

Mr. Bruce Ellis
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We are also concerned that insufficient attention is paid to the impacts of this proposed project on existing recreational uses, such as the marina currently operated by MWD's contractor, Pleasant Harbor Marina,. Finally, the economic impacts of the project on the existing marina are inadequately addressed in the draft.

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In our view, the impacts of the proposed project on the categories of resources mentioned above are significant. In light of these significant impacts, we believe Reclamation is required under the National Environmental Policy Act, 42 U.S.C. § 4321 *et seq.*, to prepare an environmental impact statement ("EIS") before the construction and operation of the Scorpion Bay Marina and Yacht Club can go forward. We strongly urge Reclamation to prepare an EIS that fully considers the impacts of the proposed action, and each of the alternatives, before proceeding further.

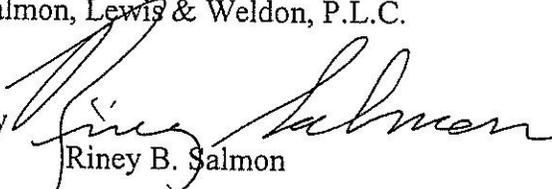
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Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Very truly yours,

Salmon, Lewis & Weldon, P.L.C.

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Maricopa Water District

RESPONSE TO COMMENT LETTER SC2
SALMON, LEWIS & WELDON, P.L.C.,
FOR MARICOPA COUNTY MUNICIPAL WATER CONSERVATION
DISTRICT NO. 1

- SC2-1. Reclamation disagrees that the EA entirely fails to consider noise, boat traffic congestion, and public health and safety impacts. These are discussed as appropriate in the water, recreation and socioeconomic resources sections. Please also see Reclamation's general response to Comment Letter 17 regarding Lake Carrying Capacity, and responses to Comments I-3, I-5, and I-16.
- SC2-2. There should be no physical impacts to recreational uses at the existing marina from the operation of the proposed marina. These two marinas are separated by more than two miles. In addition, the proposed marina's location north and west of the Operation Center peninsula creates a partial physical barrier between it and the Pleasant Harbor Marina. There could be, however, an economic impact to the existing marina, as described in Socioeconomic Resources section in Chapter 3 of the EA.
- SC2-3. Your support for preparation of an EIS is noted.