THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

*Office of the General Manager*

December 18, 2014

Mr. Paul Matuska
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Dear Mr. Matuska:

Request for Revision to Approved Diversions for Calendar Year 2014

The purpose of this letter is to request a modification to the calendar year 2014 diversion approval issued by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) by letter dated December 27, 2013, to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan). Reclamation's approval was for diversion of 549,763 acre-feet (AF) and consumptive use of 546,660 AF. Metropolitan requests Reclamation's approval to divert an additional 630,237 AF, as described herein, for a total of 1,180,000 AF. Enclosure 1 summarizes the components of this revised diversion request.

First, by draft letter received by Metropolitan on November 18, 2014, the Southern Nevada Water Authority (Authority) requested, subject to the availability of the water, that Metropolitan divert and store up to 65,000 AF of unused Nevada basic apportionment. Such diversion and storage would occur pursuant to the 2004 Storage and Interstate Release Agreement, and the 2012 Second Amended Operational Agreement among the Authority, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, and Metropolitan.

Second, due to changed conditions, Metropolitan requests the delivery of the amount of Extraordinary Conservation and System Efficiency Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS), necessary to avoid an overrun in calendar year 2014. Pursuant to the December 2007 Interim Guidelines, Metropolitan may take delivery of up to 400,000 AF of Extraordinary Conservation ICS. The estimated amount of ICS delivery shown in the enclosure is based on the accounting of the other additional sources of water described in this letter or summarized in Enclosure 1 and is subject to change. Once Reclamation has determined the amount of California's normal apportionment which was available to Metropolitan in 2014 following its compilation of records in accordance with Article V of the Consolidated Decree of the U.S. Supreme Court in Arizona v. California, Metropolitan will inform Reclamation of the distribution of its use of ICS between Extraordinary Conservation and System Efficiency.

Third, the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) may revise its 2014 water order by reducing its call of water from 20,000 AF to as little as zero AF to be made available in accordance with the 1989 Approval Agreement, as amended, among Imperial Irrigation District, Metropolitan, CVWD, and

Palo Verde Irrigation District. This revision would make an equal amount of this conserved water available to Metropolitan, which would result in the total amount of conserved water available to be up to 105,000 AF rather than the 85,000 AF shown in the enclosure. If CVWD does revise its water order, Metropolitan requests approval to divert this water.

Fourth, Reclamation's December 27 approval did not include a projection of unused Coachella Canal Lining Project (CCLP) mitigation water. In accordance with the 2003 Allocation Agreement, water conserved by the CCLP which is not used for mitigation purposes is to be made available to San Diego County Water Authority, and in accordance with the 2003 Exchange Agreement, Metropolitan takes delivery of such water at its Intake Pumping Plant at Lake Havasu. Therefore, Metropolitan requests approval of diversion of unused CCLP mitigation water should CVWD inform Reclamation that all of the mitigation water will not be used in its December 2014 mitigation water use report to Reclamation. For the purposes of calculating the amount of ICS which Metropolitan needs, Metropolitan has assumed that 2,400 AF of CCLP mitigation water will not be used for mitigation purposes.

Finally, Metropolitan notes Reclamation's December 27 approval of diversion of the unused California adjusted apportionment of Colorado River water to the extent such water becomes available.

Metropolitan understands that the actual final volumes of water available will be subject to verification and confirmation in Reclamation's end-of-year accounting. Please contact Mr. Tom Ryan at (213) 217-6140 if you would like to discuss this request.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

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Enclosure

Metropolitan's Revised Estimate of Diversions from the Colorado River for Calendar Year 2014

| Water Budget Item | Amount (acre-feet) |
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| Priority 4 | 550,000 |
| Imperial Irrigation District (IID)-Metropolitan Water Conservation Program | 85,000 |
| Coachella Canal Lining Project (Metropolitan Exchange with San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)) | 21,500 |
| Coachella Canal Lining Project (Supplemental Water) | 4,500 |
| Coachella Canal Lining Project (Unused Mitigation Water) | 2,400 |
| All-American Canal Lining Project (Metropolitan Exchange with SDCWA) | 56,200 |
| All-American Canal Lining Project (Supplemental Water) | 11,500 |
| IID Transfer to SDCWA (Metropolitan Exchange with SDCWA) | 100,000 |
| Priority 1, 2, and 3b Use Below 420,000 Acre-feet (Amount Influenced by Metropolitan Funded Palo Verde Irrigation District Forbearance and Fallowing Program)* | -68,000 |
| Unused Priority 3a* | 5,400 |
| Miscellaneous and Indian Present Perfected Rights Use* | -1,000 |
| Lower Colorado Water Supply Project** | 6,000 |
| Delivery of ICS | 338,500 |
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| Delivery of Unused Nevada Apportionment | 65,000 |
| **Total Consumptive Use** | **1,177,000** |
| Return Flow Credit | 3,000 |
| Diversion for Emergency Delivery for Tijuana | 0 |
| **Total Net Diversion*** ** | **1,180,000** |

* Based on Reclamation's November 20 forecast.
** Based on January through October Lower Colorado Water Supply Project discharge into the All-American Canal and Reclamation's November 20 forecast of use of Project water by others.
*** This estimate is based on November 20 conditions, and final accounting will be based on end of year conditions.