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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2014 Colorado River Diversion for the Coachella Valley Water District (District)

Dear Mr. Barrett:

The Bureau of Reclamation received the District's letter dated December 9, 2014, revising the District's CY 2014 estimate of consumptive use of Colorado River water. 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 consumptive use estimate for CY 2014.

By letter dated August 29, 2013, the District submitted its initial request to consumptively use up to 352,000 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water in CY 2014. The District's revised request to consumptively use up to 344,558 AF reflects two changes from its initial estimate. Specifically, the District has revised downward, from 4,850 AF to 2,557 AF, its estimate of the amount of water the District will divert for environmental mitigation purposes associated with the Coachella Canal Lining Project (CCLP); and has revised downward, from 20,000 AF to 14,851 AF, its estimate of the amount of water the District will divert relating to the 1988 Imperial Irrigation District (IID)/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Water Conservation Agreement.

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 revised consumptive use estimate and the terms of the CRWDA, I approve the consumptive use of up to 344,558 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2014 for use in the District's service area. This approved consumptive use results in an approved diversion of up to 358,623 AF. The table on the following page contains the data used to develop the District's approved diversion for CY 2014, as herein revised.

<b>Water Budget Item</b>	<b>Amount<sup>1</sup></b>
Priority 3a Consumptive Use Cap	330,000
CCLP Conserved Water	(30,850)
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	(3,000)
CCLP Conserved Water for Mitigation <sup>2</sup>	2,557
1988 IID/MWD Water Conservation Agreement <sup>2</sup>	14,851
Intra-Priority Transfer to the District from IID (IID-District Acquisition Agreement)	31,000
CRWDA Entitlement from the Colorado River for the District	344,558
MWD/District State Water Project Water Exchange	0
<b>Total Approved Consumptive Use</b>	<b>344,558</b>
Estimated Returns	14,065
<b>Total Approved Diversion</b>	<b>358,623</b>

<sup>1</sup>All values in AF.

<sup>2</sup>Subject to change based on final accounting records.

As noted in the table above, the District projects that, of the 4,850 AF of CCLP conserved water committed for environmental mitigation purposes, approximately 2,557 AF will be used for such purposes through December 31, 2014. Reclamation acknowledges that the remaining 2,293 AF of conserved water is available for the San Diego County Water Authority during calendar year 2014. The actual amount of water used for environmental mitigation purposes will be determined based on final accounting records.

Per the District's request, should the District's actual 2014 consumptive use amount differ from the consumptive use amount approved in this letter, Reclamation will adjust the amount of Colorado River water available to the District under the 1988 IID/MWD Water Conservation Agreement to offset the difference, with the exact amount to be determined based on final water accounting records.

Thank you for submitting the District's revised CY 2014 consumptive use estimate. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164 or [pmataska@usbr.gov](mailto:pmataska@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,



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