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Subject: Approval of the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California's (MWD) 2013 Plan for the Creation of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS)

Dear Mr. Patterson:

MWD submitted its 2013 Plan for the Creation of Extraordinary Conservation ICS (ICS Plan) by letter dated June 29, 2012. MWD's ICS Plan describes four separate projects from which MWD intends to create Extraordinary Conservation ICS, including the Metropolitan Funded Palo Verde Irrigation District Forbearance and Fallowing Program, the Metropolitan Funded Imperial Irrigation District Water Conservation Program, the Metropolitan Funded Water Supply from Desalination, and the Metropolitan Funded Water Supply from Lower Colorado Water Supply Project. From the yields of these extraordinary conservation projects, MWD plans to create up to 200,000 acre-feet (af) of ICS during calendar year 2013.

The Bureau of Reclamation has reviewed MWD's ICS Plan and confirmed it contains 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). Reclamation has also verified that the amount of ICS MWD plans to create during 2013 is within the limits established in the California Agreement for the Creation and Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation ICS. Pursuant to Section 7.B.5 of the Interim Guidelines, Reclamation has consulted with the Basin States regarding MWD's ICS Plan.

Based upon Reclamation's review of MWD's ICS Plan and the completion of the consultation process, I approve MWD's 2013 ICS Plan for the creation of up to 200,000 af of Extraordinary Conservation ICS as provided in the table on the following page.

Metropolitan Funded Palo Verde Irrigation District Forbearance and Fallowing Program	up to 62,150 af
Metropolitan Funded Imperial Irrigation District Water Conservation Program	up to 105,000 af
Metropolitan Funded Water Supply from Desalination	up to 60,800 af
Metropolitan Funded Water Supply from Lower Colorado Water Supply Project	up to 6,940 af
Total Extraordinary Conservation ICS for Calendar Year 2013	Not to Exceed 200,000 af

Section 3.B.1 of the Interim Guidelines provides that, subject to approval by Reclamation, a contractor may modify its approved ICS plan during the year of creation. Section 3.D.1 of the Interim Guidelines requires a contractor 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, a Forbearance Agreement, and a Delivery Agreement.

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