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Subject: Confirmation of the Ability to Store Unused Apportionment for the State of Nevada by the  
Arizona Water Banking Authority (AWBA).

Dear Ms. Mitchell and Mr. Modeer:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received a letter dated November 2, 2009, from the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) requesting that AWBA and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) be allowed to store Nevada unused apportionment to Colorado River water. Reclamation has also received AWBA's letter dated November 20, 2009, confirming AWBA's ability to store up to 40,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment during calendar year 2009. The letter confirms that the Central Arizona Water Conservation District's (CAWCD) will make the unused apportionment diverted by CAWCD available to AWBA.

In accordance with section 2.2 of the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement dated December 18, 2002, Reclamation confirms that Nevada unused apportionment is available for diversion and storage by Arizona. 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 up to 40,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment to AWBA for storage during 2009.

Reclamation will continue to work with SNWA, MWD, and CAWCD, to reduce the potential for overruns and to help ensure use of water under each state's apportionment is maximized, by providing up-to-date projections of year-end water use for 2009, through its daily forecast.

If you have questions, please call Mr. Paul J. Matuska at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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