

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

May 15, 2024 – 4:30 P.M.
Phelan Community Center
4128 Warbler Road, Phelan, CA 92371
& Via Conference Call (see below)

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING – 4:30 P.M.

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

1) **Approval of Agenda**

2) **Public Comment** – Under this item, any member of the public wishing to directly address the Board on any item of interest that may or may not be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board, but not listed on the agenda, may do so at this time. However, the Board is prohibited by law from taking any action on any item not appearing on the agenda unless the action is otherwise authorized by the Brown Act. Any member of the public wishing to directly address the Board on any item listed on the agenda may do so when the item is being considered by the Board. Speakers are requested to be brief in their remarks. The Chair may limit each speaker to a comment period of five (5) minutes.

3) **Approval of Minutes**

4) **Consideration of Implementation of a Water Meter Assistance Program**

5) **Oeste Recharge Study Project**

6) **Discussion Regarding Water System**

- Pumps and Wells Services Agreement
- 10-Year Tank Rehabilitation & Maintenance Service
- Water Quality
- Service Line Replacement Program Update
- Other Repairs/Replacements/Updates/Maintenance

7) **Smithson Springs Update**

8) **State Regulations Update**

9) **Review of Current Projects**

- Well No. 17
- Future Well No. 18
- Tank 6A

10) **Staff Reports**

11) **Review of Action Items**

- a) **Prior Meeting**



Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District is to efficiently provide authorized services and maximize resources for the benefit of the community.

Authorized Services:

- Water
- Parks & Recreation
- Street Lighting
- Solid Waste & Recycling

b) Current Meeting

12) **Set Agenda for Next Meeting** – June 19, 2024

13) Adjournment

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ENGINEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 17, 2024 – 4:30 p.m.
Phelan Community Center
4128 Warbler Road, Phelan, CA 92371
& Remotely Via Zoom or Conference Call

Board Members Present: Mark Roberts, Director (Chair)
Rebecca Kujawa, Director

Staff Present: George Cardenas, Engineering Manager
Sean Wright, Water Operations Manager
Jennifer Oakes, Executive Management Analyst
Aimee Williams, Asst. Board Clerk/Administrative Specialist

Call to Order

Director Roberts called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Roll Call

All Committee Members were present at Roll Call.

- 1) **Approval of Agenda**
Director Kujawa moved to approve the Agenda. Director Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- 2) **Public Comment** – None
- 3) **Approval of Minutes**
Director Kujawa moved to approve the Minutes as amended. Director Roberts seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
- 4) **Oeste Recharge Study Project**
Mr. Cardenas reported on this item.
- 5) **Discussion Regarding Water System**
 - **Pumps and Wells Services Agreement**
 - **10-Year Tank Rehabilitation & Maintenance Service**
 - **Water Quality**
 - **Service Line Replacement Program**
 - **Other Repairs/Replacements/Updates/Maintenance**Mr. Wright reported on this item.
- 6) **Smithson Springs Update**
Mr. Wright reported on this item.

- 7) **State Regulations Update**
Mr. Wright and Mr. Cardenas provided an update on the Chromium-6 MCL.
- 8) **Review of Current Projects**
 - **Well No. 15**
 - **Well No. 17**
 - **Future Well No. 18**
 - **Tank 6A**Mr. Wright and Mr. Cardenas reported on this item.
- 9) **Staff Reports**
Nothing new to report; a written report is in the agenda packet.
- 10) **Review of Action Items**
 - a) **Prior Meeting**
 - Completed
 - b) **Current Meeting**
 - Summary of Chromium-6 lifespan at a future Board meeting
- 11) **Set Agenda for Next Meeting** – May 15, 2024
 - Remove Well No. 15 from Item No. 8
- 12) **Adjournment**
With no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 2024

TO: Don Bartz, General Manager

FROM: Sean Wright, Water Operations Manager

SUBJECT: Consideration of Implementation of a Water Meter Assistance Program

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends bringing this item before the District's Engineering Committee for discussion before any further action.

BACKGROUND

There are approximately 314 properties within the District boundaries that have had a domicile placed on them without a service line or water meter to supply potable water. Preliminary analysis revealed 154 parcels with structures over 660' away from a mainline that may be served via well or maybe abandoned structures.

