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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2013 Diversion for the Palo Verde Irrigation District (District)

Dear Mr. Smith:

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

Water rights for lands located within the District are based on the California Seven-Party Agreement of 1931, which establishes a priority system for delivery of Colorado River water to California water districts. The District has a Priority 1 right to sufficient water to irrigate up to 104,500 acres of land located in the Palo Verde Valley and a Priority 3(b) right to irrigate up to 16,000 acres of land on the Palo Verde Mesa.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2013 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 947,155 acre-feet of Colorado River water during calendar year 2013 for use in the District's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated calendar year 2013 consumptive use of 437,084 acre-feet.

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 2013 Forecasted Water Use 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.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for calendar year 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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