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To All Who Are Concerned and can affect what is being proposed.

I am really upset about what is being proposed re: the Cadiz project.\

Why Why Why are you spending so much time and so much effort on a project that threatens so many protected natural areas when there appears to already be a spot owned by the government, the Heywood site, that could do the job very well? What is the justification of not working with what we the people already own and going off and being prepared to spend more taxpayer money to aid a private investor?

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Yes, we need more water sources but there are lots of other ways of getting it first and foremost being more conservation, not just with the development of more water efficient equipment, but cutting out the elaborate plantings of lawns and gardens that we see all over Los Angeles and emphasizing more reuse of water.

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This whole trend toward putting water into aquifers for storage and taking it out for later uses sounds very tempting on the surface but there has to be lots more safeguards in place including state laws to regulate and more scientific analysis as to the effects of adding and later putting more water into a desert aquifer AND the danger of contaminating water supplies when water is moved from one place to another.

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And let's take good heed from the energy debacle...too much control in the hands of the private sector is VERY dangerous. Access to a good water supply should be a guaranteed right of all of us and not left to the open market. I prefer government regulation with all its fits and starts.

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Of course, there is much more to be said but you probably have heard it already. Just know that I am really against the furtherance of this project. Drop it now and get on with the development of the Heywood site.

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Sincerely yours,

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