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Mr. Williams:

Re: Cadiz Groundwater Storage Program

I apologize for getting comments in just under the 12/4/00 wire but life as you know is busy.

The plan seems well thought out and the BLM is to be congratulated on showing such concern for environmental considerations. Thank you.

As you know the devil is in not only the details but also the execution, so:

1- Selection of 8 springs to monitor flow levels. High altitude springs would be the ~~last~~ to run dry - could 50% of the selected springs be high altitude - even better could a concerned environmental group pick 50% of the springs?

2- There seems to be adequate safeguards for wells affected by the project but more vague ones for springs that are affected - why not the same recourse for springs as wells? If they aren't affected then the cost would be modest.

3- Monitoring of test wells has potential for mischief - outside verification by a concerned environmental group would keep everybody honest.

4- relating to above - again, access to all records, especially electronic data base by a representative of concerned environmentalists would reassure us tree-huggers.

5- Expansion of Cadiz, Inc's agriculture activities would entail a lot of water - short shift (one sentence) was given to this in the report.

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 6 = ⁸ Last point ch! - ~~determining~~ "if groundwater level changes
 were above background levels and directly attributable
 to project operations" - all sorts of mischief potential
 there if determination is allowed without concerned
 environmental parties having their own monitoring
 rights of the determination as well as flow levels.

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Many thanks again for the effort you've
 put in here and the BLM's job is balancing all
 the concerns in its environmental efforts.

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Yours,
 Barry McLean