

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

December 9, 2025 – 3:00 P.M.
Phelan Community Center
4128 Warbler Road, Phelan, CA 92371 &
& Remotely (see below)

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING – 3:00 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) **Updates from Representatives**

- Congress
- State Senate
- State Assembly
- County Supervisor

5) **Discussion of Upcoming Legislative Advocacy Trips: Washington, D.C. (February 24-26, 2026) and Sacramento (April 13-15, 2026)**

6) **Review of Active Grants and Potential 2026 Funding Requests in Preparation for Upcoming Legislative Advocacy Trips**

7) **Staff Report**

8) **Committee Comments**

9) **Review of Action Items**

- a) **Prior Meeting**
- b) **Current Meeting**

10) **Set Agenda for Next Meeting**

11) **Adjournment**



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

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 9, 2026

TO: Legislative Committee

FROM: Don Bartz, General Manager
By: Jennifer Oakes, Board Clerk/Parks Manager

SUBJECT: Review of Active Grants and Potential 2026 Funding Requests in Preparation for Upcoming Legislative Advocacy Trips

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This agenda item provides the Committee with a consolidated overview of the District's current grant portfolio and a summary of potential funding requests that may be discussed during upcoming federal and state legislative advocacy trips to Washington, D.C. from February 24-26, 2026 and Sacramento from either March 9-11, 2026 or April 13-15, 2026.

BACKGROUND

Each year, the District participates in federal and state legislative outreach to advocate for funding that supports water reliability, system rehabilitation, park development, and community safety. These visits provide opportunities to share project needs, secure support for future grant applications, and discuss appropriations or programmatic funding aligned with District priorities.

To assist the Committee in preparation for these trips, this memo includes:

1. A summary of the District's active and in-process grants to demonstrate current progress and stewardship to legislative offices, and
2. A list of anticipated 2026 funding opportunities and appropriations requests that may be advanced during meetings with federal and state representatives.

CURRENT ACTIVE, AWARDED, OR IN-PROCESS GRANTS

- Federal Appropriations (FY22) – Emergency Operations Center
- Prop 68 Parks Grant – For Phelan Park Enhancement Project
- American Rescue Plan Act – For Phelan Park Enhancement Project
- Federal Appropriations (FY23) – 6A Water Storage Tank
- County Supervisor Grant – Civic Center/EOC Support
- OWR4 SB 1383 Grant – Solid Waste Organics Compliance
- State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program – Cybersecurity improvements
- USBR Water Conservation Field Services Program – Satellite Aperture Radar Leak Detection Project

These grants demonstrate the District's strong track record of successful funding applications and project delivery.

POTENTIAL 2026 GRANT AND APPROPRIATIONS OPPORTUNITIES

The following projects represent the District's most likely future funding pursuits, based on District needs, regulatory requirements, and existing project momentum.

1. Electrical Panel Upgrades and Infrastructure Modernization

Anticipated Need: \$8,000,000 (Sixteen panels at a replacement cost of \$500,000 per panel)

Overview: Upgrading aging electrical panels at District facilities to improve operational reliability, fire safety, and compatibility with future improvements.

Key Advocacy Points:

- Enhances system safety and reliability
- Reduces failure risk and allows future emergency power improvements
- Aligns with hazard mitigation and infrastructure modernization goals

2. Heli-Hydrant Installation (Wildfire Response Infrastructure)

Anticipated Need: \$300,000

Overview: Construction of a dedicated heli-hydrant site to support rapid aerial water refill during wildfire events in the District's high-fire threat region.

Key Advocacy Points:

- High-fire-threat rural region with limited area resources
- Provides regional benefit for CalFire, County of San Bernardino Fire, and other local fire agencies
- Strong alignment with wildfire mitigation and emergency response initiatives

3. Phelan Park – 14 Acre Expansion (First Phase)

Anticipated Need: \$1-3 million

Overview: Development of the first phase of a larger 14 acre project. The first phase includes two sports fields, lighting, and parking.

Key Advocacy Points:

- Rural community with minimal access to developed outdoor spaces
- Provides sports fields needed by the community
- Builds on successful ARPA and Prop 68 phases already in progress

FISCAL IMPACT

None - Informational Item

