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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES
TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2026 AT 4:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

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CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(ACT)

CORRESPONDENCE

PUBLIC APPEARANCE: Persons wishing to address the Board on subjects other than those scheduled are requested to do so at this time. When called by the Chairman, please come to the podium and 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 California Government Code Sec. 54950 prohibits the Board from taking action on a specific item until it appears on the agenda.

CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. The Chairman or any Member of the Board may pull an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Prior to Board action, a member of the public may address the Board on matters scheduled on the Consent Calendar. A three-minute time limit per person applies. **Recommended Action:** Approve Items 1 through 5 on the Consent Calendar by affirmative vote (ACT)

- [1.](#) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held March 3, 2026
- [2.](#) Authorize an increase in electrical engineering fees to Brooks Consulting, not to exceed \$20,000, utilizing the adopted FY26 electric operations & maintenance budget
- [3.](#) Accept and file the approval of Calendar Year 2026 Colorado River Water Diversion for the City of Needles
- [4.](#) Authorize the Voluntary Parker Davis Reduction for April, May, and June 2026

5. Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with SMH Electrical Construction to complete the XIO Installation at L Street Booster Station and Well #15, at a cost not to exceed \$43,533, utilizing Water Asset Replacement Funds

REGULAR ITEMS (A three minute time limit per person has been established per Municipal Code Section 2-18)

6. Appointment of a Greenhouse Gas Ad Hoc Committee (ACT)
7. Approval of the revised budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 for Needles Public Utility Authority, Water, Wastewater, Electric and All American Canal (ACT)

REPORTS (INF)

8. Present Perfected Rights Report February 2026

MANAGER'S REPORT

9. Manager's Report March 20 & 27, 2026

BOARD REQUESTS

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: April 2, 2026

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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

March 3, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 3rd day of March, 2026, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS JONES, WALTERS, BROWN, McNEIL, CAIRNS AND POWELL

Also Present: SECRETARY SALLIS, CITY MANAGER MARTINEZ, UTILITY MANAGER TORRANCE AND OTHER KEY STAFF

APPROVAL COMMISSIONER McNEIL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
AGENDA BROWN, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, BROWN, McNEIL, CAIRNS AND POWELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

CNST CAL: COMMISSIONER JONES requested to pull agenda item #2 (Authorize Reliable Pump to repair one hydromatic 40 HP pump at a cost not to exceed \$20,384 utilizing Wastewater Asset Replacement funds).

COMMISSIONER McNEIL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAIRNS, to pull agenda item #2 and approve agenda items 1, 3, 4 and 5.

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held January 20, 2025
3. Accept and file the Bureau of Reclamation's Post 2026 Draft EIS Public Comment from the City of Needles dated February 10, 2026 relating to proposed adoption of new guidelines and coordinated management strategies to address Lake Powell and Lake Mead through full operating range, to be implemented upon the expiration of existing guidelines and agreements the end of 2026
4. Receive and file the State Water Resources Control Board's Final Project Inspections for the City of Needles Project Nos. 3610032-001C, 3610032-0102C, 3610032-003C, 3610032-006C; and Interim Project Inspection for Project No. 3610032-004C; Funding Agreement No. D19-02030 dated February 2, 2026 for the renovation of two water booster stations, installation of a backup emergency generator, completion of pipe replacements projects, and installation of a new water treatment facility
5. Approve the Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) for the period August through November 2025 and continue the over-hydro rate of \$0.1159 as adopted in October 2025

Motion to approve item 1 carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, BROWN, McNEIL AND CAIRNS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE
ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONER POWELL

Motion to approve items 3 through 5 carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, BROWN, McNEIL, CAIRNS AND POWELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

WW PUMP
REPAIR

COMMISSIONER JONES questioned if this pump is different than the other one recently done and the shaft being replaced. Kris Hendricks, EUSI Managing Member, explained the work to be done on the motor noting that this is the third pump replaced, two replaced and one backup.

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALTERS, to authorize Reliable Pump to repair one hydromatic 40 HP pump at a cost not to exceed \$20,384 utilizing Wastewater Asset Replacement funds. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS JONES,
WALTERS, BROWN, McNEIL, CAIRNS AND POWELL
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

REG ITEMS:
EPA PRPSD
RULE TO
END GHG
RPT PRGM

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL noted that the Board previously approved a letter during the comment period proposing to get rid of the finding that CO₂ gases were an endangerment. The initial focus is on mobile sources, being vehicles, with stationary sources being considered later. If reporting CO₂ is eliminated from stationary sources, it will be good for the ratepayers because the city does self-report to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) how much CO₂ is generated from the energy purchased from states outside of California and if we don't get that data, there is nothing to report. The Board should consider a strategy, thinking ahead, and maybe get the city attorney's advice on options available to protect the ratepayers from having to pay that \$1.5 million each year. Utility Manager Torrance agreed that legal counsel can be involved should the Board wish as we do have special legal counsel outside of SBEMP that assists with electric related matters such as this. Staff can reach out to them and get recommendations and report back to the Board. City Manager Martinez explained that there will be many lawsuits filed by agencies with bigger banks, including the State of California, trying to figure this out and suggested letting them take the lead and our staff monitor it and keep the Board informed before we start spending money on attorney fees. CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL felt the city

attorney discussion should be limited to the city’s liability exposure and how to defend ourselves should those stationary sources out-of-state no longer report greenhouse gases and we get caught in the middle. Discussion ensued on the possibility of eliminating the greenhouse gas reporting, the effects of such, and Needles filing as a Friend of the Court in lawsuits that are filed to expound on the costs to our ratepayers. Utility Manager Torrance reminded the Board that Needles is a member of the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) who has other large jurisdictions that staff can reach out to and get direction and feedback on what they’re doing. Staff could work with CMUA at a reasonable cost and bring back more information. CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL suggested that the city needs to have a position statement and that position be conveyed to all our elected state representatives.

Discussion continued on greenhouse gas reporting and stationary sources that come from outside California. City Manager Martinez suggested the Board appoint an ad hoc committee as this issue will be ongoing and the committee could come back with recommendations. Utility Manager Torrance will reach out to CMUA to get them involved and will bring back at the next meeting the appointment of an ad hoc committee.

REPORTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged: 1) EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system January 2026; 2) Western Area Power Administration FY26 Q4 Term Purchase; and 3) Present Perfected Rights Report January 2026.

MGR’S RPT: Utility Manager Torrance gave a brief report on 1) electric crews relocating inventory to new warehouse location on California Ave and installing equipment at two substations for SCADA system; 2) pole fire on February 18 near the Needles bridge; 3) water crews replacing 6” main to Riverview Terrace Apartments; 4) midyear budget revisions on next agenda; and 5) provided calendar year 2025 annual consumer confidence report and water meets all US EPA and state drinking water health standards. System did not violate any maximum contaminant levels or other water quality standards during this period.

City Manager Martinez reported on upcoming events.

BRD RQSTS: None

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 3rd day of March, 2026, adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Chairman

Secretary



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

Title: Authorize an increase in electrical engineering fees to Brooks Consulting, not to exceed \$20,000, utilizing the adopted FY26 electric operations & maintenance budget

Background: In 2020, the Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) issued a request for proposals for professional electrical engineering services. Brook’s contract was extended in 2023 for an additional three years.

Staff utilizes Brooks Consulting's expertise on all project development, including new construction and solar development. Staff also utilized Brook’s for non-development projects such as adjusting and setting reclosures at the substations, breaker adjustments, recommendations on modifying equipment, and load profiling for Western Area Power Administration.

On August 12, 2025, for FY26, the Board of Public Utilities authorized \$15,000 for electrical engineering services. During this fiscal year, the Board of Public Utilities authorized the installation of SCADA at two substations; this project required the assistance of the electrical engineer to complete the installation. To date, all funds have been expended on the SCADA project, and additional funds are needed to complete the installation of the SCADA.

Fiscal Impact: \$20,000 to be funded by the adopted FY26 electric operations and maintenance budget.

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Authorize an increase in electrical engineering fees to Brooks Consulting, not to exceed \$20,000, utilizing the adopted FY26 electric operations & maintenance budget

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 3/31/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____



SCADA Substation
Equipment Installation at
Eagle Pass Substation



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

Title: Accept and File the Approval of Calendar Year 2026 Colorado River Water Diversion for the City of Needles

Background: On September 26, 2025, City staff submits to the Bureau of Reclamation the diversion estimates for 2026 based on current PPR entitlements, Voluntary Reduction agreements, and the LCWSP entitlement agreement.

On March 30, 2026, the Bureau of Reclamation approved the submitted water order request for 2026 to include up to a maximum of diversion of 2,261 AF and a consumptive use of 1,605 AF. In accordance with the *Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy*: accumulation of **inadvertent overruns is not permitted** in calendar year 2026 and is suspended as long as a Short Condition is in effect. In addition, any unused allocation cannot be rolled forward.

Fiscal Impact: None

Environmental Impact: All Colorado River Entitlement Holders are monitoring their Colorado River water use to ensure they remain within available quantities.

Recommended Action: Accept and File the Approval of Calendar Year 2026 Colorado River Water Diversion for the City of Needles

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 3/31/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF RECLAMATION
P.O. Box 61470
Boulder City, NV 89006-1470

IN REPLY REFER TO:
LCB-4220
2.2.4.23

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

Patrick Martinez
City Manager
City of Needles
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363

Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2026 Colorado River Water Diversion – City of Needles (City)

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the City's CY 2026 Colorado River water diversion estimate in which the City requests approval to divert up to 2,261 acre-feet (AF) in CY 2026. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the City with notice of my determination regarding the City's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2026.

Pursuant to Contract No. 05-XX-30-W0445, as amended, the City has Present Perfected Right (PPR) No. 43, which allows the City to divert up to 1,500 AF or consumptively use up to 950 AF of Colorado River water per year, whichever is less. Pursuant to the same contract, the City also has PPR No. 44, which allows it to divert up to 1,260 AF or consumptively use up to 273 AF per year, whichever is less. The combined annual diversion limit for these two PPR entitlements is 2,760 AF with a combined consumptive use limit of 1,223 AF.

Under Contract No. 2-07-30-W0280, as amended, the City is also entitled to water for domestic use as part of the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project (LCWSP). The City's LCWSP contract supplements its PPR entitlements. The LCWSP provides, through exchange, a non-Colorado River water supply for domestic, municipal, industrial, and recreation needs for Colorado River water users in the state of California.

The City's CY 2026 diversion estimate of 2,261 AF incorporates System Conservation Water, which will remain in Lake Mead for the benefit of system storage, conserved from the City's completed turf removal project at the Rivers Edge Golf Course pursuant to System Conservation Implementation Agreement No. 15-XX-30-W0596 (SCIA). During CY 2026, this project will conserve, on a consumptive use basis, an estimated 145 AF of System Conservation Water.

In accordance with Section 4.4 of the SCIA, the amount of water available to the City in CY 2026 from its PPR entitlements is limited to 1,078 AF (1,223 AF less 145 AF of anticipated System Conservation Water to remain in Lake Mead). Further, the provisions found in Section 4.4 of the SCIA specify the amount of water available to the City through the LCWSP in CY 2026 will be limited to 527 AF.¹

On August 15, 2025, Reclamation released its Colorado River Basin August 2025 24-Month Study,² which projects Lake Mead's most probable elevation on January 1, 2026, to be 1,055.88 feet. In its letter dated August 21, 2025, Reclamation announced that, in accordance with the 2007 Interim Guidelines,³ Lake Mead and the lower Colorado River will operate in a Tier 1 Shortage Condition in CY 2026. In addition, the 2019 *Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Agreement* will also govern the operation of Lake Mead for CY 2026. The CY 2026 lower Colorado River Shortage Condition will not reduce the volume of Colorado River water available to the state of California in CY 2026. Additionally, no Drought Contingency Plan Contributions are required by California in CY 2026.

Based upon the Shortage Condition determination, a review of the CY 2026 diversion estimate provided by the City, and the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 2,261 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2026 for use in the City's service area. This approved diversion results in an estimated consumptive use of 1,605 AF, of which not more than 1,078 AF may be supplied from the City's PPR entitlements, and not more than 527 AF may be supplied by the LCWSP.

Reclamation would like to highlight that, in accordance with the *Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy*,⁴ **accumulations of inadvertent overruns are not permitted in CY 2026 and are suspended as long as a Shortage Condition is in effect.** To assist entitlement holders in monitoring their Colorado River water use to ensure they remain within available quantities, Reclamation will project CY 2026 diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2026 and will make these projections available daily on Reclamation's website⁵ beginning in January 2026. Reclamation encourages Colorado River water entitlement holders to use the projections to adjust diversions to remain within their Reclamation-approved annual Colorado River water order.

¹This amount may be adjusted for climate conditions and population growth, and any other factors beyond the City's control.

² Available at <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/24mo/>.

³ Referring to *Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and the Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead* dated December 13, 2007.

⁴ Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/IOPP.pdf>.

⁵ Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf>.

Thank you for submitting the City's diversion estimate for CY 2026. Should you have questions, please contact Kerim Dickson, Team Lead, Water Accounting and Verification Group, at (725) 232-6443 or kdickson@usbr.gov. Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunication relay services.

