MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

From: Carol Lynn Erwin

Subject: Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Proposed Transfer of 1,481 Acre-Feet Annually of Central Arizona Project (CAP) Water Entitlement from the Flowing Wells Irrigation District (FWID) to the Town of Marana Utilities Department (TMUD)

The Bureau of Reclamation is issuing a FONSI for the proposed transfer of 1,481 acre-feet annually of CAP water entitlement currently held by FWID to TMUD, both with water service areas located in Pima County, Arizona. This water entitlement is excess to FWID’s needs. TMUD will recharge this CAP water and accrue groundwater credits to offset its groundwater pumping. No new facilities need to be constructed, and no land-disturbing activities will occur as a direct result of Reclamation’s approval of this transfer, FWID’s continued use of groundwater, and TMUD’s recharge of the transferred entitlement.

Reclamation prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and draft FONSI and issued them for public review and comment on August 24, 2009. The EA describes the existing affected environment and anticipated environmental impacts from the proposed transfer. As explained in the EA, there is little difference between the future with the proposed transfer and the future without the proposed transfer. No public comments have been received.

Having no additional issues to consider, Reclamation has made a final determination that the FONSI is appropriate for the proposed action, and an environmental impact statement does not have to be prepared. Reclamation will approve the following CAP water service subcontract amendments: FWID’s subcontract will be amended to reduce its entitlement to 2,854 acre-feet annually. TMUD’s subcontract will be amended to increase its entitlement to 1,528 acre-feet annually. The FONSI and the EA are available on Reclamation’s Phoenix Area Office Web site, www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix.

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.