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Dear Tina:

Storage of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus within Metropolitan's System

We received your October 27, 2016 letter requesting that Metropolitan store Excess Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Created Surplus (EC ICS) generated by Imperial Irrigation District (IID) within Metropolitan's system in 2016. The water would be stored pursuant to the terms of the 2007 *California Agreement for the Creation and Delivery of Extraordinary Conservation Intentionally Crated Surplus* (California ICS Agreement) as amended in 2015. Your letter requests that Metropolitan accept storage of all of IID's Excess and Additional Excess EC ICS in 2016. It goes on to state that, while IID cannot determine its final conservation yields until after the year has ended, you estimated that IID would plan to store between 40,000 and 50,000 acre-feet of Excess and Additional Excess EC ICS with Metropolitan this year.

As you know, the California ICS Agreement provides that Metropolitan will make every effort to meet IID's storage request each year, provided it can modify its operations to take delivery of the Excess and Additional Excess EC ICS. We understand that the exact amount of Excess and Additional Excess EC ICS available for storage in 2016 would not be determined until early 2017, after IID has completed its assessment of the amount of water conserved, consulted with Metropolitan regarding the conservation savings methodology, and reached agreement with Metropolitan on the quantity of water conserved for water storage. As Metropolitan has limited ability to modify its operations each year, at this time, Metropolitan will agree to store up to 50,000 acre-feet of Excess and Additional Excess EC ICS in 2016. In the event that the actual amount of Excess and Additional Excess EC ICS exceeds 50,000 acre-feet, Metropolitan will consult with IID prior to the final preparation of the 2016 Water Accounting Report by the Bureau of Reclamation to determine whether the additional water was stored within Metropolitan's system in 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 217-6520 or whasencamp@mwdh2o.com.

Sincerely,

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