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Honorable Timothy Williams
Chairman
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
500 Merriman Avenue
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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2010 Overrun Payback Plan for the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe (Tribe) in California

Dear Chairman Williams:

Effective January 1, 2004, the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) established requirements for payback of any inadvertent overuse of Colorado River water by users in the Lower Division States. In accordance with the IOPP, the Tribe prepared a Payback Plan (Plan) that detailed a fallowing program to pay back 4,070 acre-feet of the Tribe's 2007 and 2008 overruns during calendar year 2010. The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Technical Committee (IOPTC) reviewed the Plan and recommended its adequacy to the Bureau of Reclamation on July 23, 2010. Reclamation approves the Tribe's Plan for calendar year 2010.

The IOPP obligates Reclamation to monitor the implementation of the extraordinary conservation measures contained in payback plans. The IOPTC recommended that Reclamation inspect 100 percent of the fallowed acres to validate that the measures were applied according to the 2010 Plan. Validation includes confirming that the fallowed areas have a history of recent irrigation and verifying that Colorado River water is not being nor has been applied to the fields during the fallowing period. We will be contacting the Tribe to schedule the inspections.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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