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Mr. Terry Fulp, Regional Director  
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Dear Mr. Fulp:

On behalf of the Central Arizona Project (CAP), the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), and the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA), we are writing to express our desire to keep any unused state apportioned water in Lake Mead this year. As you are keenly aware, the Colorado River has experienced prolonged drought conditions for much of the last twelve years that resulted in significant depletions of water stored in both Lake Mead and Lake Powell. While water year 2011 offered hope for recovery, water year 2012 was the third driest year on record, and storage declined significantly this year, with Lake Mead now just 52% full. At the same time, our ongoing conservation efforts have reduced demands in the Lower Colorado River Basin which may result in unused Colorado River water that could be available this year pursuant to Article II(B)(6) of the Consolidated Decree. We see this as an opportunity to retain unused state apportioned water in Lake Mead to alleviate low reservoir storage conditions and help avoid shortages in the near future.



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Over the last several years we have worked diligently with the Bureau of Reclamation and other entitlement holders on the Colorado River to stretch available water supplies. These efforts have included partnering in interstate water banking programs, funding the pilot run of the Yuma Desalting Plant, funding the construction of the Warren H. Brock Reservoir, and implementing aggressive water conservation programs in our service territories. CAP, MWD, and SNWA have implemented these and other programs to augment Colorado River system storage by capturing otherwise non-storable flows and to create Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS). These actions resulted in approximately 455,000 af of ICS stored in Lake Mead by the end of 2011, with another 123,000 af of water stored and conveyed by Brock Reservoir since its construction, with more being created and captured this year.



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Despite our efforts to help aid Lake Mead's storage, we are now at risk of a shortage declaration in the next few years if drought conditions continue. CAP, MWD, and SNWA urge you not to reallocate any unused state apportioned water this year but rather to leave the water in

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Lake Mead for the overall benefit of the Colorado River system and the millions of people who are reliant upon the system.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter. Please contact us directly with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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