Sincerely,

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Acting Regional Director

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September 26, 2025

Water Accounting & Verification Group
USBR Boulder Canyon Operations Office
Attn: John W. Shields, Agricultural Engineer
Box 61470, Boulder City, NV 89006-1470

RE: Estimates of Diversions - Colorado River 2026

Dear Mr. Shields,

Please find below the City of Needles' estimates of diversions by month for CY 2026. The City has taken into account the impact of the anticipated water reductions at the River Edge Golf Course. The River Edge Golf Course phase 1 - turf removal shall be completed, and a water reduction of 232 acre-feet (40% course turf removed) has been accounted for.

At such time, phase 2 - irrigation system supply upgrade is completed, an adjusted water order will be completed as needed.

The Needles' entitlement to the LCWSP per the SCIA agreement has been limited to 527 acre-feet.

Month	Acre-Feet
January	130
February	130
March	180
April	180
May	2203
June	235
July	240
August	240
September	220
October	200
November	160
December	126

Total 2,261

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (760)326-5700 X140

Respectfully,
Rainie Torrance
Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager
rtorrance@cityofneedles.com
817 Third St. Needles, CA 92363



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

Title: Authorize the Voluntary Parker Davis Reduction for April, May, and June 2026

Background: In December 2024, the Board of Public Utilities approved the Parker-Davis Voluntary Reduction Agreement.

This Agreement permits the Participating Contractor, on a voluntary basis, to elect to reduce its reliance on WAPA-purchased power and accept reduced energy deliveries from WAPA. Such reductions would be based on federal hydropower generation projections made available to WAPA by the Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), and shared with Participating Contractor and other FES contractors. In return for voluntarily electing to take reduced energy deliveries, the Participating Contractor would receive monthly billing credits based on the purchase power component of the PDP FES rate. Participating Contractor would also receive credits for their part in reducing purchase power deficits. The process by which the Participating Contractor may voluntarily elect to reduce its energy deliveries and obtain corresponding billing credits is set forth herein.

The voluntary agreement allows staff to utilize term purchases with excess allocation to cover the City's Parker-Davis allocation when there is a shortfall.

For April, May, and June, staff took advantage of lower-term purchases, which allowed staff to utilize the Parker-Davis Voluntary Reduction Agreement. Estimated savings for the City of Needles is;

	PPW MWh	VRP \$/MWh Est	VRP Estimated Savings
April	1520	\$99.12	\$150,662.40
May	2408	\$298.25	\$718,186.00
June	2736	\$61.62	\$168,592.32
			\$1,037,440.72

Fiscal Impact: Reduction in Parker-Davis monthly cost for April, May, and June 2026

Environmental Impact: In recent years, drought conditions in the Colorado River Basin and disruptions in the wholesale energy market have made it increasingly difficult for WAPA to meet its Monthly Energy commitments to FES contractors with federal hydropower alone. To meet its Monthly Energy requirements to FES contractors, WAPA has increasingly relied on purchasing power, which adds cost to all participants.

Recommended Action: Authorize the Voluntary Parker Davis Reduction for April, May, and June 2026

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 3/31/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

CITY OF NEEDLES
 FY 2026 PPW COST ESTIMATE BY MONTH
 LOAD ESTIMATE BASED ON SEPTEMBER 2024-AUGUST 2025 HOURLY METER DATA MINUS 0.3 MW

NEEDLES		Hours	Hours	Hours	PPW Hours	\$/MWh	\$/MWh	\$/MWh + 15% or Actual	\$/MWh + 15% or Actual	Proposed Term PPW MW	PPW MWh	Proposed Term PPW MW	PPW MWh	Est Term Cost	Est Term Cost	Est Term Cost	Without PPW	With PPW	PPW Status	Party	VRP \$/MWh Est	VRP Included?
Month	Year	Flat	Peak	Off-Peak	MWh	Peak	Off-Peak	Peak	Off-Peak	Peak	Peak	Off-Peak	Off-Peak	Peak	Off-Peak	Total	% to Spot	% to Spot				
10-Oct	2025	744	432	312	6072			\$ 41.75	\$ 35.75	9	3888	7	2184	\$ 162,324.00	\$ 78,078.00	\$ 240,402.00	-79.84%	-8.94%	TRANSACTIONED	BP	\$ -	No
11-Nov	2025	721	384	337	4373			\$ 38.75	\$ 43.25	7	2688	5	1685	\$ 104,160.00	\$ 72,876.25	\$ 177,036.25	-74.05%	-7.68%	TRANSACTIONED	BP	\$ 149.43	Yes
12-Dec	2025	744	416	328	4552			\$ 52.75	\$ 54.00	7	2912	5	1640	\$ 153,608.00	\$ 88,560.00	\$ 242,168.00	-74.78%	-13.88%	TRANSACTIONED	BP	\$ 75.04	Yes
1-Jan	2026	744	416	328	4136			\$ 55.00	\$ 60.25	6	2496	5	1640	\$ 137,280.00	\$ 98,810.00	\$ 236,090.00	-75.51%	-16.86%	TRANSACTIONED	MCPI	\$ 78.63	No
2-Feb	2026	672	384	288	3072			\$ 46.50	\$ 54.00	5	1920	4	1152	\$ 89,280.00	\$ 62,208.00	\$ 151,488.00	-74.02%	-24.78%	TRANSACTIONED	MCPI	\$ 92.82	Yes
3-Mar	2026	743	416	327	3388			\$ 23.00	\$ 31.00	5	2080	4	1308	\$ 47,840.00	\$ 40,548.00	\$ 88,388.00	-54.93%	-13.05%	TRANSACTIONED	MCPI	\$ 41.27	Yes
4-Apr	2026	720	416	304	4016			\$ 21.25	\$ 23.75	6	2496	5	1520	\$ 53,040.00	\$ 36,100.00	\$ 89,140.00	-60.71%	-8.48%	TRANSACTIONED	MCPI	\$ 99.12	Yes
5-May	2026	744	400	344	5608			\$ 23.50	\$ 27.50	8	3200	7	2408	\$ 75,200.00	\$ 66,220.00	\$ 141,420.00	-67.29%	-7.65%	TRANSACTIONED	MCPI	\$ 298.25	Yes
6-Jun	2026	720	416	304	7312			\$ 32.00	\$ 32.75	11	4576	9	2736	\$ 146,432.00	\$ 89,604.00	\$ 236,036.00	-73.45%	-10.99%	TRANSACTIONED	MCPI	\$ 61.62	Yes
7-Jul	2026	744	416	328	8688	\$ 52.09	\$ 38.13	\$ 59.90	\$ 43.85	13	5408	10	3280	\$ 323,958.13	\$ 143,826.36	\$ 467,784.49	-75.59%	-11.13%			\$ 81.11	Yes
8-Aug	2026	744	416	328	8184	\$ 61.14	\$ 45.48	\$ 70.31	\$ 52.30	11	4576	11	3608	\$ 321,743.14	\$ 188,705.62	\$ 510,448.75	-75.47%	-9.91%			\$ 70.83	No Peak Yes Off Peak
9-Sep	2026	720	400	320	5760	\$ 43.17	\$ 48.66	\$ 49.65	\$ 55.96	8	3200	8	2560	\$ 158,865.60	\$ 143,255.04	\$ 302,120.64	-69.28%	-9.47%			\$ 51.68	No

ICE 2/27/26



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

Title: Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with SMH Electrical Construction to complete the XIO Installation at L Street Booster Station and Well #15, at a cost not to exceed \$43,533, utilizing Water Asset Replacement Funds

Background: SCADA systems significantly enhance the reliability of water systems. They provide real-time monitoring and control, which leads to improved operational performance and decision-making.

Currently, the Claypool Booster Station, Tanks, and Well No. 11 are equipped with XIO SCADA. The only two remaining sites that do not have XIO are Well No. 15 and L Street. SMH Electrical Construction is completing the installation of the XIO Scada at the Claypool Booster Station and Well No. 11. Our staff is not experienced or trained in installing the equipment properly.

Staff is requesting to sole-source this project to SMH Electrical Construction due to their experience, and they are the only local electrical company able to complete the work. The project cost is;

Electrical Contractor Scope of Work	
XIO L Street Banner Installation	\$14,300
XIO L Street Banner Equipment	\$14,273
XIO Well # 15	\$14,960
	\$43,533

Fiscal Impact: The Water Asset Replacement Fund is projected to have a balance of \$619,096 by June 30, 2026. The completion of the XIO SCADA on L Street and Well No. 15 will reduce the daily rounds required by the water department, saving on labor costs in the future, as all the water infrastructure will have remote monitoring and be automated.

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with SMH Electrical Construction to complete the XIO Installation at L Street Booster Station and Well #15, at a cost not to exceed \$43,533, utilizing Water Asset Replacement Funds.

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 3/31/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

**CITY OF NEEDLES
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

1. PARTIES AND DATE.

This Agreement is made and entered into this 7th day April 2026, between the **CITY OF NEEDLES**, a **California Charter City**, (hereinafter referred to as the “City”) and **SMH Electrical Construction** (hereinafter referred to as “Consultant”). City and Consultant are sometimes individually referred to as “Party” and collectively as “Parties.”

2. RECITALS.

2.1 Services.

The City solicited proposals to provide on-site electrical work

2.2 Proposal

Consultant has made a proposal (“Proposal”) to the City **dated 2026** to provide such professional services, which Proposal is attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

2.3 Consultant.

City desires to retain Consultant to perform and assume responsibility for the provision of such services required by the City on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Consultant represents and warrants to City that Consultant possesses the necessary skills, licenses, certifications, qualifications, personnel, and equipment to provide such services.

3. TERMS.

3.1 Scope of Services and Term.

3.1.1 Professional Services. Consultant agrees to perform **the services described herein and in “Exhibit A”** (“Services”). All Services shall be performed in the manner and according to the timeframe set forth in the Proposal. Consultant designates **Mark Sotelo** as Consultant’s professional responsible for overseeing the Services provided by Consultant.

3.1.2 Term. This Agreement shall become effective when executed and shall remain in effect until terminated as provided herein. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, this Agreement shall automatically terminate after 1 year unless extended in writing by the Parties with the approval of the City Council of the City.

3.1.3 Conflict. In the event that the terms of the Proposal shall conflict with the terms of this Agreement, or contain additional terms other than the Services to be rendered and the price for the Services, the terms of this Agreement shall govern and said additional or conflicting terms shall be of no force or effect.

3.2 Responsibilities of Consultant.

3.2.1 Control and Payment of Subordinates; Independent Contractor. The Services shall be performed by Consultant or by its employees under Consultant's supervision. Consultant will determine the means, methods and details of performing the Services subject to the requirements of this Agreement. The City retains Consultant on an independent contractor basis and not as an employee. Consultant retains the right to perform similar or different services for other clients during the term of this Agreement. Any additional personnel performing the Services under this Agreement on behalf of Consultant shall also not be employees of the City and shall at all times be under Consultant's exclusive direction and control. Consultant shall pay all wages, salaries, and other amounts due such personnel in connection with their performance of Services under this Agreement and as required by law. Consultant shall determine its own work hours and schedule; provide its own equipment; maintain its own offices; provide its own vehicles; insurance; cell phones and office phones; and Consultant shall be solely responsible for managing and supervising its personnel and employees. Consultant shall further be responsible for all reports and obligations, including, but not limited to: social security taxes, income tax withholding, payroll taxes, unemployment insurance, disability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance.

3.2.2 Standard of Care; Performance of Employees. Consultant shall perform all Services under this Agreement in a skillful and competent manner, consistent with the standards generally recognized as being employed by professionals in the same discipline in the State of California. Consultant represents and maintains that it is skilled in the professional calling necessary to perform the Services. Consultant warrants that all employees and subcontractors shall have sufficient skill and experience to perform the Services assigned to them. Finally, Consultant represents that it, its employees and subcontractors have all licenses, permits, qualifications and approvals of whatever nature that are legally required to perform the Services, and that such licenses and approvals shall be maintained throughout the term of this Agreement. As provided for in the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, Consultant shall perform, at its own cost and expense and without reimbursement from the City, any services necessary to correct errors or omissions which are caused by the Consultant's failure to comply with the applicable standard

of care. Any employee of the Consultant or its sub-consultants who is determined by the City to be uncooperative, incompetent, a threat to the adequate or timely completion of a Project, a threat to the safety of persons or property, or any employee who fails or refuses to perform Services in a manner acceptable to the City, shall be promptly removed from the Project by the Consultant and shall not be re-assigned to perform any Services to City.

- 3.2.3 Laws and Regulations. Consultant shall keep itself fully informed of and in compliance with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations in any manner affecting the performance of Services, including all Cal/OSHA requirements, and shall give all notices required by law. Consultant shall be liable for all violations of such laws and regulations in connection with the Services. If the Consultant performs any work contrary to such laws, rules and regulations and without giving written notice to the City, Consultant shall be solely responsible for all costs arising therefrom. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officials, directors, officers, employees and agents harmless, pursuant to the indemnification provisions of this Agreement, from any claim or liability arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with such laws, rules or regulations.
- 3.2.4 Employment Eligibility. Consultant shall be solely responsible for obtaining Employment Eligibility Verification information from Consultant's employees, in compliance with the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, Pub. L. 99-603 (8 U.S.C. 1324a), and shall ensure that Consultant's employees are eligible to work in the United States.
- 3.2.5 CalPers. In the event that Consultant employs, contracts with, or otherwise utilizes any CalPers retirees in completing any of the Services performed hereunder, such instances shall be disclosed in advance to the City and shall be subject to the City's advance written approval.
- 3.2.6 Drug-free Workplace Certification. By signing this Agreement, the Consultant hereby certifies under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the Consultant will comply with the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1990 (Government Code, Section 8350 et seq.) and will provide a drug-free workplace.
- 3.2.7 Safety. Consultant shall execute and maintain its work so as to avoid injury or damage to any person or property. In carrying out its Services, the Consultant shall at all times be in compliance with all applicable local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations, and shall exercise all necessary precautions for the safety of employees, City personnel and third parties appropriate to the nature of the work and the conditions under which the work is to be performed. Safety precautions as

applicable shall include, but shall not be limited to: (A) adequate life protection and life-saving equipment and procedures; (B) instructions in accident prevention for all employees and subcontractors, such as safe walkways, scaffolds, fall protection ladders, bridges, gang planks, confined space procedures, trenching and shoring, equipment and other safety devices, equipment and wearing apparel as are necessary or lawfully required to prevent accidents or injuries; and (C) adequate facilities for the proper inspection and maintenance of all safety measures.

