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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Colorado River Water Order – Coachella Valley Water District (CVWD)

Dear Mr. Barrett:

The Bureau of Reclamation received CVWD's revised CY 2024 Colorado River water order in which CVWD requests approval to consumptively use up to 372,937 acre-feet (AF) in CY 2024. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417, this letter provides CVWD with notice of my determination regarding CVWD's revised Colorado River water order for CY 2024.

On March 28, 2024, CVWD and Reclamation executed System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 23-XX-30-W0821 (SCIA),<sup>1</sup> in which CVWD agreed to forego irrigation water deliveries and fallow acres of irrigated farmland to create System Conservation Water, which will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage. CVWD's revised water order reduces its requested delivery at Imperial Dam from 359,000 AF to 357,937 AF and its total requested delivery from 374,000 AF to 372,937 AF to incorporate the creation of 1,063 AF System Conservation Water in CY 2024.

The Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement (CRWDA) quantifies certain Colorado River water entitlements within the state of California, including CVWD's water entitlement. CVWD's revised CY 2024 water order incorporates CVWD's request to have 15,000 AF of Colorado River water, available to CVWD pursuant to the 1989 Approval Agreement, as amended, delivered to CVWD via the Colorado River Aqueduct (CRA) by The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). This requested delivery is made in accordance with Letter Agreement No. 21-XX-30-W0710 between Reclamation and CVWD dated May 7, 2021 (Letter Agreement) and Section 13 of the *Second Amendment to Delivery and Exchange Agreement Between Metropolitan and Coachella*

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<sup>1</sup> Referring to the *System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA) Between the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Coachella Valley Water District to Implement the Lower Colorado Conservation and Efficiency Program (LC Conservation Program)*.

For 35,000 Acre-Feet dated December 11, 2019 (Second Amended Exchange Agreement). In accordance with the Letter Agreement and the Second Amended Exchange Agreement, the actual deliveries to CVWD via the CRA will be determined by MWD.

Based upon a review of the revised CY 2024 water order provided by CVWD, the terms of the CRWDA, the Letter Agreement, and the terms of the SCIA, I approve CVWD to consumptively use up to 372,937 AF of Colorado River water in CY 2024. Of this amount, up to 357,937 AF will be made available to CVWD for delivery via Imperial Dam and an estimated 15,000 AF will be made available to CVWD for delivery by MWD via the CRA. The table below provides the factors used to develop CVWD's approved consumptive use amount for CY 2024.

Water Budget Factor	Amount (AF)
Priority 3a Consumptive Use Cap	330,000
Creation of System Conservation Water (SCIA No. 23-XX-30-W0764)	(35,000)
Creation of System Conservation Water (SCIA No. 23-XX-30-W0821)	(1,063)
Coachella Canal Lining Project (CCLP) Conserved Water	(30,850)
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others <sup>2</sup>	(3,000)
CCLP Conserved Water for Mitigation <sup>3</sup>	4,850
Intra-Priority Transfer to CVWD from Imperial Irrigation District (IID) (IID-CVWD Acquisition Agreement)	93,000
MWD/CVWD State Water Project Water Exchange	0
<b>Total Approved Consumptive Use for Delivery via Imperial Dam</b>	<b>357,937</b>
1988 IID/MWD Conservation Agreement/1989 Approval Agreement – Delivered by MWD via the CRA <sup>4</sup>	15,000
<b>Total Approved Consumptive Use</b>	<b>372,937</b>

Reclamation would like to highlight that, in accordance with the *Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy*,<sup>5</sup> **accumulations of inadvertent overruns are not permitted in CY 2024 and are suspended as long as a Shortage Condition is in effect.** To assist entitlement holders in monitoring their Colorado River water use to ensure they remain within available quantities, Reclamation will continue to monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2024 and will make these projections available daily on Reclamation's website.<sup>6</sup> Reclamation encourages Colorado River water entitlement holders to use the projections to adjust diversions to remain within their Reclamation-approved annual Colorado River water order.

<sup>2</sup> Value shown is subject to change based on final accounting.

<sup>3</sup> Value shown is subject to change based on CVWD's final mitigation water use report.


<sup>4</sup> Deliveries made pursuant to the terms of the Letter Agreement and the Second Amended Exchange Agreement. Actual delivery amount will be determined by MWD.

<sup>5</sup> Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/IOPP.pdf>.

<sup>6</sup> Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf>.

Thank you for submitting CVWD's revised water order for CY 2024. Should you have questions, please contact Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or [jdodds@usbr.gov](mailto:jdodds@usbr.gov). Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunication relay services.

Sincerely,

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