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Mr. Ronald Swan  
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2012 Diversion for the Cibola Valley Irrigation and  
 Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Swan:

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

Under Contract No. 2-07-30-W0028, as amended, the District is entitled to divert up to 9,366 acre-feet per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water, of which 300 acre-feet may be used for domestic use. Under this same contract, the District is also entitled to divert up to 1,500 acre-feet per year of Arizona fifth priority and up to 2,000 acre-feet per year of Arizona sixth priority Colorado River water.

There are other entities, with separate entitlements to Colorado River water, within the District's boundaries and the District has requested delivery of water on their behalf. The District's calendar year 2012 diversion request results in the delivery of all Arizona fourth priority, a portion of Arizona fifth priority, and none of Arizona sixth priority water entitlements that are within its boundaries. This is reflected in the following table.

Entity	Arizona Fourth Priority		Arizona Fifth Priority		Arizona Sixth Priority		Total Diversion
	(All values in acre-feet)						
	Entitlement	Requested Diversion	Entitlement	Requested Diversion	Entitlement	Requested Diversion	Requested Diversion
District	9,366	9,366	1,500	1,243	2,000	0	10,609
MCWA	4,278	4,278	0	0	0	0	4,278
Hopi Tribe	4,278	4,278	750	622	1,000	0	4,900
AZGFC	2,838	2,838	750	622	1,000	0	3,460
ARF	2,700	2,700	0	0	0	0	2,700
Total	23,460	23,460	3,000	2,487	4,000	0	25,947

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2012 diversion estimate provided by the District which included diversion estimates for the entitlement holders listed above, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 25,947 acre-feet of Colorado River water (23,460 acre-feet of Arizona fourth priority and 2,487 acre-feet of Arizona fifth priority) during calendar year 2012 for use within the District's boundaries.

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](http://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 District's diversion estimate for calendar year 2012. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

ACTING FOR Sincerely,



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