4. Indemnification; Insurance.

4.1 Insurance. Consultant shall maintain prior to the beginning of and for the duration of this Agreement insurance coverage as specified in Exhibit “C” attached to and made a part of this Agreement.

4.2 Indemnity for Professional Liability. When the law establishes a professional standard of care for Consultant’s Services, to the fullest extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, protect, defend and hold harmless the City and any and all of its officials, employees and agents (“Indemnified Parties”) from and against any and all losses, liabilities, damages, costs and expenses, including legal counsel’s fees and costs, caused in whole or in part by any negligent or wrongful act, error or omission of Consultant, its officers, agents, employees or subconsultants (or any agency or individual that Consultant shall bear the legal liability thereof) in the performance of professional services under this Agreement.

4.3 Indemnity Other than Professional Liability. Other than in the performance of professional services and to the full extent permitted by law, Consultant shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless City, and any and all of its employees, officials and agents from and against any liability (including liability for claims, suits, actions, arbitration proceedings, administrative proceedings, regulatory proceedings, losses, expenses or costs of any kind, whether actual, alleged or threatened, including legal counsel fees and costs, court costs, interest, defense costs, and expert witness fees), where the same arise out of, are a consequence of, or are in any way attributable to, in whole or in part, the performance of this Agreement by Consultant or by any individual or the City for which Consultant is legally liable, including but not limited to officers, agents, employees or subcontractors of Consultant.

4.4 Duty to Defend. In the event the City, its officers, employees, agents and/or volunteers are made a party to any action, lawsuit, or other adversarial proceeding arising from the performance of the Services encompassed by this Agreement, and upon demand by City, Consultant shall have an immediate duty to defend the City at Consultant’s cost or at City’s option, to reimburse City for its costs of defense, including reasonable attorney’s fees and costs incurred in the defense of such matters. Payment by City is not a condition precedent to enforcement of this indemnity. In the event of any dispute between Consultant and City, as to whether liability arises

from the sole negligence of the City or its officers, employees, or agents, Consultant will be obligated to pay for City's defense until such time as a final judgment has been entered adjudicating the City as solely negligent. Consultant will not be entitled in the absence of such a determination to any reimbursement of defense costs including but not limited to attorney's fees, expert fees and costs of litigation.

5. Responsibilities of City.

5.1 Requests. The City agrees to comply with all reasonable requests of Consultant and provide reasonable access to documents including objectives and constraints, space, capacity, and performance requirements, flexibility, and expandability, and any budgetary limitations, reasonably necessary to the performance of Consultant's duties under this Agreement. In order to facilitate Consultant's conformance with the performance schedule, the City shall respond to Consultant's submittals in a timely manner.

5.2 City Representative. The City designates the City Manager or his designee as City representative ("City Representative") with respect to the work to be performed under this Agreement. The City Representative shall have complete authority to transmit instructions, receive information, and interpret and define the City's policy and decisions with respect to materials, equipment, elements, and systems pertinent to the Services covered by this Agreement.

6. Fees and Payments.

6.1 Compensation. City agrees to pay Consultant the amount of \$200.00/hr. Consultant shall be paid at the rates set forth in the Proposal and shall not increase any rate without the prior written consent of the City. Notwithstanding anything in this Section 6, total fees and charges paid by City under this Agreement shall not exceed \$100,000.00 without approval by the City Council of City.

6.2 Invoices. Consultant shall submit to the City a monthly itemized statement which indicates work completed and hours of Services rendered by Consultant. The statement shall describe the amount of Services and supplies provided since the initial commencement date, or since the start of the subsequent billing periods, as appropriate, through the date of the statement. City shall have the right to review and audit all invoices prior to or after payment to Consultant. This review and audit may include, but not be limited to City's:

- a. Determination that any hourly fee charged is consistent with this Agreement's approved hourly rate schedule;
- b. Determination that the multiplication of the hours billed times the approved rate schedule dollars is correct;
- c. Determination that each item charged is the usual, customary, and reasonable charge for the particular item. If City determines an item charged is greater than usual, customary, or reasonable, or is duplicative, ambiguous, excessive, or inappropriate, City shall either return the bill to Consultant with a request for

explanation or adjust the payment accordingly, and give notice to Consultant of the adjustment.

6.3 Payment. If the work is satisfactorily completed, City shall pay such invoice within thirty (30) days of its receipt. Should City dispute any portion of any invoice, City shall pay the undisputed portion within the time stated above, and at the same time advise Consultant in writing of the disputed portion.

6.4 Reimbursement for Expenses. Consultant shall not be reimbursed for any expenses unless authorized in writing by the City Manager.

6.5 Additional Services. In the event Consultant performs additional or different services than those described herein without the prior written approval of the City Manager and/or City Council of City, Consultant shall not be compensated for such services. Consultant expressly waives any right to be compensated for services and materials not covered by the scope of this Agreement or authorized by the City in writing.

6.6 Prevailing Wages. Consultant is aware of the requirements of California Labor Code Sections 1720, et seq., and 1770, et seq., as well as California Code of Regulations, Title 8, Section 16000, et seq., (“Prevailing Wage Laws”), which require the payment of prevailing wage rates and the performance of other requirements on certain “public works” and “maintenance” projects. If the Services are being performed as part of an applicable “public works” or “maintenance” project, as defined by the Prevailing Wage Laws, and if the total compensation is \$1,000 or more, Consultant agrees to fully comply with such Prevailing Wage Laws. The City shall provide Consultant with a copy of the prevailing rates of per diem wages in effect at the commencement of this Agreement. Consultant shall make copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages for each craft, classification or type of worker needed to execute the Services available to interested parties upon request, and shall post copies at the Consultant’s principal place of business and at the project site. Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its elected officials, officers, employees and agents free and harmless from any claims, liabilities, costs, penalties or interest arising out of any failure or alleged failure to comply with the Prevailing Wage Laws.

6.7 Accounting Records.

6.7.1 Maintenance and Inspection. Consultant shall maintain complete and accurate records with respect to all costs and expenses incurred under this Agreement. All such records shall be clearly identifiable. Consultant shall allow a representative of the City during normal business hours to examine, audit, and make transcripts or copies of such records and any other documents created pursuant to this Agreement. Consultant shall allow inspection of all work, data, documents, proceedings, and activities related to the Agreement for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment under this Agreement.

7. General Provisions.

7.1 Termination of Agreement.

- 7.1.1 Grounds for Termination. The City or Consultant may, by written notice to the other party, terminate this Agreement at any time and without cause by giving written notice to the other party of such termination, and specifying the effective date thereof, at least seven (7) days before the effective date of such termination. Upon termination, Consultant shall be compensated only for those Services which have been actually and adequately rendered to the City, and Consultant shall be entitled to no further compensation.
- 7.1.2 Effect of Termination. If this Agreement is terminated as provided herein, Consultant shall provide all finished or unfinished Documents and Data (as defined below), programming source code, plans reports and other information of any kind prepared by Consultant in connection with the performance of Services under this Agreement. Consultant shall be required to provide such documents and other information within fifteen (15) days of the request.
- 7.1.3 Services. In the event this Agreement is terminated in whole or in part as provided herein, the City may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as it may determine appropriate, services similar to those terminated.

7.2 Delivery of Notices. All notices permitted or required under this Agreement shall be given to the respective Parties at the following address, or at such other address as the respective parties may provide in writing for this purpose:

To Consultant: **SMH Electrical Construction**
16700 Canyon View Dr,
Riverside, CA. 92504

To City: **City of Needles**
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363
Attention: City Manager

Such notice shall be deemed made when personally delivered or when mailed, forty-eight (48) hours after deposit in the U.S. Mail, first class postage prepaid and addressed to the Party at its applicable address. Actual notice shall be deemed adequate notice on the date actual notice occurred, regardless of the method of service.

7.3 Ownership of Materials and Confidentiality.

7.3.1 City Ownership. All documents and data (“Documents & Data”), including data on electric, digital or magnetic media, prepared by Consultant under this Agreement shall be the property of the City, except that Consultant shall have the right to retain copies of all Documents & Data for its records. The City shall not be limited in any way in its use of the Documents & Data at any time. Should Consultant, either during or following termination of this Agreement, desire to use any Documents & Data prepared in connection with this Agreement, Consultant shall first obtain the written approval of the City Manager.

7.3.2 Confidentiality. All ideas, memoranda, specifications, plans, procedures, drawings, descriptions, computer program data, input record data, written information, and other Documents and Data either created by or provided to Consultant in connection with the performance of this Agreement shall be held confidential by Consultant. Such materials shall not, without the prior written consent of the City, be used by Consultant for any purposes other than the performance of the Services. Nor shall such materials be disclosed to any person or entity not connected with the performance of the Services or the Project. Nothing furnished to Consultant which is otherwise known to Consultant or is generally known, or has become known, to the related industry shall be deemed confidential. Consultant shall not use the City’s name or insignia, photographs of the Project, or any publicity pertaining to the Services or the Project in any magazine, trade paper, newspaper, television or radio production or other similar medium without the prior written consent of the City.

7.4 Cooperation; Further Acts. The Parties shall fully cooperate with one another, and shall take any additional acts or sign any additional documents as may be necessary, appropriate or convenient to attain the purposes of this Agreement.

7.5 Entire Agreement. This Agreement contains the entire Agreement of the Parties with respect to the subject matter hereof, and supersedes all prior negotiations, understandings or agreements. This Agreement may only be modified by a writing signed by both Parties.

7.6 Governing Law. This Agreement is entered into and shall be performed in Needles, California and shall be governed by the laws of the State of California. Any claims arising under this Agreement shall be brought in the state or federal courts located in San Bernardino County.

7.7 Time of Essence. Time is of the essence for each and every provision of this Agreement.

7.8 City’s Right to Employ Other Consultants. The City reserves the right to employ other consultants at any time for any purpose.

7.9 Assignment; Sublease; Transfer. Consultant shall not assign, sublease, hypothecate, or transfer, either directly or by operation of law, this Agreement or any interest herein without the prior signed written consent of the City Manager. Any attempt to do so shall be null and void, and any assignees, hypothecates or transferees shall acquire no right or interest by reason of such attempted assignment, hypothecation or transfer.

7.10 Construction; References; Captions. Since the Parties or their agents have participated fully in the preparation of this Agreement, the language of this Agreement shall be construed simply, according to its fair meaning, and not strictly for or against any Party. Any term referencing time, days or period for performance shall be deemed calendar days and not work days. All references to Consultant include all personnel, employees, agents, and subcontractors of Consultant, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. All references to the City include its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, and volunteers except as otherwise specified in this Agreement. The captions of the various articles and paragraphs are for convenience and ease of reference only, and do not define, limit, augment, or describe the scope, content, or intent of this Agreement.

7.11 Amendment; Modification. No supplement, modification, or amendment of this Agreement shall be binding unless executed in writing and signed by both Parties.

7.12 Waiver. No waiver of any default shall constitute a waiver of any other default or breach, whether of the same or other covenant or condition. No waiver, benefit, privilege, or service voluntarily given or performed by a Party shall give the other Party any contractual rights by custom, estoppel, or otherwise.

7.13 No Third Party Beneficiaries. The Needles Public Utility Authority and other City entities shall be intended beneficiaries of this Agreement. Otherwise, there are no intended third party beneficiaries of any right or obligation assumed by the Parties.

7.14 Invalidity; Severability. If any portion of this Agreement is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue in full force and effect.

7.15 Improper Payment. Consultant maintains and warrants that it has not employed nor retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, to solicit or secure this Agreement. Further, Consultant warrants that it has not paid nor has it agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for Consultant, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the City shall have the right to rescind this Agreement without liability.

7.16 Conflict of Interest. For the term of this Agreement, no member, officer, or employee of the City, during the term of his or her service with the City, shall have any direct interest in this Agreement, or obtain any present or anticipated material benefit arising therefrom. Consultant has read and is aware of the provisions of Section 1090 et seq. and Section 87100 et seq. of the Government Code relating to conflicts of interest of public officers

and employees. Consultant agrees that they are unaware of any financial or economic interest of any public officer or employee of the City relating to this Agreement. It is further understood and agreed that if such a financial interest does exist at the inception of this Agreement, the City may immediately terminate this Agreement by giving notice thereof. Consultant shall comply with the requirements of Government Code section 87100 et seq. and section 1090 in the performance of and during the term of this Agreement.

7.17 Equal Opportunity Employment. Consultant represents that it is an equal opportunity employer and it shall not discriminate against any subcontractor, employee or applicant for employment because of race, religion, color, national origin, handicap, ancestry, sex or age. Such non-discrimination shall include, but not be limited to, all activities related to initial employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination.

