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Subject: Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program,
Supplement to Draft EIR / EIS

Dear Mr. Safely:

I am writing in support of the subject program (Cadiz Program). As an analytical chemist with extensive geoscience and Environmental Protection Agency experience as well as having numerous research publications in refereed scientific journals, I believe I am qualified to comment on the merits of the Cadiz Program.

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In my investigation of the Cadiz Program I reviewed documentation relevant to the Program including the Draft EIR / EIS and visited the site of the proposed Program. In my opinion the Cadiz Program will ensure the reliability of Metropolitan Water District's existing water supply in the Colorado River Aqueduct. The proposed Program is scientifically sound and environmentally friendly; the engineering is practical and the management plan assures success.

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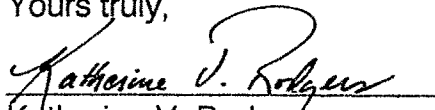
The USGS comments in the Devine Memorandum (Devine, James F., Feb 23, 2000, Review of the Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program Draft Environmental Planning Technical Report, Groundwater Resources, Volumes I and II: Memorandum to Molly S. Brady, Field Manager, Bureau of Land Management, Needles, California.) were disturbing in that they appeared to be dishonestly slanted to support what one must conclude to be a preconceived but unsubstantiated negative attitude on the part of the USGS.

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I appreciate this opportunity to submit my comments to you for your consideration on this very important project.

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Yours truly,


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