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Honorable Timothy Williams  
Chairman  
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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year 2011 Payback Plan for the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe-  
California Reservation (Tribe)

Dear Chairman Williams:

Effective January 1, 2004, the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) established requirements for payback of inadvertent overuse of Colorado River water by users in the Lower Division States. In accordance with the IOPP, and in response to the Bureau of Reclamation's letter dated October 20, 2011, the Tribe submitted a revised 2011 Payback Plan (Plan) dated November 23, 2011. The Plan defines a crop substitution/partial-year fallowing program that will conserve a minimum of 2,049 acre-feet, which is the Tribe's payback obligation for calendar year 2011. Successful implementation of the measures outlined in this Plan would extinguish the Tribe's remaining overrun balance.

The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Technical Committee (IOPTC) reviewed the Plan and recommended its adequacy on December 13, 2011. Taking into consideration the recommendation of the IOPTC, I make the final determination that the Plan adequately meets the requirements of the IOPP and approve the Plan for implementation during calendar year 2011.

Reclamation's current administration of the IOPP requires that the Tribe submit a report certifying the amount of Colorado River water conserved by implementation of the extraordinary conservation measures defined in the approved Plan. Please submit this report to Reclamation no later than February 28, 2012.

Thank you for submitting the Tribe's revised 2011 Payback Plan. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Steven C. Hvinden, Chief, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, at 702-293-8414.

Sincerely,

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