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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region
From: Regional Director [Signature]
Subject: Estimated 2011 Tribal Colorado River Diversions

I am writing to inform you of the formal determination by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office of the estimated 2011 Tribal Colorado River Diversions for the Fort Mojave (Arizona only), Colorado River, Cocopah, Chemehuevi, and Quechan Indian Tribes as shown below. This determination is required by 43 CFR Part 417. An additional table presenting the estimated Colorado River diversions of each tribe, for each month in 2011, is attached.

California diversion estimates for the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe have not yet been finalized. The Fort Mojave Indian Tribe's 2011 inadvertent overrun payback obligation for diversions in California is still to be determined. Once this payback obligation is decided, additional correspondence indicating the Tribe's estimated 2011 California diversions will be provided.

Supporting documentation from the Yuma County Water Users Association and consultations with the Bard Water District, Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, and Colorado River Indian Tribes, is also attached.

Tribe	State	2011 Estimated Diversion (acre-feet)	Diversion Entitlement (acre-feet)
Fort Mojave	AZ	75,000	103,535
	CA	To Be Determined	16,720
	NV	5,800	12,534
Colorado River	AZ	662,020	662,402
	CA	9,345	56,846
Cocopah	AZ	9,550 ¹	10,847
Chemehuevi	CA	11,340	11,340
Fort Yuma (Quechan)	AZ	1,600	6,350
	CA	46,800 ²	71,616

¹ Includes surface water diverted from Imperial Dam via the All American Canal, as well as an estimated groundwater pumping rate of 2,900 acre-feet.

² The Consolidated Decree entered March 27, 2006, in Arizona v. California allocates 71,616 acre-feet for lands within the boundaries of the Ft. Yuma Indian Reservation in the State of California. By settlement agreement executed March 27, 2005, by several Colorado River water users, including the Quechan Tribe (Tribe) and the Metropolitan Water District (MWD): (1) only 64,616 acre-feet are immediately available to the Tribe; (2) the full 71,616 acre-feet will become available to the Tribe in Year 2035; and (3) 13,000 acre-feet immediately available to the Tribe are available for diversion to the MWD through Year 2035 contingent upon conditions set forth in the 2005 settlement agreement and a forbearance agreement between the two parties. Under the settlement agreement, beginning in 2035, certain other conditions may occur between MWD and the Tribe affecting the use of the Tribe's decree entitlement by MWD.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jonathan Cody, Irrigation Engineer, at (602) 379-6789.

Attachments:

cc: Superintendent, Colorado River Agency
Superintendent, Fort Yuma Agency

Approved Colorado River Diversions
CY 2011
(Acre-feet)

Month	Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe		Colorado River Indian Tribes		Cocopah Indian Tribe	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	Ft. Yuma (Quechan) Indian Tribe		
	Arizona	California	Arizona	California	Arizona	California	Arizona	California	
JAN	2,000	To Be Determined	100	37,000	420	250	428	65	2,600
FEB	3,000		300	33,700	525	300	680	58	4,000
MAR	5,000		400	63,700	630	600	793	190	6,900
APR	6,000		500	70,200	735	900	1,020	186	7,900
MAY	8,000		500	76,000	945	900	1,247	183	6,200
JUN	12,000		900	75,120	1050	700	1,247	119	2,400
JUL	12,000		900	78,900	1050	400	1,247	119	2,700
AUG	10,000		900	73,600	1050	400	1,247	50	3,200
SEP	6,000		500	54,200	945	800	1,247	206	2,000
OCT	5,000		400	43,000	735	800	1,020	247	4,100
NOV	4,000		300	30,400	735	300	736	105	3,000
DEC	2,000		100	26,200	525	300	428	72	1,800
TOTAL	75,000	5,800	662,020	9,345	6,650	11,340	1,600	46,800	
ENTITLEMENT	103,535	16,720	662,402	56,846	10,847	11,340	6,350	71,616	

