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Subject: Approval of The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) Plan for the Creation of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) for Calendar Year 2011

Dear Mr. Patterson:

MWD submitted an ICS plan for 2011 by letter dated July 30, 2010. The Bureau of Reclamation has confirmed the ICS plan contains 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). Reclamation has also verified the ICS plan submitted by MWD meets the limits established in the California Agreement for the Creation and Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation ICS. Pursuant to Section 7.B.5 of the Interim Guidelines, Reclamation conducted appropriate consultation with the Basin States regarding MWD's proposed ICS plan.

Based on our review of MWD's proposed ICS plan and the completion of the consultation process, we approve MWD's ICS plan for the creation of up to 200,000 acre-feet of Extraordinary Conservation ICS for 2011.

The Interim Guidelines provide that, subject to approval by Reclamation, contractors may modify their approved plan during the year of creation of ICS. In addition, Section 3.D.1 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, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

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