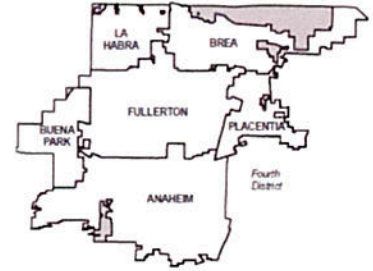




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August 18, 2015

The Honorable Randy R. Record
Chair, Board of Directors
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700 N. Alameda Street,
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The Honorable Larry D. Dick
President, Board of Directors
Municipal Water District of Orange County
18700 Ward Street
Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Dear Chairman Record and President Dick:

In the coming months, the Boards of Directors of your respective agencies are expected to review the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project (“the Cadiz Project”) on behalf of water providers in Orange County and elsewhere within the MWD service area. Two investor-owned water utilities serving cities in Orange County’s 4th Supervisorial District, Golden State Water Company and Suburban Water Systems, are expected to be participants in the Cadiz Project.

California’s extreme drought, generally regarded to be the worst in the last 100 years, has resulted in state-mandated cutbacks of as much as 28 percent to water providers in my District. While greater conservation efforts are of course part of a long-term drought solution, it has never been more important to secure new, reliable water supplies. The Cadiz Project is such a supply that could provide 2.5 million acre-feet of new water to Southern California and, over the long-term, provide new groundwater storage opportunities. The project has already withstood review under the California Environmental Quality Act, and as such is the most “shovel-ready” significant new water supply project in Southern California.

For these reasons, I am wholeheartedly in support of the expedited approval and construction of the project, and respectfully request that your respective boards undertake its review as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,

Shawn Nelson
Supervisor, 4th District
County of Orange