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Reclamation to begin construction activities for the Cibola Old Channel Restoration Project

Yuma, AZ – Reclamation's Yuma Area Office announced today that it has completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) profiling channel flow improvements to the proposed Cibola Old Channel Restoration Project near Cibola, AZ.

Under the proposed action, Reclamation will install two pipelines in the lower section of the Cibola Old Channel in order to help improve water circulation through this backwater outlet area along the lower Colorado River. Additional flows made available from the main stem of the Colorado River will allow Reclamation to reduce sediment accumulation in this stretch of the river.

The final EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) are available on line for public review at: http://www.usbr.gov/lc/yuma/environmental_docs/enviro_n_docs.html

Reclamation is scheduled to begin construction activities during the week of December 16th in order to take advantage of the Colorado River's winter low flows and avoid working during the breeding season for the Yuma Ridgway rails. Project duration is estimated to span about six weeks. During construction, at least one access road (levee and/or the operation and maintenance roadway) will remain open to allow emergency response vehicles with public access to the downstream areas.

Any questions regarding this action should be addressed to Mr. Jimmy Myers, Project Manager, Bureau of Reclamation, 7301 Calle Agua Salada, Yuma, AZ 85364. Questions can also be submitted by e-mail at: jmyers@usbr.gov.

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