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To: All Interested Persons, Organizations and Agencies

From: Leslie A. Meyers

Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Final

Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Proposed Rehabilitation of the Casa Blanca-III Lateral and Sub-Lateral Canals in the Casa Blanca Canal System on the Gila River

Indian Reservation, Pinal County, Arizona

The Bureau of Reclamation has determined that plans for proposed efficiency enhancements to water distribution equipment on approximately 71 miles of lateral and sub-lateral canal offshoots of the main Casa Blanca Canal, are not major federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. This determination has been recorded in a FONSI. The final EA and FONSI can be viewed at: http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/ and paper copies are also available upon request.

A Notice of Availability for the draft EA was issued on February 14, 2019, with comments due on March 16, 2019. One agency comment letter was received and the EA was amended appropriately. Reclamation has determined that the proposed action will not significantly impact the environment, therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

For additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Dominic Graziani, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 623-773-6216, or via email at dgraziani@usbr.gov.