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April 8, 2005

Mr. Dennis Underwood  
Chief Executive Officer and General Manager  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
P. O. Box 54153  
Los Angeles, California 90054-0153

Dear Dennis:

SUBJECT: SNWA NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY – 2005

Due to the southern Nevada community's response to drought restrictions imposed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) member agencies, the SNWA anticipates that a portion of Nevada's basic Colorado River apportionment will be unused and available for storage during 2005. The SNWA anticipates storing a portion of this available water in southern Nevada, and would like to direct the remaining portion to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for storage during 2005.

Under Section 3.1 of the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement (SIRA) and Section 2.1 of the Operational Agreement, the SNWA would like to make 15,000 acre-feet of unused Nevada basic apportionment available for storage by MWD during 2005. SNWA plans to review Nevada's Colorado River water use in mid-2005 to assess the availability of additional unused Nevada basic Colorado River water apportionment for storage during 2005. Potentially, an additional 5,000 to 10,000 acre-feet may be available for storage.

Under Article 3.2 of the SIRA, please notify the SNWA and the Secretary of the Interior if MWD can store the 15,000 acre-feet offered above during 2005. Also, please let the SNWA know if MWD could store additional water for SNWA if it is available during 2005.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (702) 258-3108. Thank you for consideration of this request. We appreciate your willingness to help southern Nevada secure future water supplies.

Sincerely,

Kay Brothers  
Deputy General Manager  
Engineering and Operations

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