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MEMORANDUM

To:

All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From:

Randy N. Chandler

Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for Rehabilitation of

Arbert W. Muhach

the Casa Blanca Canal on the Gila River Indian Reservation (Action by April 15, 2013)

The Bureau of Reclamation has issued a DEA to solicit public comments on the potential environmental effects of a proposal to rehabilitate the Casa Blanca Canal, near the communities of Maricopa and Sacaton, Arizona. The DEA is available for public review and comment on Reclamation's Phoenix Area Office website, http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/. A paper copy or compact disk version of the DEA may be obtained by calling the Environmental Resource Management Division at 623-773-6251, or by emailing jharagara@usbr.gov.

We will consider all comments on the DEA prior to making a decision regarding the applicability of a Finding of No Significant Impact. To be most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible. Please mail your comments to Mr. John McGlothlen at the above address, or email your comments to jmcglothlen@usbr.gov. Comments may also be faxed to 623-773-6486. To be considered, comments must be submitted no later than April 15, 2013. Before including your name, address, telephone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public view, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. McGlothlen at 623-773-6256. Thank you for your interest in this project.