



THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT
OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Office of the General Manager

May 12, 2016

Ms. Tina Shields
Water Manager
Imperial Irrigation District
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Dear Ms. Shields:

Metropolitan Response to Imperial Irrigation District Request to Store 2015 excess
Extraordinary Conservation

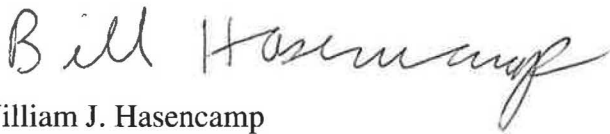
Metropolitan has reviewed your April 28, 2016 letter requesting Metropolitan to store 38,313 acre-feet of extraordinarily conserved water generated by Imperial Irrigation District (IID) in 2015 within Metropolitan's service area, as authorized by the 2007 *California Agreement for the Creation and Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus* as amended in 2015 (California ICS Agreement). As you may be aware, the California ICS Agreement states that Metropolitan will take delivery of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (ECICS), provided that Metropolitan is able to modify its operations to take delivery of the ECICS in the calendar year it is created. Receiving a request to store water after the calendar year is over does not provide us the ability to modify our operations to take delivery of ECICS. We need as much advance notice as practical in order to adjust operations to take delivery of additional water. However, in calendar year 2015, we were able to make end-of-year adjustments to our ICS balance in Lake Mead to accommodate delivery and storage of ECICS. In future years, however, we cannot be certain that we will have similar flexibility, and would need to receive storage requests in the same calendar year in order to maximize our ability to store all of the water requested.

This letter serves as Metropolitan's agreement to store up to 38,313 acre-feet of ECICS generated by IID in 2015 pursuant to the California ICS Agreement, provided that the amount of water being stored is confirmed by Metropolitan in a subsequent letter to IID as being consistent with the terms and conditions of the California ICS Agreement.

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Metropolitan appreciates IID's efforts to generate conserved water amounts that are in excess of those needed to meet its transfer commitments and looks forward to additional collaboration with you as we try to jointly manage our water supplies for our mutual interests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Hasencamp". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

William J. Hasencamp
Manager, Colorado River Resources

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