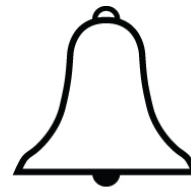


## **Appendix K1**

Draft EIR Notice of Availability  
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Newspaper Advertisements





## *Santa Margarita Water District*

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

### **Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project**

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**To:** California Office of Planning and Research;  
Responsible and Trustee Agencies; County Clerks;  
and Other Interested Parties

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

**Project:** Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project

**State Clearinghouse No:** 2011031002

**Lead Agency:** Santa Margarita Water District

**Review Period:** December 5, 2011 through February 13, 2012

This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that the Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) as the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) that provides the public and trustee agencies with information about the potential effects on the local and regional environment associated with the proposed Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project (Project). The proposed Project is designed to actively manage the groundwater basin underlying a portion of the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys located in the eastern Mojave Desert portion of San Bernardino County, California. The Project would be developed in two phases, the first being the Conservation and Recovery Component and the second phase being the Imported Water Storage Component. The purpose of the Project is to maximize beneficial uses of the groundwater in the Fenner Valley for SMWD and other entities participating in the Project. SMWD, along with other Project Participants, is proposing to implement the Project in partnership with Cadiz Inc. (Cadiz), a Delaware corporation that owns approximately 34,000 contiguous acres of land in the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys, and the Fenner Valley Mutual Water Company (FVMWC), a non-profit California mutual water company formed to deliver water to its shareholders which are comprised of the Project Participants.

**Public Review and Comments:** SMWD is soliciting comments from the public about the analysis and determinations made in the Draft EIR prepared for the proposed Project. The Draft EIR will be used by SMWD and other Responsible Agencies when considering approval of the Project. In accordance with time limits mandated by CEQA (Public Resources Code § 21091), SMWD has established a 70-day review period that begins **December 5, 2011** and ends **February 13, 2012**. Please send your written comments, including a return address and contact name, via mail to this address:

26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688 • Mailing - P.O. Box 7005, Mission Viejo, CA 92690-7005

Web: [www.SMWD.com](http://www.SMWD.com)

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Los Angeles, CA 90017  
Telephone: 213-599-4300  
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**Document Availability:** Copies of the Draft EIR and appendixes are available as follows:

- **Santa Margarita Water District Website:** [www.smwd.com](http://www.smwd.com)
- **Santa Margarita Water District Office:** 26111 Antonio Parkway, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
- **Twentynine Palms Library:** 6078 Adobe Road, Twentynine Palms, CA 92277
- **Rancho Santa Margarita Public Library:** 30902 La Promesa Drive, Rancho Santa Margarita, CA 92688
- **Joshua Tree Library:** 6465 Park Blvd, Joshua Tree, CA 92252
- **San Bernardino County Library:** 104 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415

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Joshua Tree, CA

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**Project Location and Setting:** The proposed Project is designed to actively manage the groundwater basin underlying a portion of the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys located in the eastern Mojave Desert portion of San Bernardino County, California. The facilities to be constructed as part of the Project are not located on a site listed on a hazardous material site list pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The Project area is located at the confluence of the Fenner Valley and Orange Blossom Wash Watersheds, which span nearly 1,300 square miles. Underlying the Bristol, Cadiz, and Fenner Valleys is a vast groundwater basin that holds an estimated 17 to 34 million acre-feet (MAF) of fresh groundwater.

**Project Description:** The purpose of the Project is to develop a new, reliable water supply and storage facility for SMWD and other participating water providers. The proposed Project includes two distinct but related components:

- Groundwater Conservation and Recovery Component;
- Imported Water Storage Component.

The Groundwater Conservation and recovery Component is analyzed at the project-level in accordance with *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15161, whereas the Imported Water Storage Component of the proposed Project is analyzed primarily at a programmatic-level in this Draft EIR in accordance with *CEQA Guidelines* Section 15168.

