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## Memorandum

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Subject: Notice of Public Scoping Period – Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Exchange Agreement 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 (Action by 15 Days from the Date of this Memorandum)

The Bureau of Reclamation is conducting public scoping, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law 91-90) to evaluate the potential for environmental impacts attributed to the proposed approval of an exchange agreement (Agreement) for Central Arizona Project (CAP) water between the Gila River Indian Community (Community) and the Roosevelt Water Conservation District (RWCD), a permitted CAP Groundwater Savings Facility (GSF). The Agreement would allow up to 85,000 acre-feet annually of the Community's CAP water to be scheduled and delivered to RWCD through existing infrastructure in-lieu of RWCD pumping groundwater. An individual storage permit would be obtained by the Community from the Arizona Department of Water Resources to allow for storage of CAP water delivered in accordance with 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 in accordance with Arizona State law (ARS § 45-853.01). The proposed Agreement would be executed annually between the Community and RWCD.

Reclamation requests that anyone with information or comments relevant to the actions outlined in this document provide input in the scoping process. To be most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible and related to the activities of the proposed project. Comments should be received within 15 days of the date of this letter and addressed to the attention of Mr. Dominic Graziani, or via email at [dgraziani@usbr.gov](mailto:dgraziani@usbr.gov). Please be advised that any personal identifying information (PII) included in a submitted response, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request that Reclamation withhold your PII from public review, Reclamation cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

If you have questions, please contact Mr. Graziani at (623) 773-6216.

Thank you for help and cooperation with this project.

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