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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2011 Diversion for The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) (MWD's Letter Dated September 16, 2010)

Dear Mr. Patterson:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides MWD with the Bureau of Reclamation's determination regarding MWD'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 MWD, pursuant to the terms of the CRWDA.

Under the terms of the CRWDA and other agreements between parties within the state of California, MWD has the right to consumptively use up to 608,900 acre-feet of water in calendar year 2011. Based upon review of the factors relating to the estimate of diversions required by MWD, Reclamation approves the diversion of 611,900 acre-feet by MWD in 2011.

This approval does not include delivery from MWD's Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) account. Reclamation acknowledges that MWD may request delivery from its ICS account, and that if ICS is required, MWD will submit a revised delivery estimate. The following table contains the data used to develop MWD's approved diversion for 2011:

| Water Budget Item | Amount[1] |
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| Priority 4 Water | 550,000 |
| Imperial Irrigation District (IID)-MWD Water Conservation Program | 85,000 |
| Coachella Canal Lining Project (CCLP) Conserved Water (MWD exchange with San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)) | 21,500 |
| CCLP Conservation (Supplemental Water) | 4,500 |
| All-American Canal Lining Project Conserved Water (MWD exchange with SDCWA) | 56,200 |
| All-American Canal Lining Project Conserved Water (Supplemental Water) | 11,500 |
| IID Transfer to SDCWA (MWD Exchange with SDCWA) | 80,000 |
| Priorities 1, 2, and 3b Consumptive Use Below 420,000 acre-feet | 33,001 |
| Miscellaneous and Indian Present Perfected Right Consumptive Use | -869 |
| Lower Colorado Water Supply Project | 3,042 |
| MWD-Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) Exchange of State Water Project Water | -35,000 |
| Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS Water | -200,000 |
| Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation ICS Water | -- |
| Delivery of System Efficiency ICS Water | -- |
| CCLP Conservation Mitigation Water[2] | -- |
| **Total Approved Consumptive Use[3]** | **608,900** |
| Emergency Delivery to Tijuana, Mexico | |
| Returns | 3,000 |
| **Total Approved Diversions[3]** | **611,900** |

[1]All values in acre-feet.
[2]The approved diversion does not include the 4,850 acre-feet of CCLP conserved water that has been assigned to CVWD for mitigation requirements associated with the CCLP. Following receipt of CVWD's mitigation water use report in December 2011, the approved 2011 diversion contained in this letter may be amended to include any unused mitigation water.
[3]Values displayed to the nearest 100 acre-feet.

Reclamation approves the diversion by MWD in 2011 of the unused California adjusted apportionment of Colorado River water as reflected on Reclamation's 2011 Forecasted Water Use website. The approval is subject to the following conditions:

(1) The data on the website are provisional until final records are issued. MWD diversions occurring as a result of the values on the website are at MWD's own risk.

(2) All available Colorado River water within California has been approved for beneficial use within the state. The approved amounts remain available to the senior priority entitlement holders. In cases where approvals to senior entitlement holders are less than the diversions allowed by their entitlement, the approvals may be increased to their full entitlement as defined in their contract.

(3) Final accounting records published by Reclamation may differ from the provisional data on the website. Adjustments to the final records may result in an inadvertent overrun by MWD.

(4) MWD will be required to pay back any overrun according to the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy.

(5) Reclamation may at any time rescind this approval to divert unused California adjusted apportionment of Colorado River water.

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 SDCWA 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. Please be aware that MWD's ICS account balance could be adjusted pending the resolution of this issue from calendar year 2010.

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 website: 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 MWD'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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