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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2015 Colorado River Diversion for the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)

Dear Mr. Barrett:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides CVWD with notice of my determination regarding CVWD's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2015.

By letter dated September 15, 2014, CVWD submitted a request to consumptively use up to 357,000 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water in calendar year 2015. The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies certain Colorado River water entitlements within the state of California, including CVWD's water entitlement. Based upon a review of CVWD's request, 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 357,000 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 for use in CVWD's service area. This consumptive use approval results in an estimated diversion of 371,671 AF of Colorado River water. The table below provides the details of the data used to develop CVWD's approved diversion for calendar year 2015.

Water Budget Item	Amount[1]
Priority 3a Consumptive Use Cap	330,000
Coachella Canal Lining Project (CCLP) Conserved Water	(30,850)
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	(3,000)
CCLP Conserved Water for Mitigation[2]	4,850
1988 Imperial Irrigation District (IID)/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Conservation Agreement	20,000
Intra-Priority Transfer to CVWD from IID (IID-CVWD Acquisition Agreement)	36,000
CRWDA Entitlement from the Colorado River for CVWD	357,000
MWD/CVWD State Water Project Water Exchange	0
Total Approved Consumptive Use	357,000
Estimated Returns	14,671
Total Approved Diversion	371,671

[1]All values in AF.
[2]Following CVWD's final mitigation water use report in December 2015, the District's approved diversion amount may be amended.

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 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 CVWD'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 or pmatuska@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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