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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2009 Diversion for the Coachella Valley Water  
District (District)

Dear Mr. Robbins:

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 diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2009 by the District.

The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies Colorado River water use within the State of California. This letter serves as the approval of the diversion amounts for the District pursuant to the terms of the CRWDA.

Under the terms of the CRWDA and other agreements between interested parties within the State of California, the District has the right to consumptively use up to 335,000 acre-feet of water in calendar year 2009. Based upon review of the factors relating to the estimate of diversions required by the District, Reclamation hereby approves the diversion of 343,500 acre-feet for use in the District's service area for 2009.

This approval reflects a reduction of 26,000 acre-feet, which is the portion of the water that will be conserved during 2009 by the Coachella Canal Lining Project (CCLP). Please note that the approved diversion contains 4,850 acre-feet of CCLP conserved water that has been designated for CCLP mitigation requirements. Following submission of the District's final mitigation water use report in December 2009, the 2009 approved diversion contained in this letter may be amended to reduce all or a portion of the mitigation water.

The following table details the data used to develop the District's approved diversion for 2009:

<b>Water Budget Item</b>	<b>Amount (af)</b>	All values in acre-feet (af)
Priority 3 Consumptive Use Cap	330,000	
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	(3,000)	
1988 IID/MWD Conservation Agreement	20,000	
Intra-Priority Transfer to CVWD from IID	8,000	
Coachella Canal Lining Project Conservation	(26,000)	
Payback of Exhibit C Obligation	(3,987)	
MWD CVWD State Water Project Water Exchange	10,000	
<b>Consumptive Use</b>	<b>335,000</b>	Rounded to nearest 100 af
<b>Approved Diversion</b>	<b>343,500</b>	Rounded to nearest 100 af

Please note that the amount contained in the table for payback of the District's Exhibit C obligation will extinguish the balance of the District's Exhibit C obligation.

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. 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](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast09.pdf). It is expected that California entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for submitting 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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