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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2025 AT 4:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE., NEEDLES

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CALL TO ORDER
ROLL CALL
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CONFLICT OF INTEREST
CORRESPONDENCE
INTRODUCTIONS

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PUBLIC APPEARANCE - Persons wishing to address the Commissioners on subjects other than those scheduled are requested to do so at this time. When called by the Chair, please announce your name and address for the record. In order to conduct a timely meeting, a three-minute time limit per person has been established by Municipal Code Section 2-18. Amendments to the California Government Code Section 54950 prohibits the Commissioners from taking action on a specific item until it appears on the agenda.

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Housing Authority of the City of Needles Update (INF)
2. Approve the Minutes of April 23, 2025. (ACT)
3. Cancel the November 26 and December 24, 2025, regular Housing Commission meetings. (ACT)

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager's Reports for the weeks of July 4 and July 11, 2025. (INF)

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: July 18, 2025

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I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing Agenda was posted at the front entrance of City Hall not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting.

Dated this 18th day of July 2025

/s/ Candace Clark, CPMC, CMC, City Clerk



City of Needles, California

Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ HOUSING COMMISSION

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: July 23, 2025

Title: Housing Authority of the City of Needles Update

Background:

Public Housing Vacancies and Transfers:

- Current Vacancies: 4 out of 52 units.
- Families Awaiting Transfers: 3
- Families Selected for Consideration from Waiting List: 1

Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV):

- Open and Pending Eligibility: 0 out of 23 allocated vouchers.
- Leased Up: 22
- Issued: 1
- Open: 0

Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers:

- Open and Pending Eligibility: 6 out of 30 allocated vouchers.
- Referrals Received from VA Loma Linda: 2
- Leased Up: 13
- Issued: 7

Public Housing Waiting List:

- Applicants on the waiting list: 82
- Always open for applications.
- Allows the public to submit applications for future selection and consideration.

Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Waiting List:

- Applicants on the waiting list: 63
- Opened July 1, 2024 – **CLOSED** July 31, 2024
- Public submitted applications for future selection and consideration.

Attached Exhibits:

Exhibit A: July 15, 2025 Voucher Statistics Form

Fiscal Impact: NONE

Environmental Impact: NONE

Recommended Action: Informational Only

Submitted By: Angelica Deermer, HACN Housing Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 7/17/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐ Not Approved: ☐ Tabled: ☐ Other: ☐

HACN PUBLIC HOUSING / VOUCHER STATISTICS

JULY 2025

Public Housing = 52 units, 4 current vacancies	
<u>104- Vacated 6/10/2024*</u>	<u>Current PH family awaiting transfer</u>
<u>106- Vacated 7/1/2024*</u>	<u>Current PH family awaiting transfer</u>
<u>212- Vacated 3/14/2025*</u>	<u>Waitlist admission</u>
<u>203- Vacated 06/27/2025</u>	<u>Current PH family awaiting transfer</u>
<p><i>*Units are under modification due to extensive repair/renovation</i></p>	

Units to be transferred

N/A

HUD allocated HCV Vouchers = 23

HCV Vouchers leased up = 22

HCV Vouchers issued = 1**

HCV Vouchers open = 0

Port in Vouchers= 0

****Port out Vouchers=1**

HUD allocated VASH Vouchers =30

VASH Vouchers leased up = 13

VASH Vouchers issued = 7*

VASH vouchers open =7

VASH Referrals = 2

*VASH Port-outs=6

Current Waitlist Applicants

Public Housing: 82	HCV: 63
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MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE HOUSING COMMISSION
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2025, AT 4:00 PM
EL GARCES- 950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES**

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Mauer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Commissioner Patrick McCaffrey
Commissioner Deana Tucker
Chair Chris Mauer
Commissioner Larry Ford

ABSENT

Commissioner Tamera Kissell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Chair Mauer

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion made by Commissioner Ford, second by Commissioner Tucker, to approve the agenda.
Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Chair Mauer, Commissioner Ford
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Kissell
Abstain: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS – None

PUBLIC APPEARANCE – None

REGULAR ITEMS

1. Approve the Minutes of March 26, 2025

Commissioner Ford made a motion, second by Commissioner Tucker, to approve the Minutes of March 26, 2025. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioners McCaffrey, Tucker, Chair Mauer, Commissioner Ford
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Kissell
Abstain: None

2. Housing Authority City of Needles Update - given by Housing Manager Angelica Deermar

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS – None

CITY MANAGER REPORT - given by City Manager Martinez for the weeks of April 4 and 11, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT - Chair Mauer adjourned the meeting at 4:20 pm

Chair Chris Mauer

Interim City Clerk Candace Clark



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ HOUSING COMMISSION

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: July 23, 2025

Title: Consider cancelling the November 26 and December 24, 2025, regular Housing Commission meetings due to the holidays.

Background: Staff is requesting Commission consideration to cancel the November 26 and December 24, 2025, regular Housing Commission meetings due to the holidays.

