

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The purpose of the proposed action is to conserve water, reduce maintenance requirements and associated costs, and improve service to SCIDD and Gila River Indian Community lands. The SCIP system has more than 95 miles of main canals that are unlined, and water losses from infiltration and evapotranspiration are significant. The long length and large cross section of the canal system relative to the service area, combined with the system's age, make operating and maintaining the facilities challenging. Rehabilitation and modernization of canals will conserve water and reduce maintenance requirements by shortening the length of the conveyance system needed to serve SCIDD and Gila River Indian Community lands. In addition, provisions for increased storage and modernized measurement and control will improve service to customers while providing additional avenues for water conservation.

The proposed action includes the reconstruction and lining of major canals, such as the Florence-Casa Grande, Casa Grande, and North Side canals, and construction of new check structures and cross-drainage features. The existing Florence Canal and Florence-Casa Grande Canal Extension would be converted to drainage and recharge channels to protect rehabilitated canals and associated project lands. These conversions would reduce the size of the main water delivery system and reduce maintenance requirements. A new canal would be constructed to connect the rehabilitated Florence-Casa Grande Canal with the rehabilitated Casa Grande Canal. The project would also include relocating laterals or placing short reaches of laterals in pipeline to accommodate changes in land use within the SCIDD service area.

Alternatives currently under consideration include:

- Construction and repair of wells adjacent to the North Side Canal to allow delivery of a combination of groundwater and Gila River water to the SCIDD service area.
- Construction and repair of wells adjacent to the North Side Canal to allow delivery of only groundwater to the SCIDD service area.
- Implementation of an exchange agreement between SCIDD and the Central Arizona Water Conservation District to allow delivery of CAP water to rehabilitated North Side Canal facilities through proposed interties with the CAP Aqueduct. The exchange

agreement would also allow flexibility during rehabilitation of the Florence-Casa Grande Canal and facilitate long-term operational reliability of the SCIP system.

- Construction of mid-system and lower-system reservoirs to store irrigation water. Sites presently under consideration may also afford suitable conditions for hydropower generation.

A portion of the water that is conserved from lining SCIP canals would be made available to the Secretary of the Interior for exchange with water stored in the San Carlos Reservoir to maintain a permanent minimum pool in the reservoir for fish and wildlife. Water that is exchanged for this purpose would be retained in the San Carlos Reservoir and not released to the Gila River.

Indian trust assets associated with the proposed action consist of Gila River water conveyed through SCIP facilities to the Gila River Indian Community and conserved water that is retained in the San Carlos Reservoir to maintain a minimum pool.

Special Assistance for Public Scoping Meeting

If special assistance is required at the scoping meeting, please contact Ms. Jessie Haragara at 623-773-6251, or e-mail at jharagara@usbr.gov. Please notify Ms. Haragara at least 2 weeks in advance of the meeting to enable Reclamation to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified.

Public Disclosure

Before including your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Dated: August 25, 2010.

Lorri Gray-Lee,

Regional Director, Lower Colorado Region.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**Bureau of Land Management**

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Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Alaska

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice of Filing of Plats of Survey, Alaska.

DATES: The Alaska State Office, Bureau of Land Management, Anchorage, Alaska, must receive comments on or before September 30, 2010.

ADDRESS: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office; 222 W. 7th Ave., Stop 13; Anchorage, AK 99513-7599.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen B. Hamrick, 907-271-5481, fax 907-271-4549, e-mail shamrick@blm.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This survey of an Indian Allotment held in trust status and located approximately 18 miles northerly of Talkeetna, Alaska, was executed at the request of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Alaska Region. The lands surveyed are: The dependent resurvey and subdivision of the SW1/4 of the SE1/4 of section 32, Township 29 North, Range 5 West, Seward Meridian, Alaska, into Lots 5, 6 and 7.

The plat will be available for viewing in the BLM Public Room located on the first floor of the Federal Building; 222 W. 7th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99513-7599. Copies may be obtained for a minimum recovery fee. The plat will not be officially filed until the day after BLM has accepted or dismissed all protests and they have become final, including decisions on appeals.

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Authority: 43 U.S.C. 3; 53.

Stephen B. Hamrick,

Chief Cadastral Surveyor.

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