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District Services

As outlined by San Bernardino County LAFCO 3167 Staff Report, the District provides the following within its service area:

Water: Supply water for any beneficial use as outlined in the Municipal Water District Law of 1911 (commencing with Section 71000) of the Water Code.

Park and Recreation: Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate recreation facilities, including, but not limited to, parks and open space in the same manner as a recreation and park district formed pursuant to the Recreation and Park District Law (commencing with Section 5780) of the Public Resources Code.

Street Lighting: Acquire, construct, improve, maintain, and operate street lighting and landscaping on public property, public right-of-way, and public easements.

Solid Waste and Recycling: Collect, transfer, and dispose of solid waste and provide solid waste handling service, including, but not limited to, source reduction, recycling, composting activities, pursuant to Division 30 (commencing with Section 40000), and consistent with Section 41821.2 of the Public Resources Code.

Map of District Service Area

Water

The primary component of the District is water service. Being efficient in every aspect is essential and will help in improving fiscal responsibility as well as system integrity. Developing relationships with neighboring water companies, agencies, and resources will enable everyone to be more responsible and efficient; therefore the District is looking at joint ventures whenever it is viable.

The District operates and maintains a considerable infrastructure in order to provide safe, good tasting water to almost 6,800 service connections within an approximate 128 square mile service area. The water service area is almost entirely single family residential, with approximately 99 percent of water service connections serving single-family residences. The water infrastructure consists of 11 wells (approximately 1,000 feet deep) in six well fields, and 35 reservoirs with a combined capacity of approximately 12,000,000 gallons, 4 de-sanding tanks, 24 booster stations, 63 booster pumps, and 32 pressure reducing stations in 11 pressure zones, with approximately 353 miles of pipeline ranging from 4-inches to 16-inches in diameter.

The District obtains its water supply from the local groundwater aquifer which is managed by Mojave Water Agency. If the District produces more than its allowance of groundwater, the District may purchase replacement water from MWA, who replenishes the used groundwater primarily with imported water from the State Water Project. As the District recently purchased additional water rights, it is unlikely the District will need to purchase water from MWA in the foreseeable future.

The District encourages water conservation and offers incentive programs in partnership with AWAC, through the Mojave Water Agency, plus resource material to promote desert landscape. The District is also looking for ways to conserve watershed land that will help in the regeneration of the aquifer. The District is focused on providing service now and for future generations.

Parks and Recreation

The District operates and maintains community centers with senior centers and two parks. The District continues to expand and improve these facilities to promote use. The District partners with the seniors at the two facilities, and throughout the District to create programs that are beneficial to the community at large. The District also partners with local sports organizations to create sports programs and activities in the community.

Parks and recreation are a vital component to any community. It not only adds beauty, but provides safe areas for activities of individuals, families, and groups. As part of the District, there are two community centers. These centers are utilized for a wide range of activities and are available to the community for a small fee. The District currently offers several events and activities, and continues to work on various recreation ideas for the community.

Adjacent to the centers are two parks that have picnic tables and playgrounds. They are available from morning until dusk. The District is looking to develop a large park facility that will have athletic fields, as well as standard park integrity. The District owns two vacant parcels for future park and recreation facilities: 55 acres on Johnson Road and 80 acres on Sheep Creek.

Street Lighting

The street lights primarily service the business district of Phelan. There are also lights at strategic intersections to help in providing safety to the community. Expansion of the street lighting to other intersections is considered based upon a safety need, but the District does respect the San Bernardino County "Dark Sky" ordinance and encourages residents to do the same.

Solid Waste

The District administers solid waste and recycling programs. The solid waste and recycling services are contracted with CR&R. The District works closely with CR&R to coordinate various programs and provide a variety of recycling events within the community.

Governance

