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Scott Slater
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Dear Mr. Slater:

I write today on behalf of the South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC) Board of Directors to thank you for your recent presentation and formalize our support for the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation Recovery & Storage Project, which promises a reliable water supply and important economic stimulus in Southern California.

The South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce (SBACC) is a regional association of local chambers dedicated to issue advocacy in the South Bay of Los Angeles County, an economic powerhouse and home to the nation's largest port complex, robust national aerospace companies, and a large energy sector. As an organization, we advocate for regional investments in a reliable water supply, which is central to the prosperity of our economy and the strength of small businesses.

We believe the Cadiz Water Project, which has been approved to provide 50,000 acre-feet of new water to Southern California every year, is an important and innovative new supply option that water providers in the South Bay and across Southern California should support. We applaud the significant investments the Project has made in field work and science to ensure the sustainability of the project, as well as your significant victories in California's Courts, which have resoundingly upheld the findings of the project's environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) – widely known to be an arduous environmental framework.

The Project's significant economic contributions should also be commended. According to local economist, Dr. Rod Smith, adding the Project's high-quality supply into the region's portfolio is expected to generate \$6 billion in savings and avoided costs for Southern California water ratepayers over its 50-year life. Furthermore, the Project would also create and support over 5,900 jobs and produce more than \$878 million in local economic activity during construction, a benefit to our friends in the engineering, construction and labor communities.

We understand that the Project must yet complete certain milestones in order for these significant benefits to be realized. We look forward to working with you and your partners to bring the Project across the finish line.

Sincerely,

Dan Hoffman, Chair
South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce