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## Memorandum

To: All Interested Persons, Organizations, and Agencies

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Subject: Notice of Availability – Draft Environmental Assessment of the Proposed Disclaiming of Interest in Twenty-Six (26) Existing Groundwater Pumping Plants and Proposed Approval of a 2020 Supplemental Agreement Among Roosevelt Irrigation District, Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, Salt River Valley Water Users' Association and the United States of America through the Secretary of Interior Authorizing the Continued Operation of Existing Groundwater Wells Within the Salt River Reservoir District, Maricopa County, Arizona (Action by 15 Days from the Date of this Memorandum)

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) has prepared a draft environmental assessment (DEA) to assess the environmental impacts associated with two proposed actions: (1) the United States of America through the Secretary of the Interior (Reclamation) proposes to disclaim all interests in twenty-six (26) existing pumping plants (Eastside Wells) described in a Deed recorded January 1, 1928 between the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association (Association) and the Roosevelt Irrigation District (RID) that are operated by the RID, and (2) the proposed approval of a supplemental agreement (2020 Supplement) among the RID, the Association, the Salt River Project Agricultural Improvement and Power District, and Reclamation. The 2020 Supplement pertains to RID's use of Reclamation project water to provide water to users within the Roosevelt Irrigation District through the Eastside Wells located within the boundaries of the Salt River Reservoir District (Figures 1 and 2).

The DEA has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (Public Law 91-190) to evaluate the potential effects of the proposed action on the human environment. Reclamation seeks public input on the DEA, including potential impacts of the proposed action and other concerns or comments on the DEA.

Reclamation requests that anyone with information or comments relevant to the proposed actions and their effects on the human environment outlined in the DEA provide input. To be most helpful, comments should be as specific as possible and related to the activities of the proposed

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project. Comments should be received within 15 days of the date of this letter and addressed to the attention of Mr. Dominic Graziani or via email at [dgraziani@usbr.gov](mailto:dgraziani@usbr.gov).

Please be advised that any personal identifying information (PII) included in a submitted response, may be made publicly available at any time. While you may request that Reclamation withhold your PII from public review, Reclamation cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. The DEA is available for download and review on the Phoenix Area Office website at: <http://www.usbr.gov/lc/phoenix/>.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Graziani, Environmental Protection Specialist, at (623) 773-6216 or via email at [dgraziani@usbr.gov](mailto:dgraziani@usbr.gov).

Thank you for your help and cooperation with this project.

