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PHELAN PIÑON HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT
Ground Breaking Ceremony for 1.16 Megawatt Solar Project
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Ground breaking ceremony for 1.16 megawatt solar project to be held at 9:00 a.m. on March 9, 2015 at 17900 Sheep Creek Road, Adelanto, CA 92301.

On March 9, 2015, the Board of the Directors of the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District (District) will hold a ground breaking ceremony for the District's 1.16 megawatt solar project. The ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the project site located at 17900 Sheep Creek Road, Adelanto, CA 92301.

On September 17, 2014, the Board of Directors of the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District approved contracts with SunPower Corporation for the installation of a 1.16 megawatt solar project, located on District owned property at the former Meadowbrook Dairy in El Mirage. The project is expected to save the District \$13,856,965 in electricity costs over the next 30 years.

In fiscal year 2013/2014, the District spent \$821,431.48 purchasing electricity from Southern California Edison (SCE) for operations such as pumping wells and powering pressure reducing and booster stations. This expense represents 17% of the District's total water operations budget. While the solar project assumes savings based on a 4% annual increase in electricity rates from SCE, the District experienced an 18% increase in 2013, and an additional 10% increase in 2014, making the solar project even more profitable with potential increased savings for the District.

The ground breaking ceremony has been long awaited, as project development, beginning in November 2011, took longer than expected and experienced many setbacks. Final project completion is set for June 2015. Those invited to the ground breaking ceremony include the public, the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services Board of Directors, the Phelan Chamber of Commerce, the Piñon Hills Chamber of Commerce, County Supervisor Robert Lovingood, Assemblymen Tom Lackey & Jay Obernolte, State Senator Mike Morrell, Association of San Bernardino County Special Districts members, Sergeant Mello, Chief Campos, the Snowline School District's Board of Directors and Superintendent, Representatives for Mojave Water Agency, and former Directors of the Phelan Piñon Hills Community Services District.

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