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Mr. Jack Safely  
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Dear Mr. Safely,

I wish to express my strong opposition to Cadiz, Inc. providing water for the MWD. Hasn't anything been learned from the current electricity rate fiasco?

Furthermore, I am against permitting a private corporation to deplete an aquifer which extends onto public land; especially when national parks and wilderness could be impacted as a result.

There are questions of: 1) potential problems that could occur from draining a desert ecosystem of its natural water resource; 2) endangerment of unique and rare plants and animals; 3) monitoring the pumping; 4) using water that would come from the Colorado River, to which Cadiz, Inc does not have riparian rights, as a means of replenishing the aquifer; and then charging MWD for the water; 5) and water quality as it regards public health.

Sincerely,

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