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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY Supplement to the Draft **Environmental Impact** Report/Environmental Impact Statement For the Cadiz **Groundwater Storage and**

Dry-Year Supply Program The is to inform all interested persons that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the California National Environmental Policy
Act (NEPA), the Metropolitan
Water District of Southern
California (Metropolitan) and
the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have jointly prepared a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Supplement) for the proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program.

Metropolitan is the Lead Agency under CEQA, and the BLM is the Lead Agency under NEDA Agencies cooperation in Statement NEPA. Agencies cooperating in the preparation of the Supplement are U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service and U.S. Geological Supplement Geological Survey. The Draft EJR/EIS, published in

November 1999, evaluates a range of alternatives for conveying water between the Colorado River Aqueduct and the aquifer underlying the Cadiz and Fenner valleys. A plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan is also proposed to allow for the proposed pipeline right-of-way outside of an existing utility corridor. This Supplement provides additional Information regarding management of groundwater resources and related air quality issues in response to comments EIR/EIS. on the Draft

The aim of the Cadiz Project is to ensure the reliability of Metropolitan's existing water supply in the Colorado River Aqueduct. The project would achieve this goal by storing Colorado River water in the Cadiz/Fenner aquifer withdrawing the stored water along with indigenous groundwater during dry years. indigenous The project area is located in the eastern Mojave Desert region of San Bernardino County in the Cadiz and Fenner valleys and crosses federal land administered by the BLM.

Copies of the Supplement will be available for 45-day public review from October 20, 2000 through December 4, 2000 at the following locations: Needles Branch Library, 1111
Bailey Avenue, Needles,
California 92363

Barstow Branch Library, 304
East Buena Vista, Barstow,
California 92311
Twentynine Palms Branch
Library, 6078 Adobe Road,
Twentynine Palms, California

Noman Feldheym Central Library, 555 West 6th Street, San Bernardino, California 92410

Bureau of Land Management, Riverside Office, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California 90012

Bureau of Land Management, Needles Office, 101 West Needles, Spike's Road California 92363 Road, Written comments on the Draft

EIR/EIS should be sent to: Metropolitan , Water District of Southern California, Post Office Box 54153, Los Angeles, California Attention: Mr. Jack Safely

U.S. Bureau Management, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507; Attention: Mr. James Williams

To be considered, comments must* þе· received Metropolitan or BLM on or before December 4, 2000. Further information regarding the project may be obtained from Mr. Jack Safely at (213) 217-6981 or Mr. James Williams at (909) 697-5390. 10/20/00

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