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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Colorado River Water Order – Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

Dear Ms. Asbury:

The Bureau of Reclamation received IID's revised CY 2024 Colorado River water order in which IID requests approval to consumptively use up to 2,452,800 acre-feet (AF) in CY 2024. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides IID with notice of my determination regarding IID's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2024.

IID's revised CY 2024 water order incorporates a reduction to IID's initial water order dated September 14, 2023¹ to account for System Conservation Water (SCW) IID will create in CY 2024 pursuant to System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 24-XX-30-W0825 (SCIA). IID currently anticipates creating 220,000 AF of SCW, of which 50,000 AF will consist of conserved water that IID would have otherwise transferred to the San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA) pursuant to the terms of the Quantification Settlement Agreement. The SCW will remain in Lake Mead to benefit system storage.

The 2003 *Colorado River Water Delivery Agreement* (CRWDA) quantifies certain Colorado River water entitlements within the state of California, including IID's water entitlement. Based upon a review of IID's revised CY 2024 water order, the terms of the SCIA and CRWDA, and other pertinent information, I approve IID to consumptively use up to 2,452,800 AF during CY 2024 for use in IID's service area, of which up to 10,000 AF will be supplied by the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project (LCWSP). This approval results in an estimated diversion of Colorado River water at Imperial Dam of 2,599,847 AF.

¹ Reclamation approved IID's initial CY 2024 water order by letter dated December 22, 2023.

The table below provides the factors used to develop IID’s revised water order approval amount for CY 2024.

Water Budget Factor	Amount (AF)
Priority 3 Consumptive Use Cap	3,100,000
Present Perfected Right Holders and Others ²	(11,500)
1988 IID/Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) Conservation Agreement/1989 Approval Agreement	(105,000)
IID Transfer to the SDCWA	(150,000)
All-American Canal (AAC) Lining Project Conserved Water	(67,700)
Intra-Priority Transfer to the Coachella Valley Water District	(93,000)
System Conservation Water – SCIA No. 24-XX-30-W0825 ^{2,3}	(220,000)
Total Approved Consumptive Use	2,452,800
IID Consumptive Use supplied by the LCWSP ²	(10,000)
Total Approved Consumptive Use at Imperial Dam	2,442,800
Estimated AAC Returns ²	157,047
Total Approved Diversion at Imperial Dam	2,599,847

Reclamation would like to highlight that, in accordance with the *Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy*,⁴ **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 project CY 2024 diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2024 and will make these projections available daily on Reclamation’s website.⁵ 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.

² The amount shown is subject to change based on final accounting records.

³ IID may create up to 300,000 AF of SCW under the SCIA; the actual amount of SCW created will be based on final accounting records.

⁴ Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/IOPP.pdf>.

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

Thank you for submitting IID'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. 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.

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