7.18 Labor Certification. By its signature hereunder, Consultant certifies that it is aware of the provisions of Section 3700 of the California Labor Code which require every employer to be insured against liability for Workers' Compensation or to undertake self-insurance in accordance with the provisions of that Code, and agrees to comply with such provisions before commencing the performance of the Services.

7.19 Authority to Enter Agreement. Consultant has all requisite power and authority to conduct its business and to execute, deliver, and perform the Agreement. Each Party warrants that the individuals who have signed this Agreement have the legal power, right, and authority to make this Agreement and bind each respective Party.

7.20 Attorney Fees. If any legal action or proceeding, including an action for declaratory relief, is brought to enforce or interpret the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, in addition to any other relief to which that party may be entitled.

7.21 Counterparts. This Agreement may be signed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original.

7.22 Contents of Request for Proposal and Proposal. Consultant is bound by the contents of City's Request for Proposal and the Proposal. In the event of conflict, the requirements of City's Request for Proposals and this Agreement shall take precedence over those contained in the Proposal. The incorporation of the Proposal shall be for the Services to be rendered and the price for such Services only, and any other terms and conditions included in the Proposal shall have no force and effect on this Agreement or the relationship between Consultant and/or City, unless expressly agreed to in writing.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have made and executed this Agreement on the date and year set forth above.

CITY: (City of Needles)

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

ATTEST:

BY: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

CONSULTANT: (SMH Electrical Construction)

BY: Mark Sotelo

TITLE: CEO/Owner

DATE: 01-20-2026

EXHIBIT A

Scope of Work

[Attached behind this page]

Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM)

DATE: 3/2/2026

CUSTOMER: Needles-Setting up Banner Radio at L St.

BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK:

Powering radio checking to be sure of proper voltage and making adjustments. Setting up the Gateway and Node. Making sure the inputs are correct and are being viewed.

R.O.M: \$ 14,300.00

Quoted By: Mark Satela

This R.O.M is for estimation purposes and is not a guarantee of cost for services. Quote is based on current information from client about the project requirements. Work will be performed on a Time & Material basis. Actual cost may change once project elements are finalized or negotiated.

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	HRS.	RATE	HRS.	RATE	
General Foreman	65	\$ 200.00			\$ 13,000.00
EQUIPMENT	HRS.	RATE			AMOUNT
Pickup Truck	65	\$			\$
MATERIAL / EQUIPMENT RENTAL		ESTIMATE	15% MARKUP		PRICE

R.O.M SUBTOTAL \$ 13,000.00

10% R.O.M ADDER \$ 1,300.00

R.O.M GRAND TOTAL \$ 14,300.00

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Item 5.

Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM)

DATE: 3/2/2026

CUSTOMER: Needles-Installing Banner Equipment a "L" St.

BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK:

Installing Banner Equipment at L St. in the provided area. Installing conduit for Power and control. Pulling wire and cable for the Banner radio to operate.

R.O.M: \$ 14,272.50

Quoted By: Mark Sotelo

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	HRS.	RATE	HRS.	RATE	
General Foreman	62	\$ 200.00			\$ 12,400.00
EQUIPMENT	HRS.	RATE			AMOUNT
Service Truck	62	\$			\$
MATERIAL / EQUIPMENT RENTAL		ESTIMATE	15% MARKUP		PRICE
Home Depot- Wedge anchors, wire, sealtight, zip-ties		\$ 500.00	\$ 75.00		\$ 575.00

R.O.M SUBTOTAL \$ 12,975.00

10% R.O.M ADDER \$ 1,297.50

R.O.M GRAND TOTAL \$ 14,272.50

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Item 5.

Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM)

DATE: 3/2/2026

CUSTOMER: Needed-Setting up Banner at Well 15

BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK:

Investigate radio to see if it has the appropriate amount of channels for flow meter. Program Banner Radio to work with Flow meter. Finish wiring flow meter to Banner Radio. If Banner will not accept flow meter due to not having available inputs. Remove radio and install a Banner radio that will work.

R.O.M: \$ 14,960.00

Quoted By: Mark Satela

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CLASSIFICATION	STRAIGHT TIME		PREMIUM TIME		AMOUNT
	HRS.	RATE	HRS.	RATE	
General Foreman	68	\$ 200.00			\$ 13,600.00
EQUIPMENT	HRS.	RATE			AMOUNT
Service Truck	68	\$			\$
MATERIAL / EQUIPMENT RENTAL	ESTIMATE	15% MARKUP		PRICE	

R.O.M SUBTOTAL \$ 13,600.00

10% R.O.M ADDER \$ 1,360.00

R.O.M GRAND TOTAL \$ 14,960.00

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Item 5.

EXHIBIT B
Insurance Requirements

Time for Compliance.

Consultant shall not commence Services under this Agreement until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the City that it has secured all insurance required under this section. In addition, Consultant shall not allow any subcontractor to commence work on any subcontract until it has provided evidence satisfactory to the City that the subcontractor has secured all insurance required under this section.

Minimum Requirements.

Consultant shall, at its expense, procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the Agreement by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, employees or subcontractors. Consultant shall also require all of its subcontractors to procure and maintain the same insurance for the duration of the Agreement. Such insurance shall meet at least the following minimum levels of coverage:

- i. **General liability.** Consultant shall maintain commercial general liability insurance with coverage at least as broad as Insurance Services Office form CG 00 01, in an amount not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, \$2,000,000 general aggregate, for bodily injury, personal injury, and property damage. The policy must include contractual liability that has not been amended. Any endorsement restricting standard ISO “insured contract” language will not be accepted.
- ii. **Worker’s Compensation.** Consultant shall maintain Workers’ Compensation Insurance (Statutory Limits) and Employer’s Liability Insurance (with limits of at least \$1,000,000).

Other Provisions or Requirements

- **Separation of Insureds; No Special Limitations.** All insurance required by this Section shall contain standard separation of insured's provisions. In addition, such insurance shall not contain any special limitations on the scope of protection afforded to the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers.
- **Deductibles and Self-Insurance Retentions.** Any deductibles or self-insured retentions must be declared to and approved by the City. Consultant shall guarantee that, at the option of the City, either: (1) the insurer shall reduce or eliminate such deductibles or self-insured retentions as respects the City, its directors, officials, officers, employees, agents and volunteers; or (2) the Consultant shall procure a bond guaranteeing payment of losses and related investigation costs, claims and administrative and defense expenses.
- **Acceptability of Insurers.** Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best's rating no less than A:VII, licensed to do business in California, and satisfactory to the City.
- **Proof of insurance.** Consultant shall provide certificates of insurance to City as evidence of the insurance coverage required herein, along with a waiver of subrogation endorsement for workers' compensation. Insurance certificates and endorsements must be approved by the City prior to commencement of performance. Current certification of insurance shall be kept on file with City at all times during the term of this contract. City reserves the right to require complete, certified copies of all required insurance policies, at any time.
- **City Approval.** All coverage types and limits required are subject to approval, modification and additional requirements by City, as the need arises. Consultant shall not make any reductions in scope of coverage (e.g. elimination of contractual liability or reduction of discovery period) that may affect City's protection without City's prior written consent.
- **Primary/noncontributing.** Coverage provided by Consultant shall be primary and any insurance or self-insurance procured or maintained by City shall not be required to contribute with it. The limits of insurance required herein may be satisfied by a combination of primary and umbrella or excess insurance. Any umbrella or excess insurance shall contain or be endorsed to contain a provision that such coverage shall also apply on a primary and non-contributory basis for the benefit of City before the City's own insurance or self-insurance shall be called upon to protect it as a named insured.

City's rights of enforcement. In the event any policy of insurance required under this Agreement does not comply with these specifications or is canceled and not replaced, City has the right but not the duty to obtain the insurance it deems necessary and any premium paid by City will be promptly reimbursed by Consultant

or City will withhold amounts sufficient to pay premium from Consultant payments. In the alternative, City may cancel this Agreement. Consultant acknowledges and agrees that any actual or alleged failure on the part of the City to inform Consultant of non-compliance with any requirement imposes no additional obligations on the City nor does it waive any rights hereunder.

- **Waiver of subrogation.** All insurance coverage maintained or procured pursuant to this agreement shall be endorsed to waive subrogation against City, its elected or appointed officers, agents, officials, employees and volunteers or shall specifically allow Consultant or others providing insurance evidence in compliance with these specifications to waive their right of recovery prior to a loss. Consultant hereby waives its own right of recovery against City, and shall require similar written express waivers and insurance clauses from each of its subconsultants.
- **Requirements not limiting.** Requirements of specific coverage features or limits contained in this Section are not intended as a limitation on coverage, limits or other requirements, or a waiver of any coverage normally provided by any insurance. Specific reference to a given coverage feature is for purposes of clarification only as it pertains to a given issue and is not intended by any party or insured to be all inclusive, or to the exclusion of other coverage, or a waiver of any type. If the Consultant maintains higher limits than the minimums shown above, the City requires and shall be entitled to coverage for the higher limits maintained by the Consultant. Any available insurance proceeds in excess of the specified minimum limits of insurance and coverage shall be available to the City.
- **Notice of cancellation.** Consultant agrees to oblige its insurance agent or broker and insurers to provide to City with a thirty (30) day notice of cancellation (except for nonpayment for which a ten (10) day notice is required) or nonrenewal of coverage for each required coverage.
- **Additional insured status.** All policies required herein shall provide or be endorsed to provide that City and its officers, officials, employees, and agents, and volunteers shall be additional insureds under such policies.
- **Pass through clause.** Consultant agrees to ensure that its subconsultants, subcontractors, and any other party involved with the project who is brought onto or involved in the project by Consultant, provide the same minimum insurance coverage and endorsements required of Consultant. Consultant agrees to monitor and review all such coverage and assumes all responsibility for ensuring that such coverage is provided in conformity with the requirements of this section. Consultant agrees that upon request, all agreements with consultants, subcontractors, and others engaged in the project will be submitted to City for review.
- **City's right to revise specifications.** The City reserves the right at any time during the term of the contract to change the amounts and types of insurance required by giving the Consultant ninety (90) days advance written notice of such change. If such change

results in substantial additional cost to the Consultant, the City and Consultant may renegotiate Consultant's compensation.

- **Timely notice of claims.** Consultant shall give City prompt and timely notice of claims made or suits instituted that arise out of or result from Consultant's performance under this Agreement, and that involve or may involve coverage under any of the required liability policies.
- **Additional insurance.** Consultant shall also procure and maintain, at its own cost and expense, any additional kinds of insurance, which in its own judgment may be necessary for its proper protection and prosecution of the work.



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

Title: Appointment of a Greenhouse Gas Ad Hoc Committee

Background: The Board previously discussed possible effects if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) eliminates the greenhouse gas reporting program. The appointment of an ad hoc committee will further the Board's interest in working with staff, special legal counsel, and the California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) to stay on top of this matter as it continues to evolve and to come back with recommendations as appropriate and applicable.

Fiscal Impact:

Environmental Impact:

Recommended Action: Appoint Commissioners _____, _____ and _____ to a Greenhouse Gas Ad Hoc Committee.

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 3/31/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

Title: Approval of the revised budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 for Needles Public Utility Authority, Water, Wastewater, Electric and All American Canal

Background: The City Manager and Finance staff have reviewed the approved FY 2025-2026 NPUA budget against actual revenues and expenses through December 31, 2025 (6 months). The Proposed Revised Budget were reviewed by the Council Budget Committee on February 25th, 2026. Attached is the Revised NPUA Budget Summary for FY 2025-2026 that shows the few changes that are being proposed.

Water has an increase in sales and increases in various expenses, netting a \$59,000 increase. Wastewater is projecting an increase in the transfer to Asset Replacement Fund. Electric has a decrease in rates and usage, and transformer sales with a decrease in the expense of purchasing power lower term pricing netting a \$178,000 decrease.

Interest revenue is expected to increase by \$50,000 over the original budget forecast.

Fiscal Impact: See attached budget report.

