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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2011 Diversion for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) (IID's Letter Dated September 15, 2010)

Dear Mr. Kelley:

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

The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies certain Colorado River water entitlements within the state of California. This letter serves as the approval of the diversion amounts for IID pursuant to the terms of the CRWDA.

Under the terms of the CRWDA and other agreements between interested parties within the state of California, IID has the right to consumptively use up to 2,790,400 acre-feet of water in calendar year 2011. Based upon review of the factors relating to the estimate of diversions required by IID, I approve the diversion of up to 2,858,000 acre-feet for use in IID's service area for 2011. The table below details the data used to develop IID's approved diversion for 2011.

Water Budget Item	Amount[1]
Priority 3 Consumptive Use Cap	3,100,000
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	-11,500
1988 IID/MWD Conservation Agreement	-105,000
IID Transfer to the San Diego County Water Authority	-80,000
Intra-Priority Transfer to the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)	-16,000
All-American Canal (AAC) Lining Project Conserved Water	-67,700
Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS	-25,000
IID Consumptive Use met by the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	-4,380
Total Consumptive Use[2]	**2,790,400**
AAC Returns	67,550
Total Approved Diversion at Imperial Dam[2]	**2,858,000**

[1]All values in acre-feet.
[2]Total values rounded to the nearest 100 acre-feet.

Please be aware that IID's 2011 water order approval may be adjusted pending the resolution of the following issue from calendar year 2010.

The *Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report Arizona, California, and Nevada Calendar Year 2010* (Water Accounting Report), documented that, for the purpose of meeting Salton Sea mitigation requirements, IID conserved 33,736 acre-feet of Colorado River water in 2010 which was transferred to the San Diego County Water Authority and exchanged with CVWD for non-Colorado River water. The Water Accounting Report also documented that, in 2010, IID delivered 46,546 acre-feet of Colorado River water to the Salton Sea with a stated intention to meet Salton Sea mitigation requirements for 2011 and 2012. The appropriate accounting for the 46,546 acre-feet is under review by Reclamation.

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. These projections are available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's 2011 Forecasted Water Use 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 IID'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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