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David J. Coxe
Bella Vista Water District
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Subject: Initial Declaration of Water Made Available for 2023 – Bella Vista Water District, Contract Number 14-06-200-851A-P (Contract) – Central Valley Project (Project), California

Dear Mr. Coxe:

California benefited from wet weather and significant snowpack in late 2022 and early 2023, however, for the month of February, precipitation has been well below average. While we remain cautiously optimistic for the water year, the following initial allocation is being made in recognition that uncertainties remain given the nature of the fluctuating climate and the possibility that dry conditions will continue.

Pursuant to Article 4(a) of the Contract, the initial amount of Water Made Available for 2023 is 35% of Irrigation Water and 75% of Historical Use for Municipal and Industrial Water (M&I Water). Please note, that due to remaining uncertainties in hydrology, pending court decisions relating to Reclamation's request for an extension of an Interim Operations Plan for operation of the Central Valley Project, and pending development of the Shasta Reservoir Temperature Management Plan, the Water Made Available for 2023 could be reduced significantly. Therefore, please take all necessary preparatory actions should a significant reduction occur.

In accordance with the Contract, please submit a written schedule to this office on or before March 1, 2023, showing the monthly quantities of Project Water to be delivered based on the above declaration of Water Made Available. For Irrigation Water, please provide a schedule that does not rely on storage withdrawals from Shasta Reservoir for the months of March and April, pending decisions previously described. Reclamation's water conservation staff is available to assist contractors with questions regarding their water conservation plans and proposed water management measures.

Reclamation will update the declaration as needed as conditions warrant. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jacob Berens at 530-892-6203 or e-mail jberens@usbr.gov, or Mr. Richard Robertson at 530-892-6265 or e-mail rrobertson@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

Donald Bader
Area Manager

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