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Subject: Projected Calendar Year 2012 Colorado River Water Use and Possible Overrun by the Imperial Irrigation District (District)

Dear Mr. Kelley:

The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP), which became effective on January 1, 2004, established requirements for payback of inadvertent overuse of Colorado River water by users in the Lower Division States. In accordance with the IOPP, the Bureau of Reclamation is required to monitor water use within the lower basin and may notify an entitlement holder whose forecasted diversion or consumptive use is projected to exceed its annual approved water order.

This letter is to alert you that Reclamation's projection as of September 26, 2012, indicates the District's consumptive use of Colorado River water may exceed its approved water order for calendar year 2012 by approximately 122,000 acre-feet. Reclamation's projection is based on the sum of provisional data reported for the District's diversions through September 25, 2012, and projected diversions for the remainder of the calendar year. This projection is updated daily and may be viewed on our website: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast12.pdf>.

An overrun governed by the IOPP occurs when an entitlement holder inadvertently diverts, pumps, or receives Colorado River water in excess of the water user's annual approved water order. By letter dated June 19, 2012, Reclamation approved the District to divert up to 2,817,798 acre-feet and consumptively use up to 2,750,040 acre-feet of Colorado River water in calendar year 2012. This approval incorporated the District's plan to create up to 25,000 acre-feet of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus in 2012, and was conditioned on adjustments that may result from the accounting issues discussed therein.

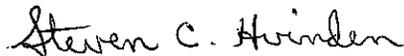
Reclamation recognizes there are multiple factors that may influence and have the potential to reduce the District's diversions for the remainder of the calendar year. Should the District have an updated schedule that more accurately reflects anticipated diversions for the remainder of the calendar year, we encourage the District to provide it to Reclamation for our consideration. Reclamation will continue to monitor and project the District's diversions of Colorado River water during calendar year 2012 in an effort to assist the District in avoiding an overrun. The

District is encouraged to use this information to adjust diversions to remain within the limitation of its approved water order or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

As you are aware, the benefits of the IOPP are tied to the implementation of Exhibit B of the Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA), and the consequences relating to a lack of implementation are set forth in Section 8.c. of the CRWDA.

If you have questions or would like to discuss the District's projected overrun, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,



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