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Subject: Receipt of Calendar Year 2012 Tribal Diversion Approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Dear Mr. Bowker:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received BIA's memorandum dated November 17, 2011, through which BIA provided its formal determination of calendar year 2012 Colorado River diversions for the Fort Mojave, Colorado River, Cocopah, Chemehuevi, and Fort Yuma (Quechan) Indian tribes (Tribes). In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides the BIA with notice that Reclamation has no comments or objections to BIA's determination.

The determination made by BIA is reflected in the table below.

ARIZONA (in acre-feet)		
TRIBE	2012 ESTIMATED DIVERSION	ANNUAL ENTITLEMENT
Fort Mojave	81,000	103,535
Colorado River	662,402	662,402
Cocopah	10,215	10,847
Quechan	1,600	6,350
CALIFORNIA (in acre-feet)		
TRIBE	2012 ESTIMATED DIVERSION	ANNUAL ENTITLEMENT
Fort Mojave	16,720	16,720
Colorado River	9,345	56,846
Chemehuevi	11,340	11,340
Quechan	48,300	71,616
NEVADA (in acre-feet)		
TRIBE	2012 ESTIMATED DIVERSION	ANNUAL ENTITLEMENT
Fort Mojave	5,600	12,534

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 the Tribes will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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