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Dear Mr. Johnson,

Subject: 2003 Water Use

It appears that California will be using less than 4.4 MAF of water this year. The Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) has purchased water from the Palo Verde Irrigation District consistent with the transfer provisions of the QSA which allows for transfers between Colorado River contractors. This transfer is above our approved 2003 post QSA signing water order.

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In the interest of maximizing California's take of Colorado River water, CVWD requests that the Bureau deliver any unused water to The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) while MWD and the CVWD address the allocation of the unused water.

We anticipate resolving the issue by December 5, 2003. In the event we are not able to resolve the issue, CVWD will submit a plan for the use of the unused water which may include paying back a portion of the 2001-2002 overruns.

If you have any questions please call me.

Yours very truly,

Steven Robbins
General Manager-Chief Engineer

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