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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year 2012 Diversion for the Coachella Valley Water District (District)

Dear Mr. Barrett:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's letter dated December 21, 2012, revising its calendar year 2012 estimate of consumptive use of Colorado River water. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's revised consumptive use estimate for calendar year 2012.

The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies Colorado River water use within the state of California. Under the terms of the CRWDA and other agreements between interested parties within the state of California, the District has the right to consumptively use up to 342,000 acre-feet in calendar year 2012.

The District's letter reflects three changes from its original 2012 consumptive use estimate, which the District submitted to Reclamation by letter dated September 6, 2011. These changes are identified in Exhibit A to the District's revised estimate, enclosed with the District's letter dated December 21, 2012. Specifically, the District's revised estimate incorporates a reduction of 2,525 acre-feet relating to environmental mitigation water associated with the Coachella Canal Lining Project and a reduction of 448 acre-feet for Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Groundwater Storage Return. The District has also revised its estimate of the amount of water the District will divert relating to the 1988 IID/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Water Conservation Agreement downward, from 20,000 acre-feet to 12,000 acre-feet.

Based upon a review of the District's revised consumptive use estimate, I approve the consumptive use of up to 331,027 acre-feet of Colorado River water during calendar year 2012 for use in the District's service area. This approved consumptive use results in an approved diversion of up to 339,790 acre-feet. The table on the following page contains the data used to develop the District's revised approved diversion for 2012.

| Water Budget Item | 2012 Revised Approval Amount ¹ |
|---|---|
| Priority 3a Consumptive Use Cap | 330,000 |
| Coachella Canal Lining Project Conserved Water | -26,000 |
| Coachella Canal Lining Project Conserved Water for Mitigation | -2,525 |
| Present Perfected Right Holders and Others | -3,000 |
| IID Groundwater Storage Return | -448 |
| 1988 IID/MWD Water Conservation Agreement | 12,000 |
| Intra-Priority Transfer to the District from IID | 21,000 |
| District CRWDA Entitlement from the Colorado River | 331,027 |
| MWD/District State Water Project Water Exchange | -- |
| Total Approved Consumptive Use | 331,027 |
| Returns | 8,763 |
| Approved Diversion | 339,790 |

All values in acre-feet.

As noted in the District's letter, Reclamation acknowledges the District's revised consumptive use estimate was based, in part, on data provided by Reclamation's 2012 forecast. Per the District's request, should the District's actual 2012 consumptive use amount differ from the consumptive use amount approved in this letter, Reclamation will adjust the amount of Colorado River water available to the District under the 1988 IID/MWD Water Conservation Agreement to offset the difference, with the exact amount to be determined based upon final water accounting records.

Thank you for submitting the District's revised consumptive use estimate for calendar year 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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