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Re: CUP Application #129419- Adena Springs Ranch

Dear Mr. Tanzler,

The Subject CUP application currently being reviewed by your staff recently came to the attention of our organization. Concurrent with our learning about this application to withdraw more than 13 mgd from the springshed came reports of extreme low flow conditions at Silver Springs- with flows reduced 55% compared to the median flow of record. We are also aware that research is currently being conducted by the Water Management Districts to help set a minimum flow and level (MFL) for Silver Springs.

We are writing to ask that you do not permit this or other CUP applications in the springshed until the MFL research is completed and an MFL is set for Silver Springs. Without these completed MFL studies, the District cannot know whether the proposed CUP or any other CUP can be issued without causing significant harm to Silver Springs, Silver River, or other water bodies in the springshed.

Thank you for the consideration of these comments on this most important issue.

Sincerely,

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Director of Science and Conservation