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To: MPWSP-EIR
Subject: Comments on Cal-Am MPWSP DEIR

Dear Mr. Barnsdale or to whom it may concern:

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I have some more comments and questions on the Cal-Am MPWSP DEIR.

Comment 1. In the Executive Summary Section ES2.2 (Project Objectives) on pp. ES-3 and also repeated in Section 7.3.1 on pp. 7-5, the DEIR notates the following statement that one of the projects' "Primary Objectives" is to "Minimize project costs and associated water rate increases".

I'm wondering if this is just a hollow statement or one that is substantive? If it's substantive, please indicate in your response to this e-mail exactly how Cal-Am will minimize project costs, and how will they minimize water rate increases? If this is just a meaningless promise from Cal-Am, please indicate that also.

Comment 2. In Section ES-3 on pp. ES-5 reads the following statement -

"The pilot program will confirm (or deny) the viability of the proposed subsurface slant wells at the CEMEX active mining area for source water production." and "if the subsurface slant well are proven to be viable, Cal-Am proposes to convert the test slant well into a permanent well..."

and then in Section 3.4.1.1 on pp. 3-19 is the following -

"Upon completion of the pilot program, assuming the results of the pilot program confirm the viability of the subsurface slant wells at the CEMEX active mining area, the test slant well would be converted into a permanent seawater intake well and utilized as part of the proposed project's Seawater Intake System, "

In both statements we see the word "viable" or "viability". My question is, what is the definition of viable, or viability in this context? I realize that the construction and operation of the slant well is not covered in this DEIR, but the testing of the slant well is, throughout the life of the pilot program. So, what is meant by "viability"? Since the success, or failure of the entire project rests on the "viability" of the slant well system, this is a crucial factor in understanding what that word actually means in this context. Are there some standards, or parameters, or testing data that will confirm, or deny the viability of the test well. If so, what are they? What are the standards? What are the parameters of success or failure? What are the metrics involved? Exactly what is meant by the term "viable" and how is "viability", or non-viability, determined?

Respectfully,

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