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Honorable Timothy Williams
Chairman
Fort Mojave Indian Tribe
500 Merriman Avenue
Needles, CA 92363-2299

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year 2013 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 June 20, 2012, the Tribe submitted a 2013 Payback Plan (Plan) dated July 20, 2012. The Tribe's Plan defines a fallowing program that will conserve 155 acre-feet, the Tribe's payback obligation for calendar year 2013.

The Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Technical Committee (IOPTC) reviewed the Tribe's Plan, and recommended its adequacy on September 11, 2012. Taking into consideration the recommendation of the IOPTC, I make the final determination that the Tribe's Plan adequately meets the requirements of the IOPP, and approve the Plan for implementation during calendar year 2013.

The IOPP requires that Reclamation monitor implementation of the extraordinary conservation measures outlined in approved payback plans. Reclamation will utilize quarterly field inspections on 100 percent of the fallowed acres and other methods, including analysis of satellite imagery, to verify the Tribe has implemented the fallowing program in accordance with its approved Plan.

Reclamation's 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 in the previous calendar year as defined in Tribe's approved Plan. Please submit this report, certifying the amount of conservation achieved in calendar year 2013, to Reclamation no later than February 28, 2014.

Thank you for submitting the Tribe's 2013 Payback Plan. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,



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