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Subject: Approval of Revised Calendar Year (CY) 2024 Colorado River Water Diversion – Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID)

Dear Mr. Echard:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received PVID's revised CY 2024 Colorado River water diversion estimates dated July 2024 and October 2024, which, collectively, reduce PVID's requested diversion from 826,000 acre-feet (AF)<sup>1</sup> to 748,000 AF. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides PVID with my determination regarding PVID's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2024.

Water rights for lands located within PVID are based on the California Seven-Party Agreement of 1931 and PVID's 1933 Colorado River Water Delivery Contract with the Bureau of Reclamation, which establish a priority system for delivery of Colorado River water to California water districts. PVID has a Priority 1 right to sufficient water to irrigate up to 104,500 acres of land located in the Palo Verde Valley and a Priority 3(b) right to irrigate up to 16,000 acres of land on the Palo Verde Mesa.

Based upon a review of the revised CY 2024 diversion estimates provided by PVID, I approve the diversion of up to 748,000 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2024 for use in PVID's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 330,244 AF.

Reclamation would like to highlight that, in accordance with the *Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy*,<sup>2</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 project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2024 and will make these projections available daily on Reclamation's Lower

<sup>1</sup> Reclamation approved PVID's initial diversion request by letter dated August 29, 2024.

<sup>2</sup> Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/IOPP.pdf>.

Colorado River Water Accounting website.<sup>3</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.

Thank you for submitting PVID's revised diversion estimate 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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<sup>3</sup> Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf>.