- 65 parcels with structures within 660' of a mainline that may require a mainline extension.
- 59 parcels with structures within 330' of a mainline that may require: easement, very short mainline extension, or fronts a mainline.
- 36 parcels that are served by 1 meter but may have additional living structures.

Several of these properties have indicated their desire to purchase a water meter but cannot afford to do so. Implementing a water meter assistance program would allow these domiciles to place a \$3500 down payment, covering the District's initial installation and materials cost to install a water meter while allowing the participating property to pay off their remaining balance of the full meter installation cost, including connection fees every month, not exceeding 10 years.

A standard water meter installation averages \$12,500, with \$10,951 of that being connection fees. After A \$3,500 down payment, the balance would be \$9,000. If a property owner elected to participate in the program for 10 years the monthly payment would be \$75 per month. Should the period of time allowed for monthly payments be lowered to 5 years the monthly payment would be \$150 per month.

The current process to obtain a water meter begins with an application for a will-serve letter allowing the District to determine if the property is within proximity of a water main or would require a mainline extension. Once eligibility is determined and a will-serve letter is issued the customer can obtain a building permit which is required prior to obtaining a water meter. It is recommended these current practices continue for participants of the Water Meter Assistance Program in conjunction with having a lien placed on their property to secure the districts position with the outstanding meter connection fees.

FISCAL IMPACT

Initially the number of meters sold under the program multiplied by the \$3,500 down payment

Monthly revenue of the number of meters sold under the program multiplied by the number of months allotted

ATTACHMENTS

Exhibit A -Map of potentially impacted parcels



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Water Operations Manager's Report April 2024

Introduction

The Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District (District) maintains a large water distribution system that includes over three hundred & forty miles of water lines. The following are District statistics and information related to the operations of this distribution system and the quality of the water supplied to District customers.

Summary

The District's water distribution system is in compliance with the State Water Resources Control Board- Division of Drinking Water, The Environmental Protection Agency, the Safe Drinking Water Act, Cal OSHA, and all other governing agencies.

Current chlorine demand has remained low and steady due to routine maintenance and flushing. Chlorine demand is found by subtracting the chlorine residual from the total chlorine added to the water system. A low chlorine demand indicates water-free or nearly free of pathogenic microorganisms.

Water Quality Samples

The following is a summary of all water quality samples collected this month and any pertinent information related to said samples.

TEST TYPE	NO. OF COLLECTIONS THIS MONTH	TESTING SCHEDULE	NOTES
Raw water and Bac-t samples	44 samples	Monthly	All in compliance, Sampled Weekly
General physical samples	6 samples	Monthly	All in compliance, Sampled Weekly
TTHM/HAA5	4 samples sets	Quarterly	All in compliance.
Title 22	0 sample sets	TBD	All in Compliance.
Inorganics	0 samples	Yearly	All in compliance.
Radiological (Gross Alpha)	0 samples	Every 3 Years	All in compliance.
Trichloropropane 1,2,3-TCP	0 samples	Quarterly	All in compliance.
Regulated VOC	0 samples	As needed	All in compliance.
Nitrate as N	0 samples	As needed	All in Compliance.
Chromium 6	0 samples	Quarterly	All in Compliance.
Secondary GP'S	0 samples	As needed	All in Compliance.
UCMR 5	0 samples	As needed	All in Compliance

Production and Service Order Report

The following is a summary of the District's water production and service orders for the current month.

Total Monthly Production	168.68 A. F. 12 % less than 2023
2023 Monthly Production	191.23 A. F.
USA's Marked	211
Service Orders Completed	275 service orders completed
Main/Service Line Leaks	20 service line leaks were repaired. 1 Main line leak/ breaks repaired
Hydrant Repairs/Replacements	1 hydrants repaired/1 replaced
Residential Meters Sold	2
Commercial Meters Sold	0
YTD Total Meters Sold (Calendar)	14 (56 in 2023) (86 in 2022) (95 in 2021)
Construction Meters Out	3
Service Lines Replaced	32

