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Subject: Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program San Bernardino County, California
 SCH#: 1999021039

Dear Jack Safely:

The enclosed comment (s) on your Supplemental EIR was (were) received by the State Clearinghouse after the end of the state review period, which closed on December 4, 2000. We are forwarding these comments to you because they provide information or raise issues that should be addressed in your final environmental document.

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The California Environmental Quality Act does not require Lead Agencies to respond to late comments. However, we encourage you to incorporate these additional comments into your final environmental document and to consider them prior to taking final action on the proposed project.

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Please contact the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions concerning the environmental review process. If you have a question regarding the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number (1999021039) when contacting this office.

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Sincerely,

Terry Roberts
 Senior Planner, State Clearinghouse

Enclosures
 cc: Resources Agency

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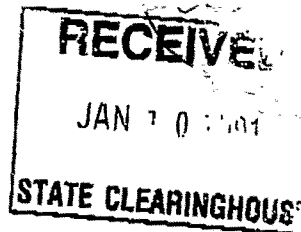
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RE: CADIZ GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND DRY-YEAR SUPPLY PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT TO THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT / DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT

On October 19, 2000, the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board (Region 7) received the document entitled Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report / Draft Environmental Impact Statement, Report No. 1169, State Clearing House Number 99021039, and dated October 12, 2000. The Cadiz Program is designed to assist Southern California residents with their current and future water supply needs through storage of available Colorado River water in a groundwater aquifer system during wet-years, and the extraction and supply of stored Colorado River water and indigenous groundwater during dry-years.

In accordance with the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act, it is the responsibility of the nine Regional Water Quality Control Boards to protect, restore, and enhance the quality of surface and ground waters of the State to ensure the attainment and maintenance of all designated beneficial uses. The subject project is located within the boundaries of the Route Sixty Six Hydrologic Unit (# 710.00), Bristol (# 710.10) and Fenner (# 710.20) Hydrologic Areas of Region 7. The designated groundwater beneficial uses within the Bristol Hydrologic Area are identified within the Region 7 Water Quality Control Plan as municipal and domestic (MUN), industrial service (IND), and agricultural (AGR) supplies. Historical and recent groundwater analytical data from the subject groundwater aquifers indicates the presence of detectable concentrations of several inorganic constituents, which in some instances approach or exceed the drinking water standards established by the California Department of Health Services (Primary Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)). Presently, the source of the constituents, particularly Arsenic and Chromium, is unclear and may be resolved through further investigation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Liann Chavez at (760) 776-8945.

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Bureau of Land Management, Riverside
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