MEMORANDUM

To:   All Interested Parties, Organizations and Agencies

From:   Carol Lynn Erwin   Area Manager

Subject:   Proposed Community Water Company of Green Valley (CWCGV) Central Arizona Project (CAP) Water Distribution System and Recharge Facility, Green Valley, Pima County, Arizona

Reclamation received notice from CWCGV indicating CWCGV’s intention to identify an alternate location for the recharge facility associated with the CAP Water Distribution System. CWCGV’s letter, which is attached, states in part, “… the cost to develop and operate the recharge facility proposed in the subject Environmental Assessment (EA) will not be supportable by Community Water over the long haul.”

We have requested that CWCGV keep Reclamation informed regarding the steps being taken in evaluating alternate sites for its recharge facility, including identifying criteria that will be used to prioritize potential sites and the schedule for completing this evaluation. The evaluation will include, but is not limited to, conducting geologic and hydrologic investigations or modeling to determine suitability of the site for, as well as impacts from, recharge of the proposed amounts of water.

Once CWCGV has determined its course of action and identified a schedule for completing this evaluation, we will revise our schedule for completing environmental clearances. Currently we anticipate this will include issuance of a supplemental or revised draft EA for public review and comment, as well as reconsultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Fish and Wildlife Service, if necessary.

We appreciate the participation of the public in this process thus far and will issue updates about the status of the project as appropriate on the Reclamation Web site at http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/. If you would like to be notified by parcel post, please fill out and return the attached form to the Phoenix Area Office, Attention: Ms. Ruth Konst. Should you have questions specific to the decision to identify an alternate recharge facility location, please contact CWCGV at 520-625-8409. If you have any questions regarding the environmental clearance process, please contact Ms. Sandra Eto at 623-773-6254, or seto@usbr.gov. Thank you for your interest in this project.

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