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Dear Mses. Gray and Brothers:

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

By letter dated October 9, 2008, the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) has notified The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan) of the results of its recent review of Nevada's use of Colorado River water during 2008. SNWA projects a total of 45,000 acre-feet of unused Nevada basic apportionment during calendar year 2008, and 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 (Agreement).

Earlier this year Metropolitan agreed to store 15,000 acre-feet of unused Nevada apportionment and the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) agreed to release that water to Metropolitan for diversion and storage during 2008.

Pursuant to Section 3.2 of the Agreement this letter serves as Metropolitan's notice to SNWA and to Reclamation, as the Secretary of the Interior's representative, that Metropolitan:

- (i) can store a total of 45,000 acre-feet of unused Nevada basic apportionment noticed by SNWA, and,
- (ii) confirms that Metropolitan will store said water during calendar year 2008.

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

Very truly yours,

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