Fiscal Impact: None

Recommended Action: Cancel the November 26 and December 24, 2025, regular Housing Commission meetings.

Submitted By: City Clerks Department

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 7/17/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐



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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 11, 2025

1. Supporting Youth Development & Recognizing Community Partnerships

I'm pleased to share the final designs for the new monument signs at **Bob Belt Beach Park** and **Manny Morris Park**, generously donated by **Arrowhead Credit Union**. **See attached image for a description of the donation.** These signs enhance our public spaces and reflect Arrowhead's continued investment in our community. For nearly a decade, Arrowhead has been a valued partner—supporting initiatives such as toy drives, food distributions, and senior lunches. Please join me in thanking them for their ongoing commitment to the **City of Needles**, and be sure to express your appreciation when you see one of their representatives. Additionally, **Saturday, July 12**, Arrowhead Credit Union will be hosting a **free financial literacy workshop**, "*On The Money*," for youth ages 12–18 from **10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** at the **Needles Recreation Center**. This event directly supports the **City Council's goal of prioritizing youth development** by offering real-world educational opportunities that help prepare our young residents for the future. **I encourage everyone to stop by and show support for this critical initiative.**

2. County Spotlight Highlights Needles' Historic Legacy

San Bernardino County recently featured the City of Needles in its official [newsletter](#), drawing regional attention to our community's unique heritage and growing importance in the county. The article celebrated Needles as one of the oldest cities in San Bernardino County—tracing our origins back to the establishment of the railroad in 1883, the construction of the iconic El Garces Hotel in 1908, and our prominence along historic Route 66. References to notable events like General Patton's training maneuvers and cultural ties to *Peanuts* creator Charles Schulz further underscore the city's rich and diverse legacy. While our community and Council know this history well, this countywide spotlight is a welcome recognition that supports the **City Council's ongoing efforts to promote tourism, strengthen public relations, and foster civic pride**. The article also affirms **Needles' strategic role in regional economic development**. Located at the crossroads of **Interstate 40 and Highway 95**, Needles remains a vital logistics corridor for goods movement across the western United States. This strategic location continues to drive investment opportunities and economic resilience—further advancing the **Council's vision**

for sustainable growth and business-friendly development. We thank San Bernardino County and the Assessor-Recorder-Clerk's Office for highlighting Needles and helping elevate our profile throughout the region.

3. **Well No. 11 Treatment Facility Now Online**

The City of Needles is proud to announce that the **Well No. 11 Treatment Plant is now fully online and operational**, marking a major milestone in our long-term investment to modernize local water infrastructure. This **\$8.9 million project**—supported through funding from the **State Water Resources Control Board, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and California Climate Investments**—is actively treating groundwater from **Wells No. 11, 12, and 15**, now delivering cleaner, safer drinking water across the system. The facility is part of a broader **\$14.3 million infrastructure program** that includes booster station upgrades, pipeline improvements, and new emergency power systems. These improvements directly advance the **City Council's goals to protect public health, ensure sustainable essential services, and improve overall quality of life**. This achievement is a clear example of how strategic planning and strong interagency collaboration can deliver long-term benefits to our community. The City is grateful to all funding partners and staff who helped make this critical investment a reality.

4. **Citywide Beautification and Storm Recovery Efforts**

In alignment with the **City Council's goals to enhance public safety, improve infrastructure, and promote community pride**, City staff continues to respond swiftly to ongoing maintenance and beautification needs. This week, the **Public Works Department launched targeted sidewalk repairs** in areas affected by buckling and storm damage. Crews have removed compromised sections and are actively framing and preparing to pour **new concrete** in the neighborhoods of **Lillyhill, D Street, and F Street**. In addition, **storm cleanup remains a priority citywide**. Crews are actively clearing debris to ensure roads and public spaces remain safe and accessible. The **street sweeper, which had been temporarily out of service, will be back in operation Monday** after staff successfully sourced and installed a replacement part from a local vendor. Cleanup efforts will focus on impacted neighborhoods first and continue until all areas have been addressed. These efforts demonstrate our **commitment to proactive service delivery, resident safety, and the long-term beautification of Needles**.

5. **Rural Transit Day: Free Rides on July 16**

In recognition of **Rural Transit Day on Tuesday, July 16**, **Needles Transit Services**—which include **NAT's deviated fixed-route service and Dial-A-Ride (DAR) curb-to-curb service for seniors and individuals with disabilities**—will participate in a **countywide initiative led by the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority (SBCTA)** to promote public transit in rural communities. As part of this effort, **free rides will be available all day on both Needles Area Transit and Dial-A-Ride**. **Reservations are required for Dial-A-Ride**; to request a ride, please call **760-326-4789**. **Thank you to SBCTA** for supporting this regional effort. For more information, visit needlestransit.com or call **760-326-2113 ext. 115**. **A flyer is attached for reference.**

6. **Weekly Mobile Medical Clinic in Needles**

As a reminder, the **San Bernardino County Department of Public Health** continues to operate a **weekly Mobile Medical Clinic in Needles** every **Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM** at the **Transitional Assistance Department lot (1090 E. Broadway)**. Offered through the **County's On-The-Go Health initiative**, the clinic provides **no-cost primary and urgent care services**, including **health screenings, chronic disease management, pregnancy testing, minor wound care, and Medi-Cal enrollment assistance**. **No insurance is required**, and services are open to **all California residents**. **Appointments are strongly encouraged** by calling **(800) 722-4777 (Press 5)**. Please continue helping us share this valuable resource with the community.

