

DEC 24 2009

LC-4212  
WTR-4.03

CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Roger K. Patterson  
Assistant General Manager  
The Metropolitan Water District  
of Southern California  
P.O. Box 54153  
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2010 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 provides MWD with the Bureau of Reclamation's determination regarding MWD's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2010.

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 929,800 acre-feet of water in calendar year 2010. Based upon review of the factors relating to the estimate of diversions required by MWD, Reclamation hereby approves the diversion of 935,700 acre-feet by MWD in 2010. This diversion approval results in an estimated consumptive use of 928,800 acre-feet for calendar year 2010.

The approved diversion includes 26,000 acre-feet of water that will be conserved during 2010 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 2010. Following receipt of CVWD's mitigation water use report, the approved 2010 diversion contained in this letter may be amended to include all or a portion of the mitigation water.

This approval does not include the extraordinary conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) water that may be created by MWD in 2009. After the amount of ICS water available is finalized by the publication of the 2009 Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report, the approved 2010 diversion contained in this letter may be amended to include the balance of the

remaining extraordinary conservation ICS water. The enclosed table details the data used to develop MWD's approved diversion for 2010.

Reclamation approves the diversion by MWD in 2010 of the unused California adjusted apportionment of Colorado River water as reflected on Reclamation's 2010 Forecasted Water Use website. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The data on the website are provisional until final records are issued. MWD diversions occurring as a result of the values on the website are at MWD's own 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 cases where approvals to senior entitlement holders are less than the diversions allowed by their entitlement, the approvals may be increased to their full entitlement as defined in their contract.
- (3) Final accounting records published by Reclamation may differ from the provisional data on the website. 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 2010 in an effort to ensure the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2010, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's web site: [www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast10.pdf](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast10.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 2010. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul J. Matuska 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

**LORRI GRAY-LEE**

Lorri Gray-Lee  
Regional Director

Enclosure

cc: See next page

cc: Mr. Gerald Zimmerman  
Executive Director  
Colorado River Board of  
California  
770 Fairmont Avenue, Suite 100  
Glendale, CA 91203-1035

Mr. Herb R. Guenther  
Director  
Arizona Department of Water Resources  
3550 North Central Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85012-2105

Mr. George M. Caan  
Executive Director  
Colorado River Commission of  
Nevada  
555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3100  
Las Vegas, NV 89101-1065

Ms. Maureen A. Stapleton  
General Manager  
San Diego County Water Authority  
4677 Overland Avenue  
San Diego, CA 92123-1233

Mr. William Hasencamp  
Manager, Colorado River Resources  
The Metropolitan Water District  
of Southern California  
P.O. Box 54153  
Los Angeles, CA 90054-0153

bc: Area Manager, Yuma, AZ  
Attention: YAO-1000 (JMcCloskey)  
Office Director, Boulder City, NV  
Attention: LC-4200 (PMatuska), LC-4233 (LSiano), LC-4600 (BWilliams)

Chrono daily WBR:BIakson:pk:12/16/09revised12/17/09:ch:702-293-8537:rev:12/18/09

Rewritten:BIakson:crh:12/23/09:702-293-8537

N:\COM400\LETTERS\4200\4226\FY2009\2010 Approval\12-16-09\2010 MWD approval.doc

## MWD Consumptive Use and Diversion Approval Table for Calendar Year 2010

Water Budget Item	Amount <sup>1</sup>
Priority 4	550,000
IID - MWD Water Conservation Program	85,000
Coachella Canal Lining Project (MWD exchange with SDCWA)	21,500
Coachella Canal Lining Project (Supplemental Water)	4,500
All-American Canal Lining Project (MWD exchange with SDCWA)	56,200
All-American Canal Lining Project (Supplemental Water)	11,500
IID Transfer to SDCWA (MWD Exchange with SDCWA)	70,000
Priority 1, 2, 3b Use Below 420,000 acre-feet	69,682
Miscellaneous and Indian PPR Use	-2,199
Recovery of Water Stored In Arizona	8,163
Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	3,843
Exchange with CVWD	-10,000
Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation ICS Water	27,569
Delivery of System Efficiency ICS	34,000
<b>Total Approved Consumptive Use<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>929,800</b>
Water for Emergency Delivery to Tijuana, Mexico	2,762
Returns	3,103
<b>Total Approved Diversions<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>935,700</b>
<sup>1</sup> All values in acre-feet <sup>2</sup> Values displayed to the nearest 100 acre-feet	