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Mr. Kevin E. Kelley
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2014 Colorado River Diversion for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

Dear Mr. Kelley:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides IID with notice of my determination regarding IID's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2014.

By letter dated October 18, 2013, IID submitted a request to consumptively use up to 2,507,862 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 IID's water entitlement. Based upon a review of the calendar year 2014 diversion estimate provided by IID, 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 2,506,803 acre-feet of Colorado River water during calendar year 2014 for use in IID's service area. This consumptive use approval results in an estimated diversion of 2,607,017 acre-feet.

This approval incorporates IID's plan to create up to 25,000 acre-feet of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) in calendar year 2014, and IID's required reduction in consumptive use of Colorado River water in 2014 to meet its Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) payback obligation.

The table on the following page provides the details of the data used to develop IID's approved diversion for calendar year 2014.

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	(154,738)
Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS	(25,000)
Total Approved Consumptive Use	2,515,062
IID Consumptive Use met by the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	(8,259)
Total Approved Consumptive Use from the Colorado River	2,506,803
Estimated AAC Returns	100,214
Total Approved Diversion	2,607,017

¹All values in acre-feet.

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 IID's efforts to engage in discussions regarding this issue.

Thank you for submitting IID'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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