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Subject: 2016 CAP Colorado River Diversion Forecast-Modification 2 (Amended)

Dear Dr. Fulp:

On September 15, 2015, CAP notified Reclamation that it planned to divert 1.5 million acre-feet of Colorado River Water in 2016. In December of 2014, CAP entered into a Memo 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 others to conserve Colorado River water and protect elevations in Lake Mead and Lake Powell.

By this letter, CAP is informing Reclamation that it intends to create 134,860 acre-feet of Protection Volume under the MOU in 2016 and is amending its Colorado River diversion forecast, accordingly. CAP plans to reduce diversions in 2016 in accordance with the following conservation activities:

Program or Activity Type	Volume Intentionally Left in Lake Mead
CAP MOU – Reservoir Protection Volumes	134,860
Pilot System Conservation Program – CAP Ag II Program	25,265
Reclamation System Conservation Program – FMYN System Conservation	13,933
Total (AF)	174,058

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In 2016, CAP is continuing to work on Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) programs and additional correspondence will follow regarding those efforts. We anticipate submission in the coming weeks for ICS activities in 2015 consistent with the approach and commitments in the MOU.

To achieve the purposes of the MOU and PSCA, the volume that CAP intentionally leaves in Lake Mead must be retained in storage as system water.

As it does every year, CAP intends to adjust its pumping during 2016 to divert Arizona's apportionment unused by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders, subject to the Protection Volume plans outlined above. In the event that Arizona's final 2016 use is less than the 2.626 million acre-feet (2.8 MAF minus the planned Protection Volume), CAP requests that the additional unused amount also be left in system storage and treated as Protection Volume.

CAP requests approval to adjust pumping to conform to the conservation goals 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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