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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2013 Diversion for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

Dear Mr. Kelley:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides IID with notice of my determination regarding IID's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2013.

The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies certain Colorado River water entitlements within the state of California. This letter serves as the approval of the diversion amount for IID.

By letter dated September 17, 2012, IID submitted a request to consumptively use up to 2,626,340 acre-feet of Colorado River water in calendar year 2013. Based upon a review of the calendar year 2013 diversion estimate provided by IID, the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, and other pertinent information, I approve the consumptive use of up to 2,632,630 acre-feet of Colorado River water during calendar year 2013 for use in IID's service area. This consumptive use approval results in an estimated diversion of 2,738,571 acre-feet.

This approval incorporates, among other things, IID's plan to create up to 25,000 acre-feet of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) in calendar year 2013, and IID's 2013 IOPP payback obligation, as reduced by IID's 2012 early payback, which was credited subsequent to IID's September 17, 2012 letter.

The following table provides the details of the data used to develop IID's approved diversion for calendar year 2013.

Water Budget Item	Amount[1]
Priority 3 Consumptive Use Cap	3,100,000
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	-11,500
1988 IID/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Conservation Agreement	-105,000
IID Transfer to San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)	-100,000
IID Transfer to SDCWA for Salinity Management (Salton Sea Mitigation)	-70,000
All-American Canal (AAC) Lining Project Conserved Water	-67,700
Intra-Priority Transfer to Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)	-26,000
Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy Payback[2]	-55,710
Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS	-25,000
Total Approved Consumptive Use	**2,639,090**
IID Consumptive Use met by the LCWSP	-6,460
Total Approved Consumptive Use from the Colorado River	**2,632,630**
AAC Returns	105,941
Total Approved Diversion	**2,738,571**

[1]All values in acre-feet.
[2]This amount reflects IID's 2013 payback obligation of 62,000 acre-feet, reduced by applying 6,290 acre-feet of early payback in 2012. The 6,290 acre-foot amount is comprised of the application of ICS credits (5,842 acre-feet) and forbearance of Colorado River water (448 acre-feet) through recovery of an equivalent amount of groundwater previously stored under an IID/CVWD groundwater storage program.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2013 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/forecast13.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.

Reclamation's letter to IID dated May 14, 2013, approving IID's revised 2012 diversion request, identified three issues then under discussion: (1) IID's 2010 pre-delivery of 46,546 acre-feet of Colorado River water to the Salton Sea; (2) IID's under-conservation in 2011 to fully meet the 80,000 acre-foot transfer to SDCWA; and (3) California's 2012 agricultural use relative to the 2012 agricultural benchmark and annual target.

The first issue is being addressed as outlined in the recent exchange of letters between IID and Reclamation, in which IID committed to and Reclamation accepted a set of actions and timeline for IID to restore the 2010 pre-delivery to the Colorado River system. The second issue regarding the 2011 under-conservation has been resolved as noted in Reclamation's 2012 *Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report, Arizona, California, and Nevada.* The third issue is a matter of continuing discussion among Reclamation, the California parties to the CRWDA, and the Basin States. We appreciate IID's efforts to help resolve the first two issues, and will continue to work collaboratively with IID and others regarding the benchmark issue.

Thank you for submitting IID's diversion estimate for 2013. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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