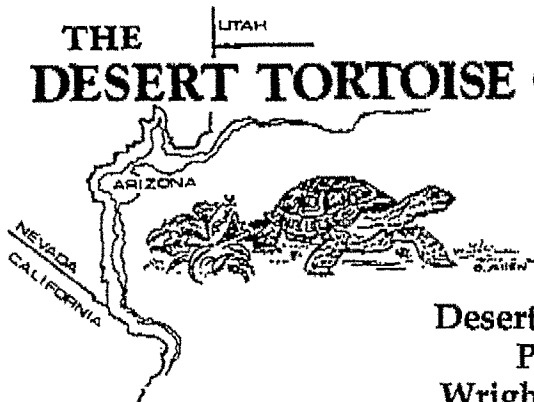


THE DESERT TORTOISE COUNCIL



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RE: Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program
 Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report, Draft
 Environmental Impact Statement SCH No. 99021039
 Report No. 1169

The Desert Tortoise Council wishes to note the following: The Supplement does not directly address the desert tortoise, although the original DEIR/DEIS did. We remain concerned about the impact of this project on the populations of desert tortoises in the area of the proposed project and in the general degradation of the Mojave Desert, no matter how socially beneficial the proposed projects.

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We remain an interested party in these matters and request to be informed as matters develop (or don't develop).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marc D. Graff'.

Marc D. Graff, M.D.
 Senior Co-Chair
 Desert Tortoise Council--