

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

**SUPPLEMENT TO THE DRAFT EIR/EIS FOR THE CADIZ GROUNDWATER STORAGE AND DRY-YEAR SUPPLY PROGRAM SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**

A public meeting on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) for the Cadiz Groundwater Storage and Dry-Year Supply Program is scheduled for November 29, 2000 at 7:00PM in Twenty-nine Palms City Hall, 6132 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms. The Cadiz project is proposed by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), and Cadiz Inc. Amendment to the California Desert Conservation Area Plan is proposed to allow a pipeline right-of-way outside existing utility corridors and an easement is required from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The Draft EIR/EIS, released in November 1999, evaluates alternatives for conveying water between the Colorado River and the aquifer underlying the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys.

This Supplement was prepared in response comments about groundwater resources and related air quality issues. It provides more information and presents a Groundwater Monitoring and Management Plan (Management Plan) that is part of the proposed project. The Management Plan would govern water storage and extraction operations, including the amount of indigenous groundwater that may be extracted over the project's 50-year life. Metropolitan and the BLM jointly prepared the Supplement, with the National Park Service and the U.S. Geological Survey as cooperating agencies. The 45-day public review period for the Supplement ends December 4, 2000. Copies may be reviewed at Metropolitan's headquarters in Los Angeles, BLM office in Riverside and Needles, the Norman Felthyme Library in San Bernardino, and the Needles, Twentynine Palms and Barstow Branch Libraries. Written comments may be submitted to Mr. Jack Safely, Metropolitan Water District, P.O. Box 54153, Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153 or Mr. James Williams, Bureau of Land Management, 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, CA 92507-0714  
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