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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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Office of the General Manager

October 18, 2000

Dear Interested Party:

**Notice of Availability of the Supplement to the Draft EIR/EIS  
for the Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program**

This notice is to inform you that the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have jointly prepared a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Supplement) for the proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program (Cadiz Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and the National Environmental Policy Act. Agencies cooperating in the preparation of the Supplement are U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service and U.S. Geological Survey.

The Draft EIR/EIS, published in November 1999, evaluates a range of alternatives for conveying water between the Colorado River Aqueduct and the aquifer underlying the Cadiz and Fenner valleys. A plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan (1980) is also proposed to allow for the proposed right-of-way for the pipeline outside of an existing utility corridor. This Supplement provides additional information regarding management of groundwater resources and related air quality issues in response to comments on the Draft EIR/EIS.

The aim of the Cadiz Project is to ensure the reliability of Metropolitan's existing water supply in the Colorado River Aqueduct. The project achieves this goal by storing Colorado River water in the Cadiz/Fenner aquifer and withdrawing the stored water along with indigenous groundwater during dry years. The project area is located in the eastern Mojave Desert region of San Bernardino County in the Cadiz and Fenner valleys and crosses federal land administered by the BLM.

We are providing you an opportunity to review and comment on the Supplement. Copies of the Supplement are available for review at the Metropolitan and BLM offices and at public libraries as follows:

- Metropolitan Water District, 700 N. Alameda Street, Los Angeles, California
- Bureau of Land Management, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California
- Bureau of Land Management, 101 West Spike's Road, Needles, California

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- Norman Feldheym Central Library, 555 West 6<sup>th</sup> Street, San Bernardino, California
- Needles Branch Library, 1111 Bailey Avenue, Needles, California
- Twentynine Palms Branch Library, 6078 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms, California
- Barstow Branch Library, 304 East Buena Vista Street, Barstow, California

The Supplement is being distributed for a 45-day review and comment period beginning October 20, 2000 and ending on December 4, 2000. Due to the time limits mandated by State and federal law, your comments should be sent at the earliest possible date, but not later than the December 4, 2000 closing date for public review of the Supplement. Comments should be directed to Mr. Jack Safely, Project Manager, Metropolitan Water District, P.O. Box 54153, Los Angeles, California 90054 or to Mr. James Williams, U.S. Bureau of Land Management, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, California 92507. Telephone inquiries should be directed to Mr. Safely at (213) 217-6981 or to Mr Williams at (909) 697-5390.

Very truly yours,



Grace L. Chan, Section Manager  
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Office of the General Manager

November 1, 2000

A. B. Amster  
P.O. Box 1106  
Ridgecrest, CA 93556

Dear Mr./Ms. Amster:

Use of Certified Mail for Sending Notification of Environmental Impact Reports

The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) recently sent you a Notice of Availability of the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Supplement) for the Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program via certified mail. I am responding to your inquiry regarding the reason for using certified mail rather than standard postal delivery for the notice.

Certified mail is used to provide Metropolitan with a record of its provision of notice or of the documents themselves to organizations and individuals that have requested them. Because the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Guidelines implementing CEQA have rigorous requirements for public notice, Metropolitan needs to have a record of its adherence to these requirements. Notice is also provided by publication of legal notices in newspapers of general circulation in the area of the proposed project and posted in the office of the county clerk in the county in which the proposed project is located.

We are mindful of your concern for responsible management of costs associated with planning and proposing public projects. The one-page notice you received was sent to many people and organizations on a lengthy mailing list instead of sending the volume of the Supplement, which would be much more expensive. Copies of the document have been made available at numerous public libraries and at Metropolitan and BLM offices, and the Supplement has been posted on the Internet in order to provide the public with an opportunity to review and comment. Documents were only mailed to public agencies that could be potentially affected or that have jurisdiction by law over the project, to those that have previously submitted comments on the project, and to public officials who may receive inquiries about the project. Of course, we will also send copies to any interested parties that request the document.

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A. B. Amster

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We appreciate your concern. Should you have further questions, please contact me at (213) 217-6798 or Ms. Kathleen Kunysz of my staff at (213) 217-6272.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Grace L. Chan

Grace L. Chan, Section Manager  
Water Resource Management Group

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