



September 15, 2015

Mr. Paul Matuska
Bureau of Reclamation
Lower Colorado Regional Office
P.O. Box 61470
Boulder City, NV 89006-1470

Subject: CAP 2016 Diversion Estimate

Dear Paul:

Listed below are the Central Arizona Project's (CAP's) monthly Colorado River diversion estimates, to be pumped through the Mark Wilmer (Havasu) Pumping Plant, for calendar year 2016:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Acre-Feet</u>
January	148,000
February	137,000
March	144,000
April	175,000
May	181,000
June	83,000
July	86,000
August	87,000
September	147,000
October	104,000
November	104,000
December	<u>104,000</u>
TOTAL	1,500,000



Mr. Paul Matuska
September 15, 2015
Page 2

As you may recall from last year, on December 10, 2014, CAP entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for Pilot Drought Response Actions (MOU) with Reclamation and others under which CAP committed to use its best efforts to create 345,000 acre-feet of Protection Volume in Lake Mead between 2014 and 2017. In addition, CAP entered into a Pilot System Conservation Agreement (PSCA) in July 2014 with Reclamation and other parties to conserve Colorado River water and protect elevations in Lake Mead and Lake Powell.

As a preliminary estimate for 2016, CAP intends to conserve no less than 103,000 acre-feet as part of the MOU commitment. The balance of our conservation activities implementing the MOU and PSCA will be determined as the year progresses and reflected in amended CAP diversion forecasts.

As it does every year, CAP intends to adjust pumping during 2016 to make full use of Arizona's apportionment unused by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders, contingent on operational decisions implementing the MOU and PSCA. In the event that Arizona's final 2016 use is below its 2.8 MAF apportionment, subject to the conservation programs mentioned above, CAP requests that any additional unused amount also be left in system storage.

To support the Part 417 Consultation process, copies of CAP 2014 annual reports will be forwarded to you. The reports provide current information that is pertinent to CAP's operating practices in the diversion, delivery, distribution and use of Colorado River water.

Sincerely,



Brian Henning, P.E.
Water Control Manager
Central Arizona Project

801.04.09.04

cc: Gerry Walker, ADWR
Leslie Meyers, USBR
Ted Cooke
Tom McCann