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The Honorable Randy R. Record Chair, Board of Directors Metropolitan Water District of Southern California 700 N. Alameda St. Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Chairman Record,

I write to you today in support of the proposed Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Storage and Recovery Project (Cadiz Project) currently under consideration by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). Given the significance of California's current drought, discovering and maintaining new water supplies is critical to California's livelihood.

As you know, the Cadiz Project is designed to capture untapped fresh water in the Mojave Desert and deliver the water to other cities in Southern California. In order to bring this new source to our region, the 50,000 AFY of water must be wheeled through MWD's system to then be distributed to interested parties. The Cadiz Project is an ambitious solution to California's drought and it has already passed California's rigorous environmental reviews to ensure that it does not harm our fragile deserts.

As our drought intensifies, new and timely solutions such as the Cadiz Project are needed to ensure water reaches our most drought-stricken communities. I sincerely hope you will give the Cadiz Project your full consideration to improve our drought resiliency in Southern California.

Thank you for your service and dedication to providing clean water to my constituents.

Sincerely,

Linda T. Sánchez

Member of Congress

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