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Subject: Verification of Calendar Year (CY) 2012 Extraordinary Conservation (EC)  
Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) Created by the Metropolitan Water District of  
Southern California (MWD)

Dear Mr. Patterson:

By letter dated July 12, 2013, MWD submitted its *Metropolitan Funded Palo Verde Irrigation District Forbearance and Fallowing Program, Imperial Irrigation District Water Conservation Program, and Water Supply from Desalination Intentionally Created Surplus Certification Report Calendar Year 2012* (Certification Report), 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 response to the Bureau of Reclamation's initial review, MWD submitted revisions to the Certification Report by email dated February 27, 2014. In accordance with Section 3.D.2 of the Interim Guidelines, this letter provides MWD with notice of my determination regarding the amount of ICS created by MWD in CY 2012.

As documented in MWD's Certification Report, MWD indicates that in 2012:

1. 73,662 acre-feet (af) of water was conserved through the Metropolitan Funded Palo Verde Irrigation District Forbearance and Fallowing Program, all of which was available to MWD to create EC ICS;
2. 104,140 af of water was conserved through the Metropolitan Funded Imperial Irrigation District Water Conservation Program, of which 10,463 af was used by the Coachella Valley Water District, and 93,677 af was available to MWD to create EC ICS; and
3. 35,127 af of water was conserved through the Metropolitan Funded Water Supply from Desalination, of which 22,789 af was consumptively used by member agencies in MWD's service area, and 12,338 af was available to MWD to create EC ICS.

In total, the conservation yields of these three projects resulted in 179,677 af of conserved water made available to MWD for the creation of EC ICS, 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, Reclamation has reviewed the information contained in MWD's ICS Certification Report. Reclamation confirms that the information adequately demonstrates the amounts of ICS created and that the methods of creation were consistent with MWD's approved 2012 ICS Plan of Creation, Exhibits G, H, and M of the Lower Colorado River Basin Intentionally Created Surplus Forbearance Agreement, and the Delivery Agreement (Contract No. 07-XX-30-W0519) between the United States and MWD. Therefore, I verify and make the final determination that MWD created 179,677 af of ICS during CY 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 or [pmatuska@usbr.gov](mailto:pmatuska@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,



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