

December 28, 12000

Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District
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Attn: Mr. James Williams

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RE: SEIS CADIZ Inc.
sale of underground water

Gentlemen,

This is in opposition to the proposed theft of nature's underground water by CADIZ Inc., and their proposed sale of that water to the Los Angeles MWD. Although I am a life long resident of San Diego and Orange Counties, and would be the recipient of some of that water, I am also a responsible Citizen, and an American Indian, and I cannot sit idly by and watch a governmental agency recklessly give away precious desert water to a foreign agency just because they want it.

I am sure that your agency is well aware of the infamous theft of Owens Valley water by the MWD some years ago. That area still feels the ill effects of that theft. It now appears that an agency of our Federal government is trying to do virtually the same thing again, only in a region where there are less people to oppose them.

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Certainly your agency is aware of the fact that allowing the MWD to drain the aquifer in this region will condemn this entire region to perpetual drought ... FOR EVER. Were there a compelling reason to ruthlessly steal this water, perhaps that might be excusable. To EVEN LISTEN to a poor excuse such as "The Los Angeles basin needs water so that it can ATTRACT more people and MORE industry" is a PRETTY LAME excuse.... AT BEST!..... Right now the LA Basin is hopelessly over populated and those of us who are natives must suffer air quality that is almost fatal to some of our weaker neighbors, even with the status quo. It therefore doesn't take a brain surgeon to understand that more water means more people/more density/more pollution/less quality of life for everyone.

I am perfectly aware of the frenzied efforts to obtain a monetary gain, any way that does end you up in prison. I can even understand the callous desires of corporate officers wanting to turn a buck, even it means killing off every living thing in the entire Mojave Desert. What I cannot understand is the willingness of some governmental employees who are willing to allow these corporate officials to implement this mass

execution of all living things in this Mojave Desert. This is the very reason a large portion of our society looks with such contempt upon some such employees, be they in private practice or on government rolls. I can understand the thinking of such officials because I was the president and CEO of a corporation for approximately 20 years and I worked in governments for approximately 25 years. I also understand the demands on a corporation to show a profit, regardless of its lasting effect on our society. I have also sat on boards of directors of other corporations and been responsible for policies regarding profitability of those corporation. However, during those last two decades, I am proud to say that I have fought for a policy that is compatible with our society and our environment FIRST, and for profitability SECOND.

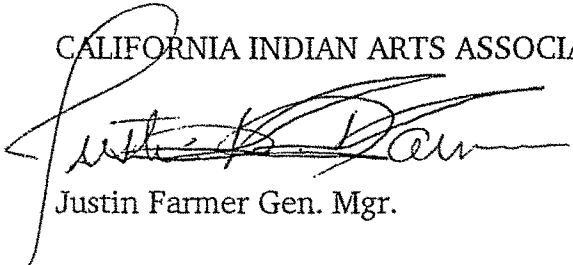
It has been claimed that CADIZ Inc. will replenish the stolen ground water with that taken from the Colorado River. NOW THAT REALLY OVERWHELMS ME!!. There have been battles for generations between Mexico, Arizona, and California over water from this river. Now do you honestly believe that CADIZ Inc. will prevail over these other agencies? I kind of doubt it!

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In summary, I humbly ask that you, as a representative of our government; you who have been entrusted with the future of our great American Desert, do all in your power to disapprove of this rape of our Mojave Deseret. Please try to understand that this water merely represents dollars to CADIZ Inc but loss of this water means drought for this desert, FOR EVER.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

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