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Subject: Verification of 2012 Tributary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) and Imported ICS Created by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

By letter dated December 19, 2013, SNWA submitted its 2012 Certification Reports for Muddy River Tributary Conservation ICS, Virgin River Tributary Conservation ICS, and Coyote Spring Valley Imported ICS (ICS Certification Reports) in accordance with Section 3.D.1 of the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead (Interim Guidelines). In accordance with Section 3.D.2 of the Interim Guidelines, this letter provides SNWA with notice of my determination regarding the amount of ICS created by SNWA in calendar year 2012.

As documented in SNWA's ICS Certification Reports, SNWA indicates that it created 17,313 acre-feet (af) of Muddy River Tributary Conservation ICS, 14,129 af of Virgin River Tributary Conservation ICS, and 3,918 af of Coyote Spring Valley Imported ICS in calendar year 2012, prior to the one-time deduction of 5 percent specified in Section 3.B.2 of the Interim Guidelines for the benefit of additional system storage in Lake Mead.

In accordance with Section 3.D.2 of the Interim Guidelines, the Bureau of Reclamation has reviewed the information contained in SNWA's ICS Certification Reports. Reclamation confirms that the information adequately demonstrates the amounts of ICS created and that the methods of creation were consistent with SNWA's approved 2012 ICS Plans of Creation, Exhibits A and B of the Lower Colorado River Basin ICS Forbearance Agreement, and the Delivery Agreement (Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0520) among the United States, SNWA, and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada. Therefore, I verify and make the final determination that SNWA created 17,313 af of Muddy River Tributary Conservation ICS, 14,129 af of Virgin River Tributary Conservation ICS, for a total of 31,442 af of Tributary Conservation ICS, and 3,918 af of Coyote Spring Valley Imported ICS in calendar year 2012, prior to accounting for the one-time deduction of 5 percent for the benefit of additional system storage.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul J. Matuska, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at 702-293-8164.

Sincerely,



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