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Subject: 2015 CAP Colorado River Diversion Forecast - Modified

Dear Mr. Fulp:

On September 29, 2014, CAP notified Reclamation that it planned to divert 1.61 million acre-feet of Colorado River water in 2015. As we noted at the time, that diversion estimate was calculated to make full use of Arizona's 2.8 million acre-foot apportionment.

On December 10, 2014, CAP entered into a Memorandum of Understanding for Pilot Drought Response Actions (MOU) with Reclamation and others under which CAP committed to use its best efforts to create 345,000 acre-feet of Protection Volume in Lake Mead between 2014 and 2017.

By this letter, CAP is informing Reclamation that it intends to create 162,000 acre-feet of Protection Volume in 2015 and is amending its Colorado River diversion forecast accordingly. CAP plans to create Protection Volume in 2015 through a combination of methods:

| Program/Activity (type) | Protection Volume (AF) |
|--|------------------------|
| YMIDD Pilot Following Program (system conservation) | 7,000 |
| CAP Ag Pool Forbearance (anticipated Extraordinary Conservation ICS) | 81,000 |
| CAP M&I Subcontract Supply Replacement (anticipated EC ICS) | 15,000 |
| CAP Intentionally Unused Apportionment (system conservation) | 59,000 |
| Total | 162,000 |

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While CAP acknowledges that its planned ICS programs have not yet been formally submitted or approved, we anticipate submission in coming weeks and approval this year for ICS creation. Consistent with this approach and the commitments in the MOU, CAP intends to proceed with both programs to develop Protection Volume in 2015.

To achieve the objectives of the MOU, CAP requests and expects Reclamation to retain the Protection Volume developed in 2015 in storage in Lake Mead.

As it does every year, CAP intends to adjust its pumping during 2015 to divert Arizona apportionment unused by higher priority Arizona entitlement holders, subject to the Protection Volume plans outlined above. In the event that Arizona's final 2015 use is less than 2.638 million acre-feet (2.8 MAF minus the planned Protection Volume), CAP requests that the additional unused amount also be left in system storage and treated as Protection Volume.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or Brian Henning (623-869-2567).

Sincerely,



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