7. **Fourth of July Enforcement Summary – Marine and Fireworks Activity**

From **Friday, July 4, to Sunday, July 6, 2025**, the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Marine Enforcement Unit** conducted its **Fourth of July Holiday Operation** along the **Colorado River**, which includes the **Needles area**. During the operation, the department deployed **nine patrol vessels**, an **OHV team**, and a **Sheriff's Department helicopter**. A total of **112 enforcement stops** were conducted, resulting in **66 citations issued**. One **boating under the influence arrest** involved a resident of **Needles, CA**. For additional details, please refer to the **attached press release**.

In addition, the Sheriff's Department implemented **zero-tolerance fireworks enforcement** in Needles. Only **"safe and sane" fireworks** are permitted—anything that **explodes or becomes airborne is illegal**. While the department reported **five fireworks-related calls for service** between **June 25 and July 6**, we continue to encourage residents to report violations by calling **Sheriff's Dispatch at (909) 387-8313**. As a reminder, **9-1-1 should only be used for emergencies** that require immediate law enforcement, fire, or medical response.

8. **Rural Hospital Funding – Colorado River Medical Center (CRMC)**

The recently enacted federal budget includes **Medi-Cal Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payment reductions** scheduled to begin in **Fiscal Year 2025–26** and continue through **2027–28**. Based on guidance from CMS and DHCS, these cuts are projected to reduce funding by approximately **55.31%**. These payments have historically helped stabilize rural hospitals that serve high numbers of Medi-Cal patients. Although the City of Needles does not operate CRMC, the hospital is a critical part of our local infrastructure and the only full-service healthcare facility. Recognizing its importance, the City has been **actively working with CRMC leadership to monitor the situation and identify potential strategies to help safeguard services** for Needles residents. We will continue to stay engaged on this issue and support the hospital's efforts to navigate the upcoming financial challenges while maintaining access to care in our community.

9. **2025 City of Needles Assessment Roll – Continued Growth**

The **San Bernardino County Assessor-Recorder-Clerk's Office** has released the **2025 Assessment Roll** for the **City of Needles**, reflecting a total assessed property value of **\$593,071,256**. This marks a **5.3% increase** from 2024 and a

remarkable **93% increase** since 2017. The assessment roll captures the total value of locally assessed real estate, business, and personal property that has increased due to ownership changes or new construction. This upward trend is a direct reflection of the **City Council's goals to promote economic development, attract investment, and strengthen the long-term financial health of the city**. The city's progress in recent years highlights the alignment between policy direction and outcomes that benefit both residents and the local economy. **Refer to the attached chart for a visual summary of our assessment growth over time.**

10. Jack Smith Memorial Boat Launch – Peak Season Activity

I want to extend my appreciation to our Recreation staff for their **exceptional work** at the **Jack Smith Memorial Boat Launch** this season. The facility has seen **high traffic throughout the summer**, particularly during the **recent holiday weekends**. Our team has **gone above and beyond—managing operations, keeping the area clean, and ensuring a safe, welcoming environment** for both residents and visitors. Their efforts paid off: **all 750 annual launch passes have __SOLD OUT__ well ahead of the October season-end**, underscoring the launch's popularity. Thanks to this **hard work**, the boat launch continues to **shine** as one of Needles' **most popular and well-used recreational assets**, helping drive **regional tourism** and **community pride**. **Great job to the entire team** for their **continued dedication** during our **busiest time of year**.

11. Aquatics Programming Enhances Community Health and Engagement

The **City of Needles** continues to see strong participation in its **morning water exercise classes** at the **Needles Aquatic Center**. These **low-impact fitness sessions** provide a **safe, enjoyable, and healthy** way for adults of all ages to stay active during the summer months. "A local resident recently commented: *"Thank you for providing an excellent exercise program for the citizens of Needles!"* This type of community feedback reinforces the **City Council's ongoing commitment** to promoting **health, wellness, and quality of life** through accessible recreation. In addition to the morning exercise classes, the City offers a variety of **aquatics programs** throughout the season, including **open swim, swim lessons** for both children and adults, **family swim nights**, and **lifeguard certification courses**. These offerings are designed to support **youth development**, promote **public safety**, and provide **intergenerational recreational opportunities** for residents and visitors alike. We thank our **Recreation staff** for their continued dedication and effort in making these programs a success. For more information about current aquatic offerings, view the flyer [here](#) or contact **(760) 326-3866**.

