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CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Robert Dunn  
Manager  
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Colorado River Diversion for Gila Monster Farms  
(Farm)

Dear Mr. Dunn:

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

Under Contract No. 6-07-30-W0337, the Farm is entitled to divert up to 9,156 acre-feet (AF) per year of Colorado River water for use on the Farm's deeded land. Specifically, the Farm is entitled to divert:

1. 780 AF of Arizona first priority Colorado River water (Present Perfected Right No. 16).
2. 6,285 AF of Arizona third priority Colorado River water.
3. 1,435 AF of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water.
4. 656 AF of Arizona fifth priority Colorado River water.

Based upon a review of the calendar year 2016 diversion estimate provided by the Farm, and the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, I approve the diversion of up to 9,156 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 for use on the Farm's deeded land. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 5,271 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 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 Farm'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).

Sincerely,



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