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Dear Sirs:

The impressive efforts put forth by Cadiz Inc. in conjunction with Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) in planning for storage for future dry years shows depth of both planning and foresight for the benefit of generations of Californians in the new millennium.

Cadiz and MWD have been before the public in a variety of forums and answered all manners of questions concerning the contemplated project both conceptually as well as definition of technical candor and thoroughness in attempts to educate all interested parties. In my own particular case, during both of the Twentynine Palms meetings, I covered a multitude of topics and asked several dozen questions on both technical as well as general subjects. I have been impressed with the overall knowledge, the professionalism of the Cadiz and MWD Staff and their follow-up to provide responses to our inquiries.

This groundwater storage project, when combined with the closely monitored native groundwater extraction, which is spelled out in the Supplement, can plainly be defined as a win/win system where today's plans become the salvation of tomorrow's growing population. The Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan has placed an emphasis on safeguards to ensure that the desert aquifer is not over drafted and that there will be no impacts to critical resources. This kind of planning should have commenced years ago and had it been so accomplished, a system would now be in place to alleviate present shortages and needs across the State.

I see the conservation of vital Colorado water supplies in the Cadiz aquifers as one of the most important concepts that the State of California can participate in for the welfare of future generations of our California families. The potential of storing millions of acre feet of water for years awaiting distribution during critical times is one of the best guarantors of survival of our society as we know it today and makes it one of the most important decisions of this generation.

We need to start getting it accomplished and quit merely paying lip service to the concept... while ensuring, of course, that the necessary safeguards are in place to prevent the denudement of our Hi-Desert aquifers.

I say hearty "well done" is due to all concerned for the efforts to date! Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,

Mr. "Mac" Dube
Mayor Pro Tem, City of Twentynine Palms, California

cc: Lesley Thornburg, Cadiz Inc.

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