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Subject: Receipt of Calendar Year 2016 Tribal Diversion Approval from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

Dear Mr. Bowker:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received BIA's memorandum dated November 23, 2015, through which BIA provided its formal determination of calendar year 2016 Colorado River diversions for the Fort Mojave, Colorado River, Cocopah, Chemehuevi, and Fort Yuma (Quechan) Indian Tribes (Tribes). In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides BIA with notice that Reclamation has no comments or objections to BIA's determination. The determination made by BIA is reflected in the table below.

	Tribe	2016 Estimated Diversion (Acre-Feet)	Annual Diversion Entitlement (Acre-Feet)
Arizona	Fort Mojave	88,500	103,535
	Colorado River	662,402	662,402
	Cocopah	8,960	11,518 ¹
	Quechan	2,140	6,350
California	Fort Mojave	16,720	16,720
	Colorado River	5,362	56,846
	Chemehuevi	11,340	11,340
	Quechan	53,560	71,616
Nevada	Fort Mojave	5,800	12,534

¹As shown here, the Cocopah Indian Tribe's diversion entitlement includes an estimated entitlement for use on the Cocopah Indian Tribe's Fee land parcel located within a portion of the area described in Present Perfected Right No. 7. The amount of this entitlement is currently under review.

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. It is expected that the Tribes will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

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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