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MEMORANDUM

To:

All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From:

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Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the 4-Mile Post

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Lift Station and Pipeline Improvements Project (Action by 14 days from the date of this

memorandum)

The Bureau of Reclamation has issued a Draft EA to solicit public comments on the potential environmental effects of the proposed 4-Mile Post Lift Station and Pipeline Improvements Project. The proposed project includes expansion of an existing pipeline easement, and construction of a new pipeline and lift station. The project would be implemented to increase capacity within the San Carlos Irrigation Project Southside Canal, which is the primary water supply for the Gila River Farms. This increased capacity is needed to convey an alternate, pooled water supply that includes Gila River (Globe Equity 59) surface and groundwater from the Pima Lateral up gradient to the Southside Canal to be used should a water shortage be declared on the Colorado River.

A paper copy or CD of the Draft EA can be obtained by calling the Bureau of Reclamation at 623-773-6251, or via email at <u>ajenkins@usbr.gov</u>. The EA may be viewed on the Phoenix Area Office web site at http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/.

Comments should be submitted to Ms. Johnida S. Dockens at the Bureau of Reclamation, Phoenix Area Office, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4001; fax to 623-773-6481; or via email at jdockens@usbr.gov, no later than 14 days from the date of this memorandum. By law, the names and addresses of those providing comments are available for public review. However, individuals may request that their name and/or address be withheld from the record. These requests will be honored to the extent allowable by law. If you wish your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment letter. All comments from organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

For additional information regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Dockens via email at jdockens@usbr.gov, or by calling 623-773-6256.