

# United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
Lower Colorado Region  
Phoenix Area Office  
6150 West Thunderbird Road  
Glendale, AZ 85306-4001

IN REPLY REFER TO:

PXAO-1500  
2.1.4.13

NOV 15 2018

## MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations and Agencies

From: Leslie A. Meyers  
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Proposed Extension of the San Xavier Cooperative Farm (Action by 15 days from the date of this memorandum)

The Bureau of Reclamation has prepared a draft EA to analyze the potential environmental effects of a proposed extension of the San Xavier Cooperative Farm (Farm) in the San Xavier District of the Tohono O'odham Nation. The lands under consideration for the farm extension are south and east of the existing Farm. The proposed action would meet the Secretary of Interior's requirements under Section 304(c)(2) of the Arizona Water Settlements Act to design and construct an extension of the irrigation system for the Farm that will serve 1,094 acres of additional land proposed for agricultural use. Additionally, an expansion of the Farm would allow San Xavier Cooperative Association to beneficially use a greater portion of the San Xavier Reservation's available Central Arizona Project water. The farm extension would require BIA approval on the land appraisals, lease agreements, and granting of temporary and permanent easements for right-of-way associated with the Farm.

The draft EA is available for public review and comment on the Phoenix Area Office web site at <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/index.html>. A paper copy of the draft EA is available for review at the San Xavier District's SAWRSA Department and the Farm. Additionally, a paper copy or CD can be obtained by calling Reclamation at 623-773-6251, or by emailing [crock@usbr.gov](mailto:crock@usbr.gov).

Comments are due within 15 days of the date stamp on this memorandum. All comments should be submitted to the Bureau of Reclamation, Attn: Nichole Olsker, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306; or via email to [nolsker@usbr.gov](mailto:nolsker@usbr.gov).

If you have questions, or would like to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Nichole Olsker, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 623-773-6258, or by email at [nolsker@usbr.gov](mailto:nolsker@usbr.gov). Before including your name, address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your submittal, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request that we withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.