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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2015 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 2015.

By letter dated October 6, 2014, IID submitted a request to consumptively use up to 2,602,481 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 IID's water entitlement. Based upon a review of the calendar year 2015 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 2,602,481 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 for use in IID's service area. This consumptive use approval results in an estimated diversion of 2,706,070 AF of Colorado River water. This approval incorporates IID's plan to create up to 25,000 AF of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) in calendar year 2015.

The table on the following page provides the details of the data used to develop IID's approved diversion for calendar year 2015.

<b>Water Budget Item</b>	<b>Amount<sup>1</sup></b>
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)	(36,000)
IID Transfer to San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)	(100,000)
IID Transfer to SDCWA for Salinity Management (Salton Sea Mitigation) <sup>2</sup>	(121,636)
Additional Conserved Water – Salton Sea 2010 Pre-delivery <sup>2</sup>	(23,273)
Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS	(25,000)
<b>Total Approved Consumptive Use</b>	<b>2,609,891</b>
IID Consumptive Use met by the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	(7,410)
<b>Total Approved Consumptive Use from the Colorado River</b>	<b>2,602,481</b>
Estimated AAC Returns	<b>103,589</b>
<b>Total Approved Diversion</b>	<b>2,706,070</b>

<sup>1</sup>All values in AF.

<sup>2</sup>In 2010, IID delivered 46,546 AF of Colorado River water to the Salton Sea with a stated intention to store the water for use for Salton Sea mitigation requirements in 2011 and half of 2012. IID did not conserve an equivalent amount of water in 2011 and 2012 for delivery to the Salton Sea resulting in a Colorado River system storage depletion of 46,546 AF. By letter dated June 28, 2013, IID committed to offset the 2010 early delivery by fallowing, and - pending board authorizations in the 2015-2016 fallowing programs - will fallow land to produce an additional 69,818 AF in 2015-2016, of which 23,272 AF will be delivered to the Salton Sea for mitigation purposes and the balance of 46,546 AF left in Lake Mead. For planning purposes, IID anticipates prorating the fallowing and delivery of this conservation equally over this two year period, but actual conservation and delivery may vary slightly according to actual circumstances.

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](http://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 IID's diversion estimate for 2015. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164 or [pmataska@usbr.gov](mailto:pmataska@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,



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