



**Comments on Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project**

***Mayor Edward T. Paget, MD, City of Needles, CA***

"This ill-conceived plan to take water from an underground reservoir jeopardizes our region's future water supply, and begs for federal review. The first proposed phase of this project, taking water from desert resources over a 50 year period, is reckless and fails to adequately identify where its replacement will come from. The Needles City Council unanimously opposes the Cadiz deal and supports a comprehensive federal evaluation of this project!"

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***Dave Oeshner, Plant Manager  
National Chloride Company of America***

"For more than 50 years, the National Chloride Company of America has employed people, created significant revenue, provided a great tax base for San Bernardino County, and supplied a natural product that helps the economy. Now we stand to be ruined by the proposed Cadiz Inc."

"This project seems eerily reminiscent of the Old West, when ranchers upstream deprived those downstream of water critical for their herds. But this time, it's the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project that stands to block water from our long-standing mining operation and run us out of business. Such an impact would be felt by the companies who purchase from us, and consumers who purchase cheese, beer, feed and construction materials."

"The Cadiz project jeopardizes our investment and contribution to the economy. We've been here over the long haul – and, in fighting this ill-devised water grab, we plan to stay."

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***Rob Blair, Owner  
Essex, CA***

"I am against any project that will take water out of the desert and sent it to the cities. The desert does not recharge water like other environments. Sometimes we go years with little or no rain. My ranch lies entirely within the identified recharge basin for the Cadiz Water Project. I fear for my wells and springs. My family has been ranching here since 1913 and we have developed over 30 springs and wells for livestock and wildlife use. If my wells and springs go dry, I will not be able to continue ranching."

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**Mickey Luckman, President, Joshua Basin Water District  
Joshua Tree, CA**

“The Joshua Basin Water District Board of Directors has grave concerns about the potential environmental impacts of the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project on the Mojave National Preserve, as well as to properties of the Bureau of Land Management.”

“We have requested that this project be required to submit to an immediate federal environmental review under the National Environmental Policy Act, including determining the impact Cadiz pumping could have on desert seeps and springs throughout the area and the concern that the desiccation of Bristol and Cadiz Dry Lakes could result in fugitive dust that would harm regional air quality.”

“The Board is aware that many desert areas, including ours, are in a state of overdraft requiring that we import water from Northern California. Before water is exported from the desert, we believe there should be scientific certainty that the exportation will neither create another overdraft situation nor will it have a significant impact on the delicate and sensitive desert environment.”

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