



Phelan Pinon Hills Community Services District

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District awarded \$28,251 CalRecycle Tire Amnesty Grant

Estimated 8,500 Tires to be Recycled Over Course of Grant Period.

PHELAN, Calif. (August 11, 2017) – On Friday, the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) confirmed the award of \$28,251 in grant funds to the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District’s Tire Amnesty Program.

The Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District (District) serves the unincorporated communities of Phelan and Piñon Hills. This area contains wide-open, desert spaces that have become the illegal dumping grounds for an abundance of used tires.

The District holds quarterly tire collection events, coordinated with the District’s franchised hauler, CR&R. Currently, District residents pay \$2 per tire to help cover the costs of transporting the tires to recycling facilities. These events result in an average collection rate of 450 tires per event. Additionally, the \$2 fee discourages commercial haulers from bringing tires, as was the case during previous free tire amnesty events. These events were costly for the District as they resulted in unanticipated participation levels and extraordinary hauling and disposal costs.

“Illegal tire dumping is a serious issue in our area. We are hoping to use this grant to help alleviate this problem by offering well-advertised, free tire amnesty events to District residents,” stated Don Bartz, the District’s General Manager.

The Waste Tire Amnesty Grant will allow for nine quarterly tire amnesty events which, based on data from prior amnesty events, would collect an estimated 8,500 environmentally damaging tires over the course of the grant period. “This grant will allow for more tires to be properly disposed of and it will help prevent many from ending up in the desert,” stated Mr. Bartz.

The District’s program will allow residents to dispose of up to nine tires per event free of

charge. The District will maintain a participant log and will make sure advertising specifies no more than nine tires per resident to comply with state tire hauling guidelines and to dissuade commercial haulers.

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For further information regarding this matter, please contact District staff at (760) 868-1212.

About the Phelan Pinon Hills Community Service District

Our Mission is to provide all authorized services reliably and economically for the promotion of community development and to utilize all available resources for maximum beneficial use. Our vision is to develop a Community Services District that enhances the living experience for all people within the District.