

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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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,

We are writing to express our support for the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Storage and Recovery Project (Project), which the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Board is expected to review this year. Given the significant economic impacts of California's drought and in particular, its impact on the agricultural community, introducing new supplies of water is critical to the state's livelihood.

As you know, the Project is designed to conserve fresh water that currently evaporates from Southern California's Cadiz and Bristol Dry-Lake playas and deliver the 50,000 AFY of captured water to the region. In order to successfully introduce this new supply of water to the State, it must be wheeled through MWD's system and distributed to interested purchasers. Now, more than ever, stakeholders across California must work together to eliminate barriers to new water supplies in order to regain the economic prosperity its residents have historically enjoyed.

We urge you to move forward with this Project by agreeing to reasonable terms as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Jim Costa
MEMBER OF CONGRESS



Collin Peterson
MEMBER OF CONGRESS