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Mr. Frank Ferguson, III
President
North Gila Valley Irrigation
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2009 Diversion for the North Gila Valley Irrigation and
Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter informs the District 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 District.

The District is entitled to divert its equitable share of the quantity of Colorado River water available to satisfy consumptive use on lands within the Yuma Mesa Division (Division) of the Gila Project. This entitlement is in accordance with the District's contract with the United States and the Regional Director's final administrative determination, dated December 27, 2001, setting forth appropriate and equitable shares of the Division's Colorado River water entitlement among the North Gila Valley Irrigation and Drainage District, Yuma Irrigation District, and Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District.

Based upon review of factors relating to the estimate of diversions required by the District, Reclamation hereby approves the diversion of up to 53,200 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use in the District's service area for 2009. Nothing in this approval should be construed as authorizing the Division to exceed its annual consumptive use entitlement of 250,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2009 in an effort to ensure that the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2009, these projections are 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 District's diversion estimate for 2009. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Ruth Thayer at 702-293-8426.

Sincerely,

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