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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON JUNE 10, 2014

To our Stockholders:

The annual meeting of stockholders of Cadiz Inc., a Delaware corporation, will be held at the law offices of Theodora Oringer PC, located at 10880 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90024, on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at 11 a.m., local time, and any adjournments thereof, to consider and act upon the following matters:

- (1) The election of nine members of the Board of Directors, each to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until their respective successors shall have been elected and qualified;
- (2) Ratification of the selection by the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent certified public accountants for fiscal year 2014;
- (3) The approval of the Cadiz Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan;
- (4) The approval of a non-binding advisory resolution regarding the compensation of our named executive officers;  
and
- (5) The transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournments thereof.

The accompanying proxy statement contains a more complete description of these proposals.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on April 21, 2014, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. In order to constitute a quorum for the conduct of business at the annual meeting, holders of a majority of all outstanding voting shares of our common stock must be present in person or be represented by proxy.

Whether or not you expect to attend the annual meeting in person, please either vote your shares via Internet, by phone (detailed instructions are included on the proxy card) or date, sign and mail the enclosed proxy in the postage paid return envelope provided as promptly as possible. The proxy is revocable and will not affect your right to vote in person if you attend the meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Timothy J. Shaheen  
Secretary

Los Angeles, California  
April 28, 2014

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials  
for the Stockholder Meeting to be held on June 10, 2014.

Our proxy statement and the 2013 annual report to stockholders  
are available at <http://www.cstproxy.com/cadiz/2014>



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PROXY STATEMENT  
For  
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON JUNE 10, 2014

INFORMATION ABOUT SOLICITATION AND VOTING

The Board of Directors of Cadiz Inc. (“the Company”) is soliciting proxies to be voted at the annual meeting of our stockholders to be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014, at the time and place and for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders. This proxy statement contains information that may help you decide how to vote. These proxy materials were mailed on or about May 5, 2014, to all stockholders of record.

The Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, as amended, including audited financial statements, is being mailed to you with this proxy statement.

Record Date, Voting Securities and Quorum

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on April 21, 2014, as the record date for determination of stockholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting.

On the record date, 16,172,239 shares of the Company’s common stock were outstanding. Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the record date will be entitled to vote.

The candidates for director receiving a plurality of the votes of the shares present in person or represented by proxy will be elected (Proposal 1). An affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and voting at the meeting is required for ratification of the Company’s independent registered public accounting firm (Proposal 2), and approval of the Cadiz Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (Proposal 3). The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present or represented by proxy and voting at the meeting is also required for passage of the non-binding advisory resolution approving the compensation of the Company’s named executive officers (Proposal 4). While the vote on Proposal 4 is advisory, and will not be binding on the Company or our Board of Directors, the Board of Directors will review the results of the voting on this resolution and take them into consideration when making future decisions regarding executive compensation as we have already done in this and previous years.

If you complete, sign, and date the enclosed proxy and return it before the meeting, the persons named will vote your shares as you specify in the proxy. If you sign, date, and return your proxy but do not indicate how you wish your shares voted, they will be voted for the proposals. If you do not return a signed proxy, or submit your vote via Internet or by phone, then your shares will not be voted unless you attend the meeting and vote in person.

To have a quorum, holders of a majority of all shares of voting stock outstanding on the record date must be present at the meeting, either in person or by proxy. Abstentions and "broker non-votes" - shares held by brokerage firms for their clients as to which the firms have not received voting instructions from their clients and therefore do not have the authority to vote - will be counted for purposes of determining a quorum, but will be treated as neither a vote "for" nor a vote "against" the proposals. However, because Proposals 2, 3, and 4 require a majority of the shares present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the proposal to pass, an abstention, because it is not a vote “for”, will have the effect of a negative vote with respect to these Proposals and could cause these Proposals

not to pass.

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Brokers may no longer vote your shares on the election of directors in the absence of your specific instructions as to how to vote (Proposal 1). Brokers are also not authorized to vote your shares on Proposals 3 or 4. The Company encourages you to provide instructions to your broker regarding the voting of your shares.

#### Revocability of Proxies

You may revoke a proxy any time before the voting begins in any of the following ways:

- \* By giving written notice to the Company's corporate secretary;
- \* By signing and delivering a later dated proxy; or
- \* By attending and voting in person at the meeting.

#### Cost of Solicitation

The Company is paying the expenses of this solicitation. If requested, we will also reimburse brokerage houses and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable expenses in sending proxy material to principals and obtaining their instructions. In addition to solicitation by mail, our directors, officers, and employees may solicit proxies, without extra compensation, in person or by telephone, fax, e-mail, or similar means.

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PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has nominated the nine persons listed below for election at the annual meeting to serve as directors for a term expiring at the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders or until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

Keith Brackpool  
Stephen E. Courter  
Geoffrey Grant  
Winston H. Hickox  
Murray H. Hutchison

Raymond J. Pacini  
Bryant R. Riley  
Timothy J. Shaheen  
Scott S. Slater

Each of the nominees currently serves as a director and has agreed to serve as such for another term if elected. The Board has reviewed the background of the nominees, as set out on the following page, and has determined to nominate each of the current Directors for re-election. Proxies may not be voted for a greater number of persons than nine, representing the number of nominees named in this proxy statement.

The Board believes that each nominee has valuable individual skills and experience that, taken together, provides it with the variety and depth of knowledge, judgment and vision necessary to provide effective oversight of a resource development enterprise like ours. As indicated in the following biographies, the nominees have extensive and diverse experience in a variety of fields, including water policy (Mr. Brackpool, Mr. Slater and Mr. Shaheen), real estate development (Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Pacini, and Mr. Hickox), environmental stewardship (Mr. Hutchison and Mr. Hickox), agricultural development (Mr. Brackpool and Mr. Shaheen), capital raising (Mr. Brackpool, Mr. Pacini, Mr. Riley and Mr. Grant), public accounting (Mr. Pacini, Mr. Shaheen and Mr. Courter), and academia (Mr. Courter and Mr. Slater).

The Board also believes that, as indicated in the biographies, the nominees have demonstrated significant leadership skills as a chief executive officer (Mr. Brackpool, Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Shaheen, Mr. Pacini, Mr. Grant, Mr. Riley and Mr. Courter) or in government through Cabinet service (Mr. Hickox). All of the nominees have significant experience in the oversight of public companies due to their service as the Company's directors and directors of other companies. The Board believes that these skills and experiences qualify each nominee to serve as a director of the Company.

Proxies will be voted for the election of the nominees named above unless instructions are given to the contrary. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of nominees named. Should any nominee become unable to serve as a director, the persons named in the enclosed form of proxy will, unless otherwise directed, vote for the election of such other person as the present Board of Directors may designate to fill that position.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF EACH NOMINEE AS A DIRECTOR.

## DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following sets forth certain biographical information, the present occupation and the business experience for the past five years or more of each director who will stand for re-election at our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. We have no executive officer who is not also a director.

## Nominees for Director:

Name	Age	Position with Cadiz
Keith Brackpool	56	Chairman of the Board
Stephen E. Courter	59	Director
Geoffrey Grant	53	Director
Winston H. Hickox	71	Director
Murray H. Hutchison	75	Director
Raymond J. Pacini	58	Director
Bryant R. Riley	47	Director
Timothy J. Shaheen	54	Director, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary
Scott S. Slater	56	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer

Keith Brackpool is a co-founder of the Company and Chairman of the Company's Board of Directors, a position he has held since 2001. Mr. Brackpool was appointed to the Board of Directors in 1986. Mr. Brackpool served as President of the Company from December 1991 until April 2011. Mr. Brackpool also served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company from December 1991 until January 31, 2013. In addition to his role with the Company, Mr. Brackpool is a member of the Board of Directors of the Stronach Group, North America's leading thoroughbred racing and gaming company, and Chairman of its West Coast operations. Mr. Brackpool is also currently a principal of 1334 Partners L.P., a partnership that owns commercial real estate in California. Mr. Brackpool has extensive experience in California public policy and, most recently, served on the California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) from September 2009 – January 2013, including a term as Chairman from 2010 – 2013. Previously, Mr. Brackpool was co-chair of California Governor Gray Davis' Agriculture and Water Transition Task Force and the Commission on Building for the 21st Century, a diverse panel that developed long-term policy proposals to meet the state's future water, housing, technology and transportation needs. Earlier in his career, Mr. Brackpool served as director and chief executive officer of North American Operations for Albert Fisher Group, a multi-billion dollar food company.

Stephen E. Courter was appointed a director of the Company effective October 9, 2008. Mr. Courter was originally appointed to the Board as a designee of LC Capital Master Fund for a term expiring at the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders. Mr. Courter is currently on the faculty of the McCombs School of Business, University of Texas at Austin ("McCombs"). Mr. Courter also serves as a director of Pointserve, a privately held information technology firm in Austin, Texas. Prior to joining the faculty of McCombs, Mr. Courter served as CEO and Director of Broadwing Communications from 2006 to 2007. Prior to holding that position, Mr. Courter served as CEO and

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Chairman of NEON Communications from 2000 to 2006. Prior to 2000, Mr. Courter held various executive positions, both in the United States and Europe in several major telecommunication firms.

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Geoffrey Grant was appointed a director of the Company effective January 22, 2007. Mr. Grant is presently a Managing Partner and the Chief Investment Officer of Grant Capital Partners founded in 2008. Prior to founding Grant Capital Partners, Mr. Grant was a Managing Partner and the Chief Investment Officer of Peloton Partners LLP, a global asset management firm. Mr. Grant co-founded Peloton Partners LLP in 2005. Mr. Grant's career in financial markets spans 28 years beginning at Morgan Stanley in 1982 in foreign exchange options and currency derivatives, then with Goldman Sachs from 1989 to 2004 where he ultimately served as Head of Global Foreign Exchange and Co-head of the Proprietary Trading Group in London.

Winston Hickox was appointed a director of the Company effective October 2, 2006. Mr. Hickox is currently a partner at California Strategies, a public policy consulting firm. From 2004 to 2006 Mr. Hickox completed a two-year assignment as Sr. Portfolio Manager with the California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) where he assisted with the design and implementation of a series of environmentally oriented investment initiatives in the Private Equity, Real Estate, Global Public Equities, and Corporate Governance segments of the fund's \$211 billion investment portfolio. Prior to his assignment at CalPers, from 1999 to 2003, Mr. Hickox served as Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency and a member of the Governor's cabinet. Mr. Hickox's environmental policy experience also includes membership on the board of the California League of Conservation Voters, including a four-year term as Board President (1990 - 1994); and two years on the boards of Audubon California and Sustainable Conservation (2004 - 2006). Mr. Hickox formerly served as a member of the board of Thomas Properties Group, Inc., a publicly traded full service real estate investment firm, prior to its acquisition by Parkway Properties, Inc. in December 2013. Additionally, Mr. Hickox formerly served as a member of the board of GRIDiant Corporation, a privately held corporation in the energy technology sector. Earlier in his professional career, Mr. Hickox was a partner and Managing Director with LaSalle Advisors, Ltd., a major force in the world's real estate capital markets, and a Managing Director with Alex Brown Kleinwort Benson Realty Advisors Corp., where he served as head of the firm's Portfolio Management Group.

Murray H. Hutchison was appointed a director of the Company in June 1997. He is also a member of the Board of Managers (an LLC's functional equivalent of a Board of Directors) of the Company's subsidiary, Cadiz Real Estate LLC. In his capacity as a manager of the LLC, he performs essentially the same duties on behalf of the LLC as he would as an outside director for a corporation. Since his retirement in 1996 from International Technology Corporation ("ITC"), a publicly traded diversified environmental management company, Mr. Hutchison has been self-employed with his business activities involving primarily the management of an investment portfolio. From 1976 to 1996, Mr. Hutchison served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of International Technology for ITC. Mr. Hutchison formerly served as Chairman of the Board of Texas Eastern Product Pipelines Company (TEPPCO), a publicly traded company operating in refined petroleum products, liquefied petroleum gases and petrochemical transportation and storage, prior to its acquisition by Enterprise Products Partners L.P. in October 2011. Mr. Hutchison formerly served as Lead Director on the board of Jack in the Box, Inc., a publicly traded fast food restaurant chain since May 1998 until February 2012. Mr. Hutchison serves as a director on the board of Cardium Therapeutics, Inc., a publicly traded medical technology company. Additionally, Mr. Hutchison serves as a director of several other non-publicly traded U.S. companies.

Bryant R. Riley was appointed a director of the Company effective April 15, 2013. Mr. Riley is Chairman of B. Riley & Co., LLC, a Los-Angeles-based brokerage and California Registered Investment Advisor founded in 1997. Mr. Riley also currently sits on the board of directors of two additional publicly traded companies, Great American Group (GAMR) and Strasbaugh (STRB), and is on the board of privately-held Lightbridge Communications Corp. Previously, Mr. Riley has held Board positions at Alliance Semiconductor Corporation, Aldila Inc., Carreker Corporation, DDI Corp., Integrated Silicon Solution, Inc., Celeritek, Inc., Kitty Hawk Inc., Mossimo Inc., National Holdings Corporation, SI Technologies, Inc., Silicon Storage Technologies, Strasbaugh, Trans World Entertainment and Transmeta Corp. Kitty Hawk Inc. and its subsidiaries filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the Northern District of Texas on October 15, 2007. In addition, Country Coach LLC, a privately-held company of which Mr. Riley was a board member, filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 in

the Eugene, Oregon on March 5, 2009 and was subsequently liquidated. Mr. Riley holds a Bachelor of Science in Finance from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania.

