



December 18, 2014

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Dear Dr. Fulp:

On behalf of the Central Arizona Project (CAP), I am writing to express our very strong desire to keep Arizona's unused apportionment in Lake Mead for 2014. CAP estimates that we will intentionally not divert approximately 40,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water otherwise available to CAP pursuant to our Colorado River Water Delivery Contract¹ this year, creating unused Arizona apportionment. This volume includes water made available due to the following agreement between CAP and the Yuma Mesa Irrigation and Drainage District.²

The water that CAP will leave on the river in 2014 is intended as part of CAP's 345,000 AF reservoir protection goal under the recently executed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).³

It is imperative that the Secretary of the Interior support and facilitate implementation of the MOU by exercising her discretion to retain the apportioned but unused Arizona water in Lake Mead for system benefit purposes.

¹ Contract between the United States and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District for Delivery of Water and Repayment of Costs of the Central Arizona Project, Contract No. 14-06-W-245, dated December 15, 1972, as amended and supplemented by Amendment No. 1, dated December 1, 1988, Supplement No. 1, dated August 14, 2007, and Amendment No. 2, dated November 30, 2007.

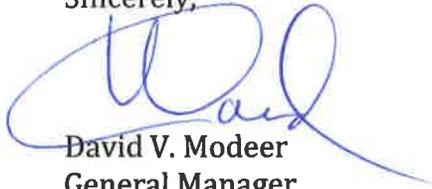
² Approved by the CAWCD Board on September 5, 2013.

³ Memorandum of Understanding between the United States of America, through the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the Southern Nevada Water Authority, the Arizona Department of Water Resources, the Colorado River Board of California, and the Colorado River Commission of Nevada for Pilot Drought Response Actions, executed 12/10/14.

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Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Please contact me or Chuck Cullom with questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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