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Subject: Confirmation of the Ability to Store Nevada Unused Apportionment by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The Bureau of Reclamation is in receipt of MWD's letter dated October 27, 2008, confirming MWD's ability to store an additional 30,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment during calendar year 2008.

In accordance with Article 3.3 of the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement dated October 27, 2004, Reclamation confirms the existence of an additional 30,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment. As authorized by Article II(B)(6) of the Consolidated Decree of the United States Supreme Court in *Arizona* v. *California*, 547 U.S. 150 (2006), Reclamation will release 30,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment to MWD for diversion and storage during 2008. The addition of 30,000 acre-feet of storage results in a total of 45,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment being stored by MWD on behalf of SNWA for calendar year 2008.

Please submit a revised diversion schedule for calendar year 2008 that demonstrates the diversion of an additional 30,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment at your earliest convenience. If you have questions, please call Ms. Ruth Thayer at 702-293-8426.

Sincerely,

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