

APPENDIX A

SCOPING MEMORANDUM



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MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin 
Area Manager

Subject: Notice of Public Scoping for Preparation of an Environmental Assessment (EA) on the Proposed Scorpion Bay Marina and Yacht Club, Lake Pleasant Regional Park (LPRP), Maricopa County, Arizona (Due Date March 24, 2006)

Pursuant to a Recreational Management Agreement between the U.S. Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), and Maricopa County, Arizona, the Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department is proposing to have a new marina developed on approximately 164 acres of land at Scorpion Bay along the western shore of LPRP in Maricopa County, Arizona (Figure 1). The proposed marina would include the following: Full-service marina with a boating supply store that sells gasoline and other convenience items on the water, watercraft rental, and marina office; 800 wet slips; parking for up to 800 vehicles; public access boat launch ramp; "dry-stack" building for boat storage and repairs; and wastewater treatment facilities.

Construction is proposed to occur in three phases. Phase I would consist of all the grading above elevation 1,702 and construction of the boating supply store and office, wastewater treatment facility, two restroom boats, 230 wet slips, and parking for about 260 vehicles. Timing would depend upon receipt of required permits.

A marina complex was included in a Master Recreation Plan dated 1996. This Master Recreation Plan was developed at the direction of the County, to address replacement of recreation facilities that were lost as a result of Reclamation's construction of the new Waddell Dam and subsequent expansion of Lake Pleasant. The Master Recreation Plan also provided for additional recreational amenities and opportunities in anticipation of future population growth in the vicinity and an associated increase in usage of LPRP.

In 1997, Reclamation prepared an EA describing the impacts anticipated to occur from implementation of the Master Recreation Plan and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact prior to approving it. That EA indicated Reclamation would need to issue separate approval, including environmental documentation and review, prior to construction of the marina.

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended, and to fulfill the commitment made in the 1997 EA, Reclamation is requiring preparation of an EA to describe the anticipated environmental consequences resulting from the current marina proposal. The impacts that we intend to address in the EA include, but are not limited to, the following: biological resources, cultural resources, and land use/recreation. We invite you to send in your comments regarding any other issues and concerns that you feel should be addressed in this EA.

To be most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible and sent to Reclamation at the above address, ATTN: Ms. Sandra Eto, or to faxogram (623) 773-6486, by March 24, 2006. Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review upon request. Individuals that submit comments may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a person's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Eto of the Environmental Resource Management Division, at (623) 773-6254. Thank you for your interest in this project.

