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Criteria. That is, the deleted text would be shown in the footnote, and inserted text contained in the Criteria would be footnoted with the footnote specifying the text inserted.

It is the Board's position that consideration of any substantive modifications to the Long-Range Operating Criteria should be delayed until the next Review is undertaken. At the public meeting held in Henderson, Nevada, on November 19<sup>th</sup>, Reclamation staff indicated an intent that the next review not begin until five-years after the current review is concluded. Such a schedule would depart from the review process required by the Colorado River Basin Project Act of 1968. No such intent should be specified in a final decision regarding the current review. A decision regarding the timing of the beginning of the next review should be left open as it may be necessary to begin the next review prior to the time suggested at the public hearing.

Again, thank you for providing the Board an opportunity to comment on Reclamation's proposed changes. The Board is committed to work with Reclamation, the other Colorado River Basin states, and others to determine any necessary changes to the Long-Range Operating Criteria that are warranted to better manage and operate the Colorado River System reservoirs.

Please contact me at (818) 543-4676 if you have any questions or would like to receive any additional information.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

c: Colorado River Basin States' Representatives