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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 Disclaiming of Interest in Twenty-Six (26) Existing Groundwater Pumping Plants and Proposed Approval of a 2020 Supplemental Agreement Among Roosevelt Irrigation District, Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Salt River Valley Water Users' Association, and the United States of America through the Secretary of the Interior Authorizing the Continued Operation of Existing Groundwater Wells Within the Salt River Reservoir District, Maricopa County, Arizona (Action by 15 Days from the Date of this Memorandum)

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a final Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluating the environmental impacts associated with two proposed actions: (1) the United States of America through the Secretary of the Interior (Reclamation) proposes to disclaim all interests in twenty-six (26) existing pumping plants (Eastside Wells) within the Salt River Reservoir District described in a Deed recorded January 1, 1928 between the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (Association) and the Roosevelt Irrigation District (RID) that are operated by the RID, and (2) the proposed approval of a supplemental agreement (2020 Supplement) among the RID, the Association, the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, and Reclamation. The 2020 Supplement pertains to RID's pumping of Reclamation project water from the Eastside Wells for agricultural use (Figures 1 and 2).

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

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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. 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 conducted scoping via e-mail and internet publication; project information was sent to the agencies and entities listed in Section 3.0 of the EA. A 15-day scoping period was initiated April 21, 2020 and closed on May 6, 2020. No comments were received.

The draft EA was published on June 19, 2020, and public comments were accepted from June 19, 2020 to July 4, 2020. Reclamation emailed notices of the draft EA publication to the agencies and entities listed in Section 3.0 of the EA and posted the draft EA on the internet. No comments were received.

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

Thank you for your help and cooperation with this project.

