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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2025 Colorado River Water Diversion –
Mohave Valley Irrigation and Drainage District (MVIDD)

Dear Mr. Sherrill:

The Bureau of Reclamation received MVIDD's revised CY 2025 Colorado River water diversion estimate in which MVIDD requests approval to divert up to 22,229 acre-feet (AF) in CY 2025. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides MVIDD with notice of my determination regarding MVIDD's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2025.

Pursuant to Contract No. 14-06-W-204, as amended, MVIDD is entitled to divert up to 41,000 AF per year of Colorado River water for use in MVIDD's contract service area including those lands having a Present Perfected Right (PPR) to Colorado River water. Additionally, pursuant to a subcontract with the Mohave County Water Authority (MCWA), MVIDD is entitled to divert up to 1,250 AF per year of Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water.

On August 16, 2023, MVIDD and Reclamation executed System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 23-XX-30-W0770 (SCIA),¹ in which MVIDD agreed to forego irrigation water deliveries and fallow acres of irrigated farmland to create System Conservation Water. In accordance with Section 5.8.1 and Section 5.8.5 of the SCIA, MVIDD's Colorado River water order incorporates a diversion of up to 11,547 AF in CY 2025 for agricultural irrigation, which is the maximum volume of water MVIDD may divert in CY 2025 for such purpose (Agricultural Diversion Limitation) pursuant to the SCIA and MVIDD's *Plan for the Creation of Colorado River Lower Basin System Conservation Water During Calendar Year 2025*.²

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

² Revised December 20, 2024.

Based upon a review of the revised CY 2025 diversion estimate provided by MVIDD and the terms of the SCIA, I approve the diversion of up to 22,229 AF³ of Colorado River water during CY 2025 for use in MVIDD's service area, including those lands having the PPR. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 12,004 AF.

Reclamation would like to highlight that, in accordance with the *Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy*,⁴ **accumulations of inadvertent overruns are not permitted in CY 2025 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 2025 diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2025 and will make these projections available daily on Reclamation's website⁵. 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 MVIDD's revised diversion estimate for CY 2025. Should you have questions, please contact Kerim Dickson, Water Accounting and Verification Group Team Lead, at (702) 293-8574 or kdickson@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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³ This approved diversion amount includes up to 20,979 AF under MVIDD's Contract No. 14-06-W-204 and up to 1,250 AF under MVIDD's subcontract with MCWA.

⁴ Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/IOPP.pdf>.

⁵ Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf>.

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