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CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Toby Cotter  
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2355 Trane Road  
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Colorado River Diversion for Bullhead City (City)

Dear Mr. Cotter:

In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the City with notice of my determination regarding the City's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2016.

Under Contract No. 2-07-30-W0273, as amended, the City is entitled to divert up to 15,210 acre-feet (AF) per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water for use within the City's service area. Under two separate subcontracts with the Mohave County Water Authority, the City is also entitled to divert up to 9,139 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2016 diversion estimate provided by the City, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 12,720 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 for use in the City's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 8,523 AF.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 in an effort to ensure each entitlement holder's annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2016, these projections will be available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: [www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast16.pdf](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast16.pdf). It is expected that Arizona entitlement holders 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 City's diversion estimate for calendar year 2016. 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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