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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2008 Revised Diversion Estimate for the State of Nevada (State)

Dear Mr. Caan:

The Bureau of Reclamation is in receipt of the State's letter dated April 7, 2008, revising its 2008 diversion estimate of Colorado River water from 525,000 acre-feet to 510,000 acre-feet. The State's letter also confirms its intent to store 15,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) in accordance with the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement (SIRA) dated October 27, 2004.

In a letter dated March 10, 2008, MWD confirmed its ability to divert and store 15,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment during calendar year 2008. In accordance with Article 3.3 of the SIRA, this revised diversion approval confirms the existence of 15,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment available for storage by MWD.

In accordance with Part 417 of Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations, Reclamation approves the diversion of up to 510,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water for use by the State's water contractors for 2008. This approval is conditioned on the State's total consumptive use not exceeding 285,000 acre-feet for calendar year 2008.

Reclamation will monitor and project consumptive use of Colorado River water during calendar year 2008 to ensure that the entitlement of each authorized user is not exceeded. These projections are available to water users on a daily basis on Reclamation's web site: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast08.pdf. It is expected that the State's water contractors will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities.

Thank you for the State's revised diversion estimates for 2008. If you have questions, please contact Ms. Ruth Thayer at 702-293-8426.

Sincerely,

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