United States Department of the Interior

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
Lower Colorado Regional Office
P.O. Box 61470
Boulder City, NV 89006-1470

IN REPLY REFER TO:

LC-4212
WTR-4.03

DEC 31 2014

CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Frank Ferguson III
President
North Gila Valley Irrigation
and Drainage District
1405 West 16th Street, Suite A
Yuma, AZ 85364

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2015 Colorado River Diversion for the North Gila Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Ferguson:

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 2015.

The District is entitled to divert its equitable share of the quantity of Colorado River water available to satisfy consumptive use on lands within the Yuma Mesa Division (Division) of the Gila Project. This entitlement is in accordance with the District's contract with the United States and the Regional Director's final administrative determination, dated December 27, 2001, setting forth appropriate and equitable shares of the Division's Colorado River water entitlement among the North Gila Valley Irrigation and Drainage District, Yuma Irrigation District, and Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2015 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 41,000 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 for use in the District's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 10,099 AF for calendar year 2015. Nothing in this approval should be construed as authorizing the Division to exceed its annual consumptive use entitlement of 250,000 AF of Colorado River water.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2015, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast15.pdf.

It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona 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 the District's diversion estimate for calendar year 2015. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

Terrance J. Fulp, Ph.D.
Regional Director

cc: Ms. Tanya M. Trujillo
Executive Director
Colorado River Board of California
770 Fairmont Avenue, Suite 100
Glendale, CA 91203

Mr. Michael J. Lacey
Director
Arizona Department of Water Resources
3550 North Central Avenue 2nd Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Jayne Harkins, P.E.
Executive Director
Colorado River Commission of Nevada
555 East Washington Avenue, Suite 3100
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Mr. John Entsminger
General Manager
Southern Nevada Water Authority
1001 South Valley View Boulevard
Las Vegas, NV 89153

Mr. Rex Green
Manager
Yuma Irrigation District
9510 Avenue 7E
Yuma, AZ 85365

Mr. Patrick L. Morgan
Manager-Secretary
Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District
14329 South Fourth Avenue E
Yuma, AZ 85365

Mr. Wade Noble
Legal Counsel
North Gila Valley Irrigation
and Drainage District
1405 West 16th Street, Suite A
Yuma, AZ 85364