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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Reclamation has prepared the enclosed Final EIS for the Wellton-Mohawk Title Transfer pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. The Final EIS has been revised based on comments received during public hearings and a public review period following distribution of the Draft EIS. The Final EIS analyzes a No Action Alternative and a Proposed Action/Preferred Alternative. This document will be used in the decision-making process pursuant to the Wellton-Mohawk Transfer Act of June 2000 (P.L. 106-221) whereby the Secretary of the Interior was authorized to transfer title to works, facilities and certain Federally-owned lands from the United States to the Wellton-Mohawk Division of the Gila Project.

The Record of Decision (ROD) will be prepared and signed no sooner than 30 days after this document has become available via Federal Register Notice. No action will be taken until the ROD has been signed by the Secretary of the Interior.

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**Abstract:**

This Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) addresses the effects of a proposed Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) irrigation project title transfer under Reclamation's title transfer policy. The proposal involves the facilities and lands of the Wellton-Mohawk Division of the Gila Project (Division), an irrigation project in Yuma County in southwestern Arizona. The Wellton-Mohawk Division serves the Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District (District), which has repaid the federal cost of constructing the Division. Reclamation proposes to 1) transfer ownership on behalf of the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) of the Division's irrigation, drainage, and flood control facilities to the District, 2) transfer certain lands acquired for the Division on behalf of the Secretary to the District, and 3) make certain other lands acquired in connection with the Division available for purchase by the District. This FEIS has been prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Reclamation's NEPA Handbook to assess the potential effects of the proposed ownership changes.

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