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Subject: Imperial Irrigation District (IID) - The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) December 22, 1988, Agreement for the Implementation of a Water Conservation Program and Use of Conserved Water (Agreement) (Water Conservation)

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Reclamation appreciates receiving a copy of the subject Agreement. We have reviewed the Agreement and wish to compliment both agencies on your successful efforts to develop a plan which will result in more efficient utilization of the limited water resources of the Colorado River. We are prepared to facilitate in the implementation of the Agreement.

We understand that after reviewing the Agreement, both Coachella Valley Water District (Coachella) and the Palo Verde Irrigation District (Palo Verde) have expressed concerns regarding potential impacts on their existing entitlements to water from the Colorado River. We are prepared to operate the river in a manner that will permit us to deliver the water to MWD at its Lake Havasu diversion point in an amount equivalent to the water conserved under the Agreement, as long as it can be accomplished within the contractual framework under the Seven Party Agreement and California law. We emphasize, however, that, to the extent the agreement has detrimental impacts on the existing rights of Coachella and Palo Verde, such activity would only be carried out with their concurrence. We encourage you to continue your efforts to obtain their concurrence.

If, because of the Agreement, different operational procedures are required to properly administer the deliveries of Colorado River water to the California contractors, we will develop revised operational procedures and provide a draft to you, the other California Colorado River contractors, and the Colorado River board of California for review.
Again, we would like to commend you for your efforts to more efficiently use Colorado River water.

Sincerely,

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