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Honorable Randy Record
Chair, Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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RE: Support for Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project

Dear Chair Record:

As the Orange County Fifth District Supervisor, I wish to convey my sincere gratitude of Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's ("MWD") significant financial support of conservation and local water supply improvements. Many of these initiatives benefit water agencies and residents in Orange County. Thank you for your continued support of these essential programs.

As you may know, South Orange County has over 618,000 residents and imports over 90% of its potable water due to a lack of local water supply resources. With the State in its fourth year of drought, I am supportive of water supply enhancement programs that include greater conservation, expansion of our extensive reclaimed water system, and further study of new water resource projects.

After extensive review and outreach, I would like to express my support for the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project ("the Cadiz Project"). As part of the 50,000 acre-feet of water it will deliver annual to Southern California, the Cadiz Project will bring at least 5,000 acre-feet a year to South Orange County which is enough to meet the annual needs of 10,000 families in my district. This substantial new supply will provide water districts greater flexibility in drought situations, continue growth of our economy, and meet the needs of my constituents and future generations.

I am pleased to learn that MWD and Cadiz Inc. are working collaboratively to ensure conformity to necessary water quality and operational standards. While ensuring reliable and safe drinking water, I encourage the Board and staff to do everything they can within MWD's administrative procedures to expedite the delivery of Cadiz water to Southern California. Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa A. Bartlett".

Lisa A. Bartlett
County Supervisor, Fifth District
Vice Chair, Orange County Board of Supervisors

cc: Mr. Jeffery Kightlinger, General Manager, MWD
Mr. Dan Ferons, General Manager, SMWD
Mr. Scott Slater, CEO, Cadiz, Inc.