



November 9, 2016

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Subject: 2016 CAP Colorado River Diversion Forecast – Modification 3

Dear Dr. Fulp:

In December 2014, CAP entered into a Memo of Understanding for Pilot Drought Response Actions (MOU) 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 others to conserve Colorado River water and protect elevations in Lake Mead and Lake Powell.

On September 15, 2015, CAP notified Reclamation that it planned to divert 1.5 million acre-feet of Colorado River Water in 2016, conserving no less than 103,000 acre-feet in Lake Mead as part of CAP's MOU commitment.

On February 9, 2016, CAP reduced its planned 2016 diversions by an additional 13,933 acre-feet in recognition of the system conservation agreement that Reclamation entered into with the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation.

On July 21, 2016, CAP reduced its planned 2016 diversions by another 57,125 acre-feet, bringing the total volume that CAP planned to leave in Lake Mead to 174,058 acre-feet. Of those additional reductions, 25,265 acre-feet was attributable to the CAP Ag II Pilot System Conservation Program and 31,860 acre-feet was additional system conservation under the MOU.

By this letter, CAP is further amending its Colorado River diversion forecast to take into account two new Pilot System Conservation Agreements, one with the Tohono O'odham Nation (9,817 acre-feet) and another with the Gila River Indian Community (10,000 acre-feet). Including these latest agreements, CAP is now planning to leave at least 193,875 acre-feet in Lake Mead in 2016, of which 134,860 acre-feet is Protection Volume under the MOU.

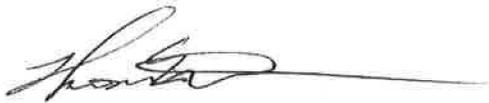
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As it does every year, CAP intends to adjust its pumping during 2016 to divert Arizona apportionment that is unused by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders, subject to the reductions described above and the System Conservation Implementation Agreement that CAWCD and Reclamation entered into on August 23, 2016, to implement the Colorado River Indian Tribes Pilot System Conservation Agreement. In the event that Arizona's unused apportionment exceeds the 193,875 acre-feet outlined above plus whatever is conserved under the CRIT agreement, CAP requests that the additional unused amount also be treated as Protection Volume. To achieve the purposes of the MOU and PSCA, the water that CAP intentionally leaves in Lake Mead must be retained in storage as system water.

CAP requests approval to adjust pumping to conform to the plan outlined above.

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me or Patrick Dent at 623-869-2581.

Sincerely,



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