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Dear Mr. James Williams,

The effect of the Cadiz Project on the Mojave Desert gives me cause for great concern about the impact it will have on ground water tables and the aquifer. As a life long resident of Fresno California, I have had the opportunity to observe what happens in a city that has a large system of ground water recharge stations. In the 1960's Fresno was reputed to have the best drinking water of any large city in the US. The water table was also at 40 feet. City wells are now down to 120' and water quality is terrible in many wells.

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I currently do environmental restoration work along the San Joaquin River. Restoration projects now have to have supplemental irrigation because native riparian plants can not reach the water table to get established (this is with ground water recharge).

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The desert ecosystem as you know is much more fragile. It is imperative that a government agency which does not benefit from the Cadiz Project be an "honest broker".

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Ground water recharge and pumped storage was going to solve Fresno's problems. It didn't. It won't solve Los Angeles' water problems either and it will screw up the desert ecosystem to boot.

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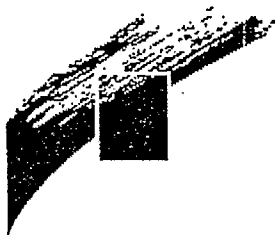
Thank you for your timely help and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



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