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Subject: Approval of Southern Nevada Water Authority's (SNWA) Plans for the Creation of Tributary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) for the Muddy and Virgin Rivers, and Imported ICS for Coyote Springs for Calendar Year 2011

Dear Mr. Holmes:

SNWA has submitted ICS plans for 2011 by letter dated July 21, 2010. The Bureau of Reclamation has confirmed the ICS plans contain 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). Pursuant to Section 7.B.5 of the Interim Guidelines, Reclamation conducted appropriate consultation with the Basin States regarding SNWA's proposed ICS plans.

Based on our review of SNWA's proposed Tributary Conservation ICS and Imported ICS plans and completion of the consultation process, we approve SNWA's ICS plans for the creation of up to 37,000 acre-feet of Tributary Conservation ICS and up to 7,000 acre-feet of Imported ICS for calendar year 2011.

The Interim Guidelines provide that, subject to approval by Reclamation, contractors may modify their approved plans 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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