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### MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin  
Area Manager 

Subject: Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on the Proposed Scorpion Bay Marina and Yacht Club, Lake Pleasant Regional Park (LPRP), Maricopa County, Arizona

Reclamation has completed a final EA on Maricopa County Parks and Recreation Department's (MCPRD) proposal to build a new marina at LPRP. The marina is proposed to be developed on approximately 164 acres of land along the western shore of LPRP in northern Maricopa County, Arizona. The land is owned by Reclamation and managed by MCPRD as a regional park under a Recreational Management Agreement. The Scorpion Bay Marina and Yacht Club, which would be built in four phases, would be a full-service marina with a boating supply store, 800 wet slips, parking for up to 800 vehicles, public access boat launch ramp, and a building for boat storage and repairs.

Reclamation issued an initial draft EA for public comment and review in July 2006 and, due to an error in gathering data on actual watercraft usage of Lake Pleasant, released a corrected and revised draft EA in October 2006. A total of 76 comments were received, the majority of which were short e-mail statements indicating support for competition and/or the proposed marina (46) or opposition to the proposed project (7). Reclamation carefully considered comments on the EA that indicated errors had been made and/or issues had not been adequately addressed. The EA has been revised and provides additional information, corrections, and clarifications in response to these comments, where appropriate. Copies of all the comment letters received and Reclamation's responses are included in Appendix H of the final EA.

Reclamation has determined that construction and operation of the Scorpion Bay Marina and Yacht Club will not significantly impact the environment, and a FONSI is appropriate. Copies of both the final EA and FONSI are available on Reclamation's Phoenix Arizona Office website at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix>. A hard copy or CD version of these documents may also be obtained by calling the Environmental Resource Management Division at 623-773-6251, or by e-mailing [rkonst@lc.usbr.gov](mailto:rkonst@lc.usbr.gov).

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who assisted Reclamation in preparing this document and those participating in the public review and comment process. Your interest in this project is appreciated. Questions may be directed to Mr. Bruce Ellis, Environmental Resource Management Division, at 623-773-6250.