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Metropolitan Water District
Water Resources Management Group

Attn: Mr. Jack Safely,

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Dear Mr. Safely,

I am writing to comment on the draft supplemental environmental impact statement on the Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-year Supply Program. I am concerned about the impact this project could have on the Mojave National Preserve and several desert Wilderness Areas. I do not believe that this environmental review adequately addresses the potential threats.

I believe the plan gives too much authority for decisions affecting the desert ecosystem to Cadiz, Inc and its customer, Metropolitan Water District, both of which have an economic interest in extracting groundwater.

The document needs to examine alternatives that are actually sustainable, safer, and less environmentally destructive. Alternatives might include water storage projects and water conservation measures.

Finally, I am concerned about the possible air pollution that could result if the water table under the nearby "dry" lake drops even a few feet. This pollution would threaten two national parks and five wilderness areas, lands set aside by Congress to be permanently protected. This project would undo that protection for future generations.

Please support the public interest and reject this proposal.

Sincerely,

Lillian Hanahan

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