Attachment

Lake Pleasant Regional Park

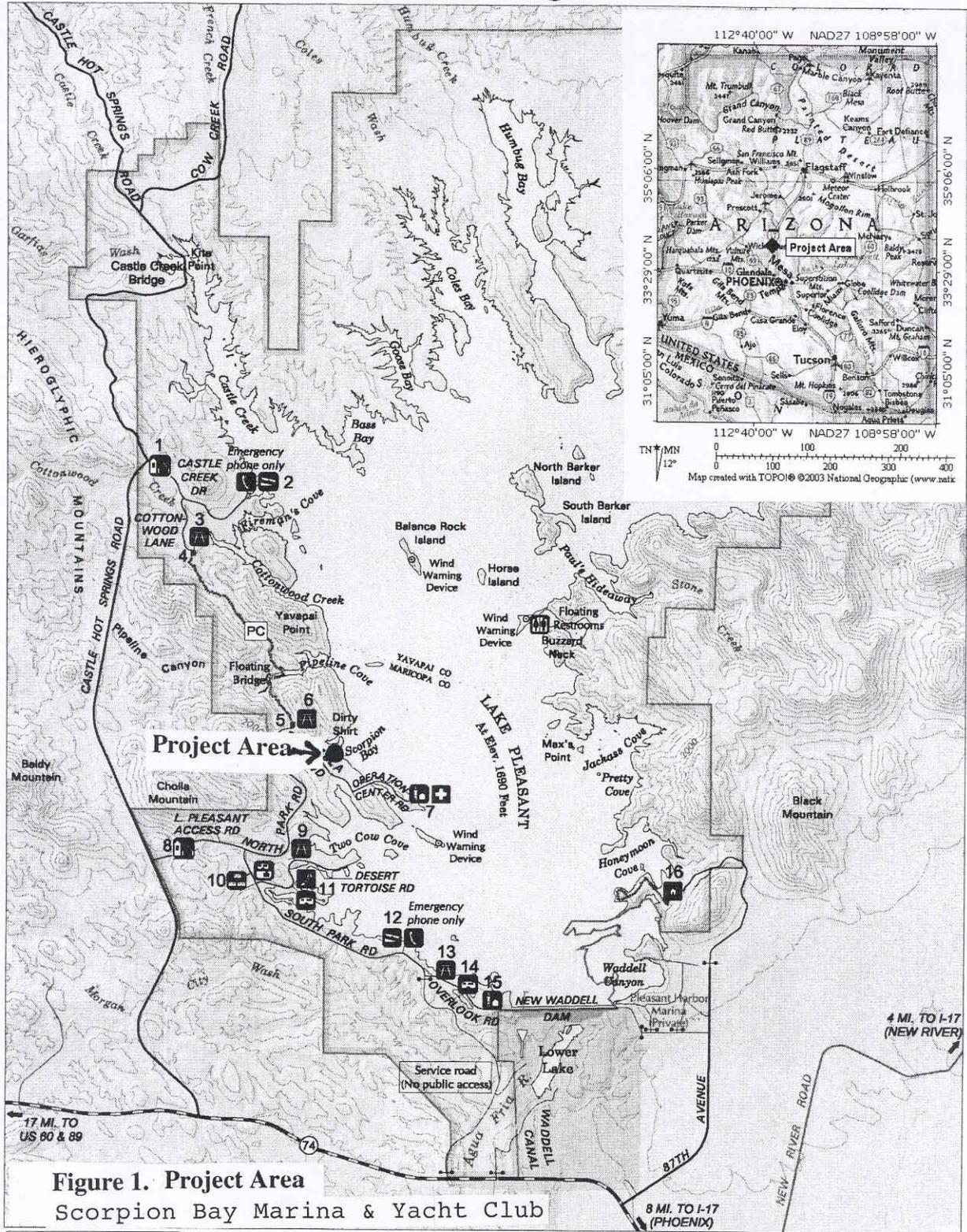


Figure 1. Project Area
Scorpion Bay Marina & Yacht Club

LEGEND

	Hiker-Only Trail
	Locked Gate
	Lake Pleasant Regional Park
	Bureau of Land Management
	Bureau of Reclamation
	Maricopa Water District
	State Trust Land
	Private

Note: Selected roads shown.

FACILITIES

	1. North Entrance Station		10. Group Campground & RV Dump Station
	2. Castle Creek Boat Ramp (4-Lane)		11. Desert Tortoise Campground (Includes walk-in tent campsites)
	3. Cottonwood Picnic Area (Day Use Only)		12. Ten-Lane Boat Ramp
	4. Pipeline Canyon Trailhead (North)		13. Roadrunner Picnic Area; Ramadas A & B (Day Use Only)
	5. Pipeline Canyon Trailhead (South)		14. Roadrunner Campground
	6. Picnic Area (Day Use Only)		15. Visitor Center
	7. Park Headquarters & First Aid		16. Desert Outdoor Center (DOC) (Reservations Required)
	8. Main Entrance Station		
	9. Picnic Area (Day Use Only)		

TRAIL
PC Pipeline Canyon Trail: 2.0 mi - 3.1 km
- Distance shown above is one-way.
- Trail is hiker-only.

PLEASE NOTE!
Lake is shown at 1690 feet, usually reached in March. Shoreline varies during the year, reaching a minimum, usually in October.



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