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Raymond J. Pacini was appointed a director of the Company effective June 16, 2005. Since June 2013, Mr. Pacini has been the Chief Financial Officer of privately held Northbound Treatment Services, which helps young adults overcome addiction to drugs and alcohol. From May 1998 to March 2011, Mr. Pacini served as President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of California Coastal Communities, Inc. ("CALC"), a residential land development and homebuilding company operating in Southern California which was formerly publicly traded. On October 27, 2009, CALC and certain of its subsidiaries filed voluntary petitions for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the Central District of California. On March 1, 2011, CALC satisfied the various conditions to its plan of reorganization with the respect to its Chapter 11 bankruptcy cases, emerged from bankruptcy and became a privately held company. From July 1992 until May 1998, Mr. Pacini was the Chief Financial Officer of CALC (formerly known as Koll Real Estate Group, Inc. and Henley Properties, Inc.). Mr. Pacini has seven years of experience as a certified public accountant with the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand (now known as PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP). Mr. Pacini is a National Association of Corporate Directors (NACD) Board Leadership Fellow. He has demonstrated his commitment to boardroom excellence by completing NACD's comprehensive program of study for corporate directors.

Timothy J. Shaheen was appointed Chief Financial Officer and Secretary of the Company in November 2008, and has served as a director of the Company since March 1999. Effective April 12, 2011, Mr. Shaheen also serves as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of the Board of Managers of Cadiz Real Estate LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. Mr. Shaheen is a private investor and principal of Shaheen & Associates. From September 1996 to April 2005, Mr. Shaheen served as the President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Sun World International. Mr. Shaheen also served as a Governor appointee to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board from 1999 through 2005 and as Chairman of the Food Security Task Force for the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association from 2001 through 2003. Prior to joining Sun World, Mr. Shaheen served as a senior executive with Albert Fisher North America, a publicly traded international produce company from 1989 to 1996. Mr. Shaheen also has seven years of experience with the accounting firm Ernst & Young LLP; and is a certified public accountant.

Scott S. Slater is the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, appointed to the role of President in April 2011 and Chief Executive Officer effective February 1, 2013. In addition, Mr. Slater has been a member of the Company's Board of Directors since February 2012. Mr. Slater is an accomplished negotiator and litigator and, in addition to his role at the Company, is a partner in Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, the nation's leading water practice firm. For 30 years, Mr. Slater's practice has been limited to litigation and the negotiation of agreements related to the acquisition, distribution, and treatment of water. He has served as lead negotiator on a number of important water transactions, including the negotiation of the largest conservation-based water transfer in U.S. history on behalf of the San Diego County Water Authority. Mr. Slater is also the author of California Water Law and Policy, the state's leading treatise on the subject, and has taught water law and policy courses at University of California, Santa Barbara, Pepperdine University, and the University of Western Australia, among others.

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## THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors of the Company hold office until the next annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors are elected and qualified. There are no family relationships between any directors or current officers of the Company. Officers serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors is responsible for our management and direction and for establishing broad corporate policies, including our leadership structure. Assessing and managing risk is the responsibility of the management of the Company. Our Board of Directors oversees and reviews certain aspects of the Company's risk management efforts. Annually, the Board reviews our strategic business plans, which includes evaluating the objectives of and risks associated with these plans.

Currently, Mr. Brackpool serves as Chairman of the Board and Mr. Slater serves as Chief Executive Officer and President. Mr. Brackpool had previously served as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer from 2001 until January 31, 2013. The Board separated the capacities of Chairman and Chief Executive in January 2013 for the first time since 2001. The Board believes this change provided additional independence between the Board and management and allows the Board to provide objective guidance and oversight to Mr. Slater and management as they execute the Company's business plans, carry out the Company's strategic initiatives, and confront any challenges. The separation of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board role at public companies has been recommended by proxy advisors, stockholder groups and American legislators to promote good corporate governance following the enactment in the United States of the 2002 Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

In addition, under its charter, the Audit Committee reviews and discusses with management the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management policies.

The Audit Committee is composed of Raymond J. Pacini, Stephen E. Courter, and Winston H. Hickox. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Pacini, a member of the Company's Audit Committee, is an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined in Item 407(d)(5) of Regulation S-K under the Securities Act.

### Director Independence

Messrs. Courter, Grant, Hickox, Hutchison and Pacini have all been affirmatively determined by the Board to be "independent" under all relevant securities and other laws and regulations, including those set forth in SEC and regulations and pertinent listing standards of the NASDAQ Global Market, as in effect from time to time. The Company's independent directors meet routinely in executive session without the presence of management. The Company does not have a lead independent director. However, the Board has appointed lead independent Directors for each of its key committees and maintains an overall majority of independent Directors to allow it to maintain effective oversight of management. In addition, the Board of Directors and various committees of the Board regularly meet to receive and discuss operating and financial reports presented by the Chief Executive Officer and other members of management as well as reports by experts and other advisors.

### Independence of Committee Members

The Board maintains three committees, whose functions are described below. The Board has determined that all members of its committees are independent. Each committee maintains a written charter detailing its authority and responsibilities. These charters are reviewed periodically as legislative and regulatory developments and business circumstances warrant and are available in their entirety on the Company's website at <http://www.cadizinc.com> and to any stockholder otherwise requesting a copy.



Communications with the Board of Directors

Stockholders wishing to communicate with the Board, or with a specific Board member, may do so by writing to the Board, or to the particular Board member, and delivering the communication in person or mailing it to: Board of Directors c/o Timothy J. Shaheen, Corporate Secretary, Cadiz Inc., 550 S. Hope Street, Suite 2850, Los Angeles, California 90071.

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## Meetings and Committees of the Board of Directors

During the year ended December 31, 2013, the Board of Directors held three formal meetings, conferred on a number of occasions through telephone conferences, and took action, when appropriate, by unanimous written consent. All members of the Board of Directors were present at each meeting, with the exception of Mr. Pacini, who was unable to attend one telephonic meeting. Mr. Riley was not named to the Board until April 2013 and therefore did not attend one formal meeting in 2013.

The Board of Directors has three standing committees, the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, each of which is comprised entirely of directors whom the Board has affirmatively determined to be independent, as they meet the objective requirements set forth by the NASDAQ Global Market and the SEC, and have no relationship, direct or indirect, to the Company other than as stockholders or through their service on the Board.

The Audit Committee is responsible for (i) considering the adequacy of the Company's internal accounting control procedures, (ii) overseeing the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, (iii) reviewing the independent auditor's qualifications and independence, (iv) the appointment, compensation and oversight of all work performed by the independent registered public accounting firm and (v) overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and the audits of the financial statements of the Company. The Committee advises and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the financial, investment and accounting procedures and practices followed by the Company. The Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors, which is available on the Company's website at <http://www.cadizinc.com> and to any stockholder otherwise requesting a copy. The Audit Committee is currently composed of Mr. Pacini, Mr. Hickox and Mr. Courter. The Board has determined that all members of its Audit Committee are independent. The Audit Committee met five times during the year ended December 31, 2013. All the members of the Audit Committee were present at each meeting.

The Compensation Committee oversees compensation of the Chief Executive Officer and key executives and oversees regulatory compliance with respect to the Company's compensation matters. The Committee also oversees the Company's compensation policy applicable to senior management of the Company and advises and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the compensation of directors and executive officers. The Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors, which is available on the Company's website at <http://www.cadizinc.com> and to any stockholder otherwise requesting a copy. The Compensation Committee is currently composed of Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Pacini, Mr. Hickox, Mr. Courter and Mr. Grant. The Board has determined that all members of its Compensation Committee are independent. The Compensation Committee met twice during the year ended December 31, 2013. All the members of the Compensation Committee were present at each meeting.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for the establishment of procedures for the Committee's oversight of the evaluation of the Board and management. The Committee makes recommendations to the Board of corporate guidelines applicable to the Company. The Committee is also responsible for the identification and recommendation to the Board of qualified candidates for nomination to the Company's Board of Directors. The Committee will consider director candidates recommended by stockholders provided the nominations are received on a timely basis and contain all information relating to such nominee as is required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for elections of directors pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including such person's written consent to being named in the Proxy Statement as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected, the name and address of such stockholder or beneficial owner on whose behalf the proposed nomination is being made, and the class and number of shares of the Company owned beneficially and of record by such stockholder or beneficial owner. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee will consider nominees suggested by stockholders on the same terms as nominees selected by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. The

Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee believes that nominees for election to the Board of Directors must possess certain minimum qualifications. The Committee will consider a candidate's judgment, skill, diversity, experience with businesses and other organizations of comparable size, financial background, beneficial ownership of the Company, and the interplay of the candidate's experience with the experience of other Board members, among other factors, in assessing a candidate.

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Although the Committee does not have a formal diversity policy, it believes that diversity is an important factor in determining the composition of the Board. Except as set forth above, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee does not currently have a formal policy regarding the handling or consideration of director candidate recommendations received from a stockholder, or a formal process for identifying and evaluating nominees for directors (including nominees recommended by stockholders). These issues will be considered by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, which will then make a recommendation to the Board. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors, which is available on the Company's website at <http://www.cadizinc.com> and to any stockholder otherwise requesting a copy. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is currently composed of Mr. Hutchison, Mr. Pacini, Mr. Hickox and Mr. Grant. The Board has determined that all members of its Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee are independent. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee met one time during the year ended December 31, 2013. All the members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee were present at the meeting.

The Company does not have a policy regarding director attendance at our annual meetings. Mr. Shaheen was the only director in attendance at the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

#### CODE OF ETHICS

The Company has adopted a code of ethics that applies to all of our employees, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer. A copy of the code of ethics may be found on the Company's website at <http://www.cadizinc.com>. Any employee who becomes aware of any existing or potential violation of the code of ethics is required to report it. Any waivers from and amendments to the code of ethics granted to directors or executive officers will be promptly disclosed on the Company's website at <http://www.cadizinc.com>.

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## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### Overview

The Company's compensation policies and practices are developed and implemented through the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Committee's responsibility is to review and consider annually the performance of the Company's named executive officers in achieving both corporate and individual goals and objectives, and to assure that the Company's compensation policies and practices are competitive and effective in incentivizing management.

The Compensation Discussion and Analysis section provides a description of the primary elements of the Company's fiscal year 2013 compensation program and policies for the following individuals, who are referred to throughout this proxy statement as our named executive officers:

- Scott Slater, President and Chief Executive Officer
- Timothy Shaheen, Chief Financial Officer
- Keith Brackpool, Chairman of the Board

Effective February 1, 2013, Mr. Slater assumed the role of President and Chief Executive Officer, while Mr. Brackpool, who had previously served as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, remained solely as Chairman.

In 2013, our named executive officers effectively completed multiple transactions important to the long-term success of the Company, including the refinancing of the Company's debt, the restructuring of the Company's balance sheet in preparation for construction of the Water Project, and the initiation of a new agricultural joint venture at the Cadiz Ranch that will generate long-term supplemental revenue. In addition to these transactions, our named executive officers oversaw the successful dismissal of two of the challenges to the 2012 CEQA approvals of the Water Project and trials in the remaining cases, which concluded in February 2014.

Compensation Committee activities in 2013 included:

- Evaluating the performance of the Company's executive officers;
- Proposing amendments to the Employment Agreements for the Named Executive Officers in an effort to reduce cash compensation;
- Reviewing and approving the total compensation and benefits of the Company's executive officers, including cash compensation and long-term incentive compensation; and
- Reviewing and amending guidelines and standards regarding the Company's compensation practices and philosophy.

For the Company's named executive officers, other than Mr. Slater, the committee established compensation levels based, in part, on the recommendations of Mr. Slater as Chief Executive Officer.

This section should be read in conjunction with the "Summary Compensation Table" and related tables pertaining to the compensation earned in 2013 by the named executive officers presented in this proxy statement under the caption "Executive Compensation".

### Compensation Philosophy

The Company's business plan and goals have historically been and continue to be linked to the development of the Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project ("Project", "Cadiz Project", "Water Project"). The

Company's annual cash resources are focused on funding the completion of the development process. Due to the long-term nature of developing this project, the progress made by the Company in the development of the Project and our land and water resources does not bear a direct relationship to quarterly and annual results of operations.

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It is critical to the development of the Project that the Company attracts and retains well-qualified executives familiar with the water sector and long-term infrastructure project development. As a result, the Company's executive compensation programs seek to maintain a competitive annual salary structure while emphasizing long-term incentives that are connected to the ultimate implementation of the Project. These programs strive to align the interests of the executive officers and management with those of the Company's stockholders through the use of equity-based programs. In doing so, the Company intentionally reduces the risk that executives will place too much focus on short-term achievements to the detriment of the long-term goals of the Company.

#### Elements of Compensation

The Company's compensation program has four primary components: cash salary, performance-based cash awards, long-term incentives through equity stock awards, and benefits. Each element of the Company's compensation program has been specifically chosen to reward, motivate and incentivize the executives of the Company through the development of the Project. The Compensation Committee determines the amount for both total compensation and each compensation element through discussions with the Company's management, consideration of benchmarking data, past performance and future corporate and individual objectives.

