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Mr. Robert Johnson, Regional Director  
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

SUBJECT: SNWA NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – 2004

Due to the southern Nevada community's response to drought restrictions imposed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) member agencies, Nevada anticipates it will not utilize all of its basic Colorado River apportionment for customer demands during 2004. As you know, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada submitted a revised 2004 Nevada diversion schedule to you that reflects a consumptive use of 280,000 acre-feet. The SNWA has arranged, with your approval, to store 10,000 acre-feet of Nevada's basic apportionment in Arizona during 2004. The SNWA would also like to direct 10,000 acre-feet to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for storage during 2004.

Under Section 3.1 of the recently executed Storage and Interstate Release Agreement, the SNWA hereby notifies the Secretary of the Interior that it would like to make 10,000 acre-feet of unused Nevada basic apportionment available for storage by MWD during 2004. As required, I am also sending notification to the MWD.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 702-258-3107.

Sincerely,

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Deputy General Manager  
Engineering/Operations

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