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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2014 Colorado River Diversion for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (District)

Dear Mr. Modeer:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's letter dated February 11, 2014, in which the District requests to revise its diversions for calendar year 2014 downward by up to 9,000 acre-feet (af). 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 CY 2014.

By letter dated February 10, 2014, the District notified Reclamation that it had approved a Pilot Fallowing Program (Pilot Program) between the Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District and the District, acting in its capacity as the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District. The District's letter outlined the Pilot Program, including the intent that the water conserved during the first 3-year term of the Pilot Program would remain in Lake Mead as system storage to help minimize or avoid shortage to Arizona and the Lower Basin. The conservation yield in 2014 is estimated to be up to 9,000 af.

Under Contract No. 14-06-W-245, as amended, the District is entitled to divert the balance of Arizona's 2,800,000 af basic apportionment not consumed by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders. To accommodate the District's revised diversion request, Arizona's 2,800,000 af basic apportionment will be adjusted downward by 9,000 af in 2014 and the District's approved water order reduced by an equal amount. Based upon a review of the revised diversion estimate provided by the District and the approved 2014 water orders of higher priority Arizona entitlement holders, I approve the revised diversion of up to 1,528,908 af of Colorado River water for use in the District's service area during CY 2014.

As in recent years, I also approve the diversion, by the District, of any Arizona adjusted 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 defined in their 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 continue to monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2014 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval is not exceeded. 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 Arizona entitlement holders 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 2014. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164 or pmatуска@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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