

## COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR SHEEP CREEK WATER CO. SIX GROUNDWATER PRODUCTION WELLS

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identify and evaluate the environmental impacts of the Conditional Use Permit.

Project Title: Sheep Creek Water Company – Six Groundwater Production Wells (Phelan)

**Project No.:** PER-2020-000003

Project Location: 4200 Sunnyslope Road in Phelan; Northwest corner of Sheep Creek road and Nielson

Road in Phelan; Southeast corner of Cambria Road and Mescalero Road in Phelan

**Project Description:** Environmental Review Unrelated to Planning Project for six (6) proposed groundwater production wells to increase Sheep Creek Water Company's (SCWC) potable water supply in compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board's Compliance Order No. 05-13-18R-002. The wells are to be located on three different parcels; four (4) wells will run concurrently while the other two (2) will serve as backup wells. The wells will each be equipped with an above ground pump motor on top of an approximate 10-foot x 10-foot concrete pad. At each new well, the new pumps will be enclosed with a masonry block building to minimize exterior noise levels at the nearest residences (about 200 feet from each well site). To minimize onsite water consumption no new landscaping will be installed at any of the three well sites. At each of the well locations, the closest connection to SCWC's system is within the adjacent roadways. Each well will be drilled to approximately 1,500 feet deep using a reverse rotary drill unit.

**Environmental Review and Public Comment:** The circulation of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) is to encourage written public comments. Interested persons can review the Draft IS/MND at the following physical location:

Land Use Services Department - Planning Division 15900 Smoke Tree Street, Suite #131 Hesperia, CA 92345

You may obtain the document in electronic format at <a href="http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/Desert.aspx">http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/Desert.aspx</a> or by emailing the Planner at <a href="magda.gonzalez@lus.sbcounty.gov">magda.gonzalez@lus.sbcounty.gov</a>. To request a PDF version of the document from the Land Use Services Department database, please reference the project number above.

The comment period on the IS/MND closes on **AUGUST 1, 2020 at 4:30 PM**. Please submit comments to <u>magda.gonzalez@lusd.sbcounty.gov</u> or to:

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