



# United States Department of the Interior

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## MEMORANDUM

/s/ *CLHM*

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Leslie Meyers  
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Subject: Bureau of Reclamation Seeks Public Comments for Environmental Assessment on Proposed Recommendation for the Reallocation of Non-Indian Agricultural Priority Central Arizona Project Water in Accordance with Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004 (due date July 22, 2016)

The Bureau of Reclamation, in cooperation with the Arizona Department of Water Resources (ADWR) and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, has prepared a draft environmental assessment (DEA) to act upon the recommendation made by ADWR for the proposed reallocation of 46,629 acre-feet annually of Non-Indian Agricultural water to municipal and industrial users in the Phoenix, Pinal, and Tucson Active Management Areas (AMAs) within the Central Arizona Project service area. The Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004 outlines that this water can be reallocated to municipal and industrial users upon approval by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary). The reallocation of this water is needed to help AMAs meet their targets for reducing groundwater overdraft, while still developing their economies.

The DEA has been prepared to meet the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law 91-190). The DEA evaluates the potential effects the proposed reallocations will have on the human environment, and will inform the Secretary's decision on whether to approve the proposed reallocations based on ADWR's recommendation.

Reclamation seeks public input on the DEA, including the potential impacts of the proposed action and other substantive concerns or comments on the DEA. All comments on the DEA will be considered prior to making a final decision on whether to approve the proposed reallocations. To be most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible.

There will be a public meeting to solicit comments on the DEA. The public may view exhibits, ask questions of agency representatives and resource specialists, and provide verbal and/or written comments at this meeting. The public meeting date, time, and location are as follows:

### **Casa Grande – June 22, 2016, 4:30 to 6:30 PM**

Casa Grande Middle School, Auditorium  
300 W McMurray Blvd  
Casa Grande, AZ 85122

Hearing impaired, visually impaired, and/or mobility impaired persons planning to attend these meetings may arrange for necessary accommodation by calling or emailing Reclamation at 623-773-6216, [kmusser@usbr.gov](mailto:kmusser@usbr.gov), prior to the public meeting.

Comments may also be sent by mail to Reclamation's Phoenix Area Office, 6150 W. Thunderbird Rd., Glendale, AZ 85306, Attention: PXAO-1500. You can also fax comments to 623-773-6486, or email them to [cap\\_NIA@erresources.com](mailto:cap_NIA@erresources.com) by July 22, 2016. Comments, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. The DEA is available for download and review on the Phoenix Area Office website at: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/>.