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

Dear Mr. Patterson:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received a letter dated November 2, 2009, from the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) requesting that MWD and the Arizona Water Banking Authority (AWBA) be allowed to store Nevada unused apportionment to Colorado River water. Reclamation has also received MWD's letter dated November 30, 2009, confirming its ability to store up to 60,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment during calendar year 2009.

In accordance with Article 3.3 of the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement dated October 27, 2004, Reclamation confirms that Nevada unused apportionment is available for diversion and storage by MWD. 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 60,000 acre-feet of Nevada unused apportionment to MWD for diversion and storage during calendar year 2009.

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,

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