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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Colorado River Water Diversion – Lake Havasu City (LHC)

Dear Mr. Knudson:

The Bureau of Reclamation received LHC's revised CY 2024 Colorado River water diversion estimate which increases LHC's requested diversion from 14,600 acre-feet (AF) to 16,130 AF. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides LHC with notice of my determination regarding LHC's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2024.

Pursuant to Contract No. 3-07-30-W0039, as amended, LHC is entitled to divert up to 19,192.7 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water and an unspecified amount of Arizona fifth and/or sixth priority Colorado River water for use within LHC's service area. Pursuant to two separate subcontracts with the Mohave County Water Authority, LHC is also entitled to divert up to 9,389 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water. LHC's fifth and/or sixth priority entitlements are not available for diversion in CY 2024 due to the Tier 1 Shortage Condition that is in effect.

Based upon the Tier 1 Shortage Condition and a review of the revised CY 2024 diversion estimate provided by LHC, I approve the diversion of up to 16,130 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2024 for use in LHC's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 10,002 AF.

Reclamation would like to highlight that, in accordance with the *Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy*,<sup>1</sup> **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 project CY 2024 diversions and consumptive use of Colorado

<sup>1</sup> Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/IOPP.pdf>.

River water during CY 2024 and will make these projections available daily on Reclamation's website.<sup>2</sup> 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 LHC's revised diversion estimate for CY 2024. 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.

Sincerely,

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