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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Randy N. Chandler
Acting Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and
Notice of Public Meeting on Rehabilitation of San Carlos Irrigation Project Facilities,
Pinal County, Arizona (Action by October 18, 2010)

Attached is a scoping notice summarizing a proposal to reconstruct and line several of the major canals within the off-reservation portion of the San Carlos Irrigation Project. The proposed action also includes relocating laterals or placing reaches of laterals in pipeline to accommodate changes in land use within the San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District service area. Funding for the project would be provided by the Bureau of Reclamation, pursuant to Title II of the Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004.

During this initial scoping phase, Reclamation is soliciting input from the interested public to aid in the identification of key issues and alternatives related to the proposal that should be considered in an upcoming EIS. After the public scoping period has ended, Reclamation will prepare an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of the proposed action.

A scoping meeting will be held to solicit public input on the scope of the environmental review, including alternatives, concerns, and issues to be addressed in the EIS. The scoping meeting will be a 4-hour open house. The meeting will be held on Saturday, September 18, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Coolidge Police Department, City Council Chambers, 911 South Arizona Boulevard, Coolidge, Arizona.

Comments concerning the proposed action should be submitted to Mr. John McGlothlen, Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306, no later than October 18, 2010. For further information regarding this action, please contact Mr. McGlothlen at 623-773-6256 (email: jmcglothlen@usbr.gov).

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