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To: All Interested Persons, Organizations and Agencies

From: Leslie A. Meyers
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Subject: Announcement of Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for a Proposed Recreational Trail Along the Central Arizona Project (CAP) Canal in the Town of Marana, Pima County, Arizona (Action by 30 days from the date of this memorandum)

The Bureau of Reclamation has prepared a draft EA to analyze the potential environmental effects of a proposed recreational trail along the CAP canal within Pima County. The proposed trail begins at Tangerine Road and extends north towards the Pinal County line, a distance of approximately 7 miles. The trail would be located on the berm along the eastern side of the CAP canal, which is outside the security fence but on an existing maintenance road. Recreation opportunities would be limited to pedestrian, equestrian, and bicyclist access, with no motorized vehicles permitted on the trail. The project includes construction of a 2 acre trailhead parking lot on the north side of Tangerine Road. The operation and maintenance of the trail and trailhead would be conducted in accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Agreement between Reclamation and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District, signed in June 2000, and the proposed Management and Development Plan between Pima County and Reclamation.

Reclamation prepared a draft EA as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (P. L. 91-190). The draft EA is available for public review and comment on the Phoenix Area Office web site at <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/>. A paper copy or CD of the draft EA can be obtained by calling Reclamation at 623-773-6251, or by email at ajenkins@usbr.gov. Comments are due within 30 days of the date stamp on this letter.

Please send any comments to the following email address:

CAPEAMarana@westlandresources.com. If you have questions, or would like to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Nichole Olsker, Environmental Protection Specialist, at 623-773-6258, or by email at nolsker@usbr.gov.

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