The four basic elements of compensation, described in further detail below, are:

- **SALARY.** Base salaries for the Company's named executives are determined by the Compensation Committee depending on a variety of factors including the scope of their responsibilities, their leadership skills and values, their performance and length of service. Salaries for our named executive officers are intended to create a minimum level of compensation that is competitive with other companies deemed comparable, depending on the prior experience and position of the executive. Salaries are typically paid in cash, but could also be paid with restricted stock awards. Decisions regarding salary increases are affected by the named executive's current salary and the amounts paid to their peers within and outside the Company.
- **LONG-TERM INCENTIVES.** The primary form of incentive compensation that is offered to the Company's executives consists of long-term incentives in the form of equity awards. The use of such long-term incentives is intended to focus and align goals of Company executives with those of stockholders and creates a direct interest in the results of operations, long-term performance and achievement of the Company's long-term goals.
- **PERFORMANCE BASED CASH AWARDS.** The Compensation Committee believes that it is important to offer cash incentives to executives for the achievement of specified objectives that yield increased value for stockholders and will utilize performance based cash awards from time to time to provide additional incentives.
- **BENEFITS.** The Compensation Committee also incorporates retirement, insurance, termination and severance benefits in the compensation program for executive officers. These benefits are offered to retain top executives, maintain their health and wellness and remain competitive in the industry. The retirement and insurance benefits are consistent with those benefits offered more broadly to the Company's employees.

The Company's overall compensation packages for our named executive officers currently emphasize equity incentives due to the long-term development timelines of our projects and the focus of the Company on achieving the implementation of these projects. Even with the emphasis on long-term incentives, the Company's overall compensation is established at a level comparable to our peer group of companies, which share a similar focus on long-term development of assets.

## Use of Peer Group

Our main asset consists of a large land position in Southeastern California and our business is primarily focused on the permitting of a water supply and storage project at our unique Cadiz Valley, California property. Because no other publicly-traded company is similarly situated, it is difficult to identify directly comparable peer companies.

However, for guidance on the pay mix and compensation package of our named executive officers, we have identified a peer group of companies operating in the property and asset development sectors, specifically companies with comparable market capitalization and an emphasis on the development of property and real estate in the Southwestern United States. The peer group includes the following companies:

- AV Homes, Inc.
- Alico, Inc.
- Limoneira Company
- PICO Holdings, Inc.
- Tejon Ranch Co.
- Forestar Group, Inc.

## Benchmarking

The Compensation Committee believes it is important to understand and analyze the current compensation programs of other companies when making compensation decisions. We traditionally consider the compensation programs of our peers when determining compensation for the named executive officers. This year the Committee reviewed internally prepared surveys and publicly available information for our peer group companies to compare the components of our compensation program for the executive officers with those of the peer group.

Due to the Company's unique business plan and current focus on development of the Water Project, the Compensation Committee exercises its discretion in determining compensation packages that may differ from the peer group. Nevertheless, the peer group is instructive in assessing elements of compensation and structure for similarly situated companies.

While the Company's current compensation program for our executive officers differs in certain aspects from our peers due to the Company's focus on the Water Project, the Committee found our total compensation of our Chief Executive Officer to be the lowest in the peer group.

## Performance Objectives

The Committee emphasizes performance objectives for executives when granting long-term equity compensation awards from existing plans. Currently, as described above, the Company is focused on the performance of objectives related to implementation of the Water Project and fixes equity grants to satisfaction of such project development objectives including both restrictions as to sale and on a vesting schedule commensurate with the anticipated Water Project development timeline.

## Elements of 2013 Compensation

1. SALARY. In evaluating base salaries for 2013, the Compensation Committee believed it was important to maintain competitive base salary compensation that would also keep cash compensation expenditures to a minimum. In 2013, Mr. Slater's annual base salary was set at \$300,000 following his assumption of the Chief Executive Officer role on February 1, 2013. Mr. Shaheen's annual base salary was increased by 6% to \$350,000 beginning April 13, 2013 and Mr. Brackpool's annual base salary was decreased by 31% to 275,000 beginning April 13, 2013, reflecting



the change in his responsibilities following the assumption of the Chief Executive Officer role by Mr. Slater.

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2. **LONG-TERM INCENTIVES.** The Committee has chosen to rely primarily upon equity instruments, such as restricted stock and options, in designing compensation packages for executives. The Committee views the grant of equity based awards as an incentive for future performance since the value of these equity based awards will increase as the Company's stock price increases, thereby satisfying the Committee's goal of linking executive compensation to share price appreciation over the longer term and promoting the retention of the key executives throughout the development process of our projects. The Committee is conscious of the potential dilutive effect arising from the use of equity incentives and tries to limit issuances to maintain appropriate ratios of overall ownership levels in the Company from year to year.

In order for us to utilize equity based awards as our primary form of incentive compensation and maintain alignment with the goals of stockholders, the Committee and the Board have created plans subject to stockholder approval. The Company's most recent equity incentive program (the "2009 Incentive Plan") was approved by stockholders at the Company's 2009 Annual Meeting. The 2009 Incentive Plan reserved 850,000 shares for issuance; the plan currently has 25,235 shares available for issuance that would be used to compensate our Directors under the existing Director compensation plan if no new equity incentive plan is adopted by the stockholders (See "Proposal 3").

As a result, the Committee did not award restricted stock or options to the Company's named executive officers in 2013 but has authored the new 2014 Plan (being considered for approval at the 2014 Annual Meeting) that better aligns the Company's current objectives with equity incentive awards (See "Proposal 3"). Implementation of the 2014 Plan is expressly contingent upon the Company obtaining stockholder approval prior to December 31, 2014.

3. **CASH AWARDS.** While the Compensation Committee currently believes that equity based awards rather than cash based awards allow the Company to better preserve our existing cash resources and, accordingly, has relied primarily upon the grant of equity based awards to reward executive performance (see "Long-Term Incentives") of named executive officers, the Compensation Committee also believes that it is important to offer cash incentives to executives for the achievement of specified objectives that yield increased value for stockholders and to reduce the tax burdens associated with the issuance of restricted equity based awards.

For 2013, the Committee considered performance objectives in the development timelines of our projects, while also taking into account that long-term incentives including restricted stock and options have already been put in place during the prior two years through issuances from the 2009 Incentive Plan. Objectives in 2013 included:

- Defend the environmental permits received by the Water Project in 2012;
- Obtain the financing necessary to continue to invest in the development of our water related assets and prepare for construction; and
- Further the development of Company-owned real estate and water resources.

Based on the progress made towards achieving the Company's development objectives, cash based awards in 2013 consisted of a \$250,000 discretionary cash award granted to Mr. Brackpool and a \$200,000 discretionary cash award granted to Mr. Shaheen. Both cash awards were granted in April 2013 following the successful refinancing of the Company's corporate term debt which established two separate debt instruments, a \$30 million senior secured mortgage loan due in three years and \$53.5 million in new convertible notes due in five years with no principal or interest payments due until maturity. The new debt instruments replaced all existing term debt on the Company's balance sheet and provided \$17.5 million in working capital to fund the Company's ongoing project development operations. Mr. Brackpool and Mr. Shaheen were instrumental to the negotiation and implementation of this refinancing agreement with our lenders and the Committee aimed to reward their achievement with discretionary cash awards. No other cash awards have been granted since April 2013.

4. **BENEFITS.** Per the employment agreements described below (see "Employment Arrangements"), Mr. Brackpool and Mr. Shaheen received retirement and insurance benefits as part of their compensation packages in

2013. Termination and severance terms are adjusted annually in Mr. Brackpool's and Mr. Shaheen's existing employment agreements.

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## Contingent 2014 Compensation Pending Stockholder Approval of the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan

In connection with the adoption, and subject to obtaining stockholder approval, of the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (“EIP”), the Company will enter into new employment agreements with Messrs. Brackpool and Shaheen. These new agreements will result in a new base salary compensation structure for Messrs. Brackpool and Shaheen and establish milestone principles for future long-term incentive equity awards as described below. See also “Proposal 3 – Approval of the Cadiz Inc 2014 Equity Incentive Plan”. The new employment agreements will also contain benefit, termination and severance terms consistent with those in the existing employment agreements. Although Mr. Brackpool is no longer Chief Executive Officer of the Company and his compensation has been reduced, he maintains an important foundational role advising management in the executive Chairman position. The Committee believes Mr. Brackpool’s ongoing role, though reduced, warrants the continued employee compensation arrangements.

Mr. Slater’s employment arrangements will be unaffected by the 2014 EIP and in 2014 will remain in their current form whether or not Proposal 3 is adopted.

## Salary

If the stockholders timely approve the 2014 EIP, the new employment agreements to be entered into by Messrs. Brackpool and Shaheen will provide that effective July 1, 2014 Mr. Brackpool and Mr. Shaheen will reduce the cash component of their base salary for 2014, 2015 and 2016 in exchange for new equity-based salary compensation that would vest over the employment period. This structure will be entered into in order for the Company to conserve its cash resources while it prepares for the construction and implementation of the Water Project. The following table illustrates the cash and equity base salary that will be received by Messrs. Brackpool and Shaheen under the new employment agreements:

	Mr. Shaheen			Mr. Brackpool		
	Cash	Equity (RSUs *)	Total Salary	Cash	Equity (RSUs *)	Total Salary
2014	\$275,000	12,500	\$350,000	\$155,000	20,000	\$275,000
2015	\$200,000	25,000	\$350,000	\$35,000	40,000	\$275,000
2016	\$200,000	25,000	\$350,000	\$35,000	40,000	\$275,000

\*RSUs would vest quarterly following the date of grant. RSUs have been valued utilizing the 200-day moving average price of the Company’s common stock of \$6/share.

Mr. Slater’s annual salary for 2014 of \$300,000 will not change under the 2014 EIP.

## Long-term Incentives

If the stockholders timely approve the 2014 EIP, Mr. Brackpool and Mr. Shaheen would each be eligible to receive milestone-based long-term equity incentive awards made available under the new 2014 EIP. Under their new employment arrangements, Mr. Brackpool and Mr. Shaheen would be eligible for an incentive award of 100,000 shares each of the Company’s common stock once construction financing necessary for the implementation of the Water Project, as defined in the approved Final Environmental Impact Report, is secured. This milestone award would expire three years after 2014 EIP approval, if the milestone has not been achieved.

Mr. Slater would continue to be eligible to receive milestone based long-term equity incentives in 2014 per his existing employment arrangements.

## Cash Awards

If the stockholders timely approve the 2014 EIP, then cash awards would continue to be available under the new employment agreements to be entered into by Messrs. Brackpool and Shaheen. However, no cash awards have been awarded in 2014 to any of the named executive officers as the Committee focuses on conserving cash resources.

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## Benefits

If the stockholders timely approve the 2014 EIP, then the new employment agreements will provide that Mr. Brackpool and Mr. Shaheen receive retirement and insurance benefits as part of their compensation packages in 2014 consistent with those benefits described in their existing employment agreements. Termination and severance terms will continue to be adjusted annually in Mr. Brackpool's and Mr. Shaheen's employment agreements.

Mr. Slater would receive benefits in 2014 per his existing employment arrangements.

## Severance and Change in Control Provisions

The Company's current compensation arrangements with Messrs. Brackpool and Shaheen provide for certain severance provisions and benefits associated with various termination scenarios, as well as certain vesting acceleration for equity-based compensation in the event of a change-in-control. The severance and change in control provisions were determined largely by negotiations between the parties as one of the many elements of a larger negotiation involving the particular executive's employment or consulting agreement with the Company. These agreements are designed to be competitive in the marketplace and provide security for these executives in the event that the Company is acquired and their position is impacted. This will allow the Company's executives to consider and implement transformative transactions of significant benefit to our stockholders without undue concern over their own financial situations.

A summary of the severance and change-in-control provisions applicable to compensation arrangements with the Company's executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table, along with a quantification of the benefits available to each named officer as of December 31, 2013, can be found in the section captioned "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control".

## Tax and Accounting Considerations

### Impact of Code Section 162(m)

The Compensation Committee has considered the impact of provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, specifically Code Section 162(m). Section 162(m) limits to \$1 million the Company's deduction for compensation paid to each of our executive officers, which does not qualify as "performance based".

Shares of stock issued to executives under the 2009 Incentive Plan and an earlier 2007 Incentive Plan do not qualify as performance-based compensation, and therefore, the portion of the compensation expense related to the Plans that exceeds \$1 million is not deductible.

In light of the Company's federal and state net operating loss carryforwards of approximately \$204.5 million and \$111.2 million as of December 31, 2013, respectively, we do not expect the tax deductions lost as a result of the application of Section 162(m) to have a material impact upon the Company's financial results.

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## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the foregoing Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management of the Company. Based on this review and discussion, we recommend to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this proxy statement.

## THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Murray H. Hutchison, Chairman  
 Stephen E. Courter  
 Geoffrey Grant  
 Winston H. Hickox  
 Raymond J. Pacini

The foregoing report shall not be deemed incorporated by reference by any general statement incorporating by reference this statement into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this information by reference, and shall not otherwise be deemed filed under such Acts.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

## Summary Compensation Table

The following table shows the compensation awarded to, earned by, or paid during the years ended December 31, 2013, 2012 and 2011, to the Company's current chief executive officer and president, our chief financial officer and our former chief executive officer and current Chairman.

