MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Public Scoping Period Regarding Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) for Ground-water Recharge on the San Xavier District of the Tohono O’odham Nation, Pima County, Arizona (Action by September 7, 2008)

Attached is a scoping notice summarizing a Bureau of Reclamation and San Xavier District (SXD) proposal to recharge ground water with water supplied by the Central Arizona Project (CAP). The project would affect two ephemeral drainages designated Arroyos 15 and 19 that cross the CAP Reach 6 Pipeline in the southeastern portion of the SXD.

An EA will be prepared by Reclamation and SXD to analyze potential environmental effects of the proposed project. During the initial scoping phase, Reclamation and the SXD are soliciting input from the interested public to aid in the identification of key issues and alternatives related to the proposal that should be addressed in the EA.

Comments concerning the proposal should be submitted to Mr. John McGlothlen, Bureau of Reclamation, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Glendale, Arizona 85306-4001, no later than September 7, 2008. Please include your full name and address and project title (Arroyos Recharge Project) with your comments. Before including your name, address, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

For further information regarding this project, please contact Mr. McGlothlen at 623-773-6256 (e-mail: jwmcglothlen@lc.usbr.gov).

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