12. Support for Local Youth Leadership

City Manager Patrick Martinez submitted a formal letter of recommendation in support of **Robert Yankee's Eagle Scout candidacy**, highlighting the City's continued support for youth achievement and civic engagement. Robert's **Eagle project—a thoughtfully crafted bench at Lynne's Garden—adds lasting value** to one of Needles' key public spaces and reflects the City Council's goals to promote **youth leadership, civic pride, and enhancement of community**

assets. Beyond his project, Robert has excelled in **academics, athletics, and public service**, and is preparing to begin basic training to become a **firefighter in the U.S. Navy**. The City proudly supports Robert's path and recognizes him as a rising citizen-leader dedicated to service and community improvement.

13. Excessive Heat Warning – Cooling Centers and Fire Safety Preparedness

The **National Weather Service** has issued **Excessive Heat Warnings** for the **Tri-State area** over the past few weeks. In response, the following facilities in Needles are available to the public as designated **cooling centers**: the [Needles Aquatic Center](#) at **1101 Civic Center Drive**, the [Needles Senior Center](#) at **1699 Bailey Avenue**, and the [San Bernardino County Public Library – Needles Branch](#) at **1111 Bailey Avenue (hours of operation vary)**. Residents are encouraged to **stay hydrated, limit outdoor activities**, and remain aware of the signs and symptoms of **heat exhaustion** and **heat stroke**.

In addition to health concerns, forecasters are warning that the prolonged heat will continue to **elevate fire weather conditions**, increasing the potential for wildfire activity. It is important for residents to be **prepared** and take **preventive measures** to reduce wildfire risk. **Cal Fire** has published a **Wildfire Evacuation Guide**, click on [this link](#) for your reference.

14. Interstate 40 Pavement Rehabilitation Project

Caltrans District 8 has initiated the **Design Phase** for the **Interstate 40 Pavement Rehabilitation Project** near **Needles**, covering a segment of westbound I-40 from **approximately 2 miles east of Five Mile Road to I Street**. The project will include pavement rehabilitation, safety enhancements, and the installation of a **concrete median barrier** to address collision risks, particularly during rainy weather events. Currently in the **Plans, Specifications & Estimates (PS&E) Phase**, construction is anticipated to begin in **mid-2026**. The estimated cost is **\$8.6 million**, funded through a combination of **federal and state sources**. This corridor is part of a critical transcontinental route used heavily by freight and regional traffic. The project supports safer travel conditions improved surface quality, and aligns with the **City Council's infrastructure improvement priorities**. The City values its continued partnership with Caltrans and will remain engaged as the project advances. **See the attached Caltrans Fact Sheet for additional details.**

15. Advancing Community Wellness Through Partnership

Tri-State Community Healthcare continues to be a vital partner in supporting the City Council's goals of improving public health, expanding youth recreation, and strengthening community engagement. On **Saturday, August 2**, Tri-State will sponsor a **free Night Pool Party** at the **Needles Aquatic Center** from **6:00–9:00 PM**, featuring complimentary **hot dogs, drinks, snacks, and water bounce house slides**. This event offers families a safe, festive environment to enjoy summer recreation and connect with one another. To further encourage youth physical activity, Tri-State is distributing **100 free pool passes** to local children. Passes are available for pick-up at their **West Broadway Clinic (820 W Broadway St)** and are valid during **open swim (Monday–Thursday)** at the Aquatic Center. In addition to recreational support, Tri-State is advancing nutritional wellness. On **July 9**, they hosted another **free produce distribution**

event, providing over **35,000 pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables** to Needles residents. These initiatives represent **Tri-State's strong and ongoing investment in Needles' health and quality of life**, and they directly advance the Council's vision for a more active, connected, and resilient community.

16. Celebrate Freedom – 4th of July Pool Party

The **Needles Elks Lodge** hosted its annual “**Celebrate Freedom**” **4th of July Pool Party** at the **Needles Aquatics Center**, drawing **133 attendees** and raising **\$550** through donations and concessions. The family-friendly event featured open swim, games, prizes, and the return of the **Miss Freedom and Mr. Firecracker contest** for children ages 4–5. The **City of Needles** was proud to support this community tradition, which aligns with the **City Council's ongoing commitment to community engagement and recreational programming**. We extend our sincere thanks to the **Needles Elks Lodge** for organizing and leading this celebration. We also wish to thank **Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez** for sending a representative to attend and support the event, further reinforcing the importance of civic partnership in building strong community connections.

17. Needles Women's Club Lunch Fundraiser (NEXT TUESDAY)

The **Needles Women's Club** invites the community to participate in their July fundraiser on **Tuesday, July 16, 2025**, offering a **Chicken Teriyaki Bowl with dessert** for just **\$10**. Proceeds support scholarships, youth programs, women's empowerment, and civic engagement across Needles. Meals are available for **pickup or delivery (3 or more orders)** within the local area. Orders must be placed in advance using the official online form by clicking [here](#). Pickup and delivery will take place between **11:00 AM and 1:00 PM** on July 16. We thank the Women's Club for their dedication and **Billet Health** for serving as this month's lunch sponsor. Your participation helps strengthen our community and support meaningful local causes.

