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Mr. Ed Smith  
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2009 Diversion for the Palo Verde Irrigation District  
(District)

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 by the District during calendar year 2009.

Water rights for lands located within the District are based on the California Seven-Party Agreement of 1931, which establishes a priority system for delivery of Colorado River water to California water districts. The District has a right to sufficient water to satisfy a Priority 1 right to irrigate up to 104,500 acres of land located in the Palo Verde valley and a Priority 3(b) right to irrigate up to 16,000 acres of land on the Palo Verde mesa.

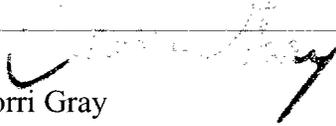
Based upon review of factors relating to estimates of diversions required by the District, Reclamation hereby approves the diversion of up to 880,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use in the District's service area for 2009.

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](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 District's diversion estimate for 2009. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Ruth Thayer at 702-293-8426.

Sincerely,

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