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Metropolitan Water District
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Dear Mr. Safely,

We write to express our concern regarding the Cadiz Project's Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), and to urge you to reconsider the MWD's involvement in the project. Our specific concerns include the following:

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- **The SEIS does not adequately examine water conservation measures as an alternative that is more sustainable, safer, and less environmentally destructive than the Cadiz Project. As you know, water conservation projects have successfully reduced demand in other areas.**

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- **The SEIS contains incomplete information on the water quality of the groundwater and Colorado River water that would be pumped into the aquifer. Some of this water contains Chromium 6 and may also contain other toxins that will require expensive treatment. Who will pay for the expense of treating this water? Apparently Cadiz, Inc. and the MWD are willing to pass these costs along to taxpayers and southern California water customers.**

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- **The Cadiz Project could turn two nearby dry lakes into sources of toxic dust storms, generating air pollution that would exceed that of the Owens Lake. The air pollution that resulted from the drying of Owens Lake continues to cost Southern California rate payers millions of dollars. We now understand that what was profitable in the short-term for the water brokers has been costly in the long-term for the public.**

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For these reasons, we urge you to reconsider the MWD's involvement in the Cadiz Project, and we assure you that we will continue to follow this groundwater grab with active interest. Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

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