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Subject: Verification of 2010 Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS)  
Created by the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD)

Dear Mr. Patterson:

By letter dated September 9, 2011, MWD submitted its 2010 Certification Report for Extraordinary Conservation ICS for the Metropolitan funded Palo Verde Irrigation District Forbearance and Fallowing Program (Certification Report), in accordance with Section 3.D.1 of the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead (Interim Guidelines). As documented in MWD's Certification Report, MWD indicates that it created 100,864 acre-feet of Extraordinary Conservation ICS in calendar year 2010, prior to the one-time deduction of 5 percent specified in Section 3.B.2 of the Interim Guidelines for the benefit of additional system storage in Lake Mead.

In accordance with Section 3.D.2 of the Interim Guidelines, the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the Lower Colorado Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation, has reviewed the information contained in MWD's Certification Report and has confirmed that it adequately demonstrates the amount of ICS created and that the method of creation was consistent with MWD's approved 2010 ICS Plan of Creation, Exhibit G of the Lower Colorado River Basin Intentionally Created Surplus Forbearance Agreement, and the Delivery Agreement (Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0519) between the United States and MWD. Therefore, I verify and make the final determination that MWD created 100,864 acre-feet of Extraordinary Conservation ICS during calendar year 2010, prior to accounting for the one-time deduction of 5 percent for the benefit of additional system storage.

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

Sincerely,

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