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☐ Telephone

☐ **Meeting Location:** Via email

NAME: Abdel-Karim Abulaban

DATE: July 25, 2023

TIME: 17:38

WITH: Justina Gamboa-Arce, Imperial Irrigation District (IID)

SUBJECT: Remaining Non-Agricultural Project Set-Aside for 2023

COMMENTS:

I recalled hearing that the IID had already allocated 1,500 acre feet (AF) of water for Non-Agricultural projects and contacted Justina Gamboa-Arce of the IID to verify.

On June 25, 2023, Ms. Gamboa-Arce replied by email and provided the following information:

- Per the Interim Water Supply Policy for Non-Agricultural Projects (IWSP), up to 25,000 AF is set aside (not allocated) annually by means of water conservation and is not a reserved amount of water.
- As of July 2023, 5,380 AF has already been committed by water agreement, leaving a balance of 19,629 AF.

Attached:

- Email from Justina Gamboa-Arce of the IID dated July 25, 2023

From: [Gamboa-Arce, Justina](#)
To: [Abulaban, Abdel-Karim@Energy](#)
Cc: [Ackerman, James@Energy](#)
Subject: RE: Interim Water Supply Policy for Non-Agricultural Projects
Date: Tuesday, July 25, 2023 5:37:45 PM
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Good afternoon Karim,

There is no water “allocated” per say.

Under the IWSP, IID may conserve and set aside up to 25,000 acre-feet annually (AFY) of IID’s Colorado River water supply to serve new non-agricultural projects (with water created from IID efficiency conservation projects and programs). The 25,000 acre-feet has been environmentally assessed for potential conservation and is not an actual reserved amount of water supply that currently exists but that can be created when it is needed under this mechanism. As of July 2023, a balance of 19,620 AFY remain available for conservation under the IWSP for new non-agricultural projects (5,380 acre-feet are already under approved water supply agreements).

I hope this is helpful.

Best Regards-

Justina Gamboa-Arce

From: Abulaban, Abdel-Karim@Energy <Abdel-Karim.Abulaban@energy.ca.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, 25 July, 2023 5:06 PM
To: Gamboa-Arce, Justina <jgamboaarce@IID.com>
Cc: Ackerman, James@Energy <james.ackerman@energy.ca.gov>
Subject: Interim Water Supply Policy for Non-Agricultural Projects

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Hello Justina,

I remember seeing somewhere that the Non-Agricultural project allocation by IID has already been tapped into for around 1,500 acre-feet or so, but can't remember the project that has been allocated that amount of water. Could you please confirm how much of the allocation has been ear-marked for some projects and how much is remaining?

Thanks.

Karim

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