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Subject: Request for Article II(B)(6) Water by The Metropolitan Water District
of Southern California (MWD) for Calendar Year 2005

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The Bureau of Reclamation is in receipt of your letter dated November 28, 2006, requesting that a portion of Arizona's 2005 unused apportionment be made available to MWD in accordance with Article II(B)(6) of the Consolidated Decree of the United States Supreme Court in *Arizona v. California*, 547 U.S. ___ (2006) and the 2005 Annual Operating Plan.

Provisional 2005 accounting data indicates that MWD exceeded its apportionment by 14,960 acre-feet. The data also indicates that Arizona did not divert approximately 290,000 acre-feet of its state apportionment in 2005. Reclamation, acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior, makes available the release of 14,960 acre-feet of water under Article II(B)(6) for use by MWD in 2005. With this determination, MWD's 2005 Exhibit C obligation is reduced to 5,416 acre-feet.

If you have any questions regarding the provisional data referenced or this determination, please contact Ruth Thayer at 702-293-8426.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Director

cc: See next page

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