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Dear Ms. Gray and Ms. Brothers:

Response to Notice Received from the Southern Nevada Water Authority  
on Availability of Unused Nevada Apportionment for Storage by Metropolitan

By letters dated February 12, 2008, the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) has notified The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) of the availability of unused Nevada apportionment of Colorado River water during calendar year 2008. SNWA desires to have Metropolitan store this water under the terms of the October 27, 2004 Storage and Interstate Release Agreement among the Secretary of the Interior, Metropolitan, and SNWA.

This letter serves as Metropolitan's notice to SNWA and Reclamation pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Agreement that Metropolitan:

- (i) can store the 15,000 acre-feet of unused Nevada apportionment noticed by SNWA, and,
- (ii) confirms that Metropolitan will store said water during calendar year 2008.

In addition to the 15,000 acre-feet described above, SNWA inquired if Metropolitan has the ability to store additional volumes of potentially unused Nevada 2008 apportionment. Metropolitan defers making such a determination until it receives notice from SNWA of the actual quantity of the additional water requested to be stored. Factors such as the actual quantity, timing of the SNWA notice, and Metropolitan's operations plan will be factored into a determination of the ability to store such additional unused Nevada apportionment.

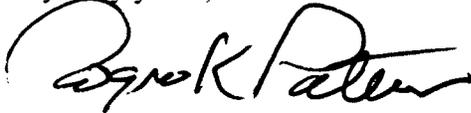
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Please direct any questions related to this response to John L. Scott, Senior Engineer in the Water Resource Management Group at (213) 217-7823.

Very truly yours,



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