**Groundwater Conservation and Recovery Component**

As part of the Groundwater Conservation and Recovery Component, an annual average of 50,000 acre-feet (AF) of groundwater would be pumped from the basin for 50 years for delivery to Project Participants. The level of groundwater pumping proposed under the Groundwater Conservation and Recovery Component is designed specifically to extract and conserve groundwater that would otherwise migrate to the Dry Lakes where it would enter the brine zone and evaporate. The recovered groundwater would be conveyed to SMWD and other Project Participants through the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) delivery system owned and operated

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by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). Facilities associated with the Groundwater Conservation and Recovery Component include the following:

- Wellfield with approximately 34 wells.
- Interconnecting access road with underground utilities and manifold system.
- Power distribution system.
- 43-mile water conveyance pipeline.
- Tie-in to the CRA.
- Equalization storage reservoir and pump station near CRA (if necessary).
- Arizona and California Railroad (ARZC) rail operations' support, supply, and access.

The wellfield, manifold (piping) system, and a new 43-mile conveyance pipeline would be constructed to convey water from the Fenner Valley to the CRA, which would distribute water to Project Participants. The pipeline would be installed along the ARZC right-of-way (ROW). Withdrawal of water for this Project component would be limited to a maximum of 75,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of water, and a 50-year average maximum of 50,000 AFY.

### **Imported Water Storage Component**

The Imported Water Storage Component would allow Project Participants to send surplus surface water supplies, when available, to the Project area to be recharged via spreading basins and held in storage until needed in future years. When needed, the stored surface water would be provided to the appropriate Project Participant. The Imported Water Storage Component proposes to store up to 1 million acre feet (MAF) at a time. The Imported Water Storage Component would utilize the facilities described above for the Groundwater Conservation and Recovery Component but also expand these facilities as needed and add certain additional facilities necessary to support the import of surface water, groundwater recharge and recovery, and delivery back to participants. The Imported Water Storage Component would include the following new and expanded facilities:

- CRA Diversion structure and pump station.
- Extension of the water conveyance pipeline.
- Potential State Water Project intertie using existing idle pipeline(s) in Project region.
- Spreading basins.
- Expanded wellfield.
- Expanded interconnecting access roads with underground utilities.
- Expanded power distribution system.

The Imported Water Storage Component would utilize the 43-mile pipeline constructed for the Groundwater Conservation and Recovery Component to convey water from the CRA to spreading basins in Fenner Valley and stored water back to the Project Participants. This component also may make use of one or more of the unused natural gas or oil pipelines that exist in the Project area to intertie the Project system to the State Water Project, or other potential sources of surface water supply, for import and storage at the Project area and/or to connect to other potential water provider Project Participants who want to store water at the

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Cadiz Property. An existing natural gas pipeline could be converted to transport water and provide maximum capacity of 30,000 AFY. Thus, the Imported Water Storage Component of the Project would provide an intertie with the Colorado River water system and may also intertie with the State Water Project system. The participants for the Imported Water Storage Component have not yet been identified. Withdrawal of groundwater for this Project component would be limited to a maximum of 75,000 to 105,000 AFY of water, which reflects the maximum capacity of the 43-mile pipeline in addition to the natural gas pipeline.

## **DISCUSSION OF POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

The Draft EIR addresses all topics listed in Appendix G of the *CEQA Guidelines*. Where necessary, the EIR identifies mitigation measures to minimize potentially significant impacts of the proposed Project. The proposed Project would result in two significant and unavoidable impacts: construction air emissions would exceed thresholds of significance for NO<sub>x</sub> directly and cumulatively, and growth in the water agency service areas results in secondary effects of growth. No other significant impacts have been identified. The Draft EIR evaluates the following environmental resource issues in addition to CEQA-mandated topics such as cumulative impacts, growth inducement, and Project alternatives:

- Aesthetics
  - Agriculture and Forestry Resources
  - Air Quality
  - Biological Resources
  - Cultural Resources
  - Geology and Soils
  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Hazards and Hazardous Materials
  - Hydrology and Water Quality
  - Land Use and Planning
  - Mineral Resources
  - Noise
  - Public Services and Utilities
  - Recreation
  - Transportation and Traffic
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## Memorandum

