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### MEMORANDUM

To: All Interested Parties

From: Leslie A. Meyers  
Area Manager

Subject: Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Construction of a Temporary Project to Reuse up to 7,000 Acre Feet Annually (AFA) of Effluent at a Groundwater Savings Facility in Pima County Comments due January 29, 2016

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a draft EA to solicit public comments on the potential environmental impacts that could result from the construction of a temporary project to divert a maximum of 7,000 AFA from the Tres Rios Water Reclamation Facility to a Ground Water Savings Facility (GSF). The purpose of the proposed action is to help Reclamation to meet its firming obligations by obtaining 100% credit for effluent. The EA evaluates the proposed temporary project which uses existing infrastructure, except for approximately 1,100 linear feet of above ground pipeline at the Tres Rios facility. Approximately 20 feet of the pipeline would be buried under an existing maintenance road. The depth of the underground portion would be about 3 feet. The EA also evaluates the impacts of several Inter-governmental Agreements needed to accomplish the temporary project. The project would last no longer than 5 years. The EA also evaluates a 'No Action Alternative' in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law 91-190) and Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations 1500-1508).

The draft EA can be found at [www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix](http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix). However, prior to making a final decision, we will take into consideration any public comments received on this draft EA. Comments should be as specific as possible and include the reason (s) why the reader believes they need to be addressed.

Please mail your comments to Ms. Kimberly Musser, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Resource Management Division, 6150 West Thunderbird Road, Phoenix, AZ 85306, Attention: PXAO-1500, email to [kmusser@usbr.gov](mailto:kmusser@usbr.gov), or fax to (623) 773-6486, no later than January 29, 2016.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kimberly Musser at (623) 773-6216. Thank you for your interest in this project.