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Subject: Approval of Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Plans for the Creation of Tributary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus for the Muddy and Virgin Rivers, and Imported Intentionally Created Surplus for Coyote Springs for Calendar Year 2010

Dear Mr. Holmes:

SNWA has submitted Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) plans of creation for 2010 by letter dated August 11, 2009. The Bureau of Reclamation has confirmed the ICS plans of creation contain all necessary information required by Section 3.B of the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and the Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead (Interim Guidelines). Pursuant to Section 7.B.5 of the Interim Guidelines, Reclamation conducted appropriate consultation with the Basin States regarding SNWA's proposed ICS plans.

Based on our review of SNWA's proposed Tributary Conservation ICS and Imported ICS plans and completion of the consultation process, we approve SNWA's ICS plans for the creation of up to 37,000 acre-feet of Tributary Conservation ICS and 5,000 acre-feet of Imported ICS for calendar year 2010.

The Interim Guidelines provide that contractors may modify their approved ICS plans during the year of creation of ICS, subject to approval by Reclamation. In addition, Section 3.D of the Interim Guidelines requires contractors to submit a certification report to the Regional Director demonstrating the amount of ICS created and that the method of creation was consistent with the approved ICS plan.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,

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