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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2012 Diversion Estimate for the Bard Water District (District)

Dear Mr. Derma:

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.

Water rights for lands within the District are based on water right certificates that provide for delivery of the quantity of water which can be beneficially used for irrigation of individual lands covered by the water right certificate.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2012 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 48,300 acre-feet of Colorado River water during calendar year 2012 for use in the District's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 22,525 acre-feet for calendar year 2012.

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 California 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 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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