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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2016 Colorado River Diversion for the Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

Dear Mr. Kelley:

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

By letter dated September 15, 2015, IID submitted a request to consumptively use up to 2,612,400 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water in calendar year 2016. The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies certain Colorado River water entitlements within the state of California, including IID's water entitlement. Based upon a review of the calendar year 2016 diversion estimate provided by IID, the information gathered during the Bureau of Reclamation's annual Part 417 consultation process, and the terms of the CRWDA, I approve the consumptive use of up to 2,612,400 AF of Colorado River water during calendar year 2016 for use in IID's service area. This consumptive use approval results in an estimated diversion of 2,727,875 AF of Colorado River water.

This approval incorporates IID's plan to create up to 25,000 AF of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) in calendar year 2016 for storage in Lake Mead. Reclamation approved IID's 2016 ICS Plan of Creation by letter dated September 10, 2015. This approval does not include delivery of ICS in 2016. Should IID elect to take delivery of ICS during calendar year 2016, IID is required to submit to Reclamation a revised diversion request indicating the amount of ICS IID will take.

The table below provides the factors used to develop IID's approved diversion for calendar year 2016.

Water Budget Item	Amount¹
Priority 3 Consumptive Use Cap	3,100,000
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others	(11,500)
1988 IID/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Conservation Agreement	(105,000)
All-American Canal (AAC) Lining Project Conserved Water	(67,700)
Intra-Priority Transfer to Coachella Valley Water District	(41,000)
IID Transfer to San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)	(100,000)
IID Transfer to SDCWA for Salinity Management (Salton Sea Mitigation)	(130,000)
Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS	(25,000)
Total Approved Consumptive Use	2,619,800
IID Consumptive Use met by the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	(7,400)
Total Approved Consumptive Use from the Colorado River	2,612,400
Estimated AAC Returns	115,475
Total Approved Diversion	2,727,875

¹All values in AF.

Reclamation notes that IID's 2016 consumptive use estimate does not include conservation to meet IID's previous commitment to offset the depletion to Colorado River system storage resulting from the 2010 pre-deliveries to the Salton Sea that were not the result of conservation. IID proposed to complete this conservation no later than December 31, 2016. This matter remains under discussion between Reclamation and IID.

Reclamation will continue to 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. These projections are available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of California 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 IID's consumptive use estimate for 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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