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Ms. Kay Brothers
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Subject: Request by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) to Store 2009 Nevada
Unused Apportionment, Pursuant to Storage and Interstate Release Agreements (SIRAs)
Dated December 18, 2002, and October 27, 2004

Dear Ms. Brothers:

The Bureau of Reclamation is in receipt of SNWA's letter dated November 2, 2009, requesting that SNWA be allowed to store up to 60,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment with The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and up to 40,000 acre-feet with the Arizona Water Banking Authority (AWBA) during calendar year 2009.

In accordance with the subject SIRAs, Reclamation confirms the existence 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 up to 40,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment to AWBA for diversion and storage during 2009 and the remaining Nevada unused apportionment of up to 60,000 acre-feet to MWD.

Reclamation will continue to work with SNWA, MWD, and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, 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,

LORRI GRAY-LEE

Lorri Gray-Lee
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