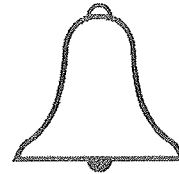
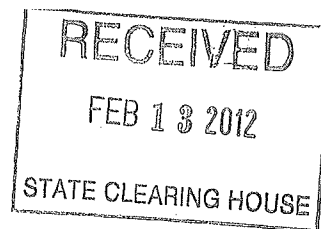
**Date:** February 14, 2012  
**To:** All Reviewing Agencies  
**From:** Scott Morgan, Director  
**Re:** SCH # 2011031002  
Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project

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Pursuant to the attached letter, the Lead Agency has extended the review period for the above referenced project to March 14, 2012 to accommodate the review process. All other project information remains the same.

cc: Tom Barnes  
Santa Margarita Water District  
626 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1100  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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## *Santa Margarita Water District*

### **NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF REVIEW PERIOD FOR THE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

#### **Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project**

**To:** California Office of Planning and Research;  
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**Subject:** Notice of Extension of Review Period for the Draft Environmental Impact Report

**Project:** Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project

**State  
Clearinghouse:** #2011031002

**Lead Agency:** Santa Margarita Water District

**Extension of  
Review Period:** December 5, 2011 through March 14, 2012

The Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) published a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) on the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project (Project) on December 5, 2011. Presently the comment period closes on February 13, 2012, or the 70th day. Although the initial comment period exceeded the minimal time requirements set forth under the California Environmental Quality Act, SMWD has received several requests to further extend the comment period. In response to these requests and in recognition of the importance of providing ample review of the Project, SMWD is extending the comment period an additional 30 days, bringing the total public review period to 100 days. The comment period on the DEIR will now close on **March 14, 2012**. Please send your written comments, including a return address and contact name, on or before this date to the following address:

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# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613  
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # **2011031002**

## Project Title: Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project

Lead Agency: Santa Margarita Water District  
Mailing Address: 626 Wilshire Blvd, Suite 1100  
City: Los Angeles

Contact Person: Tom Barnes  
Phone: 213-599-4300  
County: Los Angeles

## Project Location: County: San Bernardino

City/Nearest Community: Cadiz

Cross Streets: Cadiz Road & National Trails Hwy (State Route 66)

Zip Code: 92304

Lat / Long.: 34° 18' 38" N / 115° 14' 21" W

Total Acres:

Assessor's Parcel No.:

Section: 36

Twp.: 5N

Range: 14E

Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #:

Waterways:

Airports:

Railways: ARZC

Schools:

## Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP  
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Other

NEPA: ☐ NOI  
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☐ Final Document  
☒ Other Water Project

## Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update  
☐ General Plan Amendment  
☐ General Plan Element  
☐ Community Plan

☐ Specific Plan  
☐ Master Plan  
☐ Planned Unit Development  
☐ Site Plan

☐ Rezone  
☐ Prezone  
☐ Use Permit  
☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☐ Annexation  
☐ Redevelopment  
☐ Coastal Permit  
☐ Other

## Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Educational  
☐ Recreational

☒ Water Facilities: Type Conserve/Store MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD  
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other:

## Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual  
☒ Agricultural Land  
☒ Air Quality  
☒ Archeological/Historical  
☒ Biological Resources  
☒ Coastal Zone  
☒ Drainage/Absorption  
☒ Economic/Job  
☒ Fiscal  
☒ Flood Plain/Flooding  
☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard  
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☒ Minerals  
☒ Noise  
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## Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Agricultural/Resource Conservation

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State Clearinghouse Contact:

(916) 445-0613

State Review Began: 12-5-2011

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Please note State Clearinghouse Number (SCH#) on all Comments

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Please forward late comments directly to the Lead Agency

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## Project Sent to the following State Agencies

