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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year 2015 Colorado River Diversion for the Palo Verde Irrigation District (District)

Dear Mr. Hyduke:

The Bureau of Reclamation received the District's letter dated August 3, 2015, revising the District's Colorado River water diversion estimate downward from its initial 2015 diversion estimate of 946,750 acre-feet (AF) to 874,000 AF. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's revised diversion estimate for the use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2015.

Water rights for lands located within the District are based on the California Seven-Party Agreement of 1931, which establishes a priority system for delivery of Colorado River water to California water districts. The District has a Priority 1 right to sufficient water to irrigate up to 104,500 acres of land located in the Palo Verde Valley and a Priority 3(b) right to irrigate up to 16,000 acres of land on the Palo Verde Mesa.

Based upon a review of the revised calendar year 2015 diversion estimate provided by the District, I approve the diversion of up to 874,000 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2015 for use in the District's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated calendar year 2015 consumptive use of 395,806 AF of Colorado River water.

Reclamation will continue to 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. These projections are available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's 2015 Forecasted Water Use website: www.usbr.gov/lc/regionlg4000/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 the District's revised 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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