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Mr. Tim Ernster
City Manager
City of Bullhead City
1255 Marina Boulevard
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2009 Diversion for Bullhead City (City)

Dear Mr. Ernster:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter informs the City of the determination of the Bureau of Reclamation regarding the proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2009 by the City.

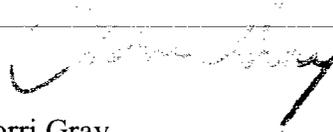
Under its Colorado River water delivery contract with the United States (Contract No. 2-07-30-W0273), the City is entitled to divert up to 15,210 acre-feet of fourth priority Colorado River water per year for use within the City's contract service area. The City also holds a fifth and sixth priority right for an unspecified amount of water, as well as an entitlement to 6,000 acre-feet of Arizona fourth-priority Colorado River water under a subcontract with the Mohave County Water Authority.

Based upon review of factors relating to the estimate of diversions required by the City, Reclamation hereby approves the diversion of up to 12,720 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use in the City's service area for 2009.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2009 in an effort to ensure the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2009, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's web site: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast09.pdf. It is expected that Arizona entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for the submittal of the City's diversion estimate for 2009. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Ruth Thayer at 702-293-8426.

Sincerely,



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