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Mr. Bryan Knight
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Colorado River Diversion for the Unit B Irrigation and Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Knight:

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.

Water rights for lands within the District are based on water right certificates which provide for delivery of the quantity of water which can be beneficially used for irrigation of individual lands covered by the water right certificate.

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 29,800 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 for use in the District's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 21,037 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. 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.

Sincerely,



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