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Mr. Patrick L. Morgan
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Drainage District
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2011 Diversion Estimate for the Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Morgan:

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.

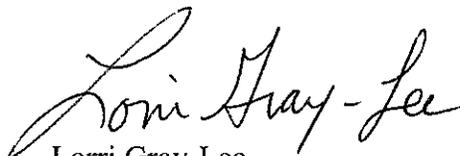
The District is entitled to divert its equitable share of the quantity of Colorado River water available to satisfy consumptive use on lands within the Yuma Mesa Division (Division) of the Gila Project. This entitlement is in accordance with the District's contract with the United States and the Regional Director's final administrative determination, dated December 27, 2001, setting forth appropriate and equitable shares of the Division's Colorado River water entitlement among the North Gila Valley Irrigation and Drainage District, Yuma Irrigation District, and the Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District.

Based upon review of factors related to the diversion estimate provided by the District, Reclamation approves the diversion of up to 201,600 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use in the District's contract service area for 2011. Nothing in this approval should be construed as authorizing the Division to exceed its annual consumptive use entitlement of up to 250,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water.

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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