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Area Chamber *of* Commerce

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Randy A. Record
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Re: SUPPORT – Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery & Storage Project

Mr. Randy Record:

On behalf of the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce – representing more than 750 businesses and organizations and 40,000 employees in the Log Angeles South Bay region – we are writing to express our support for the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery & Storage Project. The Project offers a real solution for conserving groundwater in California’s Mojave Desert, which is currently being lost to evaporation and salt contamination. It further creates a **new, reliable water supply for 400,000 people in Southern California.**

Over the last several years, the Cadiz Water Project has been reviewed and approved under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and been found to be safe and sustainable by numerous independent experts, public agencies and the Orange County Superior Court. Today, the project is nearly shovel-ready and could soon make available a sustainable and environmentally benign water source, while also providing significant economic benefits. A few key economic benefits of the Cadiz Water Project include a new, reliable and cost-effective water supply for 100,000 families and new local groundwater storage opportunities, the Project further **creates and supports over 5,900 jobs and generates more than \$878 million in economic activity** during construction and will also infuse millions of dollars in tax revenue to local governments over the long-term while making available up to 2.5 million acre-feet of renewable groundwater for Southern California communities.

Soon, the Cadiz Water Project will come before the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California for consideration of water transportation arrangements. We urge you to support to the Project and approve its use of the Colorado River Aqueduct to convey water throughout Southern California, so that we may enjoy its benefits as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



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Regards,



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