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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin   
Area Manager

Subject: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Proposed Transfer of 200 Acre-Feet (AF) of Central Arizona Project (CAP) Water from Berneil Water Company (Berneil) to the Cave Creek Water Company (CCWC), Maricopa County, Arizona

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has completed a final EA for the proposed transfer of 200 acre-feet annually (AFA) of CAP water from Berneil to CCWC. Both companies provide potable water to service areas located in Maricopa County, Arizona. Under the proposed action, Reclamation would transfer Berneil's remaining 200 AF of its annual CAP water allocation to CCWC. Berneil's existing CAP water service subcontract would be terminated. CCWC's existing CAP water service subcontract would be amended to increase its annual allocation from 1,600 AFA to 1,800 AFA. Berneil would continue to rely on its existing ground-water supply system to serve its water service area; CCWC has indicated that it would use the additional CAP water to supply irrigation water to a golf course within its service area, or would treat, deliver, and use it as a potable water supply within the CCWC water service area. No new treatment and delivery facilities would need to be constructed for CCWC to use this transferred CAP water.

The EA was prepared consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act. A draft of the EA was distributed on March 6, 2006, to over 40 entities, including public agencies, tribal governments, and interested and/or affected local organizations and private entities. One comment letter was received; no changes to the draft EA are required. Based upon the analysis conducted and comments received on the draft EA, Reclamation has determined preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required and that a FONSI is appropriate. The comment letter and Reclamation's response are provided as Attachment 1 to the FONSI. A separate final EA document has not been prepared. The draft EA plus Attachment 1 to the FONSI are considered to be the final EA. Attached for your information is a copy of the FONSI with Attachment 1.

Thank you for your interest in this project. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ms. Sandy Eto of my staff at 623-773-6254, or faxogram 623-773-6486.

Attachment

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