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Subject: Central Arizona Project (CAP) 2023 Diversion Modification 2

Dear Ms. Gould,

On September 29, 2022, Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) notified Reclamation of its estimated 2023 diversion of Colorado River water of 1,153,600 acre-feet (AF). The estimated diversion accounted for Arizona's Tier 2a Reduction of 400,000 AF; and per the 2019 Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), an additional mandatory contribution of 192,000 AF, estimated water orders, existing conservation agreements, and CAWCD Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) withdrawal. In addition, CAWCD provided CAP Diversion Modification #1 on June 15, 2023, to increase CAP's water diversion to 1,155,633 AF to include 2,033 AF for the Town of Queen Creek pursuant to the Reclamation wheeling contract 20-XX-30-W0691.

On January 24, 2023, CAWCD finalized its plans and published its Annual Operating Plan (AOP) resulting in a planned 2023 diversion of 1,164,764 AF including a release of up to 80,528 acre-feet of CAWCD ICS. The diversion reflects all finalized CAP water orders, and existing conservation agreements known at the time, as with conservation activities, reflected in the table below. This modification adjusts CAP's water order to 1,166,797 AF to accommodate the planned diversion in CAP's published AOP as well as CAP's Diversion Modification #1.

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2022 Forbearance and Reductions to CAP Diversion	Per Letter Agreement #	Amount (AF)
System Conservation Water –City of Bullhead (City)	15-xx-30-W0588	400 ¹
242 Wellfield Expansion	16-XX-30-W0603	25,000
System Conservation Water – Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (MVIDD)	20-XX-30-W0725	9,000 ²
System Conservation Water – Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District (YMIDD)	22-XX-30-W0728	22,000 ²
Subtotal On-River Forbearance		56,400
Subtotal CAP Water User Forbearance		0
Subtotal Reduction for CAP DCP Contribution		192,000
Total		248,400

¹ These figures are estimates of program system conservation. Final amounts will be verified according to provisions in each System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA).

² These agreements were applicable at the time when CAP published its AOP.

As you and your staff are aware, conservation agreements associated with Reclamation's Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program Bucket 1a and 1b solicitations are in various stages of completion as of the date of this letter. CAWCD anticipates additional modifications to its water order as agreements are developed and finalized.

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me or Don Crandall at 623-869-2457.

Regards,

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Subject: Central Arizona Project (CAP) 2023 Diversion Modification #3

Dear Ms. Gould,

On September 29, 2022, Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) notified Reclamation of its estimated 2023 Colorado River water diversion of 1,153,600 acre-feet (AF). The estimated diversion accounted for Arizona’s Tier 2a Reduction of 400,000 AF; and per the 2019 Drought Contingency Plan (DCP), an additional mandatory contribution of 192,000 AF, estimated water orders, existing conservation agreements, and CAWCD Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) withdrawal. In addition, CAWCD provided the following letters:

- CAP Diversion Modification #1 on June 15, 2023, to increase CAP’s water diversion to 1,155,633 AF to include 2,033 AF for the Town of Queen Creek pursuant to the Reclamation wheeling contract 20-XX-30-W0691.
- CAP Diversion Modification #2 on July 27, 2023, to increase CAP’s water diversion to 1,166,797 AF to accommodate the planned diversion in CAP’s published AOP as well as CAP’s Diversion Modification #1.

This modification incorporates a reduction in CAP’s diversion of 41,776 AF of Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) withdrawal resulting from CAP subcontractor participation in the 2023 CAWCD/ADWR ICS Preservation Program and a reduction of 246,652 AF in CAP’s diversion resulting from system conservation agreements developed pursuant to the Lower Colorado River Basin System Conservation and Efficiency Program. After consideration of these reductions, CAP’s revised diversion estimate is 855,094 AF. This diversion letter also acknowledges the additional System Conservation Implementation Agreements between Reclamation and MVIDD, YMIDD, Gabrych, Cathcarts, and CVIDD.

2023 Forbearance and Reductions to CAP Diversion	Per Letter Agreement #	Amount (AF)
System Conservation Water – City of Bullhead (City)	15-XX-30-W0588	400 ¹

2023 Forbearance and Reductions to CAP Diversion	Per Letter Agreement #	Amount (AF)
242 Wellfield Expansion	16-XX-30-W0603	25,000
System Conservation Water – Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (MVIDD)	23-XX-30-W0770	12,819
System Conservation Water – Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District (YMIDD)	23-XX-30-W0769	23,197
System Conservation Water – Gabrych	23-XX-30-W0774	3,240
System Conservation Water - Cathcarts	23-XX-30-W0776	60.5
System Conservation Water – Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (CVIDD)	23-XX-30-W0771	2,700
Subtotal On-River Forbearance		67,417
ICS Preservation - Apache Junction Domestic Water Improvement District	23-XX-30-W0784	999
ICS Preservation - Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District	23-XX-30-W0785	10,639
ICS Preservation - EPCOR	23-XX-30-W0786	12,772
ICS Preservation - City of Mesa	23-XX-30-W0787	1,300
ICS Preservation - Town of Queen Creek	23-XX-30-W0788	3,617
ICS Preservation - Copper World	23-XX-30-W0789	843
ICS Preservation - City of Scottsdale	23-XX-30-W0790	2,479
ICS Preservation - Salt River Project	23-XX-30-W0791	1,620
ICS Preservation - City of Surprise	23-XX-30-W0792	3,249
ICS Preservation - Freeport	23-XX-30-W0793	4,258
Subtotal ICS Preservation		41,776
System Conservation - City of Glendale	23-XX-30-W0778	7,000
System Conservation - City of Peoria	23-XX-30-W0753	7,200
System Conservation - City of Phoenix	23-XX-30-W0754	50,000
System Conservation - City of Scottsdale	23-XX-30-W0755	7,000
System Conservation - Town of Gilbert	23-XX-30-W0759	1,200
System Conservation - Metropolitan Domestic Water Improvement District	23-XX-30-W0757	5,000
System Conservation - ASARCO LLC	23-XX-30-W0752	14,000
System Conservation - City of Tucson	23-XX-30-W0756	50,000
2023 Forbearance and Reductions to CAP Diversion	Per Letter Agreement #	Amount (AF)
System Conservation - San Carlos Apache Tribe	23-XX-30-W0765	23,275
System Conservation - Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation	23-XX-30-W0750	13,933
System Conservation - Gila River Indian Community	23-XX-30-W0760	91,319
Subtotal System Conservation		269,927

2023 Forbearance and Reductions to CAP Diversion	Per Letter Agreement #	Amount (AF)
Subtotal CAP Water User Forbearance		311,703
Reduction for CAP DCP Contribution		192,000
Reduction for the 2007 Guidelines		400,000
Total		971,120

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Should there remain an excess to the total state apportionment after the final accounting, CAWCD requests that this excess be accounted to CAWCD prior to the delivery of CAWCD ICS. Conversely, CAWCD requests that Reclamation use up to 50,000 AF of CAWCD ICS to address any exceedance of diversions to the volume available to CAWCD under the adjusted state apportionment. Should the final accounting reveal that 50,000 AF is insufficient to accommodate CAWCD's diversion without creating an inadvertent over-run, CAWCD requests that Reclamation consults with CAWCD to identify measures to address such an overrun.

CAWCD will continue to coordinate with Reclamation and make additional adjustments to its water order should any new conservation developments occur through the end of the year.

If you have any questions or require additional information, feel free to contact me or Don Crandall at 623-869-2457.

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