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Subject: Notice of Availability (NOA) – Final Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Gila River Indian Community (Community) Reclaimed Water Pipeline Project (RWPP)

Dear Interested Party:

The United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a final EA and FONSI describing the potential environmental effects of a proposed funding assistance agreement between Reclamation and the Community for construction of the RWPP. The RWPP would include the construction of approximately 19.2 miles of pipeline to transport A-plus reclaimed water to agricultural lands within the Gila River Indian Reservation (Reservation) in Pinal County, Arizona (Figure 1). Reclamation has determined that the proposed RWPP does not constitute a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment, and therefore an Environmental Impact Statement is not required. This determination is recorded in a FONSI. The Final EA and FONSI can be viewed at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/index.html>. A paper copy or compact disc can be obtained by calling Reclamation at (623) 773-6216 or by emailing Mr. Dominic Graziani at dgraziani@usbr.gov.

Reclamation solicited input from the public on the proposed RWPP to assist in identifying key issues and defining the scope of the project and environmental analysis. Reclamation conducted scoping via email and traditional mail and a 15-day comment period was initiated on April 13, 2023 and closed on April 28, 2023. Within the 15-day scoping period, Reclamation received two comments.

For any additional information regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Dominic Graziani, Environmental Protection Specialist, Bureau of Reclamation - Phoenix Area Office, at (623) 773-6216 or via email at dgraziani@usbr.gov. Thank you for your help and cooperation with this project. Individuals in the United States who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunication relay services. Individuals outside the United States should use the relay services offered within their country to make international calls to the point of contact in the United States.

Sincerely,

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Figure 1. Project Overview