18. Community Events Calendar Now Live on City Website

As part of the City's newly launched website, we're excited to introduce a [comprehensive Community Events Calendar](#) designed to keep residents informed about the many activities and happenings across Needles. We invite **local organizations and event organizers** to collaborate with the **City Clerk's Office** to add or update events—helping ensure the calendar remains vibrant, inclusive, and reflective of our community's diverse offerings. To contribute or request modifications, please contact **Candace Clark** at cclark@cityofneedles.com. Your participation helps strengthen community spirit and enrich the local experience for residents and visitors alike.

1. ARROWHEAD CREDIT UNION



PLAY & LEARN

On The Money is a financial game that guides students through real-world financial decisions.

- Manage on-time bill payments
- Pay taxes from each paycheck
- Cash paychecks
- Make purchase decisions
- Choose to live alone or with roommates
- Handle unexpected expenses, like a flat tire
- Raise credit scores
- Balance wants vs. needs

STUDENTS ARE INVITED!

Date

Saturday, July 12

Time

10am – 12pm

Location

Needles Recreation Center
1705 J St
Needles, CA 92363

Student Age

12 to 18 years old

Register by
July 7



1. ARROWHEAD CREDIT UNION

*Welcome To
Bob Belt
Beach Park*

Sponsored by **Arrowhead** credit union

Sponsored by **Arrowhead** credit union

*Welcome To
Manny Morris
Park*

Sponsored by **Arrowhead** credit union



928-758-3511

PROJECT NAME: Bob Belt & Manny Morris

SITE ADDRESS:

OWNER NAME: Arrowhead Credit Union

PARCEL NUMBER:

APPROVAL:

CONTRACTOR:

DATE DRAWN: Robert Clark

DRAWN BY: Todd Taggart

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2. COUNTY SPOTLIGHT

San Bernardino County history: Needles

July 3, 2025

[COUNTY HISTORY](#) | [COUNTYWIRE](#)



Wooden wagon on Route 66 welcomes drivers to Needles.

Needles is one of the oldest cities in San Bernardino County, located in the eastern portion of the county near the borders of Arizona and Nevada.

In 1859, the United States Army established Camp Colorado (later renamed to Ft. Mojave) on the east side of the Colorado River in this region. By 1883, the first railroad crossed the Colorado River from Topock, Arizona to the present-day site of Needles, which led to the town's formation.

The town was named after "The Needles," a distinctive group of rock pinnacles and mountain peaks in Mohave County, Arizona, which ranged from 1,207 to over 1,600 feet. In 1890, the railroad company built a high cantilever bridge ten miles downstream from Needles, which was known as the Red Rock Bridge.

3. WELL NO. 11 TREATMENT



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4. CITYWIDE BEAUTIFICATION



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5. SBCTA TRANSIT DAY

Celebrate Rural Transit Day, July 16!

Rural transit benefits us all.



Victor Valley Transit, Mountain Transit, Basin Transit, and Needles Area Transit are free all day.



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Transportation Authority

6. ON-THE-GO HEALTH



On-The-Go Health

Mobile Medical Clinic in Needles

No insurance? We can help!



Offering convenient
healthcare for
California residents!
**Appointments
highly recommended.**

Who can benefit?

Open to Medi-Cal patients and those who have applied for Medi-Cal.

Primary care services

- Annual adult health screening physicals
- Point of Care screenings/testing: Hypertension, hemoglobin, and diabetes (HgbA1c, glucose)
- Pregnancy testing
- Chronic disease management medication refills (e.g. hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, thyroid)

Urgent care services

- Urine tests/Urinary Tract Infections (UTI)
- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI):
 - Gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis, HIV
- Rash
- Fever/cold/flu
- Hepatitis C screening
- Minor wound care

Weekly visits every
Thursday,
starting from
8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Parking lot of the
Transitional
Assistance
Department**

1090 E. Broadway St.
Needles, CA

**To apply for Medi-Cal,
scan the QR code
or visit the link below:**

bit.ly/SBCMedi-Cal



Public Health



1 (800) 722-4777

Press 5 for Mobile Clinic Appointments

dph.sbcounty.gov

7. SBSD MARINE ENFORCEMENT



SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department

Monday July 7th, 2025 :: 10:27 a.m. PDT

Advisory

Holiday Marine Enforcement Operation Results in Eight Arrests and 66 Citations Issued

DATE: July 7, 2025

INCIDENT: Holiday Marine Enforcement Results

LOCATION: San Bernardino County

SUMMARY: The San Bernardino County Sheriff Department's Marine Enforcement Unit conducted its 4th of July Holiday Enforcement Operation starting on Friday, July 4th through Sunday, July 6th. The operation was conducted along the Colorado River, from the California/Nevada state line to the Riverside County line, as well as Big Bear Lake and Lake Arrowhead.

