

## MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)

**Lead Agency:** Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District (PPHCSD)  
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**Project Title:** PHELAN PIÑON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT WELLS NO. 15 AND 16  
DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

**State Clearinghouse Number:** Not yet assigned

### Project Location:

The project is located at two locations within the Phelan Piñon Hills Community within the High Desert region of San Bernardino County. The first Well is located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Crudup Road and Azalea Road with a pipeline proposed within Azalea Road south leading from the site, then east along South Road, then south along Soldea Road then east along Hatillo Road past Sheep Creek Road where the pipeline will connect with an existing connection at the District's Reservoir site at 14425 Sheep Creek Road. The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Shadow Mountains SE, CA, and is located in Section 14, Township 5 North and Range 7 West, San Bernardino Meridian. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project site are 34.519263°, -117.582832°. The second well is located just west and north of the intersection of Sheep Creek Road and Cayucos Drive. The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Phelan, CA, and is located in Section 26, Township 5 North and Range 7 West, San Bernardino Meridian. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project site are 34° 31' 9.33" N / 117° 34' 58.2 W.

### Project Description:

The PPHCSD seeks to install two new wells as part of their Capital Improvement Projects, which would both aid the District in meeting current and future demand, and minimize Chromium-6 concentrations in the District's water supply. These wells would be installed within the Phelan Community within the County of San Bernardino, within the District's service area. Well No. 15 is proposed to be located on the recently acquired 5-acre parcel (Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 3101-031-04) north of the District, at the northwest corner of the intersection of Crudup Road and Azalea Road, on Azalea Road and Victor Street. The project will also include 5,900 lineal feet (LF) of 12" water pipeline, which will connect to the District's existing water distribution system, which feeds reservoirs 2-1 and 2-2 on Sheep Creek Road. The pipeline is anticipated to be 12" diameter in size. The project will include a retention basin, a 10' x 10' chlorination structure, switch gear, and proposed transformer that will connect to an existing power pole opposite the project site along Azalea Road.

The District is also planning to install a second well, Well No. 16, to connect to the District's existing water distribution system. Well No. 16 is proposed to be installed on a 40-acre site the District currently owns along Sheep Creek Road, just north of the intersection of Sheep Creek Road and Cayucos Drive along the western side of the street (APN 3098-071-05). The site would include the following features: a 6" in diameter pipeline connecting to the District's distribution system in Sheep Creek Road; a 4" drain line to the retention basin; a 10' x 10' chlorination building adjacent to the proposed well; and, a 4" conduit, switch gear, and transformer to connect to the existing powerline pole. Construction is anticipated to being in spring of 2022, with the wells becoming operational by the end of 2022.

### Finding:

The District's decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Based on the information in the project Initial Study, the District has made a *preliminary* determination that a Mitigated Negative Declaration will be the appropriate environmental determination for this project to comply with CEQA.

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### Initial Study:

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which the District based its decision to adopt this MND may be obtained at PPHCSD office at 4176 Warbler Road, Phelan, CA 92371. The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/MND begins March 8, 2022 and ends on April 6, 2022 (30-days). Written comments on the Initial Study should be submitted to George Cardenas at the mailing address listed above no later than April 6, 2022 by 5:00 PM. Mr. Cardenas may be contacted at [GCardenas@pphcsd.org](mailto:GCardenas@pphcsd.org) or (760) 868-1212.

### Mitigation Measures:

All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on pages 74-79 and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the MND is adopted.

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