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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Parties, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin 
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability – Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Proposed Community Water Company of Green Valley (CWCGV) Central Arizona Project (CAP) Water Distribution System and Recharge Facility, Green Valley, Pima County, Arizona (Action by April 10, 2009)

This is to notify you that Reclamation is issuing the subject draft EA, on the proposed CWCGV CAP Water Distribution System and Recharge Facility (Proposed Project), for public review and comment. If you previously requested a copy of the draft EA, it is attached. The draft EA is also available on Reclamation's Phoenix Area Office's Web site, <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/>. If you would like a paper or CD copy of the document, please call Ms. Ruth Konst at 623-773-6251, or via electronic mail at rkonst@usbr.gov.

This EA has been prepared to describe and assess the environmental consequences that may result from construction and operation of CWCGV's Proposed Project to take and use its CAP entitlement of 2,858 acre-feet per year. The Proposed Project would provide CWCGV with a renewable source of water that would help relieve ground-water overdraft and to provide an alternative water source should CWCGV's ground-water wells become unusable due to sulfate contamination. The CAP water would be conveyed through a pipeline to be constructed mainly within existing road or utility rights-of-way, to an artificial recharge facility to be located east of CWCGV's water service area, where the CAP water would be stored underground.

Under the Preferred Alternative, the capacity of the mainstem pipeline would be increased to transport additional renewable water supplies to the Upper Santa Cruz (USC) basin, should water providers and users within the USC basin build the necessary infrastructure and obtain supplies. Transport and use of these additional renewable water supplies, either directly or through recharge, could further reduce ground-water overdraft and other negative effects within the USC basin resulting from ground-water pumping.

The draft EA describes the existing conditions in the Project area and the environmental impacts that are anticipated to result from the construction and operation of the Proposed Project. Prior to finalizing the EA, we will take into consideration relevant public comments received on this

draft EA. To be most helpful, comments on the adequacy of the EA should be as specific as possible regarding statements found in the EA that the reader believes are incorrect, including the reasons why the reader believes they are incorrect. Please mail your comments to Ms. Sandra Eto, Environmental Resource Management Division, at the above address, Attention PXAO-1500, or via electronic mail to seto@usbr.gov, or send to faxogram 623-773-6486, no later than April 10, 2009. Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

PUBLIC MEETING TO RECEIVE ORAL COMMENTS

Reclamation will hold a public meeting to receive oral comments regarding the adequacy of the draft EA on March 26, 2009, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. A court reporter will be present to provide a verbatim transcription of formal comments heard at this meeting.

Location: American Legion Post 66

Address: 1560 West Duval Mine Road
Green Valley, Arizona 85614

Hearing-impaired, visually impaired, and/or mobility-impaired persons planning to attend this meeting may arrange for necessary accommodation by calling CWCGV at 520-625-8409, by March 16, 2009.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sandra Eto, of the Environmental Resource Management Division, at 623-773-6254. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Attachment