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Subject: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request – DOI-BOR-2020-005926

Dear Mr. Suman:

This letter is in initial response to your FOIA request dated September 27, 2020. Your request and document were received by the California Great-Basin regional office on October 8, 2020. The request was assigned the FOIA tracking number DOI-BOR-2020-005926. Please use this number in all future communications regarding the request.

The request is for copies of “USBR Fresno River Cabinet Contents List Binders 3,4, and 5” of the Cabinet Contents List – Fresno River (List). Your requester category is evaluated as ‘other,’ and the request will be placed in the ‘normal’ processing track.

Your request did not completely address processing fees. You did ask to be notified in advance if fees will be required. Including your entitlements as an all other category requester, our estimate is that converting the records from paper to electronic will cost \$300. The estimate includes 11 hours of conversion time at the clerical rate of \$27 per hour. The cost may be more or less than the estimated fee. If it appears the processing fees are likely to exceed the estimate or the amount you are willing to pay, we will stop processing the request at that point and contact you for further authorization.

You must provide in writing a statement of your willingness to pay all or a portion of the estimated fee before we can accept your request. Pursuant to 43 CFR §2.49, if the bureau does not receive your written response containing the additional information that resolves any fee issues, in accordance with paragraphs (b)(2) and/or (b)(4) of this section, within 20 workdays after the bureau has requested it, the bureau will presume that you are no longer interested in the records and will close the file on the request.

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litigation. You may contact OGIS in any of the following ways: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, MD 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov), commercial telephone at 202-741-5770, fax: 202-741-5769, or by toll-free telephone at 877-684-6448. Please note that using OGIS services does not affect the timing of filing an appeal with the Department's FOIA & Privacy Act Appeals Officer.

Pursuant to 43 CFR § 2.19, we are making available our FOIA Public Liaison to assist in resolving any disputes between you and Reclamation. The acting FOIA Public Liaison is Ms. Cindy Cafaro. The public liaison can be reached by telephone at (888) 603-7119. For correspondence, the mailing address is Department of the Interior FOIA Office, MS-5558, MIB, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

If you have any questions about this response, please contact the undersigned at 916-978-5554, or e-mail [sha-MPR-FOIA@usbr.gov](mailto:sha-MPR-FOIA@usbr.gov).

Sincerely,

**CHRISTOPHER  
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Christopher S. Miller  
Regional FOIA Officer

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