

**2010 EXTRAORDINARY CONSERVATION PLAN
DUNN PARTERSHIP (GILA MONSTER RANCH)**

1. Reason for the inadvertent overrun

In 2007 the Gila Monster Ranch (Ranch) inadvertently overran its entitlement by 905 acre-feet. Based on the elevation of Lake Mead on January 1, 2007, the Ranch's inadvertent overrun is subject to a 3-year payback term beginning on calendar year 2009. This equates to approximately 302 acre-feet per year and subsequently, the Ranch's 2010 diversion approval is 302 acre-feet less than its entitlement of 9,156 acre-feet.

2. Extraordinary conservation measures that will be implemented

The Ranch has elected to payback the entire remaining obligation of 603 acre-feet in 2010 and thus complete its payback obligation one year ahead of schedule. Fallowing will be the method of extraordinary conservation. Fields 112, 113, 125, 126, 127, 128, 152, and 153 will be fallowed (see attached map) for a total of 170.1 acres. The required cover crop to meet USDA eligibility requirements and prevent damage to adjoining fields and structures exists from previous fallowing of the same fields in 2009 so that no irrigation will be required to start a new cover crop.

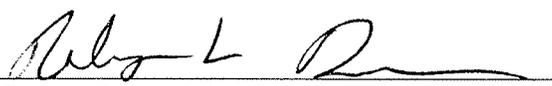
During the three years prior to 2010 (2007-2009) the average acre-feet of water diverted by the Ranch per acre of cultivated (non-fallowed) land was approximately 5.21 acre-feet/acre. The land being fallowed is considered the sandiest soil on the Ranch. Sandy, coarse textured soil typically has lower surface irrigation efficiency than heavier, fine textured soil resulting in increased water usage. Therefore, using the average water usage over the entire cropped acreage should result in a relatively conservative estimate of actual water conserved on the fallowed land. Since the cover crop from the previous year will be maintained and there will be no irrigation required to establish a new cover crop, the entire **5.21 acre-feet/acre** will be conserved. Based on this analysis, fallowing of **170.1 acres** will reduce diversions by approximately **886 acre-feet** thereby more than satisfying the remaining payback obligation of **603 acre-feet**.

3. How and why conservation measures will conserve Colorado River Water

Fallowing of normally cropped acreage will reduce diversions at Imperial Dam to the Ranch, thereby leaving additional water available in the Colorado River for other uses. The reduced diversions will also produce a modest reduction in transport losses between Imperial Dam and the Ranch.

4. How Reclamation will be able to confirm the payback

Spot check of the fallowed acreage to confirm cover crop, including spot checks of the soil moisture content.

Signed 
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Gila Monster Ranch

2010 IOPP Fallowing Plan