Environmental Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Approve the revised budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 for Needles Public Utility Authority, Water, Wastewater, Electric and All American Canal

Submitted By: Mark DeMay, Director of Finance and Administrative Services

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 3/31/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY										DRAFT
Operating Budget										
FY 2026										
	2024		2025		2026		2026			
	Actuals		Actuals		Revised Budget		Revised Budget	Proposed Budget		
Revenues										
Interest	\$ 118,379	\$	160,851	\$	125,000	\$	175,000		40.0%	incr in interest earned
Misc	\$ 7,014	\$	52,082	\$	55,000	\$	55,000		0.0%	
Expenditures										
Arbitrage Computations	\$ 2,950	\$	3,200	\$	4,000	\$	4,000		0.0%	
Bank Charges	\$ 66,877	\$	46,734	\$	55,000	\$	55,000		0.0%	
Bond Payments	\$ 1,443,000	\$	1,442,386	\$	1,442,386	\$	1,442,386		0.0%	
Trustee fees	\$ 6,130	\$	5,980	\$	6,700	\$	6,700		0.0%	
Purchase Payment	\$ 666,436	\$	666,432	\$	535,421	\$	535,421		0.0%	
Utility Users Tax	\$ -	\$	-	\$	506,996	\$	-		-100.0%	not needed-direct flow to GF
Total NPUA Expenditures	\$ 2,185,393	\$	2,164,732	\$	2,550,503	\$	2,043,507			
					Actual Operating Cash		NET CHANGE		Projected Operating Cash	
					06/30/25		06/30/26		06/30/26	
							\$ (1,868,507)		NPUA	
							\$ 535,191		Water	
							\$ 636,223		Wastewater	
							\$ 964,878		Electric	
							\$ -		All Amer. Canal	
					\$ 5,774,477		\$ 6,042,262			
					Rate Stabilization Fund	\$ 699,972	\$ 699,972			
					PCA Balancing Fund	700,000	\$ 700,000			
Projected ending balances 06/30/26										
Water Asset Replacement Fund			NPUA		\$ 619,096		City side			
Wastewater Asset Replacement Fund			NPUA		\$ 292,491		City side			
Electric Asset Replacement Fund	\$ 2,875,792		NPUA		\$ 1,081,809		City side		3,957,601	
									Electric ↑ ARF total	

Base Level Comparison		<i>DRAFT</i>	FY 2026
		Revenues	Operating Expenses
<u>WATER</u>			
Base level from mid-year approved budget FY 26		3,238,300	2,423,354
<i><u>Increases</u></i>			
3% rate incr, incr sales to FMIT & hydrant usage up		160,000	
Increase in legal fees			33,000
Increase in valve maint/repairs			30,000
Increase in training and various services			17,000
Increase in inventory, tools and safety equipment			11,000
Increase in chlorine/chemical supplies			10,000
<i><u>Decreases</u></i>			
FY 26 mid-year budget revisions		3,398,300	2,524,354
Increase / (decrease)		160,000	101,000
<u>WASTEWATER</u>			
Base level from mid-year approved budget FY 26		2,323,842	1,439,966
<i><u>Increases</u></i>			
no change			
<i><u>Decreases</u></i>			
no change			
FY 26 mid-year budget revisions		2,323,842	1,439,966
Increase / (decrease)		-	-
<u>ELECTRIC</u>			
Base level from mid-year approved budget FY 26		15,220,000	13,475,934
<i><u>Increases</u></i>			
Decrease in rates and usage		(554,000)	
Decrease in Transformer sales		(200,000)	
Increase in PERS expenses			24,000
<i><u>Decreases</u></i>			
Decrease in power purchases-lower term pricing			(600,000)
FY 26 mid-year budget revisions		14,466,000	12,899,934
Increase / (decrease)		(754,000)	(576,000)



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Regular Special

Meeting Date: April 7, 2026

Title: Present Perfected Rights Report – February 2026

Background:

CURRENT YEAR:
February 2026

	Current	YTD	% change prior year to current year YTD
Net Diversion	65.84	158.95	21%
Measured Returns	36.93	77.35	
Unmeasured Returns	14.40	20.86	
Consumptive Use	14.51	60.74	(based on consumptive use)

PRIOR YEAR:
February 2025

Net Diversion	101.57	206.08
Measured Returns	35.34	74.01
Unmeasured Returns	18.66	54.57
Consumptive Use	47.57	77.50

% of PPR Remaining

94%

*Based on CY26 Water Order of 2,528 diversion

PPR Limits 1,223	1,223
SCIA Agreement (145)	- 145
PPR Entitlement	1,078

LCWSP SCIA Limit	+ 527
2025 Consumption	1,605
2025 Diversion 2,261	

Recommended Action: No action needed - information only

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 3/31/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved:

Not Approved:

Tabled:

Other:

Agenda Item: _____

CITY OF NEEDLES
 WATER ACCOUNTING
 MONTHLY CALCULATION SHEET
 CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Diversions - Pumped from Wells	Pumped (Acre-Feet)												
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Well #8	0.00	0.00											0.00
Well # 15 (formerly #10)	9.10	0.00											9.10
Well #11	103.51	106.14											209.65
Well #12	10.22	27.97											38.19
Sub-Total	122.83	134.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	256.94
Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (AZ)	27.42	21.33											48.75
Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (CA)	2.30	46.94											49.24
Sub-Total	29.72	68.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.99
City of Needles' Net Diversion	93.11	65.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	158.95
Uses of Water													
Commercial Accounts	36.46	22.07											58.53
Residential Accounts	42.78	14.81											57.59
Golf Course	10.22	27.97											38.19
Parks, Ballparks, Cemetery	3.66	0.99											4.65
Total	93.12	65.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	158.96

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

	Mean Flow	# Days	A/F	A/F Return
Jan	0.438	31	41.67	40.42
Feb	0.443	28	38.07	36.93
Mar		31	0.00	0.00
Apr		30	0.00	0.00
May		31	0.00	0.00
Jun		30	0.00	0.00
Jul		31	0.00	0.00
Aug		31	0.00	0.00
Sep		30	0.00	0.00
Oct		31	0.00	0.00
Nov		30	0.00	0.00
Dec		31	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.881	365	79.74	77.35

Daily mean flow x #days mo X 1,000,000 = gal/mo
divided by 7.48 divided by 43560 = A/F mo

CITY OF NEEDLES
WATER ACCOUNTING
MONTHLY CALCULATION SHEET
CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Item 8.

	Diversions												Total
	Pumped (Acre-Feet)												
Pumped from Wells	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Well #8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Well # 15 (FKA #10)	9.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.10
Well #11	103.51	106.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	209.65
Well #12	10.22	27.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	38.19
Sub-Total	122.83	134.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	256.94
Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (AZ)	27.42	21.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	48.75
Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (CA)	2.30	46.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	49.24
Sub-Total	29.72	68.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	97.99
City of Needles' Net Diversion	93.11	65.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	158.95

Return and Other Credits													
Measured Returns													
Sewer Plant's Rapid Infiltration Ponds ¹	40.42	36.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.35
Unmeasured Returns													
Percolation from Golf Course ²	0.00	9.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.63
Percolation from Parks ³	1.46	0.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.86
Percolation from Large Commercial Users ⁴	0.88	0.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.40
System Losses ⁵	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Septic Tank Returns ⁶	4.12	3.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.96
Total Unmeasured Returns	6.46	14.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.86
Total Returns	46.88	51.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	98.21

Consumptive Use													
Diversion	93.11	65.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	158.95
Measured Returns	40.42	36.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.35
Unmeasured Returns	6.46	14.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.86
Consumptive Use	46.23	14.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.74

Footnotes:
1/Calculated as WWTP Total Discharge*0.97.
2/Calculated as Monthly Delivery to Golf Course*Efficiency-Monthly ET. Efficiency=0.9
3/Calculated as Delivery to Parks,Baliparks,Cemetery*0.40.
4/Calculated as 24% of Deliveries to Commercial/Accounts*0.10.
5/Calculated as City of Needles' Net Diversions-Total Uses.
6/Total Annual UMRF from septic tanks = 50; assumes 210 septic units*0.6 AF/yr*0.40 (where 0.40 = UMRF Factor). Annual volume is distributed monthly using a monthly distribution factor.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 20, 2026

- 1. Palo Verde College Needles Center – 5K Color Run This Weekend**
Palo Verde College Needles Center will host its 5K Color Run & Walk Scholarship Event this weekend on **March 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**, with check-in beginning at **7:30 a.m.** at 725 W. Broadway. This event supports scholarships for students attending the Needles Center and reflects a strong community partnership in advancing local education. Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, which welcomed 88 participants and raised over \$8,500, this year's event is expected to draw continued community participation. Residents are encouraged to come out, support participants, and help celebrate this positive community event.
- 2. Spring Cleaning Event – Needles Pride Program**
The City will host its Spring Cleaning Community Cleanup Event **tomorrow, March 21, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, providing residents with an opportunity to dispose of trash and bulky items at no cost. Drop-off locations will be available at Gates (Safari Drive), North K (near the underpass), Vista (Nikki Bunch Ball Field), and Cibola (Robuffa area). This event is part of the City's Needles Pride Program, a community-driven initiative focused on enhancing neighborhood appearance, promoting property maintenance, and supporting code compliance. As a reminder, residents are encouraged to keep sidewalks and public areas clear of discarded household items such as furniture, appliances, and electronics. Bulky item pickups are available year-round, and residents may schedule up to three (3) pickups per year by contacting Republic Services at 928-758-9135. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity and help keep Needles clean, safe, and well-maintained. Please refer to the attached flyer for additional details, including a list of non-accepted items.
- 3. Tri-State Community Healthcare Fresh Produce Distribution**
Tri-State Community Healthcare, in partnership with Bienestar Wellbeing, Make Bullhead Better, IEHP, and other community partners, will host a fresh produce distribution event on **March 21, 2026, beginning at 1:00 p.m.** at 820 W. Broadway. This event supports ongoing efforts to improve access to healthy food options for Needles residents and reflects continued collaboration to

advance community well-being. Residents are encouraged to stop by and pick up fresh strawberries.

4. Heat Safety Reminder & Splash Pad Opening

As temperatures rise and periods of excessive heat are expected, the City encourages residents to take precautions to stay safe, including staying hydrated, limiting prolonged sun exposure, and checking on children and vulnerable individuals. In response to the warmer weather, the City is pleased to announce that the splash pad at Duke Watkins Park is now open for the 2026 season, offering a safe and accessible way for families to cool off and stay active. Residents are reminded to follow all posted rules, practice proper hygiene, and supervise children at all times while using the facility. This seasonal amenity supports the City Council's commitment to enhancing quality of life by providing family-friendly recreational opportunities while promoting public health and safety during extreme heat conditions.

5. CRAGS Opening Ceremonies – Upcoming Community Event

The community is invited to attend the Colorado River Area Girls Softball (CRAGS) Opening Ceremonies on **March 23, 2026**, marking the official kickoff of the 2026 season. This highly anticipated event celebrates our youth athletes and reflects the City Council's commitment to supporting youth sports and community engagement. The evening will feature a community dinner beginning at **5:30 p.m.**, featuring pulled pork sandwiches with beans and a soda for \$10, followed by team introductions at **6:15 p.m.** and a ceremonial first pitch at **7:00 p.m.** Residents are encouraged to come out, support our players, and be part of a great night of softball, community pride, and family-friendly fun.

6. OHV Pilot Program – Community Education Meeting

The City will host its upcoming OHV Pilot Program Community Education Meeting on **March 26, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.** in the City Council Chambers, 1111 Bailey Avenue. This meeting represents the next step in advancing the City's OHV Pilot Program and moving toward implementation of the designated route network. The meeting will provide an overview of program operations, designated routes, and compliance requirements. Representatives from the Bureau of Land Management, California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, and the City will be present to discuss enforcement, safety expectations, and answer questions from residents and OHV users. Community participation is encouraged as the City moves into this next phase of the program. Please refer to the attached flyer for additional details.

7. Palo Verde College Blood Drive

Palo Verde College will host a community blood drive on **March 24, 2026**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at the Needles Educational Center, located at 725 W. Broadway. In partnership with Vitalant, this event aims to support patients in need through local blood donations and is seeking approximately 36 donors. Community members are encouraged to participate, as each donation plays a critical role in saving lives and supporting regional healthcare needs. Participants will also be entered for a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card through Vitalant's donor program. Appointments can be scheduled [at this link](#).

8. Workforce Development – Palo Verde College Partnership

Palo Verde College continues to play a vital role in the community by providing education, workforce training, and career pathways for local residents. As part of these efforts, the Needles Educational Center will host an Employment Opportunities Information Session in partnership with the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) on **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**. The session will include an information presentation from **1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, followed by a resume workshop from **2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**, and an interview skills workshop from **3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** This event will provide attendees with valuable insight into career pathways, hiring requirements, and application strategies, along with hands-on support and networking opportunities with industry professionals. This partnership reflects the City Council's goals of supporting workforce readiness, expanding economic opportunity, and strengthening the local economy through access to high-quality, career-focused resources.

9. Route 66 Centennial Celebrations Continue: Art in the Park and Car Show

Route 66 Centennial events will continue **next week at El Garces**, including the 3rd Annual Art in the Park Show & Sale, which will be on display from **March 25–28** from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at 950 Front Street. The weekend will culminate on **March 28** with the Art & Craft Fair and the River Cruizers “Cruizin’ the Century” Car Show, taking place from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** along Route 66 in front of El Garces. These coordinated events highlight local and regional artists, showcase classic cars, and continue to activate the downtown corridor as part of the City’s ongoing Route 66 Centennial efforts. The community is encouraged to come out and enjoy this celebration of art, culture, and classic Americana in downtown Needles.

10. 4th Annual Resource & Job Fair at El Garces

This week, the City, in partnership with San Bernardino County and regional partners, hosted the 4th Annual Resource & Job Fair at the historic El Garces Depot, with over 150 community members in attendance. The event connected residents with jobs, workforce programs, housing assistance, and essential support services. Resources provided are included with this report for Council and community awareness, including workforce training opportunities, public health programs such as WIC, and domestic violence assistance services offering 24-hour support and access to shelter resources. Representatives from Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez’s office, State Senator Stephen Padilla’s office, the Sheriff’s Department, and the Fire Department were among the many partners in attendance. The City extends its appreciation to Supervisor Dawn Rowe for her leadership in making this event possible; to the San Bernardino County Workforce Development Board for spearheading this effort; to Mayor Jernigan and Steve Reyes for organizing and delivering the event locally; and to Councilmember Henry Longbrake for conducting live KTOX Radio interviews, helping broadcast the event and expand regional awareness of available resources. This event reflects the City’s commitment to delivering meaningful resources through strong partnerships.

