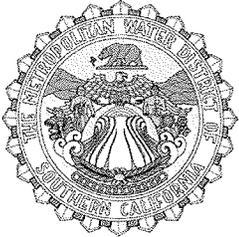




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Dear Mr. Fulp:

On behalf of the Central Arizona Project (CAP), the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), and the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), we are writing to express our desire to keep any unused state apportioned water in Lake Mead this year. As you are keenly aware, the Colorado River has experienced prolonged drought conditions for much of the last thirteen years that resulted in significant depletions of water stored in both Lake Mead and Lake Powell. In water year 2014, for the first time, releases from Lake Powell will be reduced to 7.48 MAF due to low reservoir elevations. Currently, Lake Mead is now just 47% full and forecast to decline further in 2014 ending the year at elevation 1,086, a mere eleven feet above the first shortage trigger. At the same time, our ongoing conservation efforts have reduced demands in the Lower Colorado River Basin which may result in unused Colorado River water that could be available this year pursuant to Article II(B)(6) of the Consolidated Decree. We see this as an opportunity to retain unused state apportioned water in Lake Mead to alleviate low reservoir storage conditions and help avoid shortages in the near future.

Over the last several years we have worked diligently with the Bureau of Reclamation and other entitlement holders on the Colorado River to stretch available water supplies. These efforts have included partnering in interstate water banking programs, funding the pilot run of the Yuma Desalting Plant, funding the construction of the Warren H. Brock Reservoir, and implementing aggressive water conservation programs in our service territories. CAP, MWD, and SNWA have implemented these and other programs to augment Colorado River system storage by capturing otherwise non-storable flows and to create Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS). These actions resulted in approximately 629,640 AF of ICS stored in Lake Mead by the end of 2012, with another 257,971 AF of water stored and conveyed by Brock Reservoir since its construction, with more being created and captured this year.

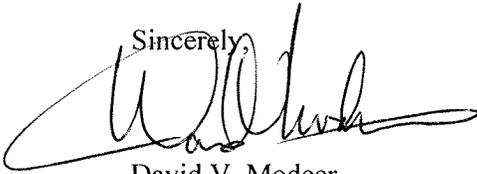
Despite our efforts to help aid Lake Mead's storage, we are now facing a significant probability of a shortage declaration in 2016 if drought conditions continue. CAP, MWD, and SNWA urge you not to reallocate any unused state apportioned water this year but rather to leave the water in Lake Mead for the overall benefit of the Colorado River system and the millions of people who are reliant upon the system.

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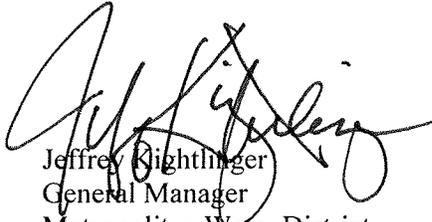
In addition, to address the ongoing impacts of the drought, CAP, MWD, and SNWA are exploring options to develop, fund, and implement additional programs in the coming years, including conservation for system benefit purposes, to increase water levels in Lake Mead. It will be imperative for the Secretary to support such efforts, if they occur, including exercising her discretion to retain apportioned but unused water in Lake Mead created for system benefit purposes.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Please contact us directly with any questions or concerns.

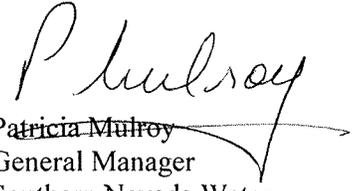
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