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Subject: Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) Exhibit C Payback for Calendar Year 2007

Dear Mr. Robbins:

In 2004, the Bureau of Reclamation instituted a process to implement the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP). This implementation process specifically addresses the payback requirements contained in Exhibit C of the CRWDA, signed October 10, 2003. Exhibit C is a payback schedule for overruns incurred in calendar years 2001 and 2002.

In accordance with the IOPP, the Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD) prepared an extraordinary water conservation plan that detailed a water management program to pay back 7,404 acre-feet of the Exhibit C balance during calendar year 2007. The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Technical Committee (IOPTC) reviewed the plan and recommended its adequacy to Reclamation on July 20, 2006.

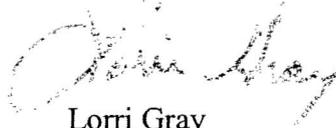
The IOPP obligates Reclamation to monitor the implementation of the extraordinary conservation measures contained in payback plans. The IOPTC recommended that Reclamation perform a random inspection of 5 percent of the acres receiving water management assistance to verify that the measures were applied according to the 2007 CVWD Extraordinary Water Conservation Plan. Water management assistance includes scientific irrigation scheduling and scientific salinity management. Verification included interviewing the water user, examining water use data, observations from field visits, and reviewing consultant implementation reports.

Of the 21,460 acres under water management assistance, 19 fields totaling approximately 2,151 acres were randomly selected to verify the implementation of the conservation measures. Enclosed for your information are the resulting reports (Spring 2007 and Fall 2007) that verify

the implementation of the planned water conservation measures. Reclamation credits 7,404 acre-feet to the payback of the Exhibit C balance in calendar year 2007.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Steve Jones at 702-293-8186.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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