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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Subject: 2021 Declaration of Water Made Available – Central Valley Project (Project),
California

Dear CVP Contractor:

Following up on the May 21st conference call with Municipal & Industrial (M&I) contractors, we regret to inform you that due to dramatically worsening hydrologic conditions, Reclamation is reducing its initial allocation of 55% of historic use or public health & safety (PHS), whichever is greater, for both North of Delta and South of Delta M&I Contractors to 25% of historic use, making PHS adjustments where possible in accordance with the M&I Water Shortage Policy.

The M&I Water Shortage Policy can be accessed at <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/cvp/mandi.html>.

The 25% allocation will go into effect on June 1, 2021 and will not apply to deliveries through May 31. While this is the same as the final allocation provided in 2015, hydrologic conditions are worse this year, and Reclamation cannot ensure that all PHS needs can be met with project supplies. We also confirm that Water Made Available for 2021 is 0% of Irrigation Water for north and south of Delta water service/repayment contractors. All CVP Reservoirs are projected to be at or near minimum levels at the end of the water year.

Pursuant to your Contract, please submit a written schedule to this office on or before June 10, 2021, showing the monthly quantities of CVP water to be delivered based on the above declaration of Water Made Available.

As hydrologic conditions have deteriorated to worse than forecasted, Reclamation continues to work with our Contractors and State partners to stabilize the limited water supply. Consistent with Reclamation's M&I Water Shortage Policy individual contractors are allowed to seek relief in order to meet basic PHS. If a contractor is seeking relief, all available water sources will be taken into consideration. Before seeking relief, the contractor must be actively implementing a Reclamation approved Water Management Plan that meets the current Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Standard Criteria; be measuring such water consistent with section 3405(b) of the CVPIA; have an established operating drought contingency plan designed to protect PHS and demonstrate a 'need' for additional water. At this point in time, Contractors should accelerate implementation of maximum water conservation measures even if you are not seeking relief. If conditions continue to worsen, further reductions of the M&I allocation may

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become necessary. Please review the M&I Water Shortage Policy for additional information from the link provided above.

The Bureau of Reclamation will update this declaration as necessary, based on then current operational and hydrologic conditions. We remain committed to working with you to maximize our limited water supply during these extreme drought conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Everest at 530-892-6220, or at reverest@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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