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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2011 Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) Payback Plan for the Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) (Your Letter Dated September 10, 2010)

Dear Mr. Modeer:

Effective January 1, 2004, the IOPP established requirements for payback of any inadvertent overuse of Colorado River water by users in the Lower Division States. In 2009, CAWCD incurred an inadvertent overrun in the amount of 11,659 acre-feet. In accordance with the IOPP and the enclosed proposed Procedures for Administering the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP Procedures), CAWCD submitted a 2011 Payback Plan outlining the extraordinary conservation measure (Foregone Banking of Colorado River Water Offstream) to be used to pay back its calendar year 2009 overrun in full during 2011. The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Technical Committee (IOPTC) reviewed the 2011 Payback Plan and recommended its adequacy on December 2, 2010.

Taking into consideration the recommendation of the IOPTC, I hereby make the final determination that CAWCD's 2011 Payback Plan adequately meets the requirements of the IOPP and the proposed IOPP Procedures. Therefore, I approve the plan for implementation during calendar year 2011.

The IOPP requires that Reclamation monitor implementation of the extraordinary conservation measures contained in payback plans. Verification includes confirming that the evaluation criteria described in Appendix A of the proposed IOPP Procedures were met and that consumptive use of Colorado River water was reduced by an amount equivalent to the payback obligation. Verification of the amount of water conserved by CAWCD during 2011 will be discussed at the spring 2012 IOPTC meeting. Reclamation requests CAWCD to submit a report by February 28, 2012, certifying the amount of water conserved by implementation of the payback measure described in the approved 2011 Payback Plan.

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

Sincerely,

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