Most of the operation was focused on the waterways with resorts, launch ramps and marinas along the river and lakes. A total of nine patrol vessels, an OHV team, and a Sheriff's Department helicopter were deployed throughout the area. The Marine Enforcement Unit conducted a total of 112 enforcement stops throughout the holiday weekend. There was a total of eight arrests made for boating under the influence. The following are the names of the individuals arrested during the operation:

Brandon Frere, 49 years of age, Glendora, Ca. (Boating under the influence)
Douglas Miller, 23 years of age, Glendale, Az. (Boating under the influence)
Olivia Lindholm, 22 years of age, Tempe, Az. (Boating under the influence)
Nathan Smith, 20 years of age, Las Vegas, Nv. (Boating under the influence)
Sharli Taylor, 50 years of age, Mohave Valley, Az. (Boating under the influence)
Samuel Wallace, 27 years of age, Lucerne Valley, Ca. (Boating under the influence)
Devin Tittle, 24 years of age, Brea, Ca. (Boating under the influence)
John Romero, 33 years of age, Needles, Ca. (Boating under the influence)

Approximately 66 citations were issued for various boating law violations as well as hundreds of verbal warnings. The Marine Enforcement Unit investigated two minor injury boat accidents, a propeller strike that occurred on the Parker Strip and a skier mishap that occurred on Lake Havasu. A drowning occurred at Black Meadow Landing on Lake Havasu; the circumstances of the incident are still under investigation at this time.

The Colorado River Station Marine Enforcement Unit urges all California residents to go online to www.californiaboatercard.com and take the online test to obtain their boater card, which is now required by law, regardless of age. The Colorado River Station Marine Enforcement Unit is, as always, dedicated to providing a safe boating atmosphere for the public and reminds everyone to wear their life jackets and to boat sober.

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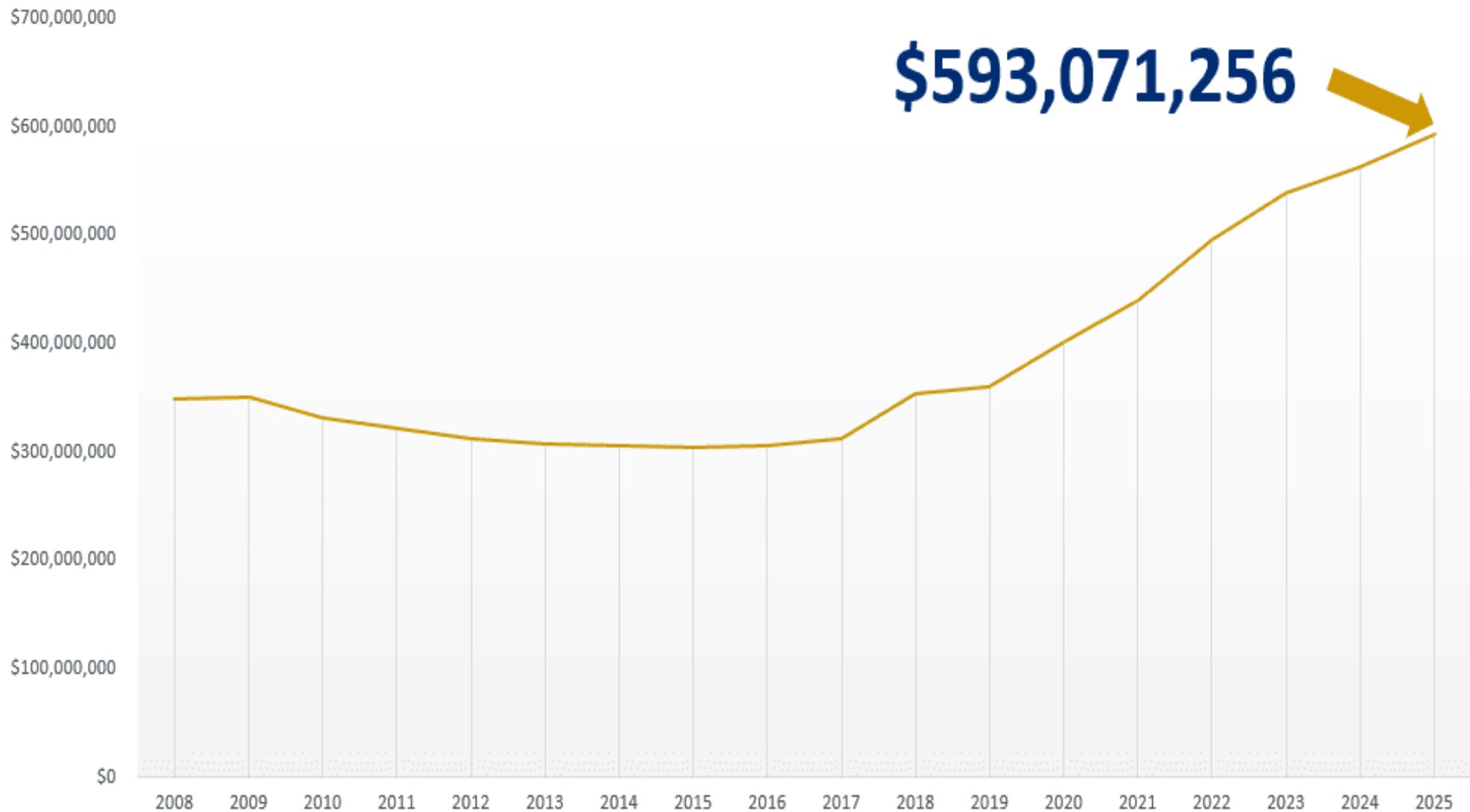
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Refer: Sergeant Travis Vessells