Name and Principal Position(1)	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards(2) (\$)	Option Awards(2) (\$)	All Other Compensation(3) (\$)	Total (\$)
Scott Slater President and current Principal Executive Officer(4)	2013	275,000	-	-	39,104	-	314,104
	2012	-	-	-	212,114	-	212,114
	2011	-	-	-	600,998	-	600,998
Timothy J. Shaheen Principal Financial Officer and Secretary	2013	343,846	200,000	-	-	13,740	557,586
	2012	325,714	200,000	-	-	14,718	540,432
	2011	300,000	-	290,800	130,472	12,963	734,235
Keith Brackpool Chairman and former Principal Executive Officer	2013	313,462	250,000	-	-	46,839	610,301
	2012	400,000	300,000	-	-	49,806	749,806
	2011	400,000	-	727,000	260,944	54,402	1,442,346

(1) The executive officers listed in the Summary Compensation Table above were the Company's only executive officers during the year ended December 31, 2013.

(2)

This column discloses the dollar amount of compensation cost recognized for the respective fiscal year in accordance with FAS123R. The assumptions used for determining the value of stock awards and options are set forth in the relevant Cadiz Inc. Annual Report to Stockholders in Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, "Stock-Based Compensation Plans and Warrants".

- (3) All Other Compensation includes a 401k match that is generally available to all employees. Messrs. Brackpool and Shaheen received \$12,538 and \$12,419, respectively, in 401k matching contributions in 2013. In 2013, Mr. Brackpool's Other Compensation also includes \$32,096 of company paid expenses related to a leased automobile and \$2,205 related to life insurance. Mr. Shaheen's Other Compensation for 2013 includes \$1,321 in a car allowance. The value of perquisites for Mr. Slater was less than \$10,000, and thus no amount relating to perquisites is included in the Summary Compensation Table.

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- (4) Mr. Slater was appointed President of the Company on April 12, 2011, replacing Mr. Brackpool in this position. Effective February 1, 2013, Mr. Slater assumed the additional role of Chief Executive Officer, replacing Mr. Brackpool in this position. Mr. Brackpool remains as Chairman of the Board of Directors.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

Neither equity awards nor non-equity incentive plan awards were granted to the Company's named executive officers during fiscal year 2013.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year

The following table sets forth certain information concerning outstanding stock and option awards as of December 31, 2013, for each named executive officer.

Name	Option Awards				Stock Awards	
	Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Shares of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares That Have Not Vested (\$)
Scott Slater	100,000(1)	-	12.51	4/12/21	-	-
Timothy J. Shaheen	100,000(1)	-	11.50	1/14/20	-	-
Keith Brackpool	100,000(2) 200,000(1)	- -	12.00 11.50	5/4/15 1/14/20	- -	- -

(1) Options granted by the Company under the 2009 Incentive Plan.

(2) These options were granted by the Company in 2005 under the Company's then existing Management Incentive Plan.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

The following table sets forth certain information concerning stock option exercises and restricted stock vesting during 2013 for each named executive officer.

Name	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
	Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)
Scott Slater	—	—	—	—
Timothy J. Shaheen	—	—	—	—

Keith Brackpool

Pension Benefits

The Company does not have any qualified or non-qualified defined benefits plans.

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## Nonqualified Deferred Compensation

The Company does not have any non-qualified defined contribution plans or other deferred compensation plans.

## EMPLOYMENT ARRANGEMENTS

Mr. Scott S. Slater has served with the Company since November 2008 pursuant to an agreement with the law firm Brownstein Hyatt Farber and Schreck LLP, where Mr. Slater is also a shareholder. From 2008 – 2012, Mr. Slater was primarily focused on the development of the Company's Water Project and did not receive a base salary from the Company for his role as General Counsel (2008 – 2012) and President (2011 – 2012). Mr. Slater's compensation from the Company consisted exclusively of long-term incentives due to the nature of the development of the Water Project. In April 2011, Mr. Slater received options to purchase 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$12.51 per share under the Company's 2009 Incentive Plan with such options vesting 1/3 when issued, 1/3 in April 2012 and 1/3 in April 2013. These options were awarded under the Company's 2009 Incentive Plan. On February 1, 2013, Mr. Slater was named Chief Executive Officer in addition to his ongoing role as President. As a result, Mr. Slater's employment arrangements were amended to reflect the broadening of his responsibilities and leadership role over all of the Company's asset development initiatives. In consideration of Mr. Slater's agreement to serve as Chief Executive Officer and President, Mr. Slater began to receive an annual base salary from the Company of \$300,000 effective February 1, 2013.

The Company's Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Timothy J. Shaheen, entered into a formal employment agreement with the Company effective May 22, 2009. Mr. Shaheen serves as the Principal Financial Officer of the Company and as Chairman and Chief Executive of the Board of Managers of Cadiz Real Estate LLC, our subsidiary holding title to the Company's land and water assets. Mr. Shaheen also oversees the Company's agricultural operations. Mr. Shaheen's agreement provides for a base salary as well as Mr. Shaheen's participation in a Long Term Transaction Incentive Plan and allows for his participation in other management incentive programs that the Board may adopt, including discretionary annual bonuses. Pursuant to the agreement, Mr. Shaheen's annual base salary was increased to \$350,000 per annum, in April 2013. In January 2010, under the 2009 Incentive Plan, Mr. Shaheen received 30,000 restricted shares of common stock pursuant to a contractual agreement not to sell any of those shares for a period of three years ending January 14, 2013, and options to purchase 100,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share under the Company's 2009 Incentive Plan that vested 1/3 on issuance, 1/3 on January 14, 2011, and 1/3 on January 14, 2012. In January 2011, also under the 2009 Incentive Plan, Mr. Shaheen received 40,000 restricted shares of common stock pursuant to a contractual agreement not to sell any of these shares for a period of three years ending on January 10, 2014. In April 2013, Mr. Shaheen received a discretionary cash bonus award in the amount of \$200,000.

Mr. Keith Brackpool entered into an amended and restated employment agreement effective May 22, 2009 ("2009 Amended Agreement"). Pursuant to the 2009 Amended Agreement, Mr. Brackpool received base compensation of \$400,000 per year, plus certain fringe benefits including the use of a leased automobile and life and disability insurance benefits funded by the Company. Effective April 13, 2013, Mr. Brackpool's base salary was decreased to \$275,000 per annum, reflecting the reduction in his responsibilities following the naming of Mr. Slater as Chief Executive Officer and President, while Mr. Brackpool remained as Chairman. In January 2010, Mr. Brackpool received 85,000 restricted shares of common stock pursuant to a contractual agreement not to sell any of those shares for a period of three years ending January 14, 2013, and options to purchase 200,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$11.50 per share under the Company's 2009 Incentive Plan that vested 1/3 on issuance, 1/3 on January 14, 2011 and 1/3 on January 14, 2012. In January 2011, Mr. Brackpool received 100,000 restricted shares of common stock under the 2009 Incentive Plan, pursuant to a contractual agreement not to sell any of these shares for a period of three years ending on January 10, 2014. In April 2013, Mr. Brackpool received a discretionary cash bonus award in the amount of \$250,000.

It is anticipated that the compensation arrangements of Messrs. Brackpool and Shaheen will be revised in the event our stockholders approve Proposal 3. See “Proposal 3 – Adoption of the Cadiz Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan – General Summary.” However, their existing compensation arrangements described above will continue to govern if stockholders do not approve the 2014 EIP.

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## POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL

The following table and summary set forth estimated potential payments the Company would be required to make to our named executive officers upon termination of employment or change in control of the Company, pursuant to each executive's employment or consulting agreement in effect at year end. Except as otherwise indicated, the table assumes that the triggering event occurred on December 31, 2013.

Name	Benefit	Termination without Cause or Resignation upon Company Material Breach (\$)	Death or Disability (\$)	Termination Following Change of Control (\$)
Scott Slater	Salary	-	-	-
	Bonus	-	-	-
	Equity Acceleration	-	-	-
	Benefits Continuation(1)	-	-	-
	Total Value	-	-	-
Timothy J. Shaheen	Salary	175,000	175,000	350,000
	Bonus	-	-	-
	Equity Acceleration	-	-	-
	Benefits Continuation(1)	24,662	-	49,323
	Total Value	199,662	175,000	399,323
Keith Brackpool	Salary	275,000	550,000	550,000
	Bonus	-	-	-
	Equity Acceleration	-	-	-
	Benefits Continuation(1)	66,445	-	132,910
	Total Value	341,455	550,000	682,910

(1) The benefits continuation amounts include car allowances, 401(k) matching benefits, life insurance and paid vacation.

## Termination without Cause or Resignation upon Company Material Breach

Mr. Brackpool's 2009 Amended Agreement provides that if Mr. Brackpool were terminated by the Company without cause or if he resigns due to a breach of the 2009 Amended Agreement by us, then the Company is obligated to pay severance and continuation of benefits (to the extent such benefits could then be lawfully made available by the Company) for one year following the effective date of the termination, as though Mr. Brackpool were continuing to provide services to the Company under his 2009 Amended Agreement.

Mr. Shaheen's employment agreement, effective May 22, 2009, provides that if Mr. Shaheen were terminated by the Company without cause or if he resigns due to a breach of the Employment Agreement by us, then the Company is obligated to pay severance and continuation of benefits (to the extent such benefits could then be lawfully made available by the Company) for one hundred eighty days following the effective date of the termination, as though Mr. Shaheen were continuing to provide services to the Company under his Employment Agreement.

Termination of Employment Due to Death or Disability

Mr. Brackpool's 2009 Amended Agreement provides that if he dies or became disabled, he or his estate would be entitled to receive severance for two years consisting of his base compensation.

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Mr. Shaheen's Employment Agreement provides that if he dies or became disabled, he or his estate would be entitled to receive severance for one hundred eighty days consisting of his base compensation.

#### Change in Control

Mr. Brackpool's 2009 Amended Agreement provides that if Mr. Brackpool is terminated by the Company following a change in control, the Company is obligated to pay severance and continuation of benefits (to the extent such benefits could then be lawfully made available by the Company) for two years following the effective date of the termination, as though Mr. Brackpool were continuing to provide services to the Company under his 2009 Amended Agreement.

Mr. Shaheen's Employment Agreement provides that if Mr. Shaheen is terminated by the Company following a change in control, the Company is obligated to pay severance and continuation of benefits (to the extent such benefits could then be lawfully made available by the Company) for one year following the effective date of the termination, as though Mr. Shaheen were continuing to provide services to the Company under his Employment Agreement.

### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

The following table summarizes the compensation earned by each of the non-employee directors in 2013. Directors who are also officers or employees of the Company receive no compensation for duties performed as a director.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards \$(1)	Option Awards \$(2)	Total (\$)
Stephen E. Courter	30,000	17,071	-	47,071
Geoffrey Grant	30,000	17,071	-	47,071
Winston H. Hickox	30,000	17,071	-	47,071
Murray H. Hutchison	30,000	17,071	-	47,071
Raymond J. Pacini	30,000	17,071	-	47,071
Bryant R. Riley	22,500	4,269	-	26,769

(1) This column discloses the dollar amount of compensation cost recognized in 2013 based on the fair value at grant date in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718. These awards were valued at the market value of the underlying stock on the date of grant in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718.

(2) Directors of the Company do not receive stock option awards.

### DIRECTOR COMPENSATION POLICY

All non-employee directors are entitled to receive, for each 12 month period ending June 30 of each year, the amount of \$30,000, prorated for directors serving less than the full 12 months. Payments are made in 4 quarterly installments of \$7,500. A director is entitled to a \$7,500 fee for any quarter in which services are rendered. Each June 30, non-employee directors are also entitled to receive a deferred stock award consisting of shares of the Company's common stock with a value equal to \$20,000 (calculated with reference to the average closing price of the Company's common stock during the one month preceding the annual award date), prorated for directors serving less than the full 12 months.

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The compensation arrangements for our Board of Directors will be revised in the event the Company's stockholders approve Proposal 3. See Proposal 3 – Adoption of the Cadiz Inc. 2014 Equity Incentive Plan – General Summary.

#### DIRECTOR STOCK OWNERSHIP POLICY

The Company encourages stock ownership on behalf of our directors. Thus, the Company's compensation structure for non-employee directors includes awards of stock as compensation for director services. See "Director Compensation Policy", above.

#### EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2013 with respect to shares of the Company's common stock that may be issued under its existing compensation plans. The table includes plan grants to executive officers and other Company employees.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by stockholders	527,500(1)	\$11.69	35,235(2)
Equity compensation plans not approved by stockholders	315,000(3)	\$12.09	-
Total	842,500	\$11.84	35,235

(1) Represents 527,500 options outstanding under the Company's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan as of December 31, 2013.

(2) Represents 10,000 securities issuable under the Company's 2007 Equity Incentive Plan and 25,235 securities issuable under the Company's 2009 Equity Incentive Plan as of December 31, 2013.

(3) Represents 315,000 options outstanding under the Company's 2003 Management Equity Incentive Plan as of December 31, 2013.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

In fiscal 2013, there were no Compensation Committee interlocks and no insider participation in Compensation Committee decisions that were required to be reported under the rules and regulations of the 1934 Act.

