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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2014 Colorado River Diversion for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received your letter dated May 30, 2014, requesting an increase to the amount of Colorado River water approved for IID's use in CY 2014. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides notice of my determination regarding IID's revised diversion estimate and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2014.

By your letter dated October 18, 2013, IID submitted a request to consumptively use up to 2,515,062 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water in CY 2014. This request incorporated an estimate of additional conserved water, ranging from 154,738–179,738 AF, to be used for purposes such as the creation of Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) and as payback for IID's overrun under the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP). Your May 30th letter revises the estimate of additional conserved water IID will create in 2014 to 117,391–142,391 AF, and seeks to increase IID's consumptive use approval to 2,552,409 AF. As noted in your letter, this increase is due to the creation of additional conservation in 2013 that was credited towards IID's 2014 payback obligation, as verified and approved by Reclamation in our letter dated May 5, 2014, and published in our final 2013 Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report. IID has also requested that, to the extent excess conservation is created from its 2014 fallowing and efficiency-based conservation programs, such excess conservation be credited towards IID's 2015 conservation obligations.

The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies certain Colorado River water entitlements within the state of California, including IID's water entitlement. Based upon a review of the revised CY 2014 diversion estimate provided by IID and the terms of the CRWDA, I approve the consumptive use of up to 2,544,150 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2014 for use in IID's service area. This consumptive use approval results in an estimated diversion of 2,645,857 AF.

This approval incorporates IID's plan to create up to 25,000 AF of Extraordinary Conservation ICS in 2014, and IID's required reduction in consumptive use of Colorado River water in 2014 to meet its IOPP payback obligation.

The table below provides the details of the data used to develop IID's approved diversion for CY 2014, as revised herein.

Water Budget Item	Amount¹
Priority 3 Consumptive Use Cap	3,100,000
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	(11,500)
1988 IID/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Conservation Agreement	(105,000)
All-American Canal (AAC) Lining Project Conserved Water	(67,700)
Intra-Priority Transfer to Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)	(31,000)
IID Transfer to San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)	(100,000)
IID Transfer to SDCWA for Salinity Management (Salton Sea Mitigation)	(90,000)
IOPP Payback	(117,391)
Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS	(25,000)
Total Approved Consumptive Use	2,552,409
IID Consumptive Use met by the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	(8,259)
Total Approved Consumptive Use from the Colorado River	2,544,150
Estimated AAC Returns	101,707
Total Approved Diversion	2,645,857

¹All values in AF.

Reclamation notes that under the requirements of the IOPP and in accordance with our letter dated September 21, 2013, approving IID's 2014 IOPP Payback Plan (Plan), IID is required to submit a report certifying the amount of Colorado River water conserved by implementation of the extraordinary conservation measures in the previous calendar year as defined in IID's approved Plan. The actual amount of water conserved by IID for IOPP payback purposes will be based on the information presented in IID's certification report, as verified by Reclamation. Additionally, to the extent excess conservation is created from IID's fallowing and efficiency-based conservation programs in 2014, Reclamation will work with IID to ensure such excess conservation is accounted for appropriately.

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 are 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.

Thank you for submitting IID'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 pmataska@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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