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Subject: Say No to the Cadiz Water Project

The Cadiz Valley Aquifer is an ancient groundwater basin that needs to be left alone. The proposal to extract 50,000 acre-feet of water each year over 50 years is unsustainable under current conditions, much less in the face of climate change

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Overdrafting the Cadiz aquifer will doom precious desert wildlife and habitats that rely on these waters to survive. The proposed project would cause overdraft in these aquifers that could deplete critical water resources, including springs and seeps in the adjacent federally designated wilderness areas and the Mojave National Preserve.

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Both the Metropolitan Water District and the San Diego County Water Authority have taken a pass on previous iterations of this ill-conceived project, and you should too. The "draft environmental impact report" fails to fairly explain the risks of the proposed project, and the proposed water-monitoring program will only detect damage from the groundwater extraction long after it has occurred and the hydrological link is destroyed. The potential effects of groundwater pumping to crucial desert springs and seeps would be devastating and must be avoided.

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I urge you to deny the proposed Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery, and Storage Project and to reject the flawed analysis in the draft environmental impact review.

Thank you.

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