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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year 2012 Diversion for the Palo Verde Irrigation District (District)

Dear Mr. Smith:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's letter dated December 5, 2012, revising its calendar year 2012 Colorado River water diversion estimate downward, from 907,665 acre-feet to 899,691 acre-feet. 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 diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2012.

Based upon a review of the District's revised calendar year 2012 diversion estimate, I approve the diversion of up to 899,691 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 calendar year 2012 consumptive use of 372,958 acre-feet.

Reclamation will continue to monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water for the remainder of calendar year 2012 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval is not exceeded. These projections are 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 entitlement holders within the state of California 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 revised diversion 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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