

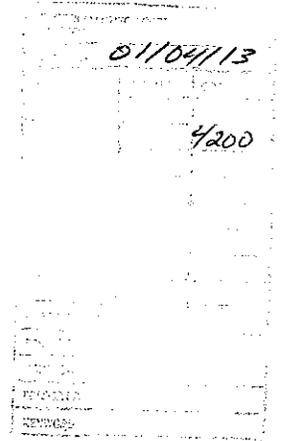


THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

December 28, 2012

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Dear Mr. Matuska:

Request for Revision to Approved Diversions for Calendar Year 2012

The purpose of this letter is to request a modification to the calendar year 2012 diversion approval issued by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) by letter dated June 19, 2012, to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). Reclamation's approval was for diversion of 623,556 acre-feet (AF) and consumptive use of 620,445 AF. We request your approval to divert an additional 92,247 AF, as described herein, for a total of 715,803 AF.

First, the June 19 approval noted that up to 4,850 AF of water conserved by the Coachella Canal Lining Project (CCLP) is assigned to Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) for mitigation, but would be available if not used for that purpose. By letter dated December 10, 2012, CVWD announced that the mitigation use would be approximately 2,325 AF, leaving the balance of 2,525 AF available. In accordance with the Allocation Agreement, water conserved by the CCLP is to be delivered to San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA), and in accordance with the Exchange Agreement, Metropolitan takes delivery of the conserved water at its Intake Pumping Plant on Lake Havasu. Therefore, Metropolitan requests approval of its diversion of the 2,525 AF of unused CCLP mitigation water.

Second, by letter dated December 21, CVWD has revised its 2012 water order by reducing its call from 20,000 AF to 12,000 AF made available pursuant to the Approval Agreement to the 1988 Imperial Irrigation District-Metropolitan Water Conservation Agreement. This revision makes an additional 8,000 AF of this conserved water available to Metropolitan.

Third, by letter dated December 18, Metropolitan agreed to a request by Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) to divert and store up to 65,000 acre-feet (AF) of unused Nevada basic apportionment pursuant to our Storage and Interstate Release Agreement, and the Second Amended Operational Agreement among the Authority, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, and Metropolitan.

Finally, the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) has submitted to Reclamation a November 28 letter, reducing its 2012 water order by 16,722 AF to reflect additional water conservation to be made available to the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) to compensate for its 16,722 AF shortfall in its 2011 water transfer. By letter agreement between Metropolitan and SDCWA

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dated September 27, Metropolitan agreed to take delivery of this conserved water and exchange an equal amount pursuant to the Exchange Agreement. Note that Metropolitan's agreement to take delivery of this additional conserved water is subject to verification that the water has been conserved by IID, and was not used to meet any other conservation or transfer obligations.

The additional water that is available to Metropolitan totals 92,247 AF. Please add this to the approved diversion of 623,556 AF for a revised diversion total of up to 715,803 AF. Additionally, as your June 19 letter indicated, Metropolitan will monitor the water use of senior water rights holders and divert any water that may become available to us. The table below has been revised from the June 19 letter, with the changes in bold. Metropolitan understands that the actual final volumes of water available are subject to verification and confirmation in Reclamation's end-of-year accounting.

Revised Estimate of Diversions from the Colorado River for Calendar Year 2012

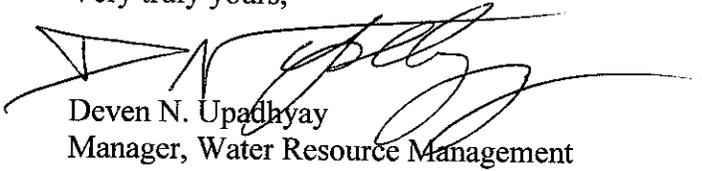
Water Budget Item	Amount (acre-feet)
Priority 4	550,000
Imperial Irrigation District (IID)-Metropolitan Water Conservation Program	93,000
Coachella Canal Lining Project (Metropolitan Exchange with San Diego County Water Authority [SDCWA])	21,500
Coachella Canal Lining Project	4,500
Coachella Canal Mitigation Water	2,525
All-American Canal Lining Project (Metropolitan Exchange with SDCWA)	56,200
All-American Canal Lining Project	11,500
IID Transfer to SDCWA (Metropolitan Exchange with SDCWA)	106,722
Priority 1, 2, and 3b Use Below 420,000 acre-feet*	-1,831
Unused Priority 3a	0
Miscellaneous and Indian Present Perfected Rights Use	-2,341
Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	5,917
Storage of Southern Nevada Water Authority unused apportionment	65,000
Total Estimated Supply Available for Consumptive Use	912,692
Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS	-200,000
Total Estimated Consumptive Use	712,692
Estimated Return Flow Credit	3,111
Diversion for Emergency Delivery for Tijuana	0
Total Estimated Diversion	715,803

* Metropolitan will monitor the water use of senior water rights holders, and divert any water that may become available

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Please contact Mr. Tom Ryan at (213) 217-6140 if Reclamation would like to discuss this request.

Very truly yours,



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