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Subject: Footnote for 2010 Water Accounting Report

Dear Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement Parties:

The Bureau of Reclamation is participating with you in a series of meetings involving Imperial Irrigation District (IID), Coachella Valley Water District, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, and the San Diego County Water Authority (collectively, Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement [CRWDA] Parties) to address issues relating to IID's delivery of Colorado River water to the Salton Sea in 2010.

During the course of these meetings it has become clear to the CRWDA Parties that the ability to reach a consensus resolution on short term and long term issues arising from or relating to the IID action will be enhanced by a clear understanding among the CRWDA Parties as to the timing of the Federal determination relating to the IID action. Reclamation believes it appropriate to state its intentions with respect to such determination facilitating continued good faith discussions.

First, unless consensus is earlier reached among the CRWDA Parties (including the United States), Reclamation will include in the 2010 Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report a new footnote relating to IID's 2010 Colorado River diversions. Specifically, line items relating to mitigation deliveries to the Salton Sea will be annotated with the following footnote, with the actual numbers subject to modification after verification by Reclamation:

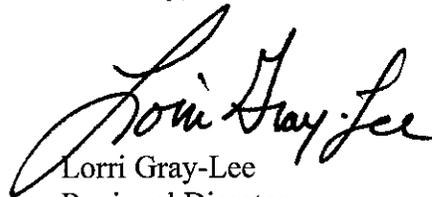
IID conserved 35,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water in 2010 which was transferred to SDCWA and exchanged with CVWD for non-Colorado River water to meet Salton Sea mitigation requirements for 2010. Also, in 2010, IID delivered

41,250 acre-feet of Colorado River water to the Salton Sea with a stated intention to store the water for use for Salton Sea mitigation requirements in 2011 and half of 2012. The appropriate accounting for the 41,250 acre-feet is under review by Reclamation and will be reflected in the Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report for 2011.

Second, in the absence of an earlier consensus among the CRWDA Parties (including the United States), Reclamation will not make a decision prior to June 1, 2011, relating to the appropriate accounting for the Colorado River water IID delivered to the Salton Sea.

Third, if consensus is not reached, Reclamation intends to make a determination on or before July 1, 2011, relating to IID's delivery of Colorado River water to the Salton Sea in 2010.

Sincerely,



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