post office. This meant that I had to drive several miles to the post office and then wait in line for service for 10-15 minutes.

I was even more astonished when I opened the envelope (that cost \$3.20 to mail) and discovered that all it contained was a two-page form letter regarding the availability of a draft EIR/EIS for your groundwater storage program.

I recently arranged for a group tour of the new MWD reservoir just south of Hemet and

was greatly impressed. Unfortunately, that good impression lasted only till I received that certified piece of junk mail. Is it required by law that you send out those notices by certified mail or is that simply MWD's latest method of wasting the hard-earned dollars of homeowners (including retirees on fixed incomes) who have to pay your high fees for water? How many millions of dollars did that mailing cost the customers of MWD? When will your next increase in water rates go into effect? If the Draft, and the letter regarding it, were simply not prepared in a timely manner so the letters could be sent regular bulk-rate mail, what is the reason?

I would appreciate receiving a copy of MWD's latest financial statement.

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Sincerely. Mrs. Mark C. Drubaker

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