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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2016 Colorado River Diversion for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (District)

Dear Mr. Cooke:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's letter dated July 21, 2016, revising the District's Colorado River water diversion estimate for CY 2016. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's revised diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2016.

By letter dated September 15, 2015, the District notified Reclamation of its intent to conserve no less than 103,000 acre-feet (AF) of Protection Volume in CY 2016 as part of its commitment under the 2014 Memorandum of Understanding for Pilot Drought Response Actions (MOU). The District's July 21, 2016 letter revises the amount of MOU Reservoir Protection Volume the District intends to create in CY 2016 to 134,860 AF.

Additionally, the District's revised diversion estimate incorporates 25,265 AF of System Conservation Water the District agreed to conserve in CY 2016 under the Pilot System Conservation Program. In accordance with System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 15-XX-30-W0602 between Reclamation and the District dated March 17, 2016, the District will forbear from remarketing 25,265 AF of Central Arizona Project (CAP) water within the CAP service area for delivery in CY 2016. The System Conservation Water created by the District will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage.

Under Contract No. 14-06-W-245, as amended and supplemented, the District is entitled to divert the balance of Arizona's 2.8 million AF basic apportionment not consumed by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders. Of Arizona's Colorado River basic apportionment of 2.8 million AF, it is estimated that 1,389,665 AF will be available for diversion by the District in CY 2016. Based upon the revised estimate of diversions submitted by the District, I approve the diversion of up to 1,389,665 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2016 for use in the District's service area. As in recent years, I also approve the District to divert unused Arizona adjusted apportionment of Colorado River water as reflected on Reclamation's website to the extent such water becomes available.

This approval incorporates the District's estimate to conserve 134,860 AF of Protection Volume as part of the District's commitment under the MOU. Pursuant to Section III.D of the MOU, Reclamation will work

with the District and the other MOU participants to identify and track achievement of Protection Volume goals.

This approval also incorporates a 13,933 AF reduction to the amount of Colorado River water available to the District for water to be conserved by the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation (Nation). In accordance with Drought Response Agreement No. 15-XX-30-W0598 between Reclamation and the Nation, the Nation agreed to forego delivery of 13,933 AF of the Nation's CAP water entitlement in CY 2016. Reclamation intends to apply this water toward its Protection Volume commitment under the MOU. In accordance with Letter Agreement No. 15-XX-30-W0599 between Reclamation and District, by letter dated February 9, 2016, the District amended its 2016 Colorado River water order with Reclamation to not request delivery of the 13,933 AF of water, allowing such volume to remain in Lake Mead. Reclamation approved the District's revised water order by letter dated March 28, 2016.

The approval is subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The data on Reclamation's website are provisional until final records are issued. Any diversions made as a result of the values on the website are at the District's own risk.
- (2) All available Colorado River water within Arizona has been approved for beneficial use within the state. In cases where approvals to higher priority entitlement holders are less than their Colorado River entitlements, the approvals may be increased to their full entitlements.
- (3) Final accounting records published by Reclamation may differ from the provisional data on the website. Adjustments to the final records may result in an inadvertent overrun by the District.
- (4) The District will be required to pay back any overrun according to the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy.
- (5) Reclamation may at any time rescind this approval to divert unused Arizona apportionment of Colorado River water.

Reclamation continues to monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2016 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 website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona 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 CY 2016. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164 or pmataska@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,



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