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December 23, 2008

U.S. Department of the Interior  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Lower Colorado River Regional Office  
Ms. Lorri Gray, Regional Director  
P.O. Box 61470  
Boulder City, Nevada 89006

RE: Accounting requirements for the recovery and development of Intentionally Created Unused Apportionment for 2009

Dear Ms. Gray:

This correspondence provides the Arizona Water Banking Authority's (AWBA) notice to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation of the development of Intentionally Created Unused Apportionment (ICUA) for calendar year 2009 pursuant to the amended letter agreement dated December 11, 2007 between the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD), and the AWBA. The amended letter agreement recognizes the CAWCD is responsible for the recovery and/or exchange of long-term storage credits (LTSC) and the AWBA is responsible for the creation of ICUA.

By letter dated September 9, 2008, Metropolitan confirmed its request to CAWCD for the recovery of 30,000 acre-feet of LTSC in 2009. CAWCD has notified the AWBA that 30,000 acre-feet of CAP water will be available for the creation of ICUA. CAWCD will recover long-term storage credits from wells located within three irrigation districts in Pinal County, Arizona: Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation & Drainage District (MSIDD), Central Arizona Irrigation & Drainage District (CAIDD), and Hohokam Irrigation and Drainage District (HIDD). In addition, CAWCD will use the credit exchange method to exchange 1,000 acre-feet of LTSC with the Central Arizona Groundwater Replenishment District (CAGR) in lieu of CAGR receiving CAP water.

The amount of ICUA to be created shall be equal to the amount of LTSC to be recovered and/or exchanged. This notice is in accord with the requirements of 43 C.F.R. Part 414 Offstream Storage of Colorado River Water and Development of and Release of Intentionally Created Unused Apportionment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kim Mitchell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kim Mitchell, Manager  
Arizona Water Banking Authority

cc: Mr. Terry Fulp, Bureau of Reclamation  
Mr. Roger K. Patterson, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Mr. David S. "Sid" Wilson, Central Arizona Water Conservation District  
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