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Mr. Jim Barrett
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2014 Colorado River Diversion for the Coachella Valley Water District (District)

Dear Mr. Barrett:

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.

By letter dated August 29, 2013, the District submitted a request to consumptively use up to 352,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water in calendar year 2014. The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies certain Colorado River water entitlements within the state of California, including the District's water entitlement. Based upon a review of the District's request, the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, and the terms of the CRWDA, I approve the consumptive use of up to 352,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water during calendar year 2014 for use in the District's service area. This consumptive use approval results in an estimated diversion of 366,370 acre-feet. The table below provides the details of the data used to develop the District's approved diversion for calendar year 2014.

Water Budget Item	Amount ¹
Priority 3a Consumptive Use Cap	330,000
Coachella Canal Lining Project (CCLP) Conserved Water	(30,850)
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	(3,000)
CCLP Conserved Water for Mitigation ²	4,850
1988 Imperial Irrigation District (IID)/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Conservation Agreement	20,000
Intra-Priority Transfer to the District from IID (IID-District Acquisition Agreement)	31,000
District's CRWDA Entitlement from the Colorado River	352,000
MWD/District State Water Project Water Exchange	0
Total Approved Consumptive Use	352,000
Estimated Returns	14,370
Total Approved Diversion	366,370

¹All values in acre-feet.

²Following the District's final mitigation water use report in December 2014, the District's approved diversion amount may be amended.

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 California will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Reclamation notes that California's 2012 agricultural use relative to the 2012 agricultural benchmark and annual target remains a matter of interest among Reclamation, the California parties to the CRWDA, and the Basin States. We appreciate the District's efforts to engage in discussions regarding this issue.

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