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## SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth the beneficial ownership of the Company's voting securities, as of the record date for the annual meeting, by each stockholder whom the Company knows to own beneficially more than five percent of our common stock, and by each director, each named executive officer, and all directors and executive officers as a group, excluding, in each case, rights under options or warrants not exercisable within 60 days. All persons named have sole voting power and investment power over their shares except as otherwise noted.

Name and Address	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership	Percent of Class
LC Capital Master Fund, Ltd. LC Capital Partners LP LC Capital Advisors LLC LC Offshore Fund, Ltd. Lampe, Conway & Co., LLC Steven G. Lampe Richard F. Conway 680 Fifth Avenue, 12th Floor New York, NY 10019-5429	4,821,642(1)	24.00%
Water Asset Management LLC 509 Madison Avenue Suite 804 New York, NY 10022	1,604,497(2)	9.74%
Altima Partners LLP Mark Donegan Dominic Robert Redfern 11 Slingsby Place, 2nd Floor St Martin's Courtyard London WC2E 9AB	1,595,139(3)	9.65%
Zesiger Capital Group LLC 460 Park Avenue, 22nd Floor New York, NY 10022	1,404,557(4)	8.68%
Nokomis Capital, L.L.C. Brett Hendrickson 2305 Cedar Springs Road, Suite 420 Dallas, TX 75201	1,360,249(5)	7.76%
Robeco Investment Management, Inc. DBA Boston Partners One Beacon Street Boston, MA 02108	1,194,505(6)	7.39%
Odey Asset Management Group Ltd. Odey Asset Management LLP Odey Holdings AG	982,700(7)	6.08%

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Keith Brackpool c/o 550 S. Hope St., Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90071	547,436(8)	3.32%
Bryant R. Riley c/o 550 S. Hope St., Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90071	238,972(9)	1.46%
Timothy J. Shaheen c/o 550 S. Hope St., Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90071	200,000(10)	1.23%
Scott S. Slater c/o 550 S. Hope St., Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90071	109,000(11)	*
Geoffrey Grant c/o 550 S. Hope St., Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90071	68,379(12)	*
Winston H. Hickox c/o 550 S. Hope St., Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90071	30,863(12)	*
Murray Hutchison c/o 550 S. Hope St., Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90071	24,091(12)	*
Raymond J. Pacini c/o 550 S. Hope St., Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90071	15,392(12)	*
Stephen Courter c/o 550 S. Hope St., Suite 2850 Los Angeles, CA 90071	12,664(12)	*
All Directors and officers as a group (nine individuals)	1,246,797(8)(9)(10)(11)(12)	7.37%

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\* Represents less than one percent of the 16,172,239 outstanding shares of common stock of the Company as of April 21, 2014.

Footnotes

- (1.) Based upon a Form Schedule 13D/A filed on March 19, 2014 with the SEC by LC Capital Master Fund Ltd. ("Master Fund"), information provided by Master Fund and the Company's corporate records, Master Fund and affiliates beneficially own a total of 4,821,642 shares of the Company's common stock, including 759,492 shares presently outstanding.

Includes 50,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants acquired in October 2012 as part of an amendment to our previous term loan, which was restructured in March 2013.

Also includes 3,824,268 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of \$30,785,358 in Convertible Notes owned by Master Fund at a conversion rate of \$8.05 per share as of April 21, 2014, plus 42,374 shares beneficially owned as a result of common stock issuable upon conversion of interest that will have accrued within 60 days of April 21, 2014.

Also includes 145,508 shares held by Steven G. Lampe over which he has sole voting and dispositive power. Master Fund disclaims beneficial ownership over these securities.

These securities, except for the common stock owned solely by Steven G. Lampe, are owned by Master Fund and may also be deemed to be beneficially owned by the named persons below by virtue of the following relationships: (i) LC Capital Partners, LP ("Partners") and LC Offshore Fund, Ltd. ("Offshore Fund") beneficially own 100% of the outstanding shares of Master Fund; (ii) LC Capital Advisors LLC ("Advisors") is the sole general partner of Partners; (iii) Lampe, Conway & Co., LLC ("LC&C") is investment manager to Master Fund, Partners, and Offshore Fund pursuant to certain investment management agreements and shares voting and dispositive power over the securities; and (iv) Steven G. Lampe and Richard F. Conway are the sole managing members of each of Advisors and LC&C and therefore, have indirect voting and dispositive power over securities held by Master Fund. Each of the persons named above, other than Master Fund, specifically disclaims beneficial ownership of these securities except to the extent of his or its pecuniary interest therein, if any.

Master Fund and/or its affiliates have designated Mr. Stephen E. Courter, a director of the Company, as their designee on our Board of Directors.

- (2.) Based upon a Schedule 13G/A filed on February 14, 2014 with the SEC and our corporate records of stock issuances, Water Asset Management LLC ("WAM") beneficially owns 1,604,497 shares of the Company's common stock, including 1,305,929 shares presently outstanding and 171,666 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of \$1,381,908 in Convertible Notes owned by WAM at a conversion rate of \$8.05 per share as of April 21, 2014, plus 1,902 shares beneficially owned as a result of common stock issuable upon conversion of interest that will have accrued within 60 days of April 21, 2014. Also includes 125,000 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants acquired in October 2012 as part of an amendment to our previous term loan, which was restructured in March 2013.

WAM serves as investment manager to a number of investment funds and manages investments for certain entities in managed accounts with respect to which it has dispositive authority over the 1,597,885 shares shown as beneficially owned by it in the Schedule 13G/A and voting power over 980,326 of the shares so reported. WAM disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares except to the extent of its pecuniary interest therein.

- (3.) Based upon a Schedule 13G/A filed on February 13, 2014 with the SEC and the Company's corporate records, Altima Partners and related entities including Dominic Redfern and Mark Donegan, beneficially own an aggregate of 1,595,139 shares of the Company's common stock. This figure includes 222,222 shares of stock issuable upon exercise of warrants acquired by Altima Partners and affiliates in our November 2011 private placement. Also includes 134,534 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of \$1,083,000 in Convertible Notes owned by affiliates of Altima Partners at a conversion rate of \$8.05 per share as of April 14, 2014, plus 1,491 shares beneficially owned as a result of common stock issuable upon conversion of interest that will have accrued within 60 days of April 14, 2014.

Excluding shares issuable upon the conversion of the Convertible Notes, Altima Partners has shared voting and dispositive power as to 797,579 shares of the stock, including 166,667 shares of stock issuable upon the exercise of warrants acquired in our 2011 private placements. Mr. Redfern and Mr. Donegan have shared voting and dispositive power as to 1,119,101 shares of the stock, including the 222,222 shares of stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants acquired in our 2011 private placements. Mr. Donegan has sole voting and dispositive power as to 24,300 shares, over which Altima Partners and Mr. Redfern disclaim any beneficial ownership. Mr. Redfern has sole voting and dispositive power as to 315,713 shares, over which Altima Partners and Mr. Donegan disclaim any beneficial ownership.

- (4.) Based upon a Schedule 13G/A filed on February 10, 2014 with the SEC, Zesiger Capital Group LLC (“Zesiger”) beneficially owns 1,404,557 shares of the Company’s common stock. Zesiger has sole dispositive authority over the 1,404,557 shares and sole voting power over 998,182 shares reported. Zesiger disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities, which are held in discretionary accounts managed by Zesiger. No single client owns more than 5% of the securities.
- (5.) Based upon a Schedule 13G filed on February 14, 2014 with the SEC and the Company’s corporate records, Nokomis Capital, L.L.C. (“Nokomis Capital”) owns or controls 1,345,342 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of \$10,830,000 in Convertible Notes at a conversion rate of \$8.05 per share as of April 21, 2014 plus 14,907 shares beneficially owned as a result of common stock issuable upon conversion of interest that will have accrued within 60 days of April 14, 2014. Nokomis Capital purchased the Convertible Notes through the accounts of certain private funds and managed accounts (collectively, the “Nokomis Accounts”). Nokomis Capital serves as the investment adviser to the Nokomis Accounts and may direct the vote and dispose of the shares held by the Nokomis Accounts. As the principal of Nokomis Capital, Mr. Hendrickson may direct the vote and disposition of the shares held by the Nokomis Accounts.
- (6.) Based upon a Schedule 13G/A filed on February 11, 2014 with the SEC, Boston Partners beneficially owns 1,194,505 shares of the Company’s common stock. Boston Partners has sole dispositive power over the 1,194,505 shares and sole voting power over 875,505 shares reported. Boston Partners holds these shares for the discretionary account of certain clients. Effective January 2014, Robeco Investment Management, Inc. has adopted Boston Partners as a DBA designation.
- (7.) Based upon a Schedule 13G filed on January 22, 2014, Odey Asset Management Group Ltd. (“OAM Ltd”) and affiliates own 982,700 shares of the Company’s stock and share voting and dispositive power as to the shares. OAM Ltd is the managing member of Odey Asset Management LLP (“OAM LLP”), Odey Holdings AG (“Odey Holdings”) is the sole stockholder of OAM Ltd, and Mr. Crispin Odey is the sole stockholder of Odey Holdings. Shares reported herein for OAM LLP represent shares held for the benefit of investment advisory clients of OAM LLP. OAM Ltd and its affiliates disclaim beneficial ownership of the shares reported except to the extent of its or his pecuniary interest therein.
- (8.) Includes 300,000 shares underlying presently exercisable options.
- (9.) Includes 235,435 shares of common stock issuable upon conversion of \$1,895,250 in Convertible Notes owned or controlled by Mr. Riley at a conversion rate of \$8.05 per share as of April 21, 2014, plus 2,609 shares owned or controlled as a result of common stock issuable upon conversion of interest that will have accrued within 60 days of April 21, 2014. Mr. Riley has shared voting and investment power as to 198,438 of these shares and sole voting and investment power as to 36,997 of these shares. Includes 928 shares awarded to Mr. Riley on June 30, 2013 pursuant to the Company’s Outside Director Compensation Plan, which vested and were issued on January 31, 2014.



- (10.) Includes 100,000 shares underlying presently exercisable options.
- (11.) Includes 100,000 shares underlying presently exercisable options.
- (12.) Includes 3,711 shares awarded on June 30, 2013 to each independent director pursuant to the Company's Outside Director Compensation Plan and which vested and were issued on January 31, 2014.

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## SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "1934 Act") requires our directors and executive officers, and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities ("reporting persons"), to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of common stock and other equity securities of the Company. Reporting persons are required by Commission regulations to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

To our knowledge, based solely on a review of the copies of reports and amendments thereto on Forms 3, 4 and 5 furnished to us by reporting persons and forms that we filed on behalf of certain directors and officers, during, and with respect to, our fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, and on a review of written representations from reporting persons to us that no other reports were required to be filed for such fiscal year, all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to our reporting persons were satisfied in a timely manner, except that a Form 3 filing of Bryant R. Riley, a director of the Company in 2013, and a Form 4 filing of LC Capital Master Fund & Affiliates were inadvertently filed late.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

As of December 31, 2013, the Audit Committee is composed of Mr. Pacini, Mr. Courter and Mr. Hickox.

Each member of the Committee is an independent director as defined under the listing standards of the NASDAQ Global Market. The Committee operates under a written charter that is reviewed on an annual basis. During fiscal 2013, the Audit Committee performed all of its duties and responsibilities under its charter. The purpose of the Audit Committee is to assist the Board of Directors in its oversight of management's control of the Company's financial reporting processes.

Management is responsible for the preparation, presentation, and integrity of the Company's financial statements, accounting and financial reporting principles, internal controls, and procedures designed to ensure compliance with accounting standards, applicable laws and regulations. The Audit Committee reviews the Company's accounting and financial reporting process on behalf of the Board of Directors. In that regard, of the five times the Committee met in 2013, three of these meetings and one meeting in 2014 were to exercise the Committee's responsibilities related to the Company's quarterly and annual financial statements for fiscal 2013 and management's assessment of the effectiveness of our internal controls over financial reporting as of December 31, 2013. During these meetings, the Committee reviewed and discussed with management and PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, our independent registered public accounting firm, our consolidated financial statements, including our audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2013, and financial reporting process, including the system of internal controls over financial reporting and significant accounting policies applied by the Company.

The Audit Committee also reviewed the report of management contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm included in our 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K related to its audit of: (i) the consolidated financial statements and (ii) the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee continues to oversee the Company's efforts related to its internal control over financial reporting and management's preparations for the evaluation of its internal controls for fiscal 2014.

The Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. The Committee regularly meets in executive session with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, evaluations of the Company's internal

controls and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting.

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Our independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for performing an independent audit of the consolidated financial statements of the Company and expressing an opinion on the conformity of our financial statements with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The Committee discussed with the Company's independent registered public accounting firm the scope and plan for its audits including the review of internal controls prescribed in Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. The Committee has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP the matters that are required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (Communication with Audit Committees) as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has provided the Committee with the written disclosures and the letter required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's communications with the Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP its independence from the Company. The Committee also considered the nature and scope of the non-audit services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to the Company and the compatibility of these services with PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP's independence. The Committee pre-approves all audit and permitted non-audit services to be performed by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm pursuant to the terms of the Committee's written charter.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors approved, that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. The Committee also appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2014, and has recommended that such appointment be submitted to the Company's stockholders for ratification at the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

#### THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Raymond J. Pacini, Chairman  
Stephen E. Courter  
Winston H. Hickox

#### PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, professional services were performed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. The Company's Audit Committee annually approves the engagement of outside auditors for audit services in advance. The Audit Committee has also established complementary procedures to require pre-approval of all audit-related, tax and permitted non-audit services provided by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, and to consider whether the outside auditors' provision of non-audit services to the Company is compatible with maintaining the independence of the outside auditors. The Audit Committee may delegate pre-approval authority to one or more of its members. Any such fees pre-approved in this manner shall be reported to the Audit Committee at its next scheduled meeting. All services described below were pre-approved by the audit committee.