11. Active Transportation Workshop Drives Strong Community Engagement

The City hosted a highly successful community workshop during the Resource & Job Fair on **March 18, 2026**, at the El Garces Historic Train Depot, bringing

residents together to help shape the City's Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Community members actively participated in the interactive mapping exercise, identifying priority projects and highlighting key mobility gaps related to sidewalks, bike lanes, and pedestrian safety. The event generated strong engagement and meaningful feedback that will directly inform future infrastructure planning and strengthen the City's competitiveness for grant funding. A highlight of the event was the bike raffle, where 12 bicycles and one e-bike were distributed to community members, further driving participation and excitement. Staff coordinated closely with the City's consultant, Kimley-Horn, to successfully facilitate the workshop and capture community input. Thank you to City staff and Kimley-Horn for delivering a high-impact and well-executed community event. Residents who were unable to attend may still provide input by completing the online survey at www.NeedlesATP.com/provide-input.

12. Youth Basketball Tournament Success – Beaumont

The City Recreation Department is proud to recognize the strong performance of our youth basketball teams at the Beaumont Tournament held last weekend. Needles teams delivered an outstanding showing, with the 7/8 girls earning 1st place, the 3/4 girls taking 2nd place, and both the 5/6 boys and 5/6 girls securing 3rd place finishes. The 3/4 and 7/8 boys teams also competed hard and represented Needles well throughout the tournament. The City extends its appreciation to Jennifer Valenzuela and Recreation staff for their continued support and commitment to developing our youth athletes. Our teams will continue competition this weekend in 29 Palms. Congratulations to all participants for representing the Needles community with pride.

13. Needles Wagon Restoration Effort

The City would like to recognize and thank Doug Kylor, a longtime Needles resident, former Rotary member, and local business owner, for his outstanding volunteer efforts in restoring one of the community's most iconic landmarks. Doug recently treated the historic Needles wagon with linseed oil and helped manicure the surrounding grounds, preparing the site for the spring season and upcoming Route 66 Centennial activities. The Needles wagon is one of the City's most recognized and photographed landmarks, and Doug's dedication reflects the pride and commitment that help keep our community looking its best. The City sincerely appreciates his continued volunteerism and contribution to preserving Needles' character and history.

14. HUD Technical Assistance – Housing & Economic Development

The City recently received technical assistance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Distressed Cities Technical Assistance (DCTA) program, which is designed to build local capacity and support communities experiencing economic challenges. As part of this effort, the City partnered with the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), whose team visited Needles this week to gain a firsthand understanding of the community and engage with key stakeholders. These meetings will support the development of a strategic approach to attract housing development, strengthen local partnerships, and promote long-term economic growth. This initiative aligns with the City Council's goals of expanding housing opportunities, supporting economic development, and investing in the future sustainability of the community.

15. Rivers Edge Golf Course – Programming & Community Engagement

Rivers Edge Golf Course continues to serve as a key recreational asset, offering expanded programming that supports the City Council’s goals of promoting outdoor recreation and tourism. Golf Professional JJ DeLeon has led these efforts by organizing instructional clinics and upcoming tournament play to engage residents and visitors. On **March 21**, JJ will host a golf clinic focused on full swing fundamentals in a small-group setting. The course will also host the Spring Fling Golf Tournament on **April 18**, featuring a three-person scramble format that encourages participation and friendly competition. These efforts continue to activate the course, enhance the user experience, and position Rivers Edge Golf Course as a key destination for recreation and community events. For additional information or to register, please contact **(760) 326-3931** or email jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com.

16. 19th Hole Restaurant & Bar Ribbon Cutting at Rivers Edge Golf Course

This week, the City, in partnership with the Needles Chamber of Commerce, celebrated the grand reopening and ribbon cutting of the 19th Hole Restaurant & Bar at Rivers Edge Golf Course. The event was well attended and marked the completion of a \$500,000 City investment to enhance amenities at the golf course and improve the overall experience for residents and visitors. The reopening of the 19th Hole provides a new gathering space that supports recreation, tourism, and economic activity along the Colorado River and Historic Route 66. The City appreciates the Chamber’s partnership in hosting the event and recognizes staff and project partners for their efforts in bringing this project to completion.

17. Water System Improvements – Sand Trap Installation

The City’s Water Department recently completed the installation of a new sand trap at one of the City’s well sites, replacing aging and deteriorated infrastructure. This system removes sand and heavy sediment before water enters the distribution system, protecting pumps, pipelines, and equipment from damage while improving system reliability and water quality. This project directly supports the City Council’s goals of investing in critical infrastructure, maintaining essential public services, and ensuring long-term system sustainability for the community.

18. Public Input Ongoing – OHMV Staging Area Grant Application

Public input remains open through **May 4, 2026**, for the City’s OHMV Staging Area Project grant application submitted to the California State Parks OHMVR Program (Cycle G26). The proposed project would support the City’s 9.20-mile designated OHMV route network and improve access, safety, and amenities for riders and visitors. Community comments continue to play an important role in the grant scoring process. Individuals interested in providing input may visit https://olga.ohv.parks.ca.gov/egrans_ohmvr, select “Review Preliminary Applications,” and choose “City of Needles” to submit comments.

19. “Our Water Ways” Screening at Palo Verde College

The community is invited to attend the “Our Water Ways” film screening on **April 11, 2026 at 1:00 p.m.** at the Palo Verde College Needles Educational Center. This event will feature a California tribal story highlighting the deep cultural and

historical connection between Indigenous communities and water resources, including the Colorado River. The program will include a screening, guest speaker presentation, and Q&A session. Residents are encouraged to attend and take part in this meaningful opportunity to learn, reflect, and engage with an important cultural and environmental topic. Please refer to the attached flyer for additional details.

20. Needles Women’s Club Flower Show

The community is invited to attend the 96th Annual Needles Women’s Club Flower Show on **April 25, 2026**, at the Needles Women’s Clubhouse, located at 305 W. Broadway. This long-standing community event highlights local talent in gardening and floral design, featuring entries such as roses, vegetables, succulents, potted plants, bouquets, and more. Entries will be accepted from **8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**, followed by judging from **9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, with public viewing open from **12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** The event is free to attend and will also include an opportunity drawing and plant sale. Residents are encouraged to come out, support local participants, and enjoy a showcase of community creativity and pride. Please refer to the attached flyer for additional details.

21. Colorado River Round Up Rodeo – Coming Soon

The 48th Annual Colorado River Round Up Rodeo is just around the corner, returning to Needles on **April 3–4, 2026** at the Needles Rodeo Grounds. Hosted by the Needles Rodeo Association, this signature event brings together residents and visitors from across the region for a weekend of rodeo action, western tradition, and family-friendly fun. Rodeo Store sales will begin **March 30 through April 2**, offering presale tickets and official event merchandise. Community members are encouraged to plan ahead, secure tickets early, and come out to support this long-standing Needles tradition. Additional details are available in the attached flyer.

22. Needles Sunday Market – Ongoing Community Activation

The Needles Sunday Market at Santa Fe Park continues to see strong participation from residents, visitors, and local vendors, with the season now extended through **April 2026**. Hosted by Tumbleweed Markets Inc., the weekly market features fresh produce, baked goods, coffee, flowers, and a variety of locally made goods. The market is held every Sunday from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Santa Fe Park, 950 Front Street. Continued community support helps sustain local businesses and strengthens ongoing activation of the downtown corridor.

23. Community Events Calendar Now Live

The City’s new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a single source for community events, civic meetings, and community programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk’s Office to keep the calendar current and inclusive. Contact **Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com** to participate. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed and engaged.

1. PALO VERDE 5K RUN



PALO VERDE COLLEGE
FOUNDATION
WHERE KNOWLEDGE TAKES ROOT AND OPPORTUNITY GROWS

NEEDLES CENTER
SCHOLARSHIP
5K
COLOR
RUN &
WALK



SATURDAY,
MARCH 21, 2026

STARTS AT PALO VERDE COLLEGE
AT 9AM; CHECK-IN AT 7:30 AM

For more information call (760) 326-5033
or visit www.paloverde.edu

725 W. Broadway, Needles, CA 92363

REGISTRATION

\$25 PER PERSON, INCLUDES TSHIRT & MEAL

- Age Categories:**
- 12 years & Under
 - 13 - 17 years
 - 18 - 49 years
 - 50 years & above



Scan code or follow
link to get started
<https://bit.ly/Ndls5k>

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Must Register Before March 14

2. SPRING CLEANING EVENT

CITY OF NEEDLES RESIDENTS ONLY

BULKY WASTE DROP-OFF EVENT

FREE DISPOSAL OF TRASH & BULKY ITEMS

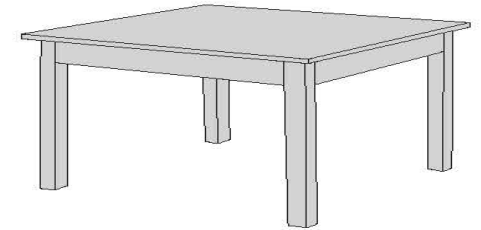
SEE LIST BELOW FOR WHAT IS NOT ACCEPTED



**Saturday, March 21st,
2025**

- 8 am to noon -

**Event will end earlier
if container equipment is full**



Locations: Gates (Safari Drive), North K (Near Underpass), Vista (Nikki Bunch Ball Field), & Cibola (Robuffa) Subdivisions

FOR MORE INFORMATION: Rainie Torrance, rtorrance@cityofneedles.com, 760-326-2115 ext 140



- Hazardous Waste of any kind
- Commercial Waste
- Industrial Waste from businesses
- Motor Oil/Used Filters
- Household Cleaners
- Sharp Objects/Needles
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Space Heaters
- Musical Cards
- Radioactive Wastes
- Non-Sharp Medical Waste
- Wastes from foreclosed properties
- Auto & Household Batteries
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- TV's & Computer Monitors
- Microwave Ovens
- Stereos or Radios
- Clothes Irons
- Medical Waste
- Tire/Appliances
- Non-Sharp Medical Waste
- Antifreeze
- Medications
- CPU's & Printers
- Telephone/Cellphones
- VCRs/DVD Player
- Asbestos
- Air Conditioners

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3. TRI-STATE FOOD DISTRIBUTION

FREE

Fresh
Strawberries

TRI-STATE COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE
SATURDAY MARCH 21 1:00 PM

820 W BROADWAY, NEEDLES, CA



4. HEAT ADVISORY

Historic Heat This Week



NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE
NATIONAL OCEANIC & ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION
WEATHER.GOV/LASVEGAS

March 18th - March 21st, 2026

	Earliest 90°	Earliest 100°	March Record	Wednesday: Chance of ...	Thursday: Chance of ...	Friday: Chance of ...	Saturday: Chance of ...
Las Vegas	March 13 (2007)	May 1 (1947)	93° (March 26th, 2022)	90°F: 100% 100°F: 0%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 0%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 50%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 40%
Bishop	April 1 (1966)	May 18 (1954)	87° (March 31st, 1966)	90°F: 70% 100°F: 0%	90°F: 90% 100°F: 0%	90°F: 90% 100°F: 5%	90°F: 80% 100°F: 0%
Needles	February 19 (2014)	April 1 (2011)	99° (March 17th, 2007)	90°F: 100%, 100°F: 75%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 100%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 100%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 100%
Barstow	March 6 (1972)	April 8 (1989)	94° (March 25th, 2022)	90°F: 100%, 100°F: 0%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 10%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 75%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 40%
Kingman	March 16 (1934)	May 3 (1947)	90° (March 16th, 1934)	90°F: 75%, 100°F: 0%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 0%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 0%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 0%
Death Valley	January 16 (2021)	March 17 (2007)	104° (March 26th, 2022)	90°F: 100%, 100°F: 100%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 100%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 100%	90°F: 100% 100°F: 100%

Extreme Heat Warnings in effect Wednesday - Sunday:



Heat Advisories in effect Wednesday- Saturday

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4. SPLASH PAD OPEN FOR SUMMER



5. OPENING CEREMONIES

C.R.A.G.S. OPENING CEREMONIES

MONDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2026

Pulled Pork Sandwiches
& Beans and Soda Dinner for \$10

Starts at 5:30pm

TEAM INTRODUCTIONS AT 6:15PM

FIRST PITCH AT 7PM



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN & SOFTBALL!

6. OHMV COMMUNITY MEETING

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) PILOT PROGRAM

COMMUNITY EDUCATION MEETING



LEARN ABOUT THE NEW OHV PILOT PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF NEEDLES

Join us for an informational meeting to learn how the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Pilot Program will operate within the City and get your questions answered by officials



Public Meeting
March 26, 2026
5:00 PM

Needles City Council Chambers
1111 Bailey Avenue
Needles, CA 92363

MEETING AGENDA:



Overview of OHV Pilot Program Operation



Review OHV Routes, Rules & Compliance



Law Enforcement Guidance & Safety Information

Local law enforcement will be present to address traffic enforcement, safety expectations, and compliance requirements.



REGIONAL OUTREACH



For More Information



City of Needles | 1111 Bailey Avenue • Needles, CA 92363



Call (760) 326-2113 | Visit www.cityofneedles.com

7. PALO VERDE BLOOD DRIVE



Be Someone's Lucky Charm and You Could Win BIG!

Donate March 1-April 5 and you'll be automatically entered for a chance to win a \$10,000 gift card.* Your donation is a lucky charm for patients in need. Schedule today.

