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Attn: Mr James Williams

Re: SEIS on Cadiz Water Storage Proposal

Dear Mr Williams:

I am writing to you today to express my concern with the inadequacy of the SEIS. Yes, we do need to find solutions to managing our water needs, but we must be sure that, in doing so, we do not create worse problems than we already have. Therefore, an adequate SEIS that fully discloses all potential issues so that they may be resolved or mitigated prior project approval is absolutely essential.

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I had the opportunity to learn about the Bristol Basin in the early 90s when the area was proposed for a rail-haul trash facility. Interestingly, the estimates of perennial yield in that EIR coincide with those submitted by USGS and the Sierra Club in the SEIS under discussion. At that time Cadiz Land spoke out against the over draft of this water basin. Now, when it will be of financial benefit to them, they have reversed these objections and submitted different information. The basin should not be pumped beyond perennial yield. That will result in the loss of habitat and the degradation of the aquifer, possibly drawing salt into fresh areas.

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I would also like to express my concern regarding water quality and the SEIS's failure to address degradation of existing aquifer quality. Water that will be injected must be filtered first. Pesticides and other impurities cannot be injected into an existing water body. The SEIS does not discuss where the filtration plant will be located or any impacts associated with it, including land-use, traffic or effluent disposal. These issues must be addressed.

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Please do not approve this document without addressing and disclosing impacts that are associated with these issues.

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Sincerely,

Lynne Plambeck