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Mr. Toby Cotter
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2012 Diversion for Bullhead City (City)

Dear Mr. Cotter:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the City with notice of my determination regarding the City's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2012.

Under Contract No. 2-07-30-W0273, the City is entitled to divert up to 15,210 acre-feet per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water for use within the City's service area. Under two separate subcontracts with the Mohave County Water Authority, the City is also entitled to divert up to 9,139 acre-feet per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2012 diversion estimate provided by the City, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 12,720 acre-feet of Colorado River water during calendar year 2012 for use in the City's service area.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2012 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2012, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast12.pdf. It is expected that Arizona entitlement holders will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the City's diversion estimate for 2012. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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