[Make an appointment at vitalant.org](https://vitalant.org) or call 877-25-VITAL

Use blood drive code: 100563204

Palo Verde Community College Blood Drive

Location: 725 W Broadway St - Blood Mobile

Date: Tuesday 3/24/2026

Time: 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

We are looking for 36 blood donors to help patients in need

Vitalant Blood Bank is always looking for first-time donors. If you are already a blood donor, please consider encouraging someone you know to donate.

**Terms and condition apply; see vitalant.org/LuckyGiveaway.*



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Find us @vitalant:     

8. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PALO VERDE



PALO VERDE COLLEGE HOSTING THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES INFO SESSIONS

Learn about career pathways, internships, benefits, and how to apply

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25TH NEEDLES EDUCATIONAL CENTER

- Information Session 1:00 PM– 2:00 PM Room B11
- Resume Workshop 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM Room B11
- Interview Skills Workshop 3:00PM - 4:00PM Room B11

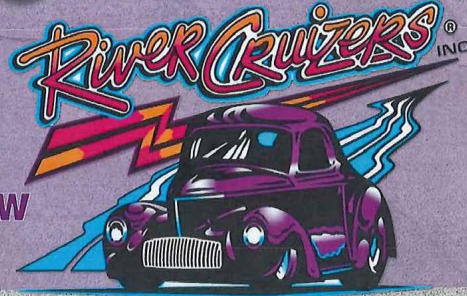
Why Attend?

- Explore about career opportunities with MWD
- Learn about hiring requirements and get application tips
- Receive hands-on resume support
- Network with industry professionals

For more information, contact Artemiza Lujano
760-921-5448
artemiza.lujano@paloverde.edu

9. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT PALO VERDE

Cruizin' the Century



Rt. 66 Centennial Car Show

On the street in front of El Garces Hotel • Needles, CA

Show your car \$20 • Register at the Show

Saturday
March 28, 2026
9am - 2pm CA Time

River Cruizers welcomes all makes & models
of cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

100th Anniversary
of Route 66 2026

- Show Plaques
- 50/50 Drawing
- T-shirt Sales
- Food Trucks

For show info:

Dave Hasenwinkle cell (206) 947-0997
Danny Moran cell (909) 226-7437

Thank you for helping us support our community!

More events in the park: River Valley Art Guild • Friends of El Garces

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

THIRD ANNUAL

ART ^{in the} PARK

AT EL GARCES, NEEDLES, CA

River Valley Artists Guild, Inc.

Needles Art In The Park Show & Sale

Show dates: March 25-28, 2026

Applications: artguildRVAG.com/workshops

Application Deadline Monday, March 16

Submit Your
Route 66
100th Anniversary
Artwork



River Valley
Artists
Guild

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Questions Contact: Victoria 951-334-8454 or memberrvag@gmail.com

10. SB COUNTY RESOURCE FAIR



10. SB COUNTY RESOURCES



Workforce Development

America's **JobCenter**
of CaliforniaSM

Expand your Skills with our Virtual Workshops



employment Application
by typing or printing in ink. INCOMPLETE or
fayer. We do not discriminate on the basis of
to participate in the application process.

How to get a Government Job Mondays @ 10:00 am

- What is a government job?
- Where to search for jobs
- Application process
- Interview tips

Register:

<https://workforce.sbcounty.gov/series/how-to-get-a-government-job/>



Interview Skills and Social Media Tuesdays @ 10:00 am

- Types of interviews
- Interviewing best practices
- Types of questions

Register:

<https://workforce.sbcounty.gov/series/interview-skills-and-social-media/>



Resume Workshop Wednesdays @ 10:00 am

- Purpose of a resume
- What recruiters want to see
- Creating an updated resume for current workforce
- Types of resumes

Register:

<https://workforce.sbcounty.gov/series/resume-workshop-18/>



So you Want to be a Truck Driver 3rd Thursdays @ 10:00 am

- Realities of trucking
- Different types of jobs
- Are you a Veteran?
- Companies that hire and train

Register:

<https://workforce.sbcounty.gov/series/so-you-want-to-be-a-truck-driver-2/>



(800) 451-JOBS (5627)

Workforce.SBCounty.gov

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10. SB COUNTY RESOURCES

HELP IS AVAILABLE

These services are available 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

Desert Sanctuary "Haley House"

24-hour hotline: (800) 982-2221 or
(760) 256-3441 (Collect calls accepted)
Barstow to Stateline & Stoddard to Trona

DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc.

24-hour hotline: (800) 851-7601 or
(909) 866-1546

Big Bear Valley, Angelus Oaks,
Rim of the World
& all other mountain communities

Family Assistance Program

24-hour hotline: (760) 949-4357
Colton, Del Rosa, Rialto, San Bernardino
& High Desert

House of Ruth

24-hour hotline: (877) 988-5559
(Collect calls accepted)
Ontario, Montclair, Chino, Upland &
Rancho Cucamonga

Morongo Basin Unity Home

24-hour hotline: (760) 366-9663
Morongo Basin to Needles

Option House

(909) 381-3471 (Collect calls accepted)
Fontana, San Bernardino, Redlands,
Colton, Rialto, Loma Linda, Highland,
Yucaipa & Grand Terrace

Victor Valley Domestic Violence Program "A Better Way"

24-hour hotline: (866) 228-2059 or
(760) 955-8010 (Collect calls accepted)
Victorville, Hesperia, Apple Valley,
Helendale & Adelanto



TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT

www.SBCounty.gov/tad



DV 900 (02/20)



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



Services for CalWORKs
customers, victims and
their children...



Transitional Assistance

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10. SB COUNTY RESOURCES

Goodbye Paper Checks,

Hello WIC Card!



Families can now get the new California WIC Card at their local Women, Infants and Children (WIC) office. Flexible shopping and easier checkout at the grocery store!

YES!

Newly pregnant women, working families, including military and migrant families are encouraged to apply!



This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



WIC is a nutrition education program for Women, Infants and Children.

WIC Benefits Include:

- Healthy foods
- Nutrition and health information
- Breastfeeding support
- Referrals to healthcare and community services

You May Qualify If You:

- Are pregnant, breastfeeding, or just had a baby;
- Had a recent pregnancy loss;
- Have a child or care for a child under 5;
- Have low to medium income; and/or
- Receive Medi-Cal, CalWORKS (TANF), or CalFresh (SNAP) benefits; and
- Live in California



Public Health
Women, Infants and Children

San Bernardino County Department of Public Health - Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

Call 1 (800) 472-2321
www.SBCounty.gov/WIC

11. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN COMMUNITY

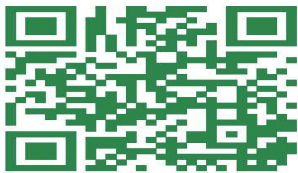
YOU'RE INVITED!
The City wants to hear from You!



**Active
Transportation
Plan**

What is an Active Transportation Plan?

An Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is a living document that outlines projects, programs, and policies to improve walking and biking conditions. It is shaped by community and stakeholder input to address network gaps and enhance accessibility, safety, and connectivity citywide.



Get Involved!

- Call **760-326-2113** or email **info@NeedlesATP.com**
- Scan the QR code to the left or use the URL below to share an idea on the interactive map:
www.NeedlesATP.com/provide-input



12. BEAUMONT TOURNAMENT



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13. COMMUNITY MEMBER RECOGNITION



13. COMMUNITY MEMBER RECOGNITION



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14. HUD LISK PROGRAM



15. RIVERS EDGE PROGRAMMING

REGISTER TODAY!



**MAR
21st**
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

GOLF CLINIC

Topic - FULL SWING

HOSTED BY JJ DELEON

ADMISSION FEE: \$25 PER CLIENT / ALL AGE RANGES

LIMITED TO FIRST 12 SIGN UPS

144 MARINA DRIVE NEEDLES, CA 92363 / GOLFNEEDLESCA.COM /



★★★★ INAUGURAL ★★★★★
SPRING FLING GOLF
TOURNAMENT

APRIL 18th

SATURDAY

8:00AM SHOTGUN START

3-PERSON SCRAMBLE INDIVIDUALS: \$55 | GROUP: \$165

(760) 326-3931

OPTIONAL TEAM SKINS & BUY-III

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www.golfneedlesca.com

16. 19th HOLE RIBBON CUTTING



17. WATER INFRASTRUCTURE



18. OHMV GRANT OPPORTUNITY PUBLIC



OHVR STAGING AREA CONCEPT

CITY OF NEEDLES

SCHEMATIC SITE PLAN

COMMUNITY WORKS
DESIGN GROUP

7111 Indiana Avenue, Suite 300

Riverside, CA 92504

(951) 369-0700 | www.cwtdg.fun

Date: February 27, 2026



19. PALO VERDE COMMUNITY EVENT

Our Rivers, Our Ocean

*A Sacred Places Institute for
Indigenous People Production*

Our **WATER WAYS** *Screening*

APRIL 11, 2026 @ 1 PM

A California Tribal Story

YOU'RE INVITED to join us at the Palo Verde College Needles Educational Center for a tribal community screening of the film highlighting the tribal communities' deep connection to our precious resource - water.

In conjunction of the Sacred Places Institute for Indigenous Peoples, PVC hosts this screening to celebrate and show the voices of the ancestors and leaders who discuss the personal and ancestral relationships with the Colorado River and Pacific Ocean.

Meet Matt Leivas, previous Chemehuevi Heritage Chair and featured in the film.

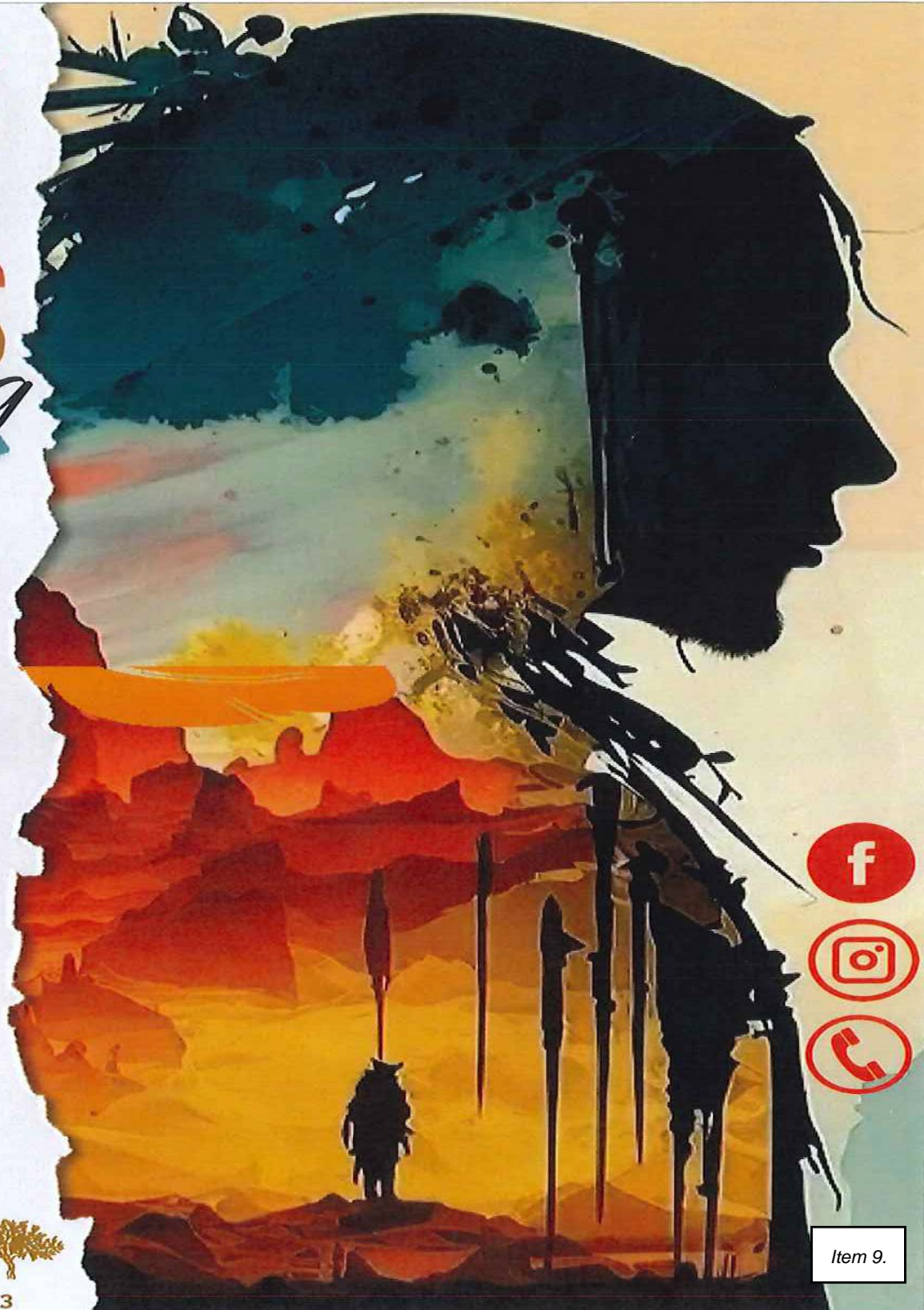
Event starts at 1 p.m. followed by a program, screening, and Q&A.

