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In Reply Refer to
Office of Irrigation and Utility Services

Honorable Amelia Flores
Chairwoman, Colorado River Indian Tribes
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Dear Chairperson Flores:

On December 4, 2025 an e-mail was sent from Holly Roberson (legal counsel, Colorado River Indian Tribes [CRIT]) to Mr. Jonathan Cody (Irrigation Engineer, Office of Irrigation and Utility Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs [BIA]). A revised CRIT Calendar Year 2026 Colorado River water order table was attached to the e-mail. A copy of the e-mail and the water order table are enclosed. The e-mail requested that the revised water order table be used in lieu of the water order table previously submitted by CRIT. The revised water order is consistent with the anticipated increased water use by CRIT in California, as discussed during the virtual 43 CFR Part 417 consultation meeting held on November 21, 2025.

I acknowledge the request to modify the previously approved CRIT Colorado River water order. In accordance with the request, I have revised the 2026 water order of CRIT as shown in Table 2. Except for minor rounding differences, the revised water order matches that submitted by CRIT. This revised water order is being submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Regional Office for water regulation and accounting purposes.

Please direct any questions to Mr. Jonathan Cody, Irrigation Engineer at (480) 235-3848.

Sincerely,

Regional Director

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Dear Chairperson Flores:

On November 21, 2025 representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Reclamation met virtually with several representatives of the Colorado River Indian Tribes (Tribes) in order to engage in a 43 CFR, Part 417 (Part 417) consultation with the Tribes. Part 417 obligates the BIA to see that diversions of Colorado River water by tribal entities do not exceed those reasonably required for beneficial use. During this consultation meeting the Tribes' 2026 Colorado River water usage requirements and plans were discussed.

With consideration given to discussion held during the aforementioned consultation meeting and in fulfillment of responsibilities described in Part 417, the Regional Director, Western Regional Office, BIA has formally determined the Tribes' 2026 Colorado River water order. This water order is provided in Table 1 and corresponds with the diversion schedule submitted by the Tribes. A copy of the approved diversion schedule, along with the Tribes' completed Consultation Questionnaire, is enclosed.

The Tribes' water order is also being submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation for Colorado River water regulation and accounting purposes.

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