

Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement For the Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program

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This is to inform all interested person that pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management (BLM) have jointly prepared a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (Supplement) for the proposed Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program. Metropolitan is the Lead Agency under CEQA, and the BLM is the Lead Agency under NEPA. Agencies cooperation in the preparation of the Supplement are U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service and U.S. Geological Survey.

The Draft EIR/EIS, published in November 1999, evaluates a range of alternatives for conveying water between the Colorado River Aqueduct and the aquifer underlying the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys. A plan amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan is also proposed to allow for the proposed pipeline right-of-way outside of an existing utility corridor. This Supplement provides additional information regarding management of groundwater resources and related air quality issues in response to comments on the Draft EIR/EIS.

The aim of the Cadiz Project is to ensure the reliability of Metropolitan's existing water supply in the Colorado River Aqueduct. The project would achieve this goal by storing Colorado River water in the Cadiz/Fenner aquifer and withdrawing the stored water along with indigenous groundwater during dry years. The project area is located in the eastern Mojave Desert region of San Bernardino County in the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys and crosses federal land administered by the BLM.

Copies of the Supplement will be available for 45-days public review from the October 20, 2000 through December 4, 2000 at the following locations:

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