

Public Notice Announcing the Availability of an Environmental Assessment

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Development

Tri-City Regional Sanitary District (TRSD): Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA

ACTION: Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utility Service (RUS), as required by the National Environmental Policy Act, is issuing an environmental assessment (EA) in connection with possible impacts related to a project proposed by Tri-City Regional Sanitary District (TRSD) of Claypool, Arizona. The proposal is for construction of wastewater system improvements to serve residential communities of Claypool and unincorporated areas located between the Town of Miami and the City of Globe within Gila County, Arizona. The proposed improvements are needed to provide a reliable wastewater system and meet Arizona Department of Environmental Quality standards. TRSD has submitted an application to RUS for funding of the proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rural Development (RD), 230 North 1st Avenue, Suite 206, Phoenix AZ, 85003; Rob Lanford, Community Programs Specialist, (602) 280-8748; Robert.Lanford@az.usda.gov Copies of the Environmental Assessment are available for review at:

- Rural Development, 230 North 1st Avenue, Suite 206, Phoenix AZ, 85003
- Posted on website: http://www.trsd.org/TRSD_EA_Final.pdf

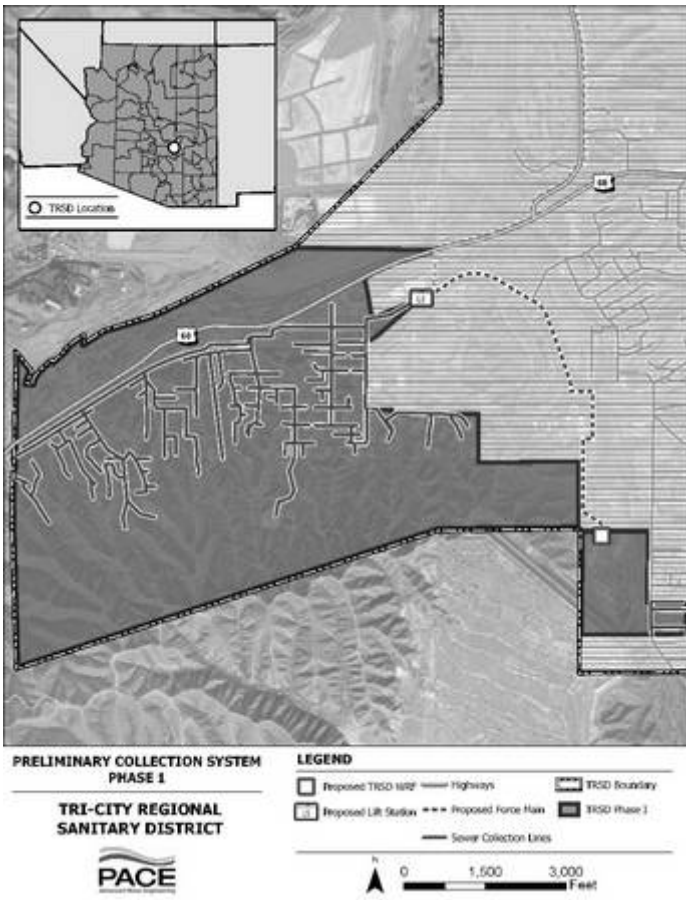
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Tri-City Regional Sanitary District (TRSD) proposes wastewater system improvements to include a collection system that will include gravity sewer pipelines and manholes, force main pipelines and a pump station, services connections and a new Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). The WRF will result in a new discharge to Russel Gulch which is located approximately 500-feet east of the proposed WWTF.

Logan Simpson, an environmental consultant, prepared an environmental assessment for RUS that describes the project, assesses the proposed project's environmental impacts, and summarizes as applicable any mitigation measures used to minimize environmental effects. RUS has conducted an independent evaluation of the environmental assessment and believes that it accurately assesses the impacts of the proposed project. No significant impacts are expected as a result of the construction of the project.

Questions and comments should be sent to Rural Development (RD) office at the address provided. RD will accept questions and comments on the environmental assessment for 14 days from the initial date of publication of this notice.

Any final action by RUS related to the proposed project will be subject to, and contingent upon, compliance with all relevant Federal environmental laws and regulations and completion of environmental review procedures as prescribed by 7 CFR Part 1970, Environmental Policies and Procedures.

A project map of the proposal is shown below



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