9. 2025 NEEDLES ASSESSMENT ROLL



2025 City of Needles Assessment Roll

Josie Gonzales | Assessor-Recorder-County Clerk

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11. AQUATICS PROGRAM



12. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Source: Needles Desert Star



14. CALTRANS PROJECT I-40

Improving lives and communities through transportation

District 8 PROJECT FACT SHEET



Interstate 40 Pavement Rehabilitation Project Near Needles

Project Overview

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8 will deliver a pavement rehabilitation project on westbound Interstate 40 (I-40) near the City of Needles in San Bernardino County, approximately twelve miles west of the Arizona State Line. The project will provide an asphalt overlay and cold plane paving in the existing two westbound lanes of I-40 for approximately two miles between Fox Wash and L Street. The work will also install rumble strips on the inside and outside shoulders, upgrade guardrail, add a high-tension cable barrier and in the median. The purpose of the project is to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions during rainy events by improving the pavement surface condition and reducing crossover collisions by installing the median barrier.

Purpose

The purpose of this project is to reduce the frequency and severity of collisions during rainy events by improving pavement surface condition within the project limits and reducing crossover collisions by installing median barrier.

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The number of collisions has increased along westbound during rainy events and skid test showed numbers below the minimum required threshold. This segment of I-40 has also been identified in the most recent Table C and Table C Wet reports for investigations. Also, this segment of I-40 was identified in the 2020 crossover collision monitoring program report. The project is needed to address these current deficiencies.

Travel Impacts

I-40 is a major transcontinental highway that begins at the junction with Interstate 15 (I-15) in Barstow and travels to the Arizona State Line in California. It is a major east/west corridor primarily used by the trucking industry, recreational vehicles, and motorists traveling to and from California.

Total Estimated Cost

\$8.0 Million

Funding Source

Federal and State

Project Manager

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Milestone



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16. POOL PARTY JULY 4TH CELEBRATION



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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 3, 2025

1. **Council Chambers Reactivation and Sheriff's Station Remodel Completion**

Staff is pleased to report that, after more than a year of relocation, **all City Council, Board, and Commission meetings have officially returned to the Council Chambers at 1111 Bailey Avenue**, beginning this week with the Utility Board. The previous relocation was necessary due to the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department's \$10.3 million remodel of the Colorado River Station**, which shares space with the Chambers. As part of the remodel, **new heating and air conditioning systems** were installed, finally making the space viable for year-round public use. With these critical upgrades now complete, the City is proud to resume official business in a professional, fully functional setting that supports transparency, accessibility, and efficient governance.

2. **CAT 265 Loader Acquisition Enhances Citywide Maintenance Capabilities**

This week, the **City of Needles** reached another milestone in its ongoing commitment to infrastructure excellence with the arrival of the new **CAT 265 Compact Track Loader**, acquired at a cost of **\$107,829.94**. This equipment will significantly enhance the City's ability to maintain rights-of-way, clear overgrown vegetation, manage inventory at key facilities, and support the **maintenance of our city beaches**. Previously, these essential tasks were hindered by **outdated machinery** and dependence on **outside contractors**, leading to delays and increased costs. This acquisition **strengthens city operations**, supports the **City Council's goals to modernize infrastructure**, and improves the efficiency and responsiveness of public works across the community. Photos are attached for Council's reference.

3. **Fourth of July Marine and Fireworks Enforcement – July 4–7, 2025**

From July 4 through July 7, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department – Colorado River Station will conduct enhanced patrol operations on and around the Colorado River by land, water, and air. As part of **Operation Dry Water**, deputies will enforce laws against boating under the influence, require children under 13 to wear life jackets and inspect for required safety equipment.