☒ Resources  
☐ Boating & Waterways  
☐ Coastal Comm  
☒ Colorado Rvr Bd  
☐ Conservation  
☒ Fish & Game # 6  
☐ Delta Protection Comm  
☒ Cal Fire  
☒ Historic Preservation  
☒ Parks & Rec  
☐ Central Valley Flood Prot.  
☐ Bay Cons & Dev Comm.  
☒ DWR  
☐ Cal EMA  
☐ Resources, Recycling and Recovery

## State/Consumer Svcs

General Services  
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☐ CHP  
☒ Caltrans # 8  
☐ Trans Planning  
☐ Housing & Com Dev  
☐ Food & Agriculture  
☒ Public Health

## Independent Comm

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☒ NAHC  
☒ Public Utilities Comm  
☒ State Lands Comm  
☐ Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency

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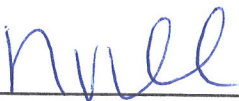
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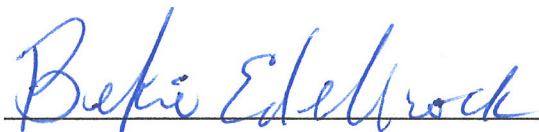
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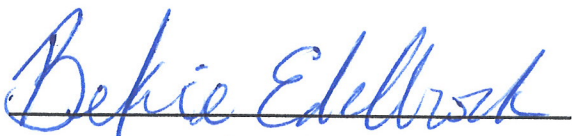
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY  
SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT

**Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Scoping Meeting for the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project (Cadiz, California)**

Santa Margarita Water District (SMWD) as the Lead Agency has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project (Project). The Project would be designed and implemented in partnership with other participating water providers and railroad company (Project Participants) to actively manage the groundwater basin underlying a portion of the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys located in the eastern Mojave Desert portion of San Bernardino County, California. The Project would install a wellfield and a pipeline to convey groundwater to the Colorado River Aqueduct for delivery to the Project Participants. These Project Participants include Santa Margarita Water District, Golden State Water Company, Three Valleys Water Company, Suburban Water Company, Jurupa Community Services District, California Water Service Company, and Rail America.

The Project would be developed in two phases, the first being the Groundwater Conservation and Recovery Component and the second phase being the Imported Water Storage Component. The purpose of the Project is to maximize beneficial uses of the groundwater in the Fenner Valley for SMWD and the other Project Participants. SMWD, along with other Project Participants, is proposing to implement the Project in partnership with Cadiz Inc. (Cadiz), a Delaware corporation that owns approximately 34,000 contiguous acres of land in the Cadiz and Fenner Valleys, and the Fenner Valley Mutual Water Company (FVMWC), a non-profit California mutual water company that would be formed to deliver water to its shareholders which are comprised of the Project Participants. Cadiz would make available its land, easements, and appurtenant rights for the operation of the Project.

The public review period begins **December 5, 2011** and ends **February 13, 2012**. The public and interested parties are invited to comment on the proposed project and submit written comments to **c/o Tom Barnes, 626 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 1100, Los Angeles, CA 90017**. Copies of the Draft EIR are available by contacting Tom Barnes at the above address. Electronic copies are available on the SMWD website: [www.smwd.com](http://www.smwd.com).

SMWD will be hosting a Community Workshop, which will provide an opportunity for the public to review the Draft EIR and familiarize themselves with the Project. The Community Workshop will be held at the following location and time:

**Community Workshop**  
Wednesday, January 11  
6:00 p.m.  
Joshua Tree Community Center  
6171 Sunburst Street  
Joshua Tree, CA

Two public meetings will be held to receive public comments and suggestions on the project at the following locations:

**Public Comment Meeting #1**  
Tuesday, January 24  
6:00 p.m.  
SMWD Board Room  
26111 Antonio Parkway  
Rancho Santa Margarita, CA

**Public Comment Meeting #2**  
Wednesday, February 1  
6:00 p.m.  
Joshua Tree Community Center  
6171 Sunburst Street  
Joshua Tree, CA  
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