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Dear Sirs:

I am a hydrologist by trade and have dealt in domestic water supply for some forty years; I know land is of no use without water.

I have been a member of the Needles Utility Board for three years. We as a board are constantly searching for new and better ways to use and conserve water to better serve our public. As it had already been said, California is in the last great gold rush, being water.

I feel the Supplement to the EIR/EIS closely monitors the aquifer system and will ensure the safety of all the surrounding critical resources. I also feel that projects of this kind are the only way to ensure there will be a reliable water supply during dry years and help alleviate demand on the Colorado River.

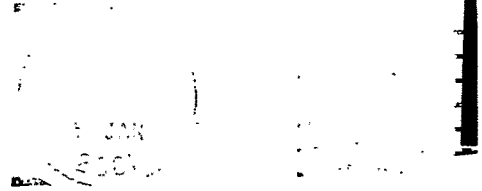
I have had the privilege of visiting the Cadiz facility and I strongly support the endeavors of this project. It is people like you who will keep California alive and growing.

Very truly yours,

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