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CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

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Subject: Notification of Provisional Exceedance of 2014 Adjusted Entitlement by Beattie Farms Southwest (Farm) (Action by February 28, 2015)

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

Effective January 1, 2004, the Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy (IOPP) establishes requirements for payback of inadvertent overuse of Colorado River water by users in the Lower Division States. In accordance with the IOPP, this letter informs you that the Bureau of Reclamation's provisional water accounting records indicate that the Farm exceeded its adjusted Colorado River water entitlement for calendar year 2014.

Under Contract No. 05-XX-30-W0446, the Farm is entitled to divert up to 1,110 acre-feet (AF) of Colorado River water per year for use within the Farm's contract service area. Pursuant to the terms of the IOPP, the Farm was required to pay back a minimum of 179 AF of Colorado River water in 2014 for overruns incurred by the Farm during calendar years 2011 and 2012. Therefore, the Farm's adjusted entitlement for 2014 was 931 AF.

Based on the Farm's reported Colorado River diversions for calendar year 2014, as provided by Mr. Ray Griffin, the Farm's total diversion was 1,000 AF, thereby exceeding the Farm's adjusted entitlement by 69 AF.¹ In accordance with the IOPP, the Farm is required to pay back the entire 69 AF in 2015. When combined with the Farm's existing 2015 IOPP payback obligation of 37 AF for its 2011 overrun, the Farm's total 2015 payback obligation becomes 106 AF. Taking into consideration this revised payback obligation, the Farm's adjusted entitlement for 2015 is 1,004 AF.

By letter dated December 31, 2012, Reclamation approved the Farm's IOPP Payback Plan for Calendar Years 2013-2015 (Plan) which defined a 3-year fallowing program to conserve the amount of Colorado

¹Values reported here are considered provisional until publication of Reclamation's *Colorado River Accounting and Water Use Report, Arizona, California, and Nevada Calendar Year 2014*.

River water necessary to meet the Farm's payback obligation for its 2011 overrun. As outlined in the Plan, the Farm will fallow 6 acres in 2015 to achieve an estimated conservation volume of 30 AF. Please submit a revised payback plan to Reclamation no later than February 28, 2015, outlining the additional extraordinary conservation measures the Farm will implement in 2015 to meet its 106 AF payback obligation, and other actions the Farm will take in 2015 to ensure the Farm does not exceed its adjusted entitlement.

Additionally, please include a schedule of monthly Colorado River diversions for calendar year 2015 with your revised payback plan. This schedule will be used by Reclamation to monitor and project diversions during 2015 in an effort to ensure the Farm does not exceed its adjusted entitlement. I remind you that, pursuant to Section 2.9 of the IOPP, should preliminary determinations indicate that sufficient extraordinary conservation or sufficient forbearance of Colorado River water is not projected to occur, Reclamation will notify the Farm of this projection in writing. Reclamation will consult with the Farm on a modified schedule, and will limit releases to the Farm in 2015 such that by the end of the year the Farm has fully met its payback obligation.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Paul Matuska, Manager, Water Accounting and Verification Group at 702-293-8164 or pmatuska@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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