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Mr. Jack Safely  
Metropolitan Water District  
Water Resources Management Group  
P.O. Box 54153  
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Dear Mr. Safely,

I am against the Cadiz, Inc. plan to pump ground water from the ancient aquifer underlying much of the Mojave Desert. Much of this aquifer underlies public land that has been designated as the Mojave National Preserve and other wilderness areas. This project runs counter to the designation that these lands be permanently protected.

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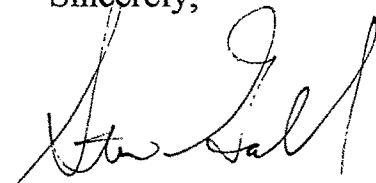
In addition, I'm against this project because of potential to disrupt the existing ecological steady state, which would threaten the endangered and rare plants and animals of the desert community. This project will reduce biodiversity.

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We have a penchant for wasting water. The supplemental environment impact statement does not address water saving measures that need to be implemented.

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Sincerely,



Steve Gabel