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Subject: Verification of 2011 Inadvertent Overrun Payback by the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (District)

Dear Mr. Modeer:

Effective January 1, 2004, the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) established requirements for payback of inadvertent overuse of Colorado River water by users in the Lower Division States. In accordance with the IOPP, and the District's approved 2011 Payback Plan (Plan), the District implemented the extraordinary conservation measure of Foregone Banking of Colorado River Water Off-Stream during calendar year (CY) 2011 to pay back 11,659 acre-feet of the District's overrun account balance.

By letter dated March 8, 2012, the District submitted a report (2011 IOPP certification report) certifying that the District successfully implemented the extraordinary conservation measure defined in the District's approved Plan, and conserved the 11,659 acre-feet required to meet the District's 2011 payback obligation. By letter dated March 8, 2012, the Arizona Water Banking Authority confirmed that, because of the reduction to its water supplies, scheduled deliveries to the Tonopah Desert Recharge Project were reduced by 11,659 acre-feet during CY 2011 to meet the District's payback obligation.

Using the evaluation criteria described in Appendix A of the proposed Procedures for Administering the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP Procedures) for the extraordinary conservation measure of Foregone Banking of Colorado River Water Off-Stream, the Bureau of Reclamation performed a verification review of the District's 2011 IOPP certification report. Based upon this review, Reclamation confirms that the District successfully reduced its consumptive use of Colorado River water in 2011 by an amount equivalent to its payback obligation as documented in the District's 2011 IOPP certification report.

The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Technical Committee (IOPTC) reviewed the District's 2011 IOPP certification report and recommended its adequacy on March 29, 2012. Taking into consideration the recommendations provided by the IOPTC members, I verify and make the final determination that the District successfully conserved 11,659 acre-feet of Colorado River water during CY 2011 as documented in its 2011 IOPP certification report, and therefore credit the District with this amount of payback for CY 2011. This extinguishes the District's overrun payback obligation.

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

Sincerely,

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