Job Code Summary

Job Code	Total Completed
C-Lock - Lock	83
C-Read & Unlock-Open - Read & Unlock - Opening	4
C-Read & Unlock-OC-DM - Read & Unlock - Opening-OC-DM	44
D-Closing Read & Lck - Closing Read & Lock DO NOT USE	2
D-Closing Read-OC-DM - Closing Read & Lock-OC-DM DO NOT USE	2
M- Investigate Lock - Verify Meter Still Locked	0
M- Verify Acct Class - Verify Account Class	0
M- Water Audit - Audit Water Usage	14
M-Backflow - Backflow Information	0
M-Cost Estimate Req - Cost Estimate Request	1
M-Data - Data Log	0
M-Bees- Bees	0
M-Investigate Leak - Investigate Leak	0
M-Investigate No Wtr - Investigate No Water	3
M-Lock No N/O Info - Meter Locked No New Owner Info	6
M-Low/No Consumption - Investigate Low/No Consumption	0
M-Meter Leaking - Meter Leaking	0
M-Meter UTL - Buried - Meter UTL - Buried	0
M-Pressure Ck Hi-Low - Pressure Check Hi-Low	3
M-R/R Angle Stop - Repair/ Replace Angle Stop	0
M-R/R Gate Valve - Repair/ Replace Gate Valve	2
M-Read - Read (do not update Read)	0
M-Repair Svc Line - Repair Service Line	20
M-Repair/Install Box - Meter Box	2
M-Replace Serv Line - Replace Service Line	32

M-Stake Meter Loc - Stake Meter Location	0
M-Status - Status	2
M-Turn off-Cust Req - Turn off - Customer Request	2
M-UNLOCK – UNLOCK	25
M-Verify Leak Repair - Verify Leak Repaired	0
M-Water Loss Leak - Door Hanger Water Loss Leak	11
M-Water Quality Taste - Water Quality - Taste	0
S- Replace Register - Register Not Sending Signal	0
S- Meter Downsize - Meter Downsizing	0
Service Change - Service Status Change	1
S-Manual Meter Swap Concord	2
S-Replace Reg Hotrod - Replace Register Hotrod Died	0
S-MXU Change Out	2
S-Replace Register- Replace Register	0
Grand Totals	275

Summary of Current Projects

The following is a brief summary of all current and completed projects for the reported period

- Well Soundings at all wells are being done monthly
- Well 14 Production for February 0.00 AF, YTD 0.08 AF @ \$1119 per AF replacement C/Y 2023
- Valves and Hydrants Maintenance: 109 hydrants flushed and painted YTD Total-180
- Service line replacement program. 38 Replaced Calendar Year to Date, 53 Replaced Fiscal Year to Date
- Air-Vac maintenance & flushing program-0 Flushed & Maintenance YTD-0 of 336 Total Project 0% Complete
- Cla-Val automatic controls valves being systematically rebuilt as a water conservation measure- 25 Complete YTD Water savings from this project is 17 GPM and counting in conjunction with operational efficiency @ 7MG
- Site 2 Booster C rehab- pump and motor failure- 100% Complete
- Station 12 Booster B pump and motor failure- 100% Complete

Projects Completed

- Water Meter Replacement Project- 7292 of 7292 Replaced – 100 % Complete
The District is now an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) exclusive system (100% Successful Read Rate)
- Well 15 Outfitting, and Equipping - 100% Complete
The well has been certified to produce 806 GPM @ 70% Efficiency @ \$207.97 per AF
- Outfitting & Equipping of Mountain well (Well 17)- 100% Complete
- Well Meter and inter-tie Meter annual accuracy program FY 23/24- 100 % Complete
- Electrical Efficiency test performed @ every booster and well within the District- 100%
- Oil Changes and greasing at all district wells 100% Complete Boosters 100 % Complete
- 12 Valves Turned this month as part of the district Valve Exercising Program, 55 Year to Date Turned of 4291
Staff has begun cross-training to greatly increase the program quantities per year
- 317 Dead ends flushed of 317 = every year no matter what < No goal, this is mandatory
- 1936 hydrants = 163 flushed this Year to Date 246 Painted Goal is 968 annually, this is done Bi-Annual
- Tank washouts of 10&11,1B-2,3A,1C-2,1A-3,2B,3B,4B,1A-2 (Twice)
- Vegetation has been mitigated and disposed of on all Water Operations Facilities
- Smithson Springs SCADA hub building replaced
- Site 1B Booster A Motor failure & rehab- 100 % Complete
- Site 1B Booster D Motor failure- 100 % Complete