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CERTIFIED – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Subject: Approval of Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) Payback Plan for Calendar Year 2014 – Beattie Farms Southwest (Farm)

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Youmans and Mr. Prinster:

Effective January 1, 2004, the IOPP established requirements for payback of inadvertent overuse of Colorado River water by users in the Lower Division States. By letter dated June 7, 2013, the Bureau of Reclamation notified the Farm that based on Reclamation's final water accounting records for calendar year 2012, the Farm incurred an overrun of 235 acre-feet in 2012. In accordance with the IOPP, the Farm is required to pay back the full amount of its 2012 overrun in calendar year 2014.

In response to Reclamation's June 7 letter, and in accordance with the IOPP, Griffin Ranches, Inc., on behalf of the Farm, submitted an IOPP Payback Plan (Plan) on August 15, 2013. As outlined in that Plan, the Farm will implement a fallowing program in calendar year 2014 in which 46.25 acres will be taken out of agricultural production to conserve the amount of water necessary to meet the Farm's payback obligation for its 2012 overrun. This acreage is in addition to the 8.91 acres the Farm will take out of production in 2014 to meet the Farm's IOPP payback obligation for its 2011 overrun.[1] Implementation of the Plan is anticipated to conserve 276 acre-feet, which will meet the Farm's total 2014 payback obligation amount of 272 acre-feet (235 acre-feet for its 2012 overrun and 37 acre-feet for its 2011 overrun).

On August 21, 2013, the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Technical Committee (IOPTC) reviewed the Plan for technical adequacy and unanimously recommended its approval. Taking

[1]The Farm incurred an overrun in 2011, for which a payback in the amount of 37 acre-feet is required in calendar year 2014. By letter dated December 31, 2012, Reclamation approved the Farm to fallow 8.91 acres in 2014 to meet the 37 acre-foot payback obligation.

into consideration the recommendation of the IOPTC, I make the final determination that the Farm's Plan adequately meets the requirements of the IOPP and approve the Plan for implementation during calendar year 2014.

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 Farm has implemented the fallowing program in accordance with its approved Plan.

Reclamation's administration of the IOPP requires that each year the Farm 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 Farm's approved Plan. Please submit a report, certifying the amount of conservation achieved in calendar year 2014, to Reclamation no later than February 28, 2015.

Thank you for submitting the Farm's IOPP 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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