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June 30, 2015

Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
P.O. Box 54153
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0513
C/O Mr. Jeffrey Kightlinger General Manager



RE: Cadiz Water Project - Union Support

Dear Mr. Jeffrey Kightlinger:

The Southern California District Council of Laborers is a chartered district of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA). LIUNA and its 500,000 members are a key force in the construction industry, a sector that produces 5 percent of the United States' economic output. The District Council is a local voice on issues of importance to LIUNA – including fighting for infrastructure investment that will make California more competitive and create good jobs. The District Council has 14 affiliated locals representing construction craft laborers throughout Southern California.

We write today to express our support for the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project, which would provide 2.5 million acre-feet of new water to Southern California over 50 years. As California confronts an historic drought as well as long-term infrastructure challenges, this innovative new supply could meet the annual water needs of more than 400,000 people across the region and represents an essential opportunity to create local jobs.

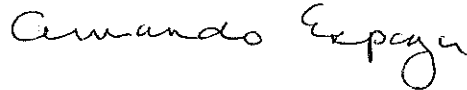
The immediate benefits for the region's economy offered by the Project are significant. According to economist Dr. John Husing, construction of Project facilities - including a wellfield and 43-mile steel pipeline - would generate more than \$878 million in economic activity and infuse close to \$40 million in new tax revenue for local governments. Further, the Project is expected to create nearly 6,000 jobs during construction, with 900 jobs per year on site. The building trades have been severely impacted by long-term levels of high unemployment, and there are very few infrastructure projects proposed in Southern California like the Cadiz Project that can make such a contribution to our local job market and economy with good family-supporting jobs.

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In addition, Cadiz Project facilities will all be constructed on private land and will not impact protected habitat, sensitive wildlife areas or any desert plants or animals. The Project has been reviewed and approved according to the rigorous California Environmental Quality Act and, in 2014, these approvals were upheld in court. Last year, Laborers Local 783, which represents construction craft laborers in San Bernardino County, commissioned its own separate review of the Project by Southern California hydrologist Anthony Brown, M.Sc. Engineering Hydrology, who also found that the Cadiz Project is technically sound and can be implemented safely and sustainably.

The Cadiz Project is a new, innovative water supply that can also make a significant contribution to the local job market and economy. We encourage elected officials throughout Southern California to do all they can to support this important project, so that we can put our community to work as soon as possible and our region can enjoy greater water supply reliability without further delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Armando Esparza". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped 'A' and 'E'.

Armando "Mando" Esparza
Business Manager
Southern California District Council of Laborers

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