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Memorandum

To: Regional Director, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region

From: Regional Director

Subject: Estimated 2012 Tribal Colorado River Diversions

I am writing to inform you of the formal determination by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Western Regional Office of the estimated 2012 Tribal Colorado River Diversions for the Ft. Mojave, Colorado River, Cocopah, Chemehuevi, and Quechan Indian Tribes as shown below. This determination is required by 43 CFR Part 417. An additional table presenting the estimated Colorado River diversions of each tribe, for each month in 2012, is attached.

Supporting documentation obtained from the Bard Water District, Cocopah Indian Tribe, Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe, Chemehuevi Indian Tribe, and Colorado River Indian Tribes is also attached.

Tribe	State	2012 Estimated Diversion (acre-feet)	Diversion Entitlement (acre-feet)
Ft. Mojave	AZ	81,000	103,535
	CA	16,720	16,720
	NV	5,600	12,534
Colorado River	AZ	662,402	662,402
	CA	9,345	56,846
Cocopah	AZ	10,215[1]	10,847
Chemehuevi	CA	11,340	11,340
Fort Yuma (Quechan)	AZ	1,600	6,350
	CA	48,300[2]	71,616

[1] Includes surface water diverted from Imperial Dam via the All American Canal, as well as an estimated groundwater pumping rate of 2,900 acre-ft.

[2] The Consolidated Decree entered March 27, 2006, in Arizona v. California allocates 71,616 acre-feet for lands within the boundaries of the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation in the State of California. By settlement agreement executed March 27, 2005, by several Colorado River water users, including the Quechan Tribe (Tribe) and the Metropolitan Water District (MWD): (1) only 64,616 acre-feet are immediately available to the Tribe; (2) the full 71,616 acre-feet will become available to the Tribe in Year 2035; and (3) 13,000 acre-feet immediately available to the Tribe are available for diversion to the MWD through Year 2035 contingent upon conditions set forth in the 2005 settlement agreement and a forbearance agreement between the two parties. Under the settlement agreement, beginning in 2035, certain other conditions may occur between MWD and the Tribe affecting the use of the Tribe's decree entitlement by MWD.

If you have any questions, please contact Jonathan Cody, Irrigation Engineer, at (602) 379-6789.

Attachments

cc: Superintendent, Colorado River Agency
Superintendent, Fort Yuma Agency

Estimated Colorado River Diversions
CY 2012
(Acre-feet)

	Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe			Colorado River Indian Tribes		Cocopah Indian Tribe	Chemehuevi Indian Tribe	Ft. Yuma (Quechan) Indian Tribe	
Month	**Arizona**	**California**	**Nevada**	**Arizona**	**California**	**Arizona**	**California**	**Arizona**	**California**
JAN	2,000	1,000	100	22,240	420	400	428	65	2,700
FEB	4,000	1,200	300	29,447	525	490	680	58	3,450
MAR	6,000	2,800	400	58,447	630	870	793	190	6,650
APR	6,000	1,800	500	67,670	735	1,215	1,020	186	7,450
MAY	9,000	2,500	500	70,873	945	1,265	1,247	183	6,050
JUN	12,000	2,000	900	78,805	1050	1,110	1,247	119	2,200
JUL	12,000	2,000	900	84,988	1050	805	1,247	119	3,500
AUG	12,000	1,000	800	79,345	1050	790	1,247	50	3,500
SEP	7,000	500	500	77,163	945	1,155	1,247	206	2,400
OCT	5,000	500	300	40,407	735	1,110	1,020	247	4,850
NOV	4,000	1,000	300	29,770	735	515	736	105	3,450
DEC	2,000	420	100	23,247	525	490	428	72	2,100
TOTAL	81,000	16,720	5,600	662,402	9,345	10,215	11,340	1,600	48,300
ENTITLEMENT	103,535	16,720	12,534	662,402	56,846	10,847	11,340	6,350	71,616