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To: All Irrigation Districts Subject to the Acreage Limitation Provisions of Federal Reclamation Law

Subject: Revised Summary of District Responsibilities, Reclamation Reform Act of 1982

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a copy of the revised "Summary of District Responsibilities, Reclamation Reform Act of 1982" (Summary). The enclosed Summary, which can also be found at www.usbr.gov/rra, supersedes the current Summary that was transmitted to districts by a November 2, 2001, letter from the Deputy Director of the Office of Policy. The November 2001 version of the Summary should no longer be used.

We encourage you to thoroughly review the revised Summary because it provides updated information regarding district responsibilities, which will assist you in the administration and enforcement of the Reclamation Reform Act of 1982 (RRA).

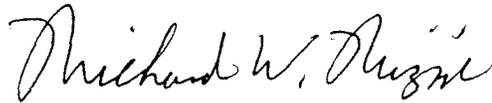
The following highlights some of the changes that are included in the revised Summary:

1. The section that addresses "water district reviews/audits" now provides that compliance reviews of districts, individual landholders, and farm operators will be conducted on a 5-year (rather than a 3-year) cycle.
2. New sections (or subsections) were added to address the following topics:
 - date stamping RRA forms,
 - documenting initial water delivery dates,
 - minimizing occurrences of expired leases,
 - participating in water district reviews,
 - RRA forms requirements for farm operators, and
 - commingling.
3. The following sections/subsections have been expanded to include more detailed information:
 - "RRA forms distribution" (provides the internet site on which electronically fillable RRA forms are available),
 - "Landholding changes" (includes additional information about the RRA forms requirements for new landholders),

- "Identifying excess land" (includes additional situations for which landholders must designate land as excess),
- "Identifying full-cost land" (informs districts that the Bureau of Reclamation must review any landholder RRA forms indicating a reselection of full-cost lands during a water year),
- "Public entities" (reflects the fact that beginning in January 2005, Reclamation began to fully implement the acreage limitation provisions to land held by public entities), and
- "Exemptions" (explains the exemption requirements and Reclamation's exemption approval process in more detail).

Thank you for your continued cooperation and efforts with respect to the administration and enforcement of the RRA. If you would like additional assistance or have questions about the revised Summary, please contact the appropriate Reclamation office.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

The referenced enclosure is a separate purple notebook entitled "Summary of District Responsibilities" and can also be found on the website at www.usbr.gov/rra.