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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Colorado River Water Order – Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (CVIDD)

Dear Mr. Mullion:

The Bureau of Reclamation received CVIDD's revised CY 2024 Colorado River water order, in which CVIDD requests approval to divert up to 4,136.76 acre-feet (AF). In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides CVIDD with notice of my determination regarding CVIDD's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2024.

Pursuant to Contract No. 2-07-30-W0028, as amended (Contract), CVIDD is entitled to divert up to 7,442.52 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water, of which up to 300 AF may be used for domestic use. Pursuant to this same Contract, CVIDD is also entitled to divert up to 1,500 AF per year of Arizona fifth priority and up to 2,000 AF per year of Arizona sixth priority Colorado River water.

On July 5, 2023, CVIDD and Reclamation executed System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 23-XX-30-W0771 (SCIA),¹ in which CVIDD agreed to forego irrigation water deliveries and fallow acres of irrigated farmland to create System Conservation Water, which will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage. In accordance with the SCIA, CVIDD's revised diversion request of 4,136.76 AF is the maximum volume of water CVIDD may divert in CY 2024 (Diversion Limitation).

Based upon the Shortage Condition determination in effect for CY 2024 and a review of the revised CY 2024 diversion estimate provided by CVIDD, I approve the diversion of up to 4,136.76 AF of Colorado River water by CVIDD during CY 2024 for use within CVIDD's service area, of which up to 300 AF may be used for domestic purposes. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 2,958 AF.

¹ Referring to the *System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA) Between the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Cibola Valley Irrigation and Drainage District to Implement the Lower Colorado Conservation and Efficiency Program (LC Conservation Program)*.

Reclamation would like to highlight that, in accordance with the *Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy*,² **accumulations of inadvertent overruns are not permitted in CY 2024 and are suspended as long as a Shortage Condition is in effect.** To assist entitlement holders in monitoring their Colorado River water use to ensure they remain within available quantities, Reclamation will continue to monitor and project CY 2024 diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2024 and will make these projections available daily on Reclamation's website.³ Reclamation encourages Colorado River water entitlement holders to use the projections to adjust diversions to remain within their Reclamation-approved annual Colorado River water order.

Thank you for submitting CVIDD's revised CY 2024 Colorado River water order. Should you have questions, please contact Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or 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.

Sincerely,

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² Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/IOPP.pdf>.

³ Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf>.