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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year 2011 Diversion Estimate for the Palo Verde Irrigation District (District) (Your Letter Dated September 15, 2011)

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's letter, dated September 15, 2011, revising its 2011 Colorado River diversion estimate from 811,410 acre-feet to 812,346 acre-feet. This letter informs the District of Reclamation's decision regarding the revised diversion estimate provided by the District in accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417.

Based upon a review of the factors relating to the revised diversion required by the District, Reclamation approves the diversion of up to 812,346 acre-feet of Colorado River water use by the District for calendar year 2011. This diversion approval results in an estimated consumptive use of 326,191 acre-feet for calendar year 2011.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2011 to ensure that the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. These projections are available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's web site: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast11.pdf>. It is expected that California contractors will use this information to adjust diversions to remain with approved annual quantities.

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

Sincerely,

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