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Memorandum

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Subject: Notice of Availability – Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact for the Proposed Exchange of Central Arizona Project Water Between the Gila River Indian Community and the Roosevelt Water Conservation District, Maricopa County, Arizona

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a final Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the proposed exchange of up to 85,000 acre-feet annually of Central Arizona Project water between the Gila River Indian Community and the Roosevelt Water Conservation District (RWCD) (Figure 1).

The final EA has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law 91-190) to evaluate the potential effects of the proposed action on the human environment. Reclamation has determined that the proposed project does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required and has prepared a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI). The final EA and FONSI can be viewed at: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/> and paper copies are also available upon request by calling Ms. Sonia Holloway, Secretary, at (623) 773-6251 or via email at sholloway@usbr.gov.

Reclamation solicited input from the public on the proposed action to assist in identifying key issues and defining the scope of the project and environmental analysis. Reclamation initiated a 15-day scoping period on April 21, 2020 that closed May 6, 2020. No comments were received.

The draft EA was published on Reclamation's website on July 2, 2020, and public comments were accepted from July 2, 2020 to July 17, 2020. No comments were received.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Dominic Graziani, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (623) 773-6216 or via email at dgraziani@usbr.gov.

Thank you for help and cooperation with this project.

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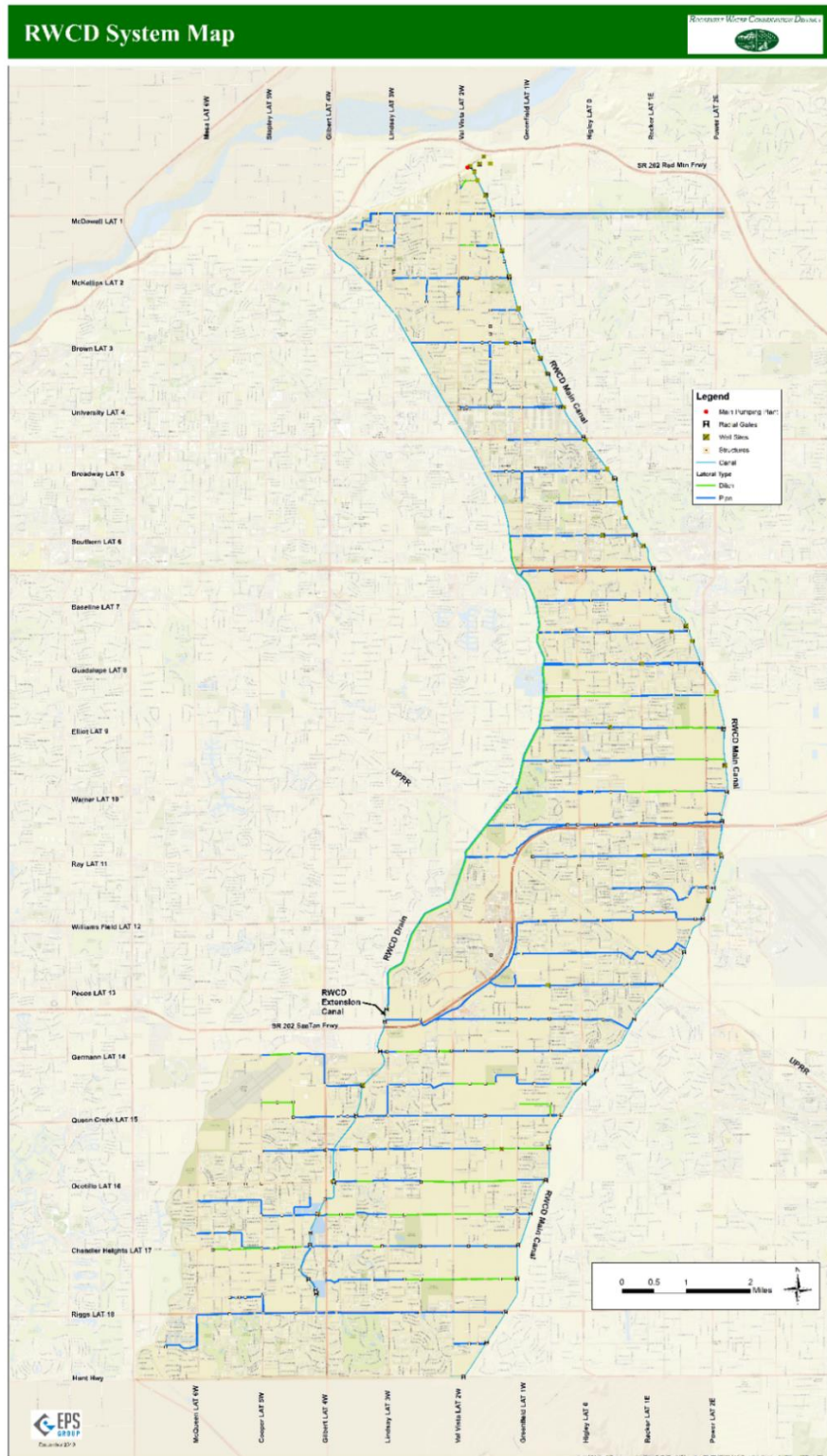


Figure 1. RWCD Service Area