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Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District Management Group
Attn: Mr. James Williams
6221 Box Springs Boulevard
Riverside, CA 92507-0714

Dear Mr. Williams,

As a former resident of California and likely future resident, I am writing to express concerns about problems with Cadiz, Inc. plans to drain an ancient aquifer that underlies the Mojave National Preserve and five Bureau of Land Management wilderness areas. This project has the potential to cause irreversible damage to our treasured public lands in the California Desert.

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This project could endanger the unique and rare plants and animals of this desert community, including the threatened desert tortoise and desert bighorn sheep. Two of the several wildernesses that could be impacted by this project are the Trilobite and Clipper Mountain Wildernesses, home to the second largest herd of desert bighorn sheep in the state.

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The public lands that could be impacted by this project include two national parks and five wilderness areas managed by the Bureau of Land Management. These lands were set aside by Congress to be permanently protected for their nationally significant natural and cultural resource values. This project is likely to undo that protection for future generations.

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Please abandon this desert water mining plan.

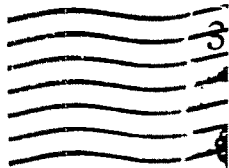
Sincerely,

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Note: This letter was also sent to the Metropolitan Water District

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