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LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

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The Corps of Engineers and the Lower Colorado River Authority, pursuant to Section 7 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 33 U.S.C. § 709, hereby set forth this Letter of Understanding for the operation of the Mansfield Dam and Lake Travis.

WHEREAS, Mansfield Dam and Lake Travis (Marshall Ford Dam and Reservoir), located at river mile 318 on the Colorado River, Travis County, Texas, was authorized for a two stage construction by the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935 (49 Stat. 115), the Cooperative Agreement Between the United States and the Lower Colorado River Authority approved June 1, 1935, and the River and Harbor Act of 1937 (Public Law 75-392) and;

WHEREAS, the project was constructed by the Bureau of Reclamation, with 783,200 acre-feet of flood control storage which is regulated by the Corps of Engineers in accordance with Section 7 of the 1944 Flood Control Act, and;

WHEREAS, by contract between the Lower Colorado River Authority and the United States dated March 13, 1941 the Lower Colorado River Authority was designated as the agent to operate and maintain Mansfield Dam for regulating the flow of the Colorado River below the dam, and;

WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Flood Control Act of 1944, 33 U.S.C. 709, directs the Secretary of the Army to prescribe regulations for the use of storage allocated for flood control or navigation at all reservoirs constructed wholly or in part with Federal funds, and;

WHEREAS, 33 CFR 208.11 further prescribes the policy and procedures for regulating the use of storage allocated for flood control or navigation purposes at all reservoirs capable of such regulation and constructed wholly or in part with Federal funds provided on the basis of such purposes;

NOW THEREFORE, in addition to the responsibilities of the Lower Colorado River Authority (hereinafter called the Authority) and the Corps of Engineers (hereinafter called the
Corps) spelled out in paragraph 33 C.F.R. 208.11, it is agreed or understood that:

The Water Control Manual for Mansfield Dam and Lake Travis will contain the Water Control Agreement and this Letter of Understanding. In addition, the manual will contain instructions for reporting data necessary for flood control regulation of the project and communications procedures between the Authority and the Corps. The manual contains instructions to be followed for flood control regulation. The manual will serve as a detailed guide to personnel involved in the flood control regulation of Mansfield Dam and Lake Travis during the life of the project. Portions of the manual will be updated as conditions warrant. Revisions to the Water Control Manual and all associated documents will be in writing and in accordance with the provisions of 33 CFR 208.11 (d) (10). Should there be any difference between this Letter of Understanding and the Water Control Manual, the Manual shall control.

WITNESS OUR HANDS in the capacities shown below and effective either on the date of the adoption of amendments to 33 C.F.R. § 208.19 consistent with the revised Water Control Manual or on the date of the last signature, whichever is later.

Thomas W. Kula  
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