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Subject: Schedule of Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Colorado River Water Deliveries to Mexico  
(Delivery Schedule 3 Dated February 10, 2023)

Dear Principal Engineer Canava:

The Bureau of Reclamation received the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission's (USIBWC) letter dated March 15, 2023, informing Reclamation of Mexico's extraordinary request to modify its CY 2023 schedule for Colorado River water deliveries. The requested modification calls for a decrease in requested deliveries by 5,222,880 cubic meters (CM) (4,234 acre-feet [AF]) during the month of March with a corresponding increase in the month of September by the same volume. The requested modification also reflects the final volume for diversions at Parker Dam to effect emergency deliveries to Tijuana, Baja California for the month of January as well as the anticipated delivery volume for the month of February in accordance with Minute 327.<sup>1</sup> The final charged volume for January is 717,276 CM (582 AF) and for February the updated anticipated volume is 912,410 CM (740 AF).<sup>2</sup>

Reclamation has reviewed Mexico's requested modification and confirms it is able to execute the requested deliveries according to Delivery Schedule 3 provided by the USIBWC. The enclosed schedule reflects the monthly deliveries in Delivery Schedule 3, converted to AF as used in Reclamation's daily water use forecast.

Pursuant to Article 15.F of the Treaty between the United States of America and Mexico, Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande, dated February 3, 1944 (Mexican Water Treaty), Mexico shall have the right, upon 30-days' notice in advance, to modify its monthly delivery quantity subject to certain identified limitations regarding rates of deliveries and total quantities set forth in the Mexican Water Treaty.

<sup>1</sup> Referring to *Emergency Deliveries of Colorado River Waters for Use in the City of Tijuana, Baja California* dated January 28, 2022 (Minute 327).

<sup>2</sup> Volumes shown includes applicable conveyance loss charge in accordance with Minute 327.

Reclamation notes that Mexico's requested modification did not meet the 30-day advance notice requirement articulated in Article 15.F. Please note that, while we were able to accommodate Mexico's requested modification without adversely affecting U.S. operations, future requests to modify Mexico's monthly delivery quantity will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to ensure compliance with the Mexican Water Treaty and any applicable Minutes thereto.

Reclamation appreciates USIBWC's cooperation and assistance in planning river operations and in addressing issues associated with management of the Colorado River and will continue to advise USIBWC regarding Colorado River operations as they proceed through CY 2023. Should you have questions, please contact Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or [jdodds@usbr.gov](mailto:jdodds@usbr.gov). Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunication relay services.

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**Calendar Year 2023 Colorado River Water Deliveries for Mexico  
Delivery Schedule 3 dated February 10, 2023**

Month	Mexico's Requested Deliveries at Northerly International Boundary <sup>a</sup>		Mexico's Requested Deliveries at Land Boundary near San Luis, Sonora		Diversion at Parker Dam to Effect Tijuana Emergency Deliveries in Accordance with Minute 327 <sup>b</sup>		Total Delivery to Mexico (Col. 1+2+3)		Creation of Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings That Contribute to the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan in Accordance with Minute 323 <sup>c</sup> and the 2019 and the 2021 Joint Reports <sup>d</sup>		Water Deferred for Creation of Mexico's Water Reserve in Accordance with Minute 323 <sup>e</sup>		Deliveries from Mexico's Water Reserve in Accordance with Minute 323 <sup>f</sup>		Total Delivery to Mexico in Satisfaction of Treaty Requirements <sup>g</sup> (Col. 4+5+6-7)	
	AF	CM	AF	CM	AF	CM	AF	CM	AF	CM	AF	CM	AF	CM	AF	CM
January <sup>1,2</sup>	102,395	126,303,166.000	11,891	14,666,918.400	582	717,276.000	114,867	141,687,360.400	0	0.000	11,208	13,825,067.000	0	0.000	126,075	155,512,427.400
February <sup>1,2</sup>	118,160	145,749,171.000	10,740	13,247,539.200	740	912,410.000	129,640	159,909,120.200	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	129,640	159,909,120.200
March <sup>2</sup>	151,942	187,418,362.000	11,891	14,666,918.400	0	0.000	163,832	202,085,280.400	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	163,832	202,085,280.400
April	144,424	178,145,401.000	11,507	14,193,792.000	410	505,607.000	156,341	192,844,800.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	156,341	192,844,800.000
May	109,081	134,550,035.000	11,891	14,666,918.400	410	505,607.000	121,381	149,722,560.400	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	121,381	149,722,560.400
June	116,161	143,283,001.000	11,507	14,193,792.000	410	505,607.000	128,078	157,982,400.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	128,078	157,982,400.000
July	117,875	145,397,555.000	11,891	14,666,918.400	410	505,607.000	130,176	160,570,080.400	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	130,176	160,570,080.400
August	90,733	111,917,555.000	11,891	14,666,918.400	410	505,607.000	103,033	127,090,080.400	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	103,033	127,090,080.400
September <sup>1</sup>	88,876	109,638,014.000	11,506	14,191,658.000	410	505,607.000	100,792	124,325,277.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	100,792	124,325,277.000
October	86,254	89,388,866.000	11,891	14,666,918.400	0	0.000	88,145	84,055,784.400	34,000	41,938,626.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	102,145	125,994,410.400
November	72,696	89,670,208.000	11,507	14,193,792.000	0	0.000	84,203	103,864,000.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	84,203	103,864,000.000
December	72,414	89,322,415.000	11,891	14,666,918.400	0	0.000	84,305	103,989,333.400	0	0.000	0	0.000	0	0.000	84,305	103,989,333.400
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,241,011</b>	<b>1,530,773,749.000</b>	<b>140,000</b>	<b>172,689,000.000</b>	<b>3,781</b>	<b>4,663,328.000</b>	<b>1,384,792</b>	<b>1,708,126,077.000</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>41,938,626.000</b>	<b>11,208</b>	<b>13,825,067.000</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>1,430,000</b>	<b>1,763,889,770.000</b>

AF = Acre-Feet CM = Cubic Meters Annual totals may differ from the sum of the displayed monthly values due to rounding and conversion from CM to AF.

a/ Volumes include deliveries from Mexico's Water Reserve as shown in Column 7.

b/ Referring to "Emergency Deliveries of Colorado River Waters for Use in the City of Tijuana, Baja California", dated January 28, 2022 (Minute 327), applicable through January 27, 2027.

c/ Referring to "Extension of Cooperative Measures and Adoption of a Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan in the Colorado River Basin" dated September 21, 2017 (Minute 323).

d/ Referring to "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers with the Implementing Details of the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan in the Colorado River Basin" dated July 11, 2019 (2019 Joint Report) and "Joint Report of the Principal Engineers with the Operational Provisions Applicable to Water for the Environment Stipulated in Minute 323" dated December 16, 2021 (2021 Joint Report).

e/ Volumes shown are included in "Mexico's Requested Delivery at Northerly International Boundary" (Column 1).

f/ In accordance with Section III.A of Minute 323, Mexico's scheduled deliveries incorporate the required reduction of 70,000 AF (86 million CM) from its 1.5 million AF (1,850,234 million CM) Colorado River water allotment.

g/ "Total Delivery to Mexico in Satisfaction of Treaty Requirements" adds in Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings creation and subtracts out Mexico's Water Reserve and Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings delivery, as applicable.

1/ Delivery Schedule 2 dated January 2, 2023, transmitted via email dated January 2, 2023. Schedule formally transmitted via letter dated February 2, 2023.

2/ Delivery Schedule 3 dated February 10, 2023, transmitted via email dated February 10, 2023. Schedule formally transmitted via letter dated March 15, 2023.