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) on Phase 1 Rehabilitation of San Carlos Irrigation Project Facilities, Pinal County, Arizona (Action by March 18, 2010)

Attached is a scoping notice summarizing a San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District proposal to repair Ashurst-Hayden Diversion Dam and construct a sediment removal and storage facility adjacent to the Florence-Casa Grande Canal. The project would be implemented pursuant to Title II of the Arizona Water Settlements Act of 2004. Funding for the project would be provided by the Bureau of Reclamation. The scoping notice is also available on Reclamation’s Web site at http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix.

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 EA. After the public scoping period has ended, Reclamation will prepare an EA to evaluate the potential environmental consequences of the proposed project.

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

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