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Mr. Michael Mullion  
President  
Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District  
Route 2, Box 2  
Cibola, AZ 85328-9700

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Colorado River Diversion for the Cibola Valley  
Irrigation and Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Mullion:

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 proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for calendar year 2016.

Under Contract No. 2-07-30-W0028, as amended, the District is entitled to divert up to 9,126 acre-feet (AF) per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water, of which 300 AF may be used for domestic use. Under this same contract, the District is also entitled to divert up to 1,500 AF per year of Arizona fifth priority and up to 2,000 AF per year of Arizona sixth priority Colorado River.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2016 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 10,600 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 for use within the District's contract service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 7,578 AF for calendar year 2016.

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 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 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 [pmatuska@usbr.gov](mailto:pmatuska@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Thomas Buschatzke  
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Mr. Michael Schlehuber  
CEO  
GSC Farm, LLC  
3550 North Central Avenue, Suite 1115  
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Colorado River Diversion for GSC Farm, LLC (GSC)

Dear Mr. Schlehuber:

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

Under Contract No. 13-XX-30-W0571, as amended, GSC is entitled to divert up to 2,913.3 acre-feet (AF) per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2016 diversion estimate provided by GSC, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 2,913.3 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 for use within GSC's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 2,086 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 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 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 GSC'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).

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Honorable Herman G. Honanie  
Chairman  
Hopi Tribal Council  
P.O. Box 123  
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039-0123

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Colorado River Diversion for the Hopi Tribe (Tribe)

Dear Chairman Honanie:

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

Under Contract No. 04-XX-30-W0432, as amended, the Tribe is entitled to divert up to 4,278 acre-feet (AF) per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water, up to 750 AF per year of Arizona fifth priority Colorado River water, and up to 1,000 AF per year of Arizona sixth priority Colorado River water.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2016 diversion estimate provided by the Tribe, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 4,900 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 for use within the Tribe's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 3,505 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 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 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 Tribe'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).

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Mr. Charles Sherrill  
Chairman  
Mohave County Water Authority  
c/o Ms. Maureen Rose George P.C.  
2000 McCulloch Boulevard North, Suite B  
Lake Havasu City, NV 86403

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Colorado River Diversion for the Mohave County  
Water Authority (Authority)

Dear Mr. Sherrill:

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

Under Contract No. 04-XX-30-W0431, as amended, the Authority is entitled to divert up to 4,278 acre-feet (AF) per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2016 diversion estimate provided by the Authority, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 2,074 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 for use within the Authority's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 1,485 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 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 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 Authority'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).

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Habitat Branch Chief  
Arizona Game and Fish Commission  
5000 West Carefree Highway  
Phoenix, AZ 85085

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Colorado River Diversion for the Arizona Game and Fish Commission (AZGFC)

Dear Ms. Frances:

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

Under Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0509, as amended, AZGFC is entitled to divert up to 2,838 acre-feet (AF) per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water, up to 750 AF per year of Arizona fifth priority Colorado River water, and up to 1,000 AF per year of Arizona sixth priority Colorado River water.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2016 diversion estimate provided by AZGFC, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 3,588 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 for use within AZGFC's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 2,564 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 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 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 AZGFC'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 pmatuska@usbr.gov.

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