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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2009 Diversion for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)

Dear Mr. Patterson:

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

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 MWD, pursuant to the terms of the CRWDA.

Under the terms of the CRWDA and other agreements between parties within the State of California, MWD has the right to consumptively use up to 837,100 acre-feet of water in calendar year 2009. Based upon review of the factors relating to the estimate of diversions required by MWD, Reclamation hereby approves the diversion of up to 849,700 acre-feet by MWD in 2009.

The approved diversion includes 26,000 acre-feet of water that will be conserved during 2009 by the Coachella Canal Lining Project (CCLP). Please note that the approved diversion does not include the 4,850 acre-feet of CCLP conserved water that has been designated for mitigation requirements associated with the CCLP. Reclamation will receive the final mitigation water use report from Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) in December 2009. Following receipt of CVWD's mitigation water use report, the approved 2009 diversion contained in this letter may be amended to include all or a portion of the mitigation water.

This approval does not include the balance of MWD's Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ECICS) water that was not used in 2008. After the amount of ECICS water that is available is finalized by the publication of the 2008 Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report, the approved 2009 diversion contained in this letter may be amended to include the balance of the remaining 2008 ECICS water.

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

Water Budget Item	Amount (af)	All values in acre-feet
MWD Basic Entitlement	550,000	
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	(3,570)	
1988 IID/MWD Conservation Agreement	85,000	
Coachella Canal Lining Project Conservation	26,000	
MWD-CVWD State Water Project Water Exchange	(10,000)	
Recovery of ICUA Stored by CAWCD	30,000	
Recovery of System Efficiency ICS Water	34,000	
AAC Lining SDCWA Exchange With MWD	49,526	
AAC Lining MWD - SLR Supplemental Water	10,144	
Adjustment for Priorities 1, 2, 3b (per 4.d. CRWDA)	(614)	
Water for SDCWA Exchanged With MWD	60,000	
<u>LCWSP Pumpage for MWD</u>	<u>6,651</u>	
Consumptive Use	837,100	Rounded to nearest 100af
Diversion for Emergency Delivery to Tijuana	9,529	
<u>Returns</u>	<u>3,103</u>	
Approved Diversion	849,700	Rounded to nearest 100af

Reclamation approves the diversion by MWD in 2009 of the unused California adjusted apportionment of Colorado River water as reflected on Reclamation's 2009 forecasted water use web site. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The data on the web site is provisional until final records are issued. MWD diversions occurring as a result of the values on the web site are at MWD's risk.
- (2) All available Colorado River water within California has been approved for beneficial use within the state. The approved amounts remain available to the senior priority entitlement holders. In those cases where approvals to senior entitlement holders are less than the diversions allowed by their entitlement, the approvals may be increased to the full amount allowed by the entitlement.
- (3) Final accounting records published by Reclamation may differ slightly from the provisional data on the web site. Adjustments to the final records may result in an inadvertent overrun by MWD.
- (4) MWD will be required to pay back any overrun according to the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy.
- (5) Reclamation may at any time rescind this approval to divert unused California adjusted apportionment 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 the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. These projections are available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's forecasted water use web site: 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 MWD's diversion estimate for 2009. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Ruth Thayer at 702-293-8426.

Sincerely,



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