All fees for services rendered by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP aggregated \$270,000 and \$273,000 during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and were composed of the following:

**Audit Fees.** The aggregate fees accrued by the Company for the audit of the annual financial statements during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, for reviews of the financial statements included in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and for assistance with and review of documents filed with the SEC were \$270,000 for 2013 and \$273,000 for 2012.

**Audit Related Fees.** No audit-related fees were billed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to the Company during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

Tax Fees. No tax fees were billed by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP to the Company during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

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All Other Fees. No other fees were billed during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

There have been no transactions since the beginning of our last fiscal year with our directors and officers and beneficial owners of more than five percent of our voting securities and their affiliates requiring disclosure, except for the following:

As previously reported in our Form 8-K filed March 7, 2013, on March 5, 2013 we entered into agreements with our senior lenders, including LC Capital and WAM, and new lenders, including Altima Partners (“Altima”), a holder of more than 5% of our Common Stock, to refinance our previously existing \$66 million corporate term debt and provide \$17.5 million in new working capital. The agreements replaced all existing term debt on our balance sheet, which included certain tranches convertible into our common stock, and established two new instruments, a non-convertible \$30 million senior secured mortgage loan (“Senior Secured Debt”) and a \$53.5 million in convertible notes (“Convertible Notes”). With the replacement of the previously existing term debt, the shares of common stock formerly issuable upon conversion of such debt, including shares issuable to LC Capital and WAM, were eliminated in favor of shares issuable upon conversion of the Convertible Notes. The \$53.5 million Convertible Notes are convertible at any time into our common stock at a price of \$8.05 per share. Interest accrues at 7%, with no principal or interest payments required before maturity on March 5, 2018. Accrued interest is convertible on the same terms as the principal. LC Capital, WAM, and Altima each acquired portions of the Convertible Notes in the transaction. Immediately following the completion of the transaction: (a) LC Capital was the holder of \$29,664,432 in Convertible Notes convertible into 3,685,023 shares of common stock at a conversion rate of \$8.05 per share, plus a maximum of an additional \$12,183,606 in interest, or 1,513,491 shares, which may accrue through the maturity date of these Convertible Notes on March 5, 2018; (b) WAM was the holder of (i) \$1,286,208 in Convertible Notes convertible into 159,777 shares of common stock at a conversion rate of \$8.05 per share, plus a maximum of an additional \$528,264 in interest, or 65,623 shares, which may accrue through the maturity date of these Convertible Notes on March 5, 2018, and (ii) \$1,288,919 of the Senior Secured Debt; and (c) Altima was the holder of \$1,008,000 in Convertible Notes convertible into 125,217 shares of common stock at a conversion rate of \$8.05 per share, plus a maximum of an additional \$414,000 in interest, or 51,429 shares, which may accrue through the maturity date of these Convertible Notes on March 5, 2018.

As previously reported in our Form 8-K filed on July 2, 2013, we entered into a long-term lease agreement (“Agreement”) with Limoneira Company (NASDAQ: LMR) (“Limoneira”) to develop new lemon orchards on our agricultural property in eastern San Bernardino County, California (“Cadiz Ranch”). Mr. Scott Slater, our CEO, President and a member of the Company’s Board of Directors, is also a member of the Board of Directors of Limoneira. He did not participate in consideration of the matter when before either Board. In accordance with our corporate governance policies, this transaction was separately approved by our Audit Committee.

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Our Audit Committee Charter requires that the Audit Committee review and approve all related-party transactions between the Company, on the one hand, and directors, officers, employees, consultants, and any of their family members, on the other hand. In addition, the Company’s written Conflicts of Interest policy provides that no employee, officer or director may use or attempt to use his or her position at the Company to obtain any improper personal benefit for himself or herself, for his or her family, or for any other person.

In order to implement these requirements, the Company requires that prior to entering into any transaction with the Company a related party must advise Company management of the potential transaction. Management will, in turn, provide to the Audit Committee a description of the material terms of the transaction, including the dollar amount, the nature of the related party's direct or indirect interest in the transaction, and the benefits to be received by the Company from the transaction. The Audit Committee may make such other investigations as it considers appropriate under the circumstances. The Audit Committee will also consider whether the benefits of the proposed transaction could be obtained by the Company upon better terms from non-related parties, and whether the transaction is one that would be reportable by the Company in our public filings. The Audit Committee will then make a determination as to whether the proposed transaction is in the best interests of the Company and should therefore be approved.

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PROPOSAL 2

APPROVAL OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee has selected PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent certified public accountants to audit our financial statements for the 2014 fiscal year. Stockholder ratification of this appointment is not required by our bylaws or other applicable legal requirements. However, consistent with our past practice, the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is being submitted to our stockholders for ratification. In the event stockholders do not ratify PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent certified public accountants for the 2014 fiscal year, the Audit Committee will reconsider its selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, but will not be required to select another firm to audit the Company's financial statements. Even if the stockholders do ratify the appointment, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may appoint a different firm at any time during the year if it believes that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and our stockholders. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has advised us that neither it nor any of its partners or associates has any direct or indirect financial interest in or any connection with the Company other than as accountants and auditors. A representative of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP is expected to be present and available to answer appropriate questions at the annual meeting, and will be given the opportunity to make a statement if desired.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" PROPOSAL 2.

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PROPOSAL 3

APPROVAL OF THE CADIZ INC. 2014 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

General Summary

Subject to stockholder approval, the Board of Directors has approved a new equity compensation plan for employees, directors, and third-party service providers of the Company—the 2014 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2014 EIP”). The 2014 EIP is intended to replace our existing equity compensation plan, the 2009 Incentive Plan. The 2014 EIP is also intended to replace a portion of the current cash base salary and incentives to executives and directors as set out below and further align all Plan participants with stockholders in the ultimate success of the Company.

We understand that a cost-effective and competitive equity compensation program is essential for recruiting, motivating, and retaining talented employees, directors, and third-party service providers. Through the 2014 EIP, we seek to maintain our alternatives and flexibility for providing cost-effective and competitive equity compensation awards by offering our employees, directors, and third-party service providers a combination of options (including incentive stock options for employees), stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, and restricted stock units. Through the combination of awards, we can customize our equity compensation packages on an individual, departmental, and company-wide basis. In light of recurring changes in the accounting treatment of various equity incentives and the possibility of future accounting and tax law changes, we believe that it is advantageous to have the flexibility provided by the 2014 EIP to design and implement future equity compensation.

We anticipate that awards made under the 2014 EIP will be subject to time and performance-based vesting conditions in order to properly align plan participants’ incentives with the positive performance of the Company. Adoption of the 2014 EIP will give us the ability to rebalance employees’ total compensation in the future through the grant of equity awards in lieu of cash compensation.

**DIRECTOR AWARDS:** The 2014 EIP automatically awards each outside director \$30,000 in cash compensation (payable in 4 equal installments) and common stock valued at \$20,000 for each twelve month period served. The 2014 EIP permits the Company’s outside directors to elect to take a portion of their annual cash compensation in shares of our stock, rather than in cash. Compensation awards for outside directors that have not served a full 12-month period will be reduced on a pro-rata basis.

**OFFICER AWARDS:** In connection with the adoption and subject to obtaining stockholder approval of the 2014 EIP, the Company will also enter into new employment agreements with Messrs. Brackpool and Shaheen. If our stockholders approve the 2014 EIP, Mr. Brackpool and Mr. Shaheen will reduce their base cash salary for 2014, 2015 and 2016 in exchange for equity based salary in the form of restricted stock units that would generally vest over the period services are provided following the date of grant. For example, Mr. Brackpool’s salary would consist of \$155,000 payable in cash and 20,000 RSUs in 2014 and \$35,000 payable in cash and 40,000 RSUs in each of 2015 and 2016. Mr. Shaheen’s salary would consist of \$275,000 payable in cash and 12,500 RSUs in 2014 and \$200,000 payable in cash and 25,000 RSUs in each of 2015 and 2016. Any unvested restricted stock units would immediately vest upon the first to occur of (x) the occurrence of a change in control of the Company and (y) the date the executive’s employment is terminated by the Company without cause, by the executive for good reason or as a result of the executive’s death or permanent disability. Vested restricted stock units would be settled in shares of our stock on the earlier of January 1, 2017, the date a change in control of the Company occurs and the date the executive’s employment is terminated by the Company without cause, by the executive for good reason or as a result of the executive’s death or permanent disability. Changes in salary compensation would take effect on July 1, 2014.

In addition, Mr. Brackpool and Mr. Shaheen would each be eligible to receive a long-term equity incentive milestone award of 100,000 shares of our stock once construction financing necessary for the implementation of the

Cadiz Valley Water Conservation, Recovery and Storage Project, as defined in the approved Final Environmental Impact Report, is secured (200,000 shares in the aggregate if both milestone awards are granted). The milestone awards would expire three years after stockholder approval of the 2014 EIP, if the milestone has not been achieved by such date.

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A total of 675,000 shares of Company common stock and restricted stock units would be available for grants under the 2014 EIP. Employees, directors, and third-party service providers will be eligible to receive awards, although third-party service providers and outside directors of the Company will not be eligible for incentive stock options. As required by the applicable NASDAQ rules, the 2014 EIP will not become effective unless it is approved by our stockholders. Upon approval of the 2014 EIP, 25,235 shares of common stock remaining available for award under the 2009 Plan and 10,000 shares of common stock remaining available for award under the earlier 2007 equity incentive plan will be cancelled.

#### 2014 Equity Incentive Plan – Plan Summary

This summary of the 2014 EIP does not purport to be exhaustive and is expressly qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of our 2014 EIP, which is attached to this Proxy Statement as Appendix A.

The 2014 EIP contains the following important features:

- § Repricing of stock options and stock appreciation rights is prohibited unless stockholder approval is obtained.
- § Stock options and stock appreciation rights must be granted with an exercise price that is not less than 100% of the fair market value on the date of grant.
- § The ability to automatically receive replacement stock options when a stock option is exercised with previously acquired shares of Company common stock or so-called “stock option reloading” is not permitted.
- § The 2014 EIP has a ten-year term with a fixed number of shares authorized for issuance. It is not an “evergreen” plan.
  - § A total of 675,000 shares of Company common stock and stock units would be available for grants under the 2014 EIP. If an award is cancelled, terminates, expires, or lapses for any reason without having been fully vested or exercised, the unvested or cancelled shares will be returned to the available pool of shares for future awards.
- § No more than 300,000 shares and share equivalents may be granted to any one participant in a calendar year.

The number and kind of shares available for issuance, the number and kind of shares that may be issued under outstanding awards, the exercise price of outstanding stock options and stock appreciation rights, and the individual limits on awards, will be proportionately adjusted to reflect any stock dividend, reorganization or other change.

**ADMINISTRATION.** The 2014 EIP will be administered by the Compensation Committee or another committee of the Board (as applicable, the “Committee”) which meets applicable independence requirements under Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act and Section 162(m) of the Code. Subject to the provisions of our 2014 EIP, the Compensation Committee has full power and authority to select the participants to whom awards will be granted, to make any combination of awards to participants, to determine the specific terms and conditions of each award, including the conditions for the vesting, performance goals and exercisability of the award, may accelerate the vesting or exercisability of any award, and can interpret the 2014 EIP and adopt, amend, or rescind rules, procedures, agreements, and forms relating to the 2014 EIP.

**ELIGIBILITY.** Employees, directors, and third-party service providers will be eligible to receive awards, although third-party service providers and outside directors of the Company will not be eligible for incentive stock options. The Committee has the discretion to select the employees, directors, and third-party service providers to whom awards will be granted. The actual number of individuals or entities who will receive awards cannot be determined in advance because the Committee has the discretion to select the award recipients.

**TYPES OF AWARDS.** The following is a brief summary of the awards which may be granted:

**STOCK OPTIONS.** A stock option (either an incentive stock option or a nonstatutory stock option) entitles the participant to purchase shares of our common stock at specified times at an exercise price set on the grant date. A participant has no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares covered by the option until the option is exercised by the participant and shares are issued by the Company.

At the time of grant, the Committee will determine: (a) whether the award will be an incentive stock option or a nonstatutory stock option; (b) the number of underlying shares; (c) the exercise price, which will not be less than 100% of the fair market value of a share on the grant date; (d) the vesting schedule, which may be time-based or based on performance goals; and (e) the term of the option, which may not exceed 10 years from the grant date. If the participant's service with the Company or a subsidiary is terminated due to death or disability, the option will expire 12 months (or such other period specified in the award agreement) after the participant's service terminates. If the participant's service with the Company or a subsidiary is terminated for cause, the option will expire immediately after the Company's notice or advice of such termination of service is dispatched to the participant. If the participant's service with the Company or a subsidiary is terminated for any other reason, the option will expire 90 calendar days after the termination of service. In no event may the option term exceed the expiration date specified in the award agreement.

