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Bureau of Land Management
California Desert District
6221 Box Springs Road
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Attn: Mr. James Williams

Dear Mr. Williams:

I oppose the proposed Cadiz Project and ask that you provide your best effort to preventing its implementation as currently planned.

In particular, it appears to me that the public lands that would be impacted by this project include two national parks and five wilderness areas managed by your Bureau. These lands were set aside by Congress to be permanently protected for their nationally significant natural and cultural resource values. This project is likely to undo that protection for future generations. The Cadiz Project is a groundwater grab in the Mojave Desert. It affects wildlife and air quality in the Mojave National Preserve, Joshua Tree National Park, and five BLM wilderness areas. This decision has enormous ramifications for the future of water management, public health and the protection of the natural resources of southern California. We need to urge the Metropolitan Water District to make a decision that is informed, reasoned, and that promotes the public interest rather than private profit. I hope your Bureau will make a decision on those grounds also.

Please keep me advised of your progress in this matter.

Sincerely,
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