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Ms. Lorri Gray-Lee, Regional Director
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RE: Nevada's Unused Apportionment Stored by the Arizona Water Banking Authority in 2009

Dear Ms. Gray-Lee:

In a letter dated March 18, 2010 to you, the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) has requested the 2009 Article V accounting reflect the new estimate of 51,000 acre-feet of Nevada's 2009 unused apportionment that was directed to the Arizona Water Banking Authority (AWBA) for interstate storage. This letter confirms that the AWBA did store Nevada's unused apportionment that was directed to Arizona for interstate storage.

In calendar year 2009, the AWBA delivered a total of 59,024 acre-feet of water for storage on behalf of Nevada pursuant to the Second Amended Agreement for Interstate Banking. Approximately 51,000 acre-feet delivered for storage was supplied as Nevada's unused apportionment; the balance of approximately 8,024 acre-feet delivered for storage was supplied as part of Arizona's apportionment. These estimates are considered provisional until the AWBA makes its final accounting to the Secretary by September 1 as required under the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement.

By way of explanation, the September 1 deadline follows the verification process established within Arizona. Annual reports of water use must be filed with the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) by March 31st. ADWR staff review and confirm long-term storage credits (LTSCs) to the AWBA by early June. After receiving confirmation from ADWR, the AWBA is then able to verify interstate accounting of LTSCs to the Secretary. Our records indicate in past years the final verified accounting to the Secretary has occurred in July.

The AWBA will continue to coordinate with the Bureau of Reclamation, the SNWA, and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) to ensure the accurate accounting of interstate banking. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

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