The exercise price must be paid at the time the option is exercised and shares are purchased. Consistent with applicable laws, regulations and rules, payment of the exercise price of a stock option may be made in cash, or, if specified in the award agreement, by cashless exercise, by surrendering previously acquired shares of Company common stock, or by other legal consideration.

**STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS ("SARs").** A SAR is an award entitling the participant to receive cash or shares, or a combination thereof, with a value equal to any increase in the value of our shares. The amount of the award to be paid on an exercise date is determined by multiplying the number of shares for which the SAR is exercised by the excess of the fair market value of a share on the date of exercise over the per share exercise price. For cash-settled SARs, the participant will have no rights as a stockholder. For stock-settled SARs, the participant will have no rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares covered by his or her SAR until the award is exercised by the participant and the shares have been issued.

At the time of grant, the Committee will determine: (a) the number of shares subject to the award; (b) whether the award will be settled in cash, shares, or a combination of both; (c) the exercise price, which will not be less than 100% of the fair market value of a share on the grant date; (d) the vesting schedule; and (e) the term of the SAR, which may not exceed 10 years from the grant date. A SAR may be granted independently or in combination with a related stock option.

If the participant's service to the Company or a subsidiary is terminated due to death or disability, the SAR will expire 12 months (or such other period specified in the award agreement) after the participant's death or disability. If the participant's service with the Company or a subsidiary is terminated for cause, the SAR will expire immediately after notice or advice of the termination of service is dispatched to the participant. If participant's service with the Company or a subsidiary is terminated for any other reason, the term of the SAR will expire 90 calendar days (or such other period specified in the award agreement) after the termination of service. In no event may the SAR term exceed

the expiration date specified in the award agreement.

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**RESTRICTED STOCK.** A restricted stock award is an award entitling the participant to receive shares that are subject to restrictions on sale or transfer and that are recoverable by the Company if specified conditions are not met. The lapse of these restrictions may be based on continuing employment (or other business relationship) with the Company and its subsidiaries and/or achievement of performance goals.

At the time of grant, the Committee will determine: (a) the number of shares subject to the award; (b) the purchase price or consideration (if any) for the shares; (c) the restrictions placed on the shares, whether based on continued service with the Company or a subsidiary or the achievement of performance goals; and (d) the date(s) when the restrictions placed on the shares based upon continued employment will lapse or the performance period during which the achievement of the performance goals will be measured.

During the period that the restrictions are in place, the participant will have the rights of a stockholder, including voting and dividend rights, except for the right to sell or transfer the shares, but subject to the obligation to return the share under specified circumstances. Shares received as stock dividends or other stock distributions related to the restricted stock, if any, will be subject to the same vesting criteria as the restricted stock.

If the participant's service to the Company or a subsidiary is terminated as a result of death or disability, the restrictions on the restricted stock will lapse on a prorata basis measured by the time of service to the Company or subsidiary from the grant date to the termination of service or other criteria specified in the award agreement. If the participant's service is terminated for cause, or for any other reason not specified in the preceding sentence, the restricted stock subject to restrictions that have not previously lapsed will be forfeited immediately after the Company's notice or advice of termination for cause is dispatched to the participant or upon termination of service for any other reason.

**RESTRICTED STOCK UNIT.** A restricted stock unit is an award entitling the participant to receive shares or the cash equivalent of shares at a future date, subject to restrictions. The lapse of the restrictions on the restricted stock unit may be based on continuing employment (or other business relationship) with the Company or our subsidiaries and/or achievement of performance goals.

At the time of grant, the Committee will determine: (a) the number of shares subject to the award; (b) the purchase price or consideration (if any) for the shares; (c) whether the award will be paid in shares or the cash equivalent of the value of shares; (d) the restrictions placed on the shares, whether based on continued service with the Company or a subsidiary or the achievement of performance goals; and (e) the date(s) when the restrictions placed on the shares based upon continued employment will lapse or the performance period during which the achievement of the performance goals will be measured.

A restricted stock unit is different from restricted stock in that the participant is not issued shares or the cash equivalent of shares until the restrictions lapse. Accordingly, the participant does not have stockholder rights until the shares are issued, if at all.

If a participant's service to the Company or a subsidiary is terminated due to death or disability, the restrictions on the restricted stock units will lapse on a prorata basis measured by the service from the grant date to the termination of service or the achievement of the performance goals as of the termination of service. If a participant's service to the Company or a subsidiary is terminated for cause or for any other reason not specified in the preceding sentence, the restricted stock unit will be forfeited immediately after the Company's notice or advice of termination for cause is dispatched to the participant or upon termination of service for any other reason.

**QUALIFIED PERFORMANCE-BASED AWARDS.** Any of the awards under the 2014 EIP may be granted as qualified performance-based awards under Section 162(m) of the Code. As determined by the Committee, the performance goals applicable to an award may be based upon one or more of the following performance criteria: recognized revenue; invoiced revenue; gross profit or margin; operating profit or margin; exit rate operating income margin (derived by annualizing the cost of sales and operating expense structure in place at fiscal year-end compared to the actual revenues generated in that fiscal year); earnings before or after taxes, interest, depreciation, and/or amortization; net earnings or net income (before or after taxes); earnings per share; share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total stockholder return); cost reduction or savings; return measures (including, but not limited to, return on assets, capital, invested capital, equity, sales or revenue); cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on equity and cash flow return on investment); productivity ratios; performance against budget; market share; customer satisfaction; working capital targets; economic value added or EVA® (net operating profit after tax minus the sum of capital multiplied by the cost of capital); productivity metrics; financial ratio metrics; and organizational/transformation metrics. These measures may be measured against the Company's performance or other benchmarks. The Committee may provide in any such award that any evaluation of performance may include or exclude certain specified events that occur during a performance period.

**AUTOMATIC AWARDS OF CASH AND STOCK GRANTS FOR OUTSIDE DIRECTORS.** For each 12 month period of service ending June 30, each outside director will automatically receive \$30,000 in cash and common stock valued at \$20,000. Cash compensation will be paid to each outside director in four quarterly installments of \$7,500. The first installment will be paid out on June 30. The stock award will be received in full the following January 31. Under the 2014 EIP, if approved, each outside director may make an irrevocable election to receive all or a portion of their cash compensation award in the form of the Company's common stock. The election may be modified each year and any stock received under such election will be granted on the date that the cash would have been paid under the quarterly installment plan beginning June 30. Cash and stock compensation amounts will be reduced on a pro-rata basis for each outside director that has not completed a full 12 months of service. Each outside director that serves for any portion of the quarter will receive the full compensation amount for that quarter. For example, an outside director who has completed 4 months of service will receive two quarters' worth of compensation (\$15,000 cash and \$10,000 worth of common stock). An outside director receiving a prorata compensation award is eligible to elect to receive some or all of his cash compensation in the form of common stock.

**LIMITED TRANSFERABILITY OF AWARDS.** Awards generally may not be sold or transferred, other than by will or by the applicable laws of descent and distribution, except pursuant to a domestic relations order entered by a court of competent jurisdiction.

**EFFECT OF CHANGE IN CONTROL.** In the event of a Change in Control of the Company as defined in the 2014 EIP, including certain changes in ownership or Board composition, specified mergers, or sale of all or substantially all of our assets, any outstanding awards will be fully vested and exercisable, including shares that would not otherwise have been vested and exercisable. In the event of a merger with or into another corporation, any outstanding awards may be assumed by the surviving entity or cancelled in exchange for cash payments corresponding to the merger consideration. Additionally, in such event, stock options may be cancelled if not exercised on or before the merger date, and restricted stock and restricted stock units may be cancelled in exchange for the merger consideration.

**EFFECTIVE DATE, AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION.** The effective date of the 2014 EIP is April 25, 2014, the date the 2014 EIP was adopted by the Board. The 2014 EIP, if not extended by the Board, will terminate 10 years after the effective date. The Board may amend, suspend, or terminate the 2014 EIP at any time and for any reason, subject to any stockholder approval required by applicable law. Regardless of whether the 2014 EIP is extended, the Committee may only grant incentive stock options during the first 10 years of the 2014 EIP. No amendment, suspension, or termination of the 2014 EIP will impair the rights of any participant under any award

granted prior to such event, unless mutually agreed through a written instrument by the participant and the Company.

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## Federal Tax Aspects

The following is a summary of the general federal income tax consequences to participants who are U.S. taxpayers and to the Company relating to awards granted under the 2014 EIP. This summary is not intended to be exhaustive and does not address all matters that may be relevant to a particular participant based upon his or her specific circumstances. This summary expressly does not discuss the income tax laws of any state, municipality, or non-U.S. taxing jurisdiction, and does not discuss any gift, estate, excise (including, for example, the rules applicable to excess parachute payments under Code Sections 280G and 4999), or other tax laws other than federal income tax law. The following is not intended or written to be used, and cannot be used, for the purposes of avoiding taxpayer penalties. Because individual circumstances may vary, all participants should consult their own tax advisors concerning the tax implications of awards granted to them under the 2014 EIP.

**INCENTIVE STOCK OPTIONS.** No taxable income is recognized when an incentive stock option is granted or exercised (except for purposes of the alternative minimum tax). If the participant exercises an incentive stock option and then later sells or otherwise disposes of the shares more than two years after the grant date and more than one year after the exercise date, the difference between the sale price and the exercise price will be taxed as capital gain or loss. If the participant exercises the incentive stock option and then later sells or otherwise disposes of the shares before the end of the two- or one-year holding periods described above, he or she generally will have ordinary income at the time of the sale equal to the fair market value of the shares on the exercise date (or the sale price, if less) minus the exercise price of the option. Any additional gain or loss will be capital gain or loss.

**NONSTATUTORY STOCK OPTIONS AND STOCK APPRECIATION RIGHTS.** No taxable income is recognized when a nonstatutory stock option or a stock appreciation right is granted to a participant. Upon exercise, the participant will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the exercise date over the exercise price. Any additional gain or loss recognized upon later disposition of any shares received on exercise is capital gain or loss. Ordinary income is subject to income tax and employment tax withholding.

**RESTRICTED STOCK, AND RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS.** The federal income tax consequences of restricted stock and restricted stock units depend on the facts and circumstances of each award, including, in particular, the nature of any restrictions imposed with respect to the awards. In general, unless the participant makes a valid election under Section 83(b) of the Code to be taxed at the time of grant, if an award is subject to a “substantial risk of forfeiture” (e.g., the awards are conditioned upon the future performance of substantial services by the participant) and are nontransferable, the participant will not have taxable income upon the grant of restricted stock or restricted stock units. Instead, at the time the participant holds stock or other property free of any substantial risk of forfeiture or transferability restrictions, the participant will recognize ordinary income equal to the fair market value (on that date) of the shares or other property less any amount paid. In general, we will receive a deduction in the same amount to the extent allowed under Section 162(m) of the Code.

**TAX WITHHOLDING.** Ordinary income recognized on exercise of nonstatutory stock options and stock appreciation rights and on vesting of restricted stock and restricted stock units is subject to income tax and employment tax withholding. The Committee may allow a participant to satisfy his or her tax withholding requirements under federal and state tax laws in connection with the exercise or receipt of an award by electing to have shares withheld, and/or by delivering to us already-owned shares of the Company’s common stock.

**SECTION 409A OF THE CODE.** A participant may be subject to a 20% penalty tax, in addition to ordinary income tax, on the income from a grant at the time the grant becomes vested, plus interest, if the grant constitutes nonqualified deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code and the requirements of Section 409A of the Code are not satisfied.

COMPANY TAX EFFECT. We generally will be entitled to a tax deduction for an award under the 2014 EIP in an amount equal to the ordinary income realized by a participant at the time the participant recognizes the income (for example, the exercise of a nonstatutory stock option). However, Section 162(m) of the Code limits our ability to deduct the annual compensation to our chief executive officer and the next three most highly compensated officers (other than the chief executive officer and chief financial officer) to \$1,000,000 per individual, unless the qualified performance-based compensation requirements of Section 162(m) are met. These requirements include: (a) stockholder approval of the 2014 EIP, (b) setting limits on the number of shares an individual may receive, and (c) establishing meaningful performance criteria and goals for the awards. The 2014 EIP has been designed to permit the Committee to grant awards that qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), thereby permitting the Company to receive a federal income tax deduction in connection with the awards.

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#### Other Information

Because all awards made under the 2014 EIP will be made at the Committee's discretion, the benefits and amounts that will be received or allocated under the 2014 Plan are not determinable at this time. The closing price of the common stock, as reported on NASDAQ on April 21, 2014, the record date of the 2014 Annual Meeting, was \$6.42 per share.

#### Vote Required and Board Recommendation

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present in person or represented by proxy and entitled to vote on this proposal will be required to approve the 2014 EIP.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" PROPOSAL 3.

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PROPOSAL 4

ADVISORY VOTE ON COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

This proposal, commonly referred to as a “say-on-pay” proposal, gives our stockholders the opportunity to consider the compensation of our named executive officers as described in this proxy statement. This proposal is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather to provide an opportunity for our stockholders to express their opinion of the overall compensation program for our named executive officers and the philosophy, policies and practices described in this proxy statement.

