MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)

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Project Title: Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District Reservoir 6A-2 Project

State Clearinghouse Number: Not yet assigned

Project Location:

The project is located at 8300 Javelin Road, Piñon Hills, CA 92372. The Phelan Piñon Hills Community is located within the High Desert region of Unincorporated San Bernardino County. The proposed reservoir is located at southern terminus of Javelin Road, with Snow Line Drive as the nearest cross street. The project is located within the USGS Topo 7.5-minute map for Phelan, CA, and is located in Section 26, Township 4 North and Range 7 West, San Bernardino Meridian. The approximate GPS coordinates of the project site are 34.402184°, -117.572605°.

Project Description:

The District seeks to install a 1.5 million gallon (MG) reservoir at the District's existing Reservoir 6A site. The proposed 1.5 MG Reservoir 6A-2 would be installed within Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 3037-071-06 and 3037-071-08, which are owned by the District. The size of the whole of the project site, inclusive of the existing 0.4 MG Reservoir 6A, is 1.01 acres, but the area of disturbance is anticipated to be less than one acre as no modifications to the existing Reservoir 6A are proposed. The purpose of the proposed project is to provide additional storage capacity for pressure zone 6. The new reservoir will also allow for the existing reservoir to be taken out of service when required for routine maintenance.

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.

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 District office at 4176 Warbler Road, Phelan, California 92371 and is available at the District's website: <u>https://www.pphcsd.org/</u>. The CEQA-required public review period of the Initial Study/MND began May 6, 2024 and ended on June 5, 2024 (30-days). Written comments on the Initial Study were submitted to George Cardenas at the mailing address listed above no later than June 5, 2024 by 5:00 PM. Mr. Cardenas may be contacted at GCardenas@pphcsd.org or (760) 868-1212.

Mitigation Measures:

All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized on pages 76-82 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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Signature

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