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Board of Directors  
Three Valleys Municipal Water District  
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**RE: THREE VALLEYS STUDY OF CADIZ WATER PROJECT**

Dear Board of Directors,

I write to support the Three Valleys Water District Board of Directors efforts to continue with the independent study of the relationship between the Cadiz Water Project and the Bonanza Spring in the Mojave Desert.

Southern California needs to continue to investigate all potential new reliable and affordable water supplies to address the growing potential for water shortages due to California's extended drought periods. Three Valleys Municipal Water District is to be commended for seeking to fairly evaluate the Bonanza Springs to understand its role in the region's water supply portfolio. Your agency has been acting responsibly to ensure that this potential new water source can be sustainable and avoid harm to the environment.

I understand that longtime Cadiz Water Project opponents are refusing to participate in the study and instead are trying to shut down the scientific investigation and data gathering field work – a clear effort to deprive the water community of important data as they continue their campaign of obstructing water supply investments across the state. I urge you to reject their maneuvers. Southern California needs a reliable water supply and we need to keep all options on the table by understanding them via a scientific process.

I commend the process you have established to ensure the study will be open and transparent and am pleased to hear that despite the COVID-19 pandemic and the post-election freeze on Bureau of Land Management permitting they have made considerable progress in receiving permission from the current administration to undertake field work. I see no rationale for stopping the study just as the scientific research is beginning.

I support the Board's efforts to continue the Bonanza Springs Study in this science-based manner. Southern California will benefit from the investigation, the findings and recommendations. Three Valleys is a leader for undertaking this work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phillip Chen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

PHILLIP CHEN  
State Assemblyman