As described more fully in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section of this proxy statement, the Company is focused on the long-term development of our significant land and water assets and, as a result, our compensation programs have been designed to attract and retain well-qualified executives with experience in the water and asset development sector, a highly competitive and specialized marketplace, and to encourage achievement of our business and financial objectives for our assets, which are typically long-term in nature. The Compensation Committee has established competitive compensation programs that emphasize incentives that encourage our executive officers to achieve our long-term goals and also align the financial interests of the executive officers and management with those of our stockholders. These long-term incentives are also guided by stockholder approved plans, an important feature of our compensation philosophy and program.

We request that our stockholders consider and approve the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, that the compensation paid to the Company’s named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K, including the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the narrative disclosures is hereby APPROVED.”

This vote is nonbinding and advisory. However, our Board and Compensation Committee will consider the outcome of the vote when making decisions related to the executive compensation for our named executive officers in the future.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR"  
APPROVAL OF THE NON-BINDING ADVISORY RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMPENSATION OF  
THE COMPANY’S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

## OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors does not know of any other matters that may come before the annual meeting. However, if any other matter shall properly come before the annual meeting, the proxy holders named in the proxy accompanying this statement will have discretionary authority to vote all proxies in accordance with their best judgment.

## STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

Stockholder proposals to be included in our proxy statement for the 2015 annual meeting must be received by the Secretary of the corporation at 550 S. Hope Street, Suite 2850, Los Angeles, California 90071 no later than December 31, 2014. For a proposal to be included, you must comply with the rules of the SEC governing the submission of stockholder proposals.

Under our bylaws, no business may be brought before the 2015 annual meeting unless it is specified in the notice of the meeting, is otherwise properly brought before the meeting by or at the direction of the Board of Directors, or is properly brought before the meeting by a stockholder who has delivered notice to the Secretary of the corporation (containing certain information specified in the bylaws) not less than 90 days prior to the annual meeting. If such a stockholder notice is not timely but is nevertheless presented at the 2015 annual meeting, the proxies solicited for that meeting may confer discretionary voting authority with respect to the business proposed. These requirements are separate from and in addition to the SEC's requirements that a stockholder must meet in order to have a stockholder proposal included in the Company's proxy statement.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This proxy statement is accompanied by our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, as amended. Exhibits to the Form 10-K will be made available to stockholders for a reasonable charge upon their written request to the Company, Attention: Corporate Communications, 550 S. Hope Street, Suite 2850, Los Angeles, California 90071.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Los Angeles, California  
April 28, 2014

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APPENDIX A

CADIZ INC.

2014 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

**Section 1.** Purpose. The purposes of the Plan are to attract, motivate, and retain Employees, Directors, and Consultants of Cadiz Inc. and its Subsidiaries; to offer selected Employees, Directors, and Consultants the opportunity to acquire proprietary interests in the Company by purchasing or receiving shares of the Company's Stock or other similar rights; and to promote the success of the Company. The Plan provides for the grant of Nonstatutory Options, Incentive Stock Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, and, in the case of Outside Directors only, cash compensation in respect of their service on the Board. The Plan also is intended to provide shares of Stock for Awards granted to Employees, Consultants and Directors under other compensation plans offered by the Company and its Subsidiaries.

**Section 2.** Definitions.

- (a) "Affiliated SAR" means an SAR granted in connection with an Option such that the exercise of the Option does not cancel the SAR, but rather results in the exercise of the SAR.
- (b) "Applicable Laws" means the requirements relating to the administration of stock plans under U.S. state corporate laws, U.S. federal and state securities laws, the Code, the rules and regulations of any stock exchange or quotation system on which the Stock is listed or quoted, and other similar laws.
- (c) "Award" means, individually or collectively, a grant under the Plan of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, and awards to Outside Directors pursuant to Section 12.
- (d) "Award Agreement" means the written agreement setting forth the terms and provisions applicable to each Award granted under the Plan. The Award Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and shall include, among other things, the following information, if applicable to the Award: (i) Exercise Price, (ii) number of shares of Stock or Stock equivalents, (iii) exercise schedule, (iv) vesting schedule, (v) restrictions, (vi) dates and conditions for lapse of restrictions, and (vii) expiration dates.
- (e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (f) "Cause" means (A) if the Participant is a party to an employment or other similar service agreement with the Company (a "Service Agreement"), and "cause" is defined therein, such definition, or (B) if the Participant is not party to a Service Agreement or the Participant's Service Agreement does not define "cause", then Cause means any of the following that has a material adverse effect upon the Company or any Subsidiary:
  - (i) the Participant's material failure to perform his duties which remains uncured for more than ten (10) days after a written warning (except in the case of a deliberate and bad faith failure to perform his duties, which shall require no warning),
  - (ii) the Participant's breach of his fiduciary duty to the Company,
  - (iii) the Participant's indictment (or equivalent) for a felony or other serious crime, or



(iv) the Participant's commission of a wrongful act that would make the continuance of his employment by the Company detrimental to the Company.

(g) "Change in Control" means the first to occur of any of the following events:

(i) The date on which any one person, or more than one person acting as a group, becomes the beneficial owner (as that term is used in section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than fifty percent (50%) of the capital stock of the Company entitled to vote in the election of Directors, other than a group of two or more persons not (A) acting in concert for the purpose of acquiring, holding or disposing of such stock or (B) otherwise required to file any form or report with any governmental agency or regulatory authority having jurisdiction over the Company which requires the reporting of any change in control. The acquisition of additional Stock by any person who immediately prior to such acquisition already is the beneficial owner of more than fifty percent (50%) of the Stock of the Company entitled to vote in the election of Directors is not a Change in Control.

(ii) During any period of not more than twelve (12) consecutive months during which the Company continues in existence, not including any period prior to the effective date of this Plan, individuals who, at the beginning of such period, constitute the Board, and any new Director (other than a Director designated by a person who has entered into an agreement with the Company to effect a transaction described in clause (i), (iii) or (iv) of this subsection 2(g)) whose appointment to the Board or nomination for election to the Board was approved by a vote of a majority of the Directors then still in office, either were Directors at the beginning of such period or whose appointment or nomination for election was previously so approved, cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board.

(iii) The date on which any one person, or more than one person acting as a group, acquires (or has acquired during the twelve month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) ownership of capital stock of the Company possessing thirty percent (30%) or more of the total voting power of the capital stock of the Company entitled to vote in the election of Directors.

(iv) The date on which any one person, or more than one person acting as a group, acquires (or has acquired during the twelve month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) assets from the Company that have a total gross fair market value greater than 50% of the total gross fair market value of all of the Company's assets immediately before the acquisition or acquisitions; provided, however, transfer of assets which otherwise would satisfy the requirements of this subsection (iv) will not be treated as a Change in Control if the assets are transferred to:

(A) a stockholder of the Company (immediately before the asset transfer) in exchange for or with respect to its stock;

(B) an entity, 50% or more of the total value or voting power of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by the Company;

(C) a person, or more than one person acting as a group, that owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the total value or voting power of all the outstanding stock of the Company; or

(D) an entity, at least 50% of the total value or voting power is owned, directly or indirectly by a person, or more than one person acting as a group, that owns, directly or indirectly, 50% or more of the total value or voting power of all the outstanding stock of the Company.



Each event comprising a Change in Control is intended to constitute a “change in ownership or effective control” or a “change in the ownership of a substantial portion of the assets” of the Company as such terms are defined for purposes of Section 409A of the Code and “Change in Control” as used herein shall be interpreted consistently therewith.

- (h) “Code” means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- (i) “Committee” means a committee or subcommittee of the Board, described in subsection 4(a), or in the absence of such a committee, the Board.
- (j) “Company” means Cadiz Inc., a Delaware corporation.
- (k) “Consultant” means any individual or entity, other than an Employee or Director, who provides services to the Company or a Subsidiary in the capacity of an advisor or consultant.
- (l) “Director” means a member of the Board.
- (m) “Disability” means a medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months and which:
  - (i) renders the Participant unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity; or
  - (ii) results in the Participant receiving income replacement benefits for a period of not less than three (3) months under any policy of long-term disability insurance maintained by the Company for the benefit of its employees.

Disability shall be interpreted in a manner consistent with Section 409A of the Code and shall be determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, after consideration of such evidence as it may require, including a report or reports of such physician or physicians as the Committee may designate.

- (n) “Domestic Relations Order” means a “domestic relations order” as defined in Section 414(p)(1)(B) of the Code.
- (o) “Employee” means any individual employed by the Company or by a Subsidiary and reflected as an employee on a payroll of the Company or of a Subsidiary.
- (p) “Exchange Act” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
- (q) “Exercise Price” means the amount specified per share of Stock, at which Stock may be purchased on exercise of an Option or above which payment is to be made on exercise of a Stock Appreciation Right, in each case as specified by the Committee in the applicable Award Agreement.
- (r) “Fair Market Value” of the Stock on any given date under the Plan shall be determined as follows:
  - (i) If the Stock is at the time readily tradable on an established securities market, then the fair market value shall be the closing selling price per share of the Stock on the date of determination on the securities market determined by the Committee to be the primary market for the Stock, as such price is officially quoted in the composite tape transactions on such market. If there is no reported sale of the Stock on such market on the date of determination, then the fair market value shall be the closing price on such market on the last preceding date for which such quotation exists; or

- (ii) If the Stock is at the time not readily tradable on an established securities market, then the then the fair market value shall be determined by the Committee by the reasonable application of a reasonable valuation method, taking into account such considerations as may be applicable for purposes of or specified in Section 409A of the Code and Treasury Regulations thereunder.
- (s) “Freestanding SAR” means a SAR granted as an independent Award and not granted in connection with an Option.
- (t) “Grant Date” means, with respect to an Award, the date of the Committee action granting the Award or such later date as is specified in the Award Agreement; provided, that grants of Stock to Outside Directors pursuant to Section 12 should in all cases be made on June 30.
- (u) “Grantee” means an individual who holds a Restricted Stock, RSU or Stock Appreciation Right Award.
- (v) “Incentive Stock Option” or “ISO” means an Option intended to qualify as an “incentive stock option” within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder.
- (w) “Nonstatutory Option” means a stock option not described in Section 422(b) or 423(b) of the Code.
- (x) “Option” means an ISO or Nonstatutory Option granted under the Plan and entitling the holder to purchase shares of Stock.
- (y) “Optionee” means an individual or entity that holds an Option.
- (z) “Other Incentive Plan” means any short-term or long-term bonus or other incentive compensation plan offered by the Company or a Subsidiary, through which the Company or the Subsidiary may pay benefits in Awards or shares of Stock under this Plan.
- (aa) “Outside Director” means a Director who is not an Employee and who is an “outside director” within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (bb) “Participant” means the holder of an outstanding Award.
- (cc) “Performance-Based Award” means an Award granted pursuant to Section 7, 8, 9 or 10, but which is subject to the terms and conditions set forth in Section 11. All Performance-Based Awards are intended to qualify as Qualified Performance-Based Compensation.
- (dd) “Performance Criteria” means the factor or factors utilized by the Committee in establishing the Performance Goals applicable to an Award, from among the following measures:
- (i) revenue;
  - (ii) gross profit or margin;

- (iii) operating profit or margin;
- (iv) earnings before or after taxes, interest, depreciation, and/or amortization;
- (v) net earnings or net income (before or after taxes);
- (vi) earnings per share;
- (vii) share price (including, but not limited to, growth measures and total stockholder return);
- (viii) cost reduction or savings;
- (ix) return measures (including, but not limited to, return on assets, capital, invested capital, equity, sales or revenue);
- (x) cash flow (including, but not limited to, operating cash flow, free cash flow, cash flow return on equity and cash flow return on investment);
- (xi) productivity ratios or other metrics;
- (xii) performance against budget;
- (xiii) market share;
- (xiv) working capital targets;
- (xv) economic value added (net operating profit after tax minus the sum of capital multiplied by the cost of capital);
- (xvi) financial ratio metrics; and
- (xvii) organizational/transformation metrics.

The Performance Criteria utilized may differ from Participant to Participant and from Award to Award. Any Performance Criteria, or any combination thereof, may be used to measure the performance of the Company or any Subsidiary, as a whole, or any business unit of the Company, or any Subsidiary, as the Committee deems appropriate. Performance Criteria may be measured in absolute terms or may be compared to (i) the performance of a group of comparative companies, (ii) a published or special index that the Committee deems appropriate, (iii) with respect to return measures (including, but not limited to, return on assets, capital, invested capital, equity, sales or revenue), various stock market indices and/or (iv) other benchmarks approved by the Committee.

(ee) “Performance Goals” means the goals established in writing by the Committee for a Performance Period based upon Performance Criteria selected by the Committee. The Performance Goals may be expressed in terms of overall Company performance or the performance of a division, business unit, or an individual. The Committee, in its discretion, may, within the time prescribed by Section 162(m) of the Code, adjust or modify the calculation of Performance Goals for a Performance Period in order to prevent the dilution or enlargement of the rights of Participants (i) in the event of, or in anticipation of, any unusual or extraordinary corporate item, transaction, event, or development, or (ii) in recognition of, or in anticipation of, any other unusual or nonrecurring events affecting the Company, or the financial statements of the Company, or in response to, or in anticipation of, changes in applicable

laws, regulations, accounting principles, or business conditions.

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(ff) “Performance Period” means the one or more periods of time, which may be of varying and overlapping durations, as the Committee may select, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Goals will be measured for the purpose of determining a Participant’s right to, and the payment of, a Performance-Based Award.