

**First Amendment to the California Colorado River Contractors
Forbearance Agreement for 2024-2026 Conservation Agreements Under
the Lower Colorado Conservation and Efficiency Program**

A. On or about November 19, 2024, Coachella Valley Water District, Imperial Irrigation District, The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID), and the City of Needles (the Parties) entered into an agreement titled “California Colorado River Contractors Forbearance Agreement for 2024-2026 Conservation Agreements Under the Lower Colorado Conservation and Efficiency Program” (Forbearance Agreement).

B. The Agreement provides forbearance for several system conservation agreements, including an agreement entered into by Metropolitan and the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) on December 20, 2023, titled “System Conservation Implementation Agreement (SCIA) Between the United States Bureau of Reclamation and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, to Implement the Lower Colorado Conservation and Efficiency Program (LC Conservation Program)” (SCIA), SCIA No. 23-XX-30-W0772, dated December 13, 2023 (up to 117,021 acre-feet/year from 2024-2026).

C. On December 5, 2025, Metropolitan and Reclamation entered into Amendment No. 1 to the SCIA. Under Amendment No. 1 to the SCIA, Reclamation provides funding to Metropolitan to create system conservation water from August 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026 on a voluntary basis that would otherwise accrue to Metropolitan under the Following Program for up to 36,066 acre-feet from August 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026. On or about December 5, 2025, PVID provided its written concurrence with Amendment No. 1 to the SCIA.

D. The Parties desire to incorporate Amendment No. 1 to SCIA No. 23-XX-30-W0772 in the Forbearance Agreement.

Therefore, the Parties hereby amend the Forbearance Agreement by deleting Section 1c in its entirety and replace it with the following:

The System Conservation Implementation Agreement between the United States Bureau of Reclamation and The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California to implement a Lower Colorado Conservation and Efficiency Program (LC Conservation Program) based upon temporary and compensated conservation of Colorado River water historically used for irrigation of lands within the Palo Verde Irrigation District, SCIA No. 23-XX-30-W0772 dated December 13, 2023, as revised by Amendment 1 to the SCIA (up to 117,021 acre-feet/year from 2024-2026 and up to 36,066 acre-feet from August 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026).

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