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Congress of the United States
29th District, California

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The Honorable Randy R. Record
Chair, Board of Directors
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
700 N. Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2944

Dear Chairman Record,

I have come to learn about the proposed Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Storage and Recovery Project (Cadiz Project), which is currently under consideration by the Board of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). I write to share my support for the Cadiz Project and ask for full and fair consideration as the MWD Board reviews it this year.

As you are well aware, California is facing a historic drought that has had significant economic and lifestyle impacts to the residents and businesses across the State. Access to new water supplies is extremely critical to the continued vitality of our cities and agricultural communities.

The Cadiz Project would be conveyed within the Southern California water transportation system, including the Colorado River Aqueduct, delivering 50,000 acre-feet of water per year to the parched region. The Southland is facing unprecedented conditions and mandatory water cuts. This new supply is estimated to provide up to \$6.1 billion in water supply benefits in Southern California.

Time is of the essence as governments move to address the ongoing water crisis. All parties must come together to identify and speed up access to new sources of water in order to prevent further economic hardship for water sensitive communities. Once again, I urge your prompt and fair consideration of the Cadiz Project.

Sincerely,


TONY CARDENAS
Member of Congress