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Mr. David V. Modeer
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2014 Colorado River Diversion for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (District)

Dear Mr. Modeer:

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 2014.

The District is entitled to divert the balance of Arizona's 2,800,000 acre-foot apportionment not consumed by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders. Based upon a review of the diversion estimate provided by the District, the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, and the approved water orders of higher priority Arizona entitlement holders, I approve the diversion of up to 1,537,907 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use in the District's service area for calendar year 2014.

In addition, I approve the District's diversion of any Arizona apportionment unused by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders as projected on Reclamation's 2014 Forecasted Water Use website. Diversion of this water is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The data on the website are provisional until final records are issued. Any diversions made as a result of the values on the website are at the District's own risk.
- (2) All available Colorado River water within Arizona has been approved for beneficial use within the state. The approved amounts remain available to the senior priority entitlement holders. In cases where approvals to senior entitlement holders are less than their diversion entitlement, the approvals may be increased to their full entitlement as provided in their Colorado River water delivery contract.
- (3) Final accounting records published by Reclamation may differ from the provisional data on the website. Adjustments to the final records may result in an inadvertent overrun by the District.

- (4) The District will be required to pay back any overrun according to the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy.
- (5) Reclamation may at any time rescind this approval to divert unused Arizona apportionment of Colorado River water.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2014 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval is not exceeded. Beginning in February 2014, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast14.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona 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 2014. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,



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