Attachments

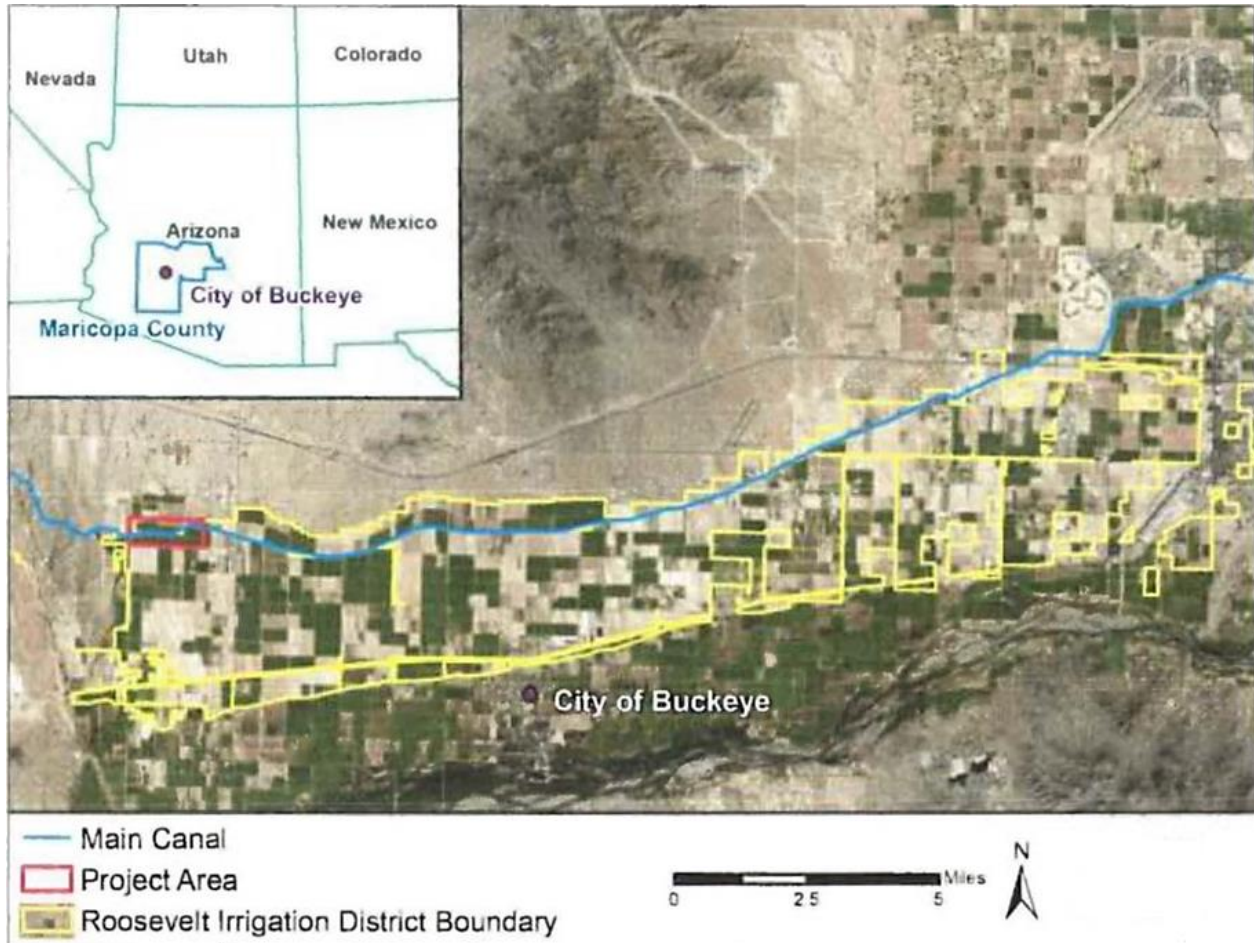


Figure 1. RID Boundaries

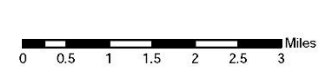
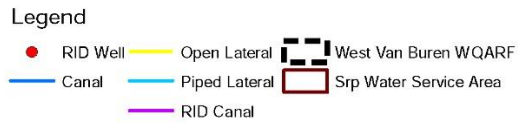
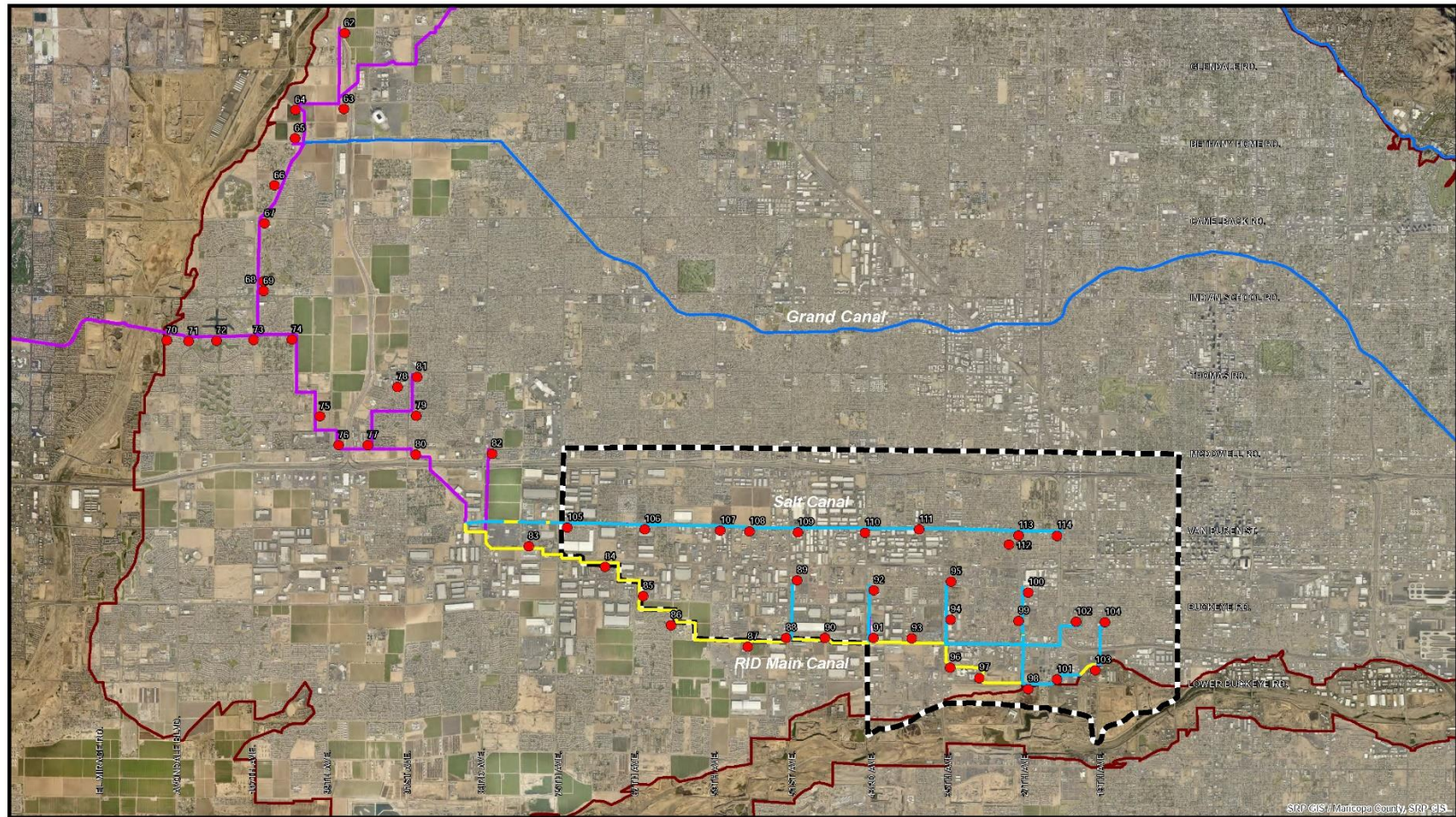


Exhibit 4.1



Figure 2. Eastside Well Locations