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Attn: Mr. Jack Safely

Dear Mr. Jack Safely:

I urge the BLM and the Metropolitan Water District to not allow the Cadiz Project to take water from the Mojave Desert.

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The reasons for making this decision are:

1. The SEIS does not fully examine the potential problems that could result from draining a desert ecosystem.
2. The SEIS does not contain complete information on the water quality of the groundwater or the Colorado River water that would be imported to this aquifer.
3. The project could endanger rare plants and animals including the desert tortoise and sheep.
4. The monitoring would be carried out by Cadiz, Inc, and thereby put profit-focused decision makers in charge of protection of public resources.
5. The document needs to examine alternatives that are sustainable, safer, and less environmentally destructive, including water conservation measures.
6. The water taken contains cancer-causing toxins, and would be dangerous for recipients.

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For all the above reasons I again urge you not to allow Cadiz to mine the aquifer under the Mojave Desert.

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Very truly yours,

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