

**DRAFT AGREEMENT AND ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
REGARDING INTERSTATE WATER BANKING RELEASED FOR REVIEW AND
COMMENT BY THE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION**

On February 21, 2002 the subject documents were released for public review and comment. The agreement, the Storage and Interstate Release Agreement (SIRA), is the second of three agreements needed to initiate interstate water banking in Arizona. The SIRA is an agreement between Nevada, Arizona and the Bureau of Reclamation that will allow the contractual distribution of Colorado River water in the interstate water banking process.

Written comments will be accepted on the draft agreement and/or the draft EA until March 25, 2002. Interested persons and entities may request a copy of the documents or obtain additional information from: Mr. Dale Ensminger, Bureau of Reclamation, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470; telephone (702) 293-8659; fax (702) 293-8042.