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October 5, 2016

Honorable Cathy Green  
President  
Orange County Water District  
18700 Ward Street  
Fountain Valley, California 92708

RE: Non-Binding Letter of Intent with Cadiz Inc.  
Agenda Item 8, Oct. 5, 2016 Board Meeting

Dear Chair Green,

The Southern California Partnership for Jobs (SoCalWorks.org) is a partnership between organized labor and construction management that will ultimately represent more than 2,750 construction firms who employ more than 90,000 union workers in the twelve counties of Southern California. Our primary focus is to advocate for responsible investment in public infrastructure projects in Southern California, to help fix our aging transportation networks and water, sewer and storm drain systems, while building for our future needs and economic growth.

The Partnership is therefore a strong supporter of the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage project, not just because of the 5,900 jobs it will create during construction, but also because having a reliable water supply is the foundation of the entire Southern California economy. Without an adequate and reliable supply of water, Southern California won't need any of the other infrastructure projects we support.

The Cadiz Project would provide 2.5 million acre-feet of new water to Southern California over its 50-year life, serving the needs of 400,000 Southern Californians each year every year for 50 years. The project is probably the most shovel-ready significant new water supply project in the state, having a certified EIR that has withstood CEQA litigation. It is also drought-proof. No matter whether we are in wet years or dry, the Cadiz aquifer will be able to produce 50,000 acre-feet of water consistently in every year of the project.



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OCWD has done an outstanding job managing the Orange County groundwater basin, especially with the construction and recently approved expansion of the Groundwater Recovery System. Moving forward with the Cadiz LOI would be another step in your sound management, as adding a second drought-proof supply source will provide added security to the 2.4 million customers you serve, to the benefit of all of Southern California.

The Southern California Partnership for Jobs encourages the OCWD board to approve the Letter of Intent at your October 5 board meeting, and to move forward with negotiating a contract for water from the Cadiz Water Project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Hakel". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over the printed name.

John Hakel  
Executive Director  
Southern California Partnership For Jobs