



SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY

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

Dear Ms. Gray-Lee:

SUBJECT: SOUTHERN NEVADA WATER AUTHORITY NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF UNUSED APPORTIONMENT FOR STORAGE BY METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA – 2009

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Action

Aggressive water conservation efforts as well as the recent slow down in economic conditions have reduced the Southern Nevada Water Authority's (Authority) water demands in 2009. As a result and with your approval, the Authority would like to direct a portion of Nevada's basic Colorado River apportionment to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) for storage during 2009. We will provide you a revised water order based on this request.

Under Section 3.1 of the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement (SIRA) among the United States, MWD, the Colorado River Commission of Nevada, and the Authority, the Authority hereby notifies the Secretary of the Interior that it would like to make 60,000 acre-feet of Nevada's basic Colorado River apportionment available for storage by MWD during 2009. We would also like to notify the Secretary of the Interior that we will continue to review Nevada's Colorado River water use to determine if any additional unused Nevada basic Colorado River apportionment could be made available for storage by MWD during 2009. As required, we are also sending notification to MWD.

Please contact Kay Brothers at (702) 862-3708 or William Rinne at (702) 691-5255 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Patricia Mulroy
General Manager

- cc: Kay Brothers, Deputy General Manager – Engineering and Operations
- George Caan, Director - Colorado River Commission of Nevada
- Jennifer Crandall, Senior Deputy Attorney General - Colorado River Commission of Nevada
- John Entsminger, Director - Environment and Water Resource Law, Southern Nevada Water Authority
- Lorri Gray-Lee, Regional Director - U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation
- Herb Guenther, Director - Arizona Department of Water Resources
- William Hasencamp, Program Manager - Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Jeffrey Johnson, Division Manager - Water Management and Accounting, Southern Nevada Water Authority
- William E. Rinne, Director - Surface Water Resources
- Gerald R. Zimmerman, Executive Director - Colorado River Board of California

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