MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Parties, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Randy N. Chandler
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of Environmental Assessment (EA) on WaterSMART Grant to the City of Goodyear (City) (Action by September 15, 2014)

The Bureau of Reclamation has prepared the subject EA to disclose the potential environmental impacts that may result from the city use of $300,000 in Federal funding provided under the WaterSMART 2013 program. The Federal grant would supplement City funding to install vadose zone water injection wells associated with a proposed Underground Storage Facility (USF). The wells will recharge Class A+ reclaimed water generated by the City’s 157th Avenue Water Reclamation Facility. Recharging reclaimed water through the USF would provide additional stored water to bolster the City’s future water supply portfolio. The proposed project would be located on City owned utility and street easements along the West Yuma Road and North Estrella Parkway, south of West Van Buren Street.

We have made a preliminary determination that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for the action and that a preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted. However, we will consider all comments on the EA prior to making a final decision on the application of a FONSI. The EA and FONSI (draft) may be viewed on the Phoenix Area Office Web site at www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix.

Comments should be submitted to Mr. John McGlothlen, at the above address no later than September 15, 2014, or emailed to jmcglothlen@usbr.gov. Before including your 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 review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. McGlothlen at jmcglothlen@usbr.gov or by calling 623-773-6256.