



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**DRAFT FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT**

*Buckskin Sanitary District Wastewater Facility Improvements*

**Buckskin Sanitary District**

**Parker, Arizona**

The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is considering awarding \$485,000 of federal grant funds to the Buckskin Sanitary District (BSD) for wastewater facility improvements. The proposed project includes construction of 1,084 linear feet of 8-inch gravity sewer, 2,336 linear feet of 12-inch gravity sewer, 158 linear feet of 16-inch gravity sewer, 1,836 linear feet of 6-inch force main, and 1,836 linear feet of 8-inch force main. This project also includes the construction of 17 manholes for the gravity system, air release valves for the force mains, and service connection stub-outs for future service connections.

There is currently no wastewater system serving the area along the Arizona side of the Colorado River between Parker Dam (northern limit) and the Colorado River Indian Community (southern limit). The individual and community-wide septic systems may be leaching contaminants into the Colorado River. This project will connect 281 equivalent dwelling units to this new sanitary sewer system; sewage will temporarily flow to the Buckskin/Sandpiper wastewater treatment plant. In the future, a regional wastewater treatment plant will be constructed to serve the entire district, and all treated effluent will be reused at the Emerald Canyon Golf Course.

Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA has completed an environmental assessment (EA), dated February 2010, to evaluate the environmental consequences of the proposed action. The EA includes a discussion of alternatives considered including the no action alternative. Based on information from the EA, public discussion of the proposed project, consultation with other agencies, and the existing legal framework, EPA has determined the action will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. An Environmental Impact Statement is not required.

**Support for EPA's Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)**

In accordance with the NEPA and 40 CFR Part 6, an EA was prepared to examine the environmental impacts of the proposed project. We found no significant impacts, only temporary, minor impacts. These impacts and the associated mitigation measures are summarized described on pages 8 through 15.

## **Public Review**

The EA is available for public review at the web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/nepa/epa-generated.html> and at the offices of EPA Region 9, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105-3901. Contact Charlotte Ely at (415) 972-3731 or via e-mail at [ely.charlotte@epa.gov](mailto:ely.charlotte@epa.gov). Copies of the EA are also available for review at the offices of Buckskin Sanitary District at 10230 Riverside Drive, Suite 4, Parker, AZ 85344. Contact JR Pooler at 928-667-7197 or via e-mail at [buckskin\\_sanitary@msn.com](mailto:buckskin_sanitary@msn.com).

EPA must receive comments on the FONSI by May 15th 2010, which provides a minimum of 30 calendar days from the date of publication of the Legal Notice of Decision. EPA will take no administrative action on the above-described project prior to expiration of this comment period. Comments should be mailed to:

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After EPA assesses any comments received, those comments, EPA's responses and this FONSI will be forwarded to the Water Division Director for review and signature. If this FONSI is signed by the Water Division Director, it will not be re-circulated for review, but will be available to any individual upon request.