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Mr. Jack Safely
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
P.O. Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054

Re: Comment Letter to Supplemental EIR/EIS Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program

Dear Mr. Safely:

In Southern California the regional issues of imported water supply affect us all. That is why we support the CADIZ Groundwater Storage Program. Pre-storage of Colorado River water will reduce supply demands from the California Aqueduct which is the imported water source for the High Desert.

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Our staff and some Directors have visited the CADIZ property to examine the pilot project. We have spoken with CADIZ's technical staff as we are undertaking a pilot groundwater recharge project in our own area. We find the work performed to be thorough and extensive and it seems significant efforts have been made to do the project in the right manner.

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This is an important project to Southern California and we hope you will also look upon it favorably.

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Sincerely,

Lawrence E. Huber
President - Board of Directors

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