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METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Executive Office

November 28, 2006

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Dear Ms. Harkins:

Metropolitan's 2005 Consumptive Use and Request for Article II(B)(6) Water

As you are aware, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's approval of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's diversions for calendar year 2005 incorporated Metropolitan's delivery of Colorado River water and payback plan to extinguish its remaining payback obligation under Exhibit C of the Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement. Based on the most recent estimates of calendar year 2005 consumptive use of Colorado River water by other California contractors, we estimate that, after accounting for the scheduled paybacks, approximately 15,000 acre-feet of Metropolitan's net diversions exceeded the volume available to California from its 4.4 million acre-foot basic apportionment.

Based on the most recent estimate of Arizona's 2005 consumptive use of Colorado River water, it appears that as much as 290,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water apportioned to Arizona went unused. In its November 3, 2006 letter to Reclamation, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada has requested that 1,778 acre-feet of this water be made available to Nevada during 2005.

Given that the Lower Basin consumptive use of Colorado River mainstream water was significantly less than 7.5 million acre-feet in 2005, Metropolitan requests that Reclamation, in accordance with Article II(B)(6) of the Consolidated Decree in *Arizona v. California*, make a portion of Arizona's unused apportionment available to Metropolitan for calendar year 2005 in an amount equal to that finally determined to be consumptively used in excess of California's basic apportionment after accounting for all approved paybacks. As stated above, we estimate this volume to be approximately 15,000 acre-feet.

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Metropolitan appreciates your consideration of our request. If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 217-5786.

Very truly yours,



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