Attachments

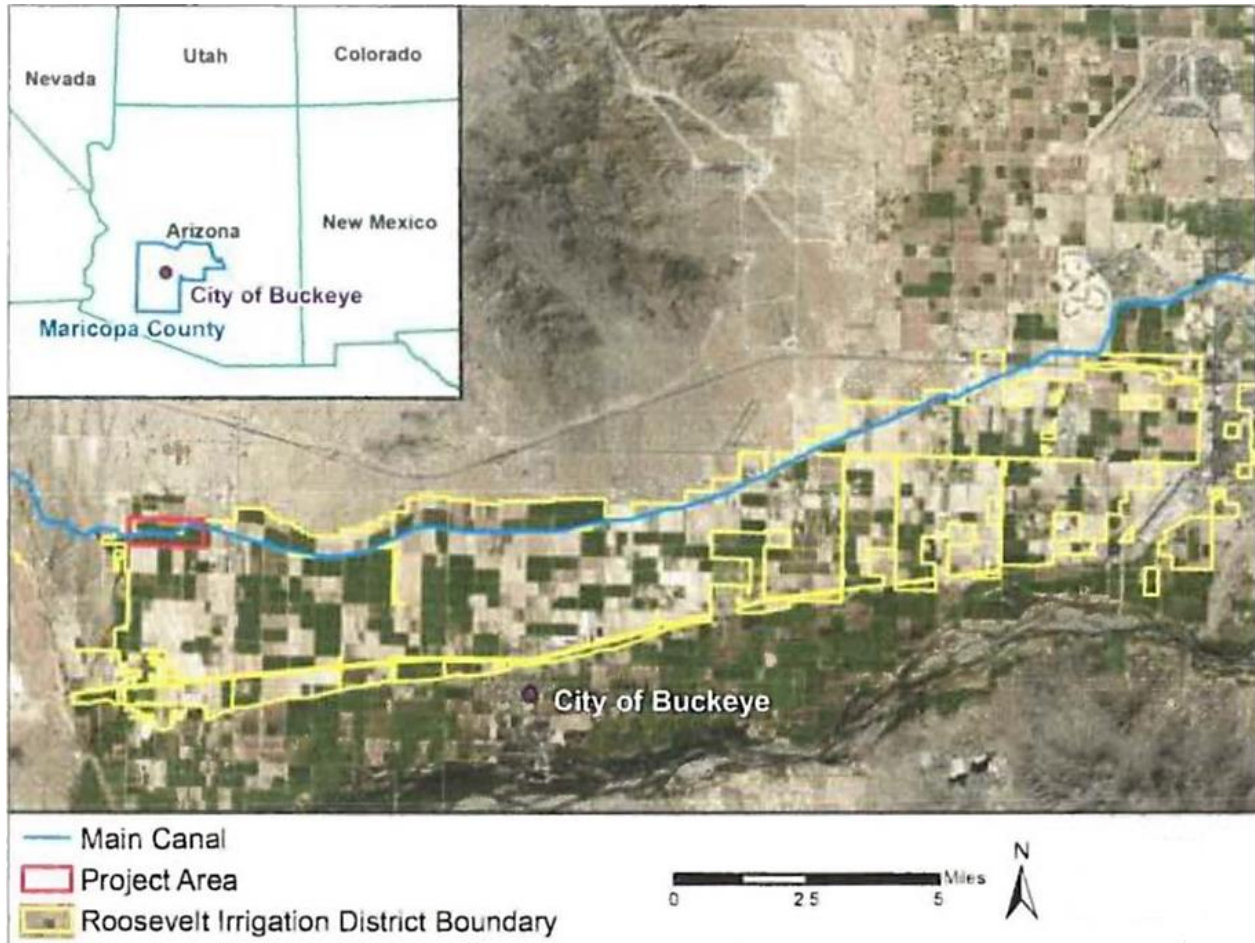


Figure 1. RID Boundaries



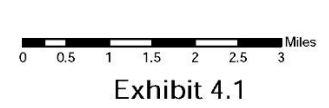
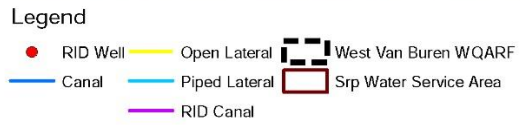
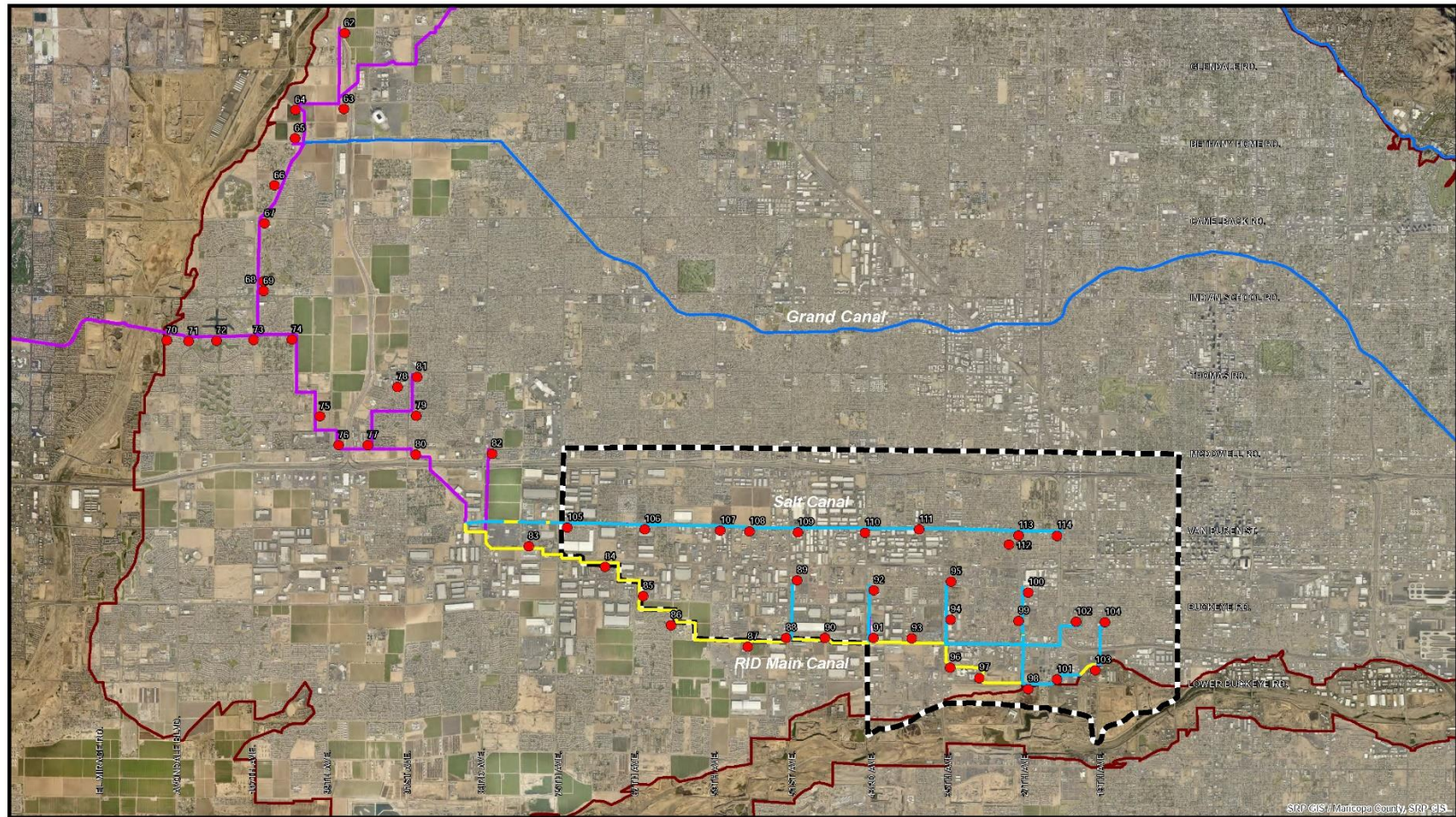


Figure 2. Eastside Well Locations