Common violations such as transom riding and failure to slow for law enforcement vessels will be strictly enforced. All boat operators must carry a California Boater Card. Additionally, the Sheriff's Department will conduct **zero-tolerance fireworks enforcement** in Needles. Only "safe and sane" fireworks are permitted—anything that explodes or flies is illegal. Violators may face criminal charges and be held liable for damages caused by fire. Fireworks are a leading cause of fires, injuries, and fatalities each year. Residents are reminded **not to call 9-1-1** to report illegal fireworks unless for emergencies that need immediate attention from law enforcement, fire, or medical personnel. To report violations, contact **Sheriff's Dispatch at (909) 387-8313**. For press releases, news, and updates, follow the Colorado River Station on **Twitter @CORiverStation, Facebook: @SBCSDColoradoRiverStation, and Instagram: @SBCSDColoradoRiverStation**.

4. **Electric Yard Building Arrives — Enhancing Infrastructure Stability**

This week, the **City of Needles received delivery of the new steel Electric Yard Building**, marking a major step forward in protecting and extending the life of our public utility infrastructure. For years, essential fleet vehicles, equipment, and inventory were stored outdoors or in temporary containers—leaving critical assets exposed to extreme heat, weather damage, and accelerated wear. The arrival of this permanent facility underscores the City's recognition that **proper maintenance begins with proper storage**. By shielding high-value assets from the elements, the building will significantly reduce deterioration, extend equipment lifespan, and cut future replacement costs. This **\$673,552 investment** reflects the City Council's continued commitment to **infrastructure modernization, asset preservation, and operational efficiency**—foundational components of a more resilient and service-ready community. Photos of the building delivery and site progress are attached for Council's reference.

5. **Well 15 Yard Cleanup – City Beautification and Infrastructure Goals**

This week, city crews completed a cleanup of the **Well 15 yard**, reinforcing the City Council's priority to improve the **cleanliness, safety, and overall appeal** of public spaces. These efforts are part of a broader initiative to enhance **citywide beautification**, reduce blight, and ensure that vital infrastructure sites are maintained to the highest standard. By addressing these areas proactively, the City not only protects critical utilities but also supports the Council's goal of making Needles a **welcoming and well-maintained community** for both residents and visitors. This work reflects the City's commitment to preserving **quality of life** through coordinated cleanup and maintenance efforts.

6. **River Daze Donation Supports Summer Day Camp**

The **Colorado River Station's nonprofit organization, River Daze**, generously donated **\$500** this week to support the **City of Needles Summer Day Camp**—a meaningful contribution that directly benefits local youth. The funds, raised by department employees, families, and volunteers, will be used to enhance programming at the Needles Recreation Center and reflect a strong commitment to community partnership. **Thank you to the Colorado River Station and everyone involved in making this generous donation possible.**

The free camp runs through **July 31**, Monday through Thursday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM, for children ages 5–12. Activities include games, pool time, crafts, and themed weeks. **Spots are still available**—families may call **(760) 326-3866** to register. This donation underscores the shared goal of creating safe, engaging, and enriching spaces for our youth.

7. **Jr. Lifeguard Program Launches at Needles Aquatic Center**

The City of Needles officially kicked off its Jr. Lifeguard Training Program on Monday, June 30, at the Aquatic Center. Open to youth ages 11 and up, the program is already off to a strong start, with participants shadowing certified lifeguards and actively engaging in emergency response drills, water safety instruction, and teamwork exercises. This volunteer-based initiative directly supports **City Council goals to enhance youth development, promote public safety awareness, and expand recreational programming**. The program not only builds lifeguarding skills but also instills responsibility and leadership in our community's next generation. Photos and flyer are attached for Council's reference.

8. **Reminder: 4th of July "Celebrate Freedom" Event – Tomorrow**

Join us **tomorrow, July 4**, from **12 PM to 4 PM** at the **Needles Aquatics Center** for the annual **Celebrate Freedom Pool Party**, hosted in partnership with the Needles Elks Lodge. Enjoy free swim, games, prizes, and the crowning of **Miss Freedom and Mr. Firecracker**. A great way to beat the heat and celebrate as a community—see you there!

9. **Independence Day Holiday – City Hall Closure and Operational Coverage**

City Hall will be closed **tomorrow, Friday, July 4, 2025**, in observance of Independence Day. Normal operations will resume on **Monday, July 7 at 8:30 AM**. For urgent matters during the closure, **residents may call 760-326-5700**, where our **after-hours answering service will route calls to the appropriate City personnel**. As part of our commitment to maintaining essential services, **holiday coverage has been fully coordinated**. Staff are scheduled throughout the weekend to ensure facilities are maintained, key areas are monitored, and public needs are met. We're well-prepared for the holiday period—please don't hesitate to reach out if anything is needed.

10. **Community Events Calendar Now Live on City Website**

As part of the City's newly launched website, we're excited to introduce a [comprehensive Community Events Calendar](#) designed to keep residents informed about the many activities and happenings across Needles. We invite **local organizations and event organizers** to collaborate with the **City Clerk's Office** to add or update events—helping ensure the calendar remains vibrant, inclusive, and reflective of our community's diverse offerings. To contribute or request modifications, please contact **Candace Clark** at cclark@cityofneedles.com. Your participation helps strengthen community spirit and enrich the local experience for residents and visitors alike.