MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Randy N. Chandler  
Area Manager


The Bureau of Reclamation is issuing the attached Supplemental Environmental Assessment (EA) on the proposed construction of the Consolidated Canal Extension and Goodyear Lateral in the Santan Area of the Gila River Indian Community, south of Chandler, Arizona. The canals would deliver irrigation water from the off-reservation Consolidated Canal to Reach IC and ID of the Santan Canal, which is a component of the Pima-Maricopa Irrigation Project. Construction would affect approximately 32 acres of land on the Gila River Indian Reservation.

Based on a review of the supplemental EA, I have made a preliminary determination that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate for the proposed action, and that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not warranted. However, I will consider all comments on the EA prior to making a final decision regarding whether a FONSI is appropriate. The final decision will be available at http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix after the public comment period closes.

Please submit your comments to John McGlothlen, Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4001, faxed to 623-773-6481, or emailed to jmcglothlen@usbr.gov, no later than May 5, 2011. By law, the names and addresses of those providing comments are available for public review. However, individuals may request that their name and/or address be withheld from the record. These requests will be honored to the extent allowable by law. If you wish your name and/or address withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment letter. All comments from organizations or businesses will be available for public inspection in their entirety.

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

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