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Mr. Robert P. Mullion
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Drainage District
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2011 Diversion for the Cibola Valley Irrigation and
Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Mullion:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides the District with the Bureau of Reclamation's determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2011.

In accordance with the District's amended contract it has a fourth priority entitlement for 9,366 acre-feet, which includes 300 acre-feet for domestic use. The District also has a fifth priority entitlement for 1,500 acre-feet and a sixth priority surplus entitlement for 2,000 acre-feet.

Within the District boundaries, other entities have entitlements to Colorado River water and the District orders water on behalf of these entities. The Mohave County Water Authority has a fourth priority entitlement for 4,278 acre-feet. The Hopi Tribe has a fourth priority entitlement for 4,278 acre-feet, a fifth priority entitlement for 750 acre-feet, and a sixth priority entitlement for 1,000 acre-feet. The Arizona Game and Fish Department has a fourth priority entitlement for 2,838 acre-feet, a fifth priority entitlement for 750 acre-feet, and a sixth priority entitlement for 1,000 acre-feet. Arizona Recreational Facilities LLC has a fourth priority entitlement for 2,700 acre-feet.

The District's request results in the delivery of all fourth priority, a portion of all fifth priority, and none of the sixth priority water entitlements that are within its boundaries as indicated in the table below.

Entity	Arizona Fourth Priority		Arizona Fifth Priority		Arizona Sixth Priority		Total Diversion
	Entitlement	Requested Diversion	Entitlement	Requested Diversion	Entitlement	Requested Diversion	Requested Diversion
CVIDD	9,366	9,366	1,500	1,243	2,000	0	10,609
MCWA	4,278	4,278	0	0	0	0	4,278
Hopi Tribe	4,278	4,278	750	622	1,000	0	4,900
AGFD	2,838	2,838	750	622	1,000	0	3,460
ARF	2,700	2,700	0	0	0	0	2,700
Total (acre-feet)	23,460	23,460	3,000	2,487	4,000	0	25,947

Based upon review of factors related to the diversion estimate provided by the District and the entitlement holders listed above, Reclamation approves the diversion of up to 25,947 acre-feet of Colorado River water (23,460 acre-feet of fourth priority and 2,487 acre-feet of fifth priority) for use within the District's boundary for calendar year 2011.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2011 in an effort to ensure the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2011, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's web site: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast11.pdf. It is expected that Arizona entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for calendar year 2011. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,



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