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Mr. William W. Way  
City Manager  
City of Needles  
817 Third Street  
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2009 Diversion for the City of Needles (City)

Dear Mr. Way:

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

The City has a Present Perfected Right (PPR) number 43 (contract no. 05-XX-30-W0445) which allows it to annually divert an amount not to exceed 1,500 acre-feet or consumptively use 950 acre-feet of Colorado River water, whichever is less. The City also has PPR number 44 (contract no. 05-XX-30-W0445) which allows it to annually divert an amount not to exceed 1,260 acre-feet or an annual consumptive use of 273 acre-feet, whichever is less. The combined annual diversion limit for these two PPR entitlements is 2,760 acre-feet with a combined consumptive use limit of 1,223 acre-feet. Based on the diversion to consumptive use ratio that was mutually agreed upon by Reclamation and the City, the consumptive use of 1,223 acre-feet is the limit of the City's entitlement, resulting in a diversion limit of 1,885 acre-feet.

The City also has an entitlement (contract no. 2-07-30-W0280) for domestic use water as part of the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project (LCWSP). The LCWSP provides a Colorado River supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and recreation water needs through exchange for Colorado River water users in California. The City's LCWSP contract supplements the above PPR entitlements. In 2009, water pumped from the LCWSP well field (LCWSP water) will also be used by the City to furnish sufficient water to satisfy its consumptive use requirements, and to meet the consumptive use requirements of the non-Federal LCWSP subcontractors.

Based upon review of the factors relating to the estimate of diversions required by the City, Reclamation hereby approves the diversion of up to 1,885 acre-feet of Colorado River water under the City's PPR entitlements and up to 835 acre-feet of Colorado River water to be

exchanged for LCWSP water, for a total of 2,720 acre feet for use in the City's service area. In addition, Reclamation approves the diversion of 775 acre-feet of Colorado River water to be exchanged for LCWSP water to satisfy the needs of the LCWSP subcontractors, for a total diversion amount of 3,495 acre-feet 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](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 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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