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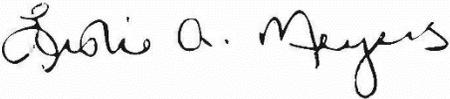
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## MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Leslie Myers  
Area Manager 

Subject: Notice of Public Scoping for Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for an Exchange Agreement (Agreement) of up to 25,000 Acre-Feet Annually (afa) of Central Arizona Project (CAP) Water from the Gila River Indian Community to the Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District, Hohokam Irrigation and Drainage District, Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District, Roosevelt Irrigation and Drainage District and the Salt River Valley Water User's Association (Action within 14 days of the date stamp on this memorandum).

The Bureau of Reclamation is conducting public scoping to evaluate the potential for environmental impacts attributed to the proposed Agreement for the exchange of CAP water between the Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) and five Central Arizona Water Conservation District (CAWCD) – Groundwater Savings Facilities (GSFs). The GSFs are the Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District (MSIDD), Hohokam Irrigation and Drainage District (HIDD), Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District (CAIDD), Roosevelt Water Conservation District (RWCD), Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (SRVWUA), each being a GSF. The Agreement allows up to 25,000 afa of the Community's CAP water to be scheduled and delivered to HIDD, MSIDD, CAIDD, NMIDD, RWCD, SRVWUA through existing infrastructure in-lieu of HIDD, MSIDD, CAIDD, NMIDD, RWCD, SRVWUA pumping groundwater. Individual storage permits will be obtained by each GSF from CAWCD to allow for storage of CAP water allotted per the Agreement.

In exchange for the in-lieu water being delivered to the GSF, the Community would earn long term storage credits that can be recovered or assigned at the Community's sole discretion at any location within the Phoenix/Pinal Active Management Area in accordance with Arizona State law (ARS§ 45-853.01). The proposed Agreement will be executed for a term of approximately 10 years. The Exchange Agreement would be automatically renewed for an additional period of 10 years, unless either party provides written notice to terminate or renegotiate the terms of the Storage Agreement.

We will consider all comments on the EA prior to making a final decision regarding the applicability of a Finding of No Significant Impact. The final decision will be available at [www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix). Please submit your comments to Mr. Dominic Graziani by mail at “Attn: Mr. Dominic Graziani, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, AZ 85306” or by email to [dgraziani@usbr.gov](mailto:dgraziani@usbr.gov), no later than 14 days after the date stamped on this memorandum. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information; please consider that this information is available for public review.

For additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Graziani by email or by telephone at (623)773-6216.