

November 16, 2012

Board of Directors
Three Valleys Municipal Water District
1021 E Miramar Avenue
Claremont, CA 91711

Dear Directors,

I understand that you are considering the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery and Storage Project, and I encourage you to support this scientifically sound, environmentally sustainable, and economically essential project to address the region's long-term water supply reliability needs.

The mission of the Inland Empire Economic Partnership is to create a strong and unified regional voice for developing the human, political and financial capital to support and enhance the economic vitality and quality of life in the Inland Empire. A reliable water supply is necessary to ensure our region's success.

Most of Southern California has relied for decades on water from the Sacramento/San Joaquin Bay-Delta, the Owens Valley and the Colorado River, and it is time to develop local sources of fresh water that can improve the reliability in the region.

Our imported sources can be disrupted by drought and legal restrictions. Water agencies must plan ahead to meet the current and future needs of their commercial and residential customers.

It is imperative that the region take a long-term view and move forward with local projects that can improve the certainty that sufficient water will be available when and where it is needed. Located in eastern San Bernardino County's Mojave Desert, the Cadiz Project is a local Southern California supply.

The Cadiz Project can serve approximately 400,000 individuals in Southern California each year, with an average 50,000 acre-feet of water per year. The Cadiz Project captures fresh local water that would otherwise become undrinkable and evaporate from desert dry lakes. This water can be put to beneficial use as a critically needed reliable resource here in Southern California.

A reliable long-term supply is essential to economic growth and job creation as businesses must be able to plan and project their future costs. Reliability helps ensure stable water rates that are important for our region's economic health and well-being.

The Cadiz Project was developed after years of study of the watershed, and includes a comprehensive Groundwater Management, Monitoring and Mitigation Plan that will be independently enforced by the County of San Bernardino. With many features to keep close watch on the water level, springs, air quality, land surface, and the desert habitats, the Plan provides certainty that there will be no negative impacts from the Project. It has been designed to be sustainable and to use disturbed privately owned land to preserve the desert, and independent enforcement will ensure that it operates sustainably.

I encourage you to support the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project and to move forward with the project to improve the reliability of the region's water supply for decades to come.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul C. Granillo".

Paul C. Granillo
President & CEO