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Mr. Ron Derma
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2011 Diversion Estimate for the Bard Water District
(District)

Dear Mr. Derma:

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.

Water rights for lands within the District are based on water certificates that provide for delivery of the quantity of water which can be beneficially used for irrigation of individual lands covered by the water right certificate.

Based upon review of factors related to the diversion estimate provided by the District, Reclamation approves the diversion of up to 48,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use in the District's contract service area for 2011. This diversion approval results in an estimated consumptive use of 23,520 acre-feet for calendar year 2011.

Reclamation will monitor and project 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 California entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for submitting of the District's diversion estimate for 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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