

Reporting Colorado River Water Diversions and Measured Return Flows

The Consolidated Decree of the United States Supreme Court in the case of Arizona v. California, et al., entered March 27, 2006, (547 U.S. 150 (2006)) requires the Secretary of the Interior to prepare and maintain complete, detailed, and accurate records of diversions of water, return flow, and consumptive use and make these records available at least annually. Colorado River entitlement holders are obligated by their water delivery contracts to schedule water diversions in advance, to maintain records of annual diversions and return flow to the river, and to periodically report this information to the Bureau of Reclamation which performs the Secretary's obligations on the lower Colorado River.

Entitlement holders may report the required information using one of the following forms: (1) Form LC-72A, Diversions of Colorado River Water and Return Flow for Municipal, Industrial, and Domestic Uses in the State of (Enter State); or (2) Form LC-72B, Fee for Diversions of Colorado River Water for Municipal Industrial, and Domestic Uses in the State of (Enter State).

<u>Form LC-72A</u> is an annual report that asks for diversions of Colorado River water from river intakes and wells by month, new points of diversion, if any, return flow amounts for metered flows and estimated flows, and the method used to estimate return flows when relevant.

<u>Form LC-72B</u> is for diversions of Colorado River water and annually requests the same information as LC-72A but also includes computation of charges due pursuant to a water delivery contract with the Secretary.

Alternately, the requested information may be submitted in a customized format so long as all necessary information is provided. Entitlement holders may submit this information via electronic mail using scanned copies of the forms or directly via electronic versions of the forms. If you need assistance or have questions, please contact Maria Germain at (702) 293-8474 or mgermain@usbr.gov. For the hearing impaired, please call the Federal Relay System at (800) 877-8339.