Presented by

PALO VERDE COLLEGE

Needles Educational Center

725 W. Broadway St., Needles, CA 92363



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20. WOMEN'S CLUB FLOWER SHOW

Show off your gardening talents at the
***96th Annual Needles Women's Club
Flower Show***

Saturday, April 25, 2026

**Needles Women's Clubhouse
305 W. Broadway, Needles**

Entries Accepted8:00-9:30 am
Judging.....9:30 am-12:00 pm
Public Viewing.....12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Live entries must be at least 3 months old

Roses

Fruit

Herbs

Vegetables

Nuts

Succulents

Fresh Cut Flowers

Potted Plants

Cactus

Dish Gardens

Dried Flowers

Bouquets

Sponsored by the Needles Women's Club

Free to the Public

Opportunity Drawing/Plant Sale

Questions? Call Mary (626) 705-3394

21. COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP RODEO



PRESENTS THE

48TH COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP

APRIL 3 & 4, 2026

NEEDLES RODEO GROUNDS 1001 SAN CLEMENTE STREET

* RODEO DANCE *

"Littletown"

Presented by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe



* SPECIAL EVENTS *

Junior Barrel Race presented by Campbell Redi-Mix

Call Mike Shott at 760-218-4891 to register.

8th Annual Cornhole Tourney

Call Wade Evans at 760-220-1039

Local Contestants -

Call Mike Shott at 760-218-4891 from March 1-27

Mutton Bustin' - call Judy Thornton at 760-333-5255



* THE RODEO STORE *

March 30-April 2

920 W. Broadway in Needles

10am-4pm

* TICKETS *

Ages 5 and under - free

Ages 6-17 - \$5

Ages 18 and over - \$10

PRESALE TICKETS

2-Day Adults - \$15

2-Day Kids - \$5

Rodeo Store only

Coordinated by Needles Rodeo Association

Facebook at Needles Rodeo/CRRU

needlesrodeo@outlook.com

www.needlesrodeo.com

For more info, call Judy Thornton @ 760-333-5255

(NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED)



48TH COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP

APRIL 3 & 4, 2026

NEEDLES RODEO GROUNDS

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL

4 PM: GATES AND VENDORS OPEN

6 PM: GCPRA RODEO PERFORMANCE

8 PM: RODEO DANCE FEATURING "LITTLETOWN"

RODEO QUEENS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS

SATURDAY, APRIL

9 AM: GATES OPEN

RODEO SLACK

CORNHOLE TOURNEY REGISTRATION

10 AM: CORNHOLE TOURNEY PRESENTED BY

THE HUNTER FAMILY

1 PM: JUNIOR BARREL RACE PRESENTED BY

CAMPBELL REDI-MIX

1-3 PM: MUTTON BUSTIN' REGISTRATION

3 PM: MUTTON BUSTIN'

6 PM: GCPRA RODEO PERFORMANCE

8 PM: RODEO DANCE FEATURING "LITTLETOWN"

RODEO QUEENS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS

VIP AREA
Presented by



Presented by Needles Rodeo Association
(No outside alcohol permitted)

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22. NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET EXTENSION

NOW EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL !!



SANTA FE PARK
950 FRONT ST. NEEDLES, CA
EVERY SUNDAY FROM 8AM - 12PM PST

TODAY IS MARKET DAY!

**NEEDLES
SUNDAY
MARKET**

8AM ~ Noon
Santa Fe Park • Needles, CA





City of Needles

817 Third Street, Needles, California 92363
(760) 326-2113 • FAX (760) 326-6765
www.cityofneedles.com

Mayor, Janet Jernigan
Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell
Councilmember Tona Belt
Councilmember Jamie McCorkle
Councilmember JoAnne Pogue
Councilmember Henry Longbrake
Councilmember Larry Ford

City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 27, 2026

1. T-Mobile Hometown Grant Award – Route 66 Arch Project

The City of Needles is proud to announce it has been selected as a recipient of a \$50,000 T-Mobile Hometown Grant to support construction of a Route 66–themed drive-through arch in the downtown corridor. Needles was selected as one of only 25 communities nationwide from nearly 900 applications submitted in Q4 2025, reflecting the strength of the City’s vision and readiness to deliver. The community is invited to attend the official check presentation on **March 28, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at El Garces**, held in conjunction with Route 66 Centennial activities. The project will celebrate Needles’ Route 66 heritage while enhancing the visitor experience and supporting ongoing downtown revitalization efforts. Located near Train Park along Front Street, the arch will serve as a landmark gateway and photo destination, drawing visitors into the heart of the community. This award represents a key step forward in advancing the City’s Route 66 Centennial efforts and long-term economic development strategy. Additional information is available at: www.t-mobile.com/news/un-carrier/t-mobiles-hometown-grants-top-21-5m and <https://youtu.be/Nk3rhU5nsCw>.

2. Route 66 Centennial – Art in the Park, Art & Craft Fair, and Car Show

Route 66 Centennial celebrations continue tomorrow, **March 28**, at El Garces with the Art & Craft Fair and the River Cruizers “Cruizin’ the Century” Car Show from **9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** along Route 66. The 3rd Annual Art in the Park Show & Sale will also be on display through **March 28** from **9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.** at 950 Front Street. These coordinated events will bring together local and regional artists, vendors, and classic cars, activating the downtown corridor and attracting both residents and visitors. The community is encouraged to attend, support local businesses, and be part of this Route 66 Centennial celebration.

3. Marketing & Video Production – Tripepi Smith Update

The City is excited to share that Tripepi Smith was in Needles this week capturing video footage to support the next phase of our marketing and tourism efforts. This reflects an important step forward in promoting Needles as a premier destination along Route 66 and the Colorado River, aligned with the City Council’s goals of increasing tourism and economic activity. The upcoming campaign will highlight the “Live, Work, Play” experience that defines our

community—showcasing our unique character, recreational assets, and growing opportunities. This effort builds on the City’s adopted marketing and branding strategy and positions Needles to reach a broader audience as we prepare for the Route 66 Centennial. Special recognition to City Planner Irene Romero for her leadership in coordinating this effort and bringing together City staff and community participants. Staff also extends appreciation to City staff, their families, and local business owners who participated in the filming. Utilizing familiar faces from within the community not only reflects the authentic character of Needles, but also allowed the City to be resourceful while delivering a high-quality product. This initiative represents continued progress in telling the Needles story and attracting visitors, residents, and investment to our community.

4. OHV Pilot Program – Community Education Meeting Update

The City hosted the OHV Pilot Program Community Education Meeting on **March 26, 2026**, with participation from the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department – Colorado River Station, California Highway Patrol, and the Bureau of Land Management. This is a major milestone for Needles as the community continues to advance this program. Attendees received important information on safety, enforcement, and program expectations, including travel between designated destinations, registration requirements, and protections for sensitive desert resources. The intent of the program is to provide safe, connected access from food, fuel, and lodging to trail systems. Staff has ordered required signage, which is expected to be installed within the next few months to support implementation. Special thanks to Ron Knuckles (BLM), Lieutenant Robert Adelman (CHP), and Captain Jake Gault (SBCSD) for their partnership and presentations focused on public safety. Staff would also like to recognize Fred Minigar, City Traffic Engineer with Minigar & Associates, Inc., who presented on behalf of the City and provided key technical support in advancing the program. Staff also thanks the OHV Committee (Vice Mayor Campbell, Councilmember McCorkle, and Councilmember Longbrake) and the Mayor and City Council for their leadership in advancing this program. The OHV route map, presentation, and FAQ are attached, and additional information will be made available on the City’s website.

5. Needles Bridge Incident – Emergency Response and Coordination

Over the weekend, City staff responded to an incident involving a dislodged water main attached to the Needles Bridge. Staff worked closely with the Fort Mojave Tribal Utilities Authority (FMTUA) to support immediate response efforts and identify short- and long-term solutions to restore the backup water feed. The City appreciates FMTUA’s quick and coordinated response in addressing the emergency. As part of the recovery effort, the contractor has removed the majority of the damaged infrastructure from the Needles side of the Colorado River without impacting bridge operations or traffic flow. Remaining materials are stable, secured, and will be removed safely as part of the ongoing repair process. There is no impact to the City of Needles’ water supply. The City also extends its appreciation to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Caltrans for their coordination and support. This incident highlights the importance of strong regional partnerships, and the City remains committed to working collaboratively to ensure public safety, infrastructure reliability, and continued service delivery.

- 6. City Hall Awning Project – Construction Update**
Construction of the City Hall Administration Building awning project is scheduled to begin on **March 30, 2026**, marking the start of improvements to address deterioration and protect City facilities. The total project cost is approximately **\$220,012**, including construction, related improvements, and contingency. During construction, parking at the “E” Street entrance and along Third Street will be temporarily restricted to accommodate contractor access and ensure safety. Palo Verde College has provided temporary parking accommodations for City staff to help minimize impacts. Staff will continue to provide updates as the project progresses.
- 7. Aquatics Center – Opening Day Preparation**
Staff is actively preparing for the highly anticipated opening of the Needles Aquatics Center on **June 6, 2026**. The Recreation Department and Aquatics Team are working diligently to ensure the facility is ready for a full season of programming, including lap swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons, and open swim. During the offseason, staff drained the pool to complete evaluations and necessary repairs, including slide maintenance, equipment updates, lighting improvements, and repairs to various pool features. The main pool has been repainted, refilled this week, and is now moving into final preparation phases. Staff will continue with slide maintenance and operational readiness efforts as we approach opening day.
- 8. City Beautification – Needles Pride Initiative Update**
The City’s Needles Pride initiative continues with efforts to address overgrown vegetation and improve highly visible areas throughout the community. Staff appreciates the cooperation of property owners who are maintaining their properties and working with Code Enforcement to achieve compliance, including recent efforts along Washing Machine Road. Public Works crews also completed improvements to Front Street sidewalks to enhance pedestrian safety and accessibility in the downtown corridor. In addition, due to increased impacts to the underpass bridge, staff repainted the 8-foot clearance markings to maintain visibility and support public safety. Public Works also installed a dog waste dispenser at Santa Fe Park to support park cleanliness and encourage responsible pet ownership.
- 9. Sheriff/Council Chambers Monument Sign Replacement**
Public Works removed the former Sheriff sign this week following vandalism and deterioration that made the structure unsafe. We want to thank the San Bernardino County Sheriff’s Department for their partnership, contribution, and for helping make the replacement of this sign a reality. The proposed design includes a non-illuminated, single-face monument sign with masonry detailing that aligns with the existing civic campus aesthetic and provides clear identification for the Colorado River Station, Needles Police, and City Council Chambers. Staff will continue coordinating with the Sheriff’s Department to move the project forward and ensure timely installation of the new sign.
- 10. Enhanced Transit Access – Fort Mohave/Bullhead City Shuttle Reminder**
Staff would like to highlight the ongoing shuttle service connecting Needles residents to Fort Mohave and Bullhead City, which has been in operation since **July 1, 2025**. The service runs every Tuesday and Thursday with scheduled

stops at key destinations, including grocery stores and essential services, providing reliable transportation for residents without access to a vehicle. Despite this service being available, there are still reports of limited awareness within the community. Staff is reemphasizing this program to ensure residents are aware of available transportation options. Reservations are required and can be made through the Needles Senior Center. Additional route, schedule, and fare information is included in the attached flyer.

11. Canine Parvovirus Alert – Community Update

The Needles Animal Shelter has reported multiple cases of canine parvovirus within the community. Parvovirus is a highly contagious and potentially deadly virus that primarily affects puppies and unvaccinated dogs. Staff is actively conducting outreach to inform residents and encourage preventative measures, including vaccinations and limiting exposure to public areas. Low-cost DA2PP vaccines are available at the Needles Animal Shelter for \$20 per shot, Monday through Friday from **8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Residents are encouraged to seek veterinary care immediately if symptoms are observed.

12. Public Input Ongoing – OHMV Staging Area Grant Application

Public input remains open through **May 4, 2026**, for the City's OHMV Staging Area Project grant application submitted to the California State Parks OHMVR Program (Cycle G26). The proposed project supports the City's 9.20-mile designated OHMV route network and is designed to improve access, safety, traffic flow, and rider amenities, including designated trailer parking and sanitation facilities. Community input continues to play a critical role in the grant scoring process. Residents and stakeholders are encouraged to review the updated project flyer and submit comments by visiting https://olga.ohv.parks.ca.gov/egrans_ohmvr, selecting "Review Preliminary Applications," and choosing "City of Needles."

13. Colorado River Round Up Rodeo – Upcoming Event

The 48th Annual Colorado River Round Up Rodeo will take place on **April 3–4, 2026** at the Needles Rodeo Grounds. Hosted by the Needles Rodeo Association, this long-standing event brings the community together for a weekend of rodeo action, western tradition, and family-friendly fun. The Rodeo Store opens this week, **March 30 through April 2**, at **920 W Broadway**, where community members can purchase presale tickets and official merchandise. Community members are encouraged to plan ahead and secure tickets early. Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez is scheduled to attend on Friday evening, providing an opportunity for residents to connect with their state representative.

14. Beat the Heat Softball Tournament – Community Event

The Needles Community Partners will host the Beat the Heat Softball Tournament on **May 23, 2026 at 6:00 PM** at the Jo Jo Garcia Memorial Sports Complex. The event invites teams, volunteers, sponsors, and vendors to participate, with all proceeds benefiting youth programs in Needles. For more information or to register, contact Tena at 760-985-4050. This effort supports the City Council's goals of promoting recreation, community engagement, and youth development. Refer to the attached flyer for more information.

- 15. Needles High School Music Department Fundraiser – Community Event**
This week, community members came together to support the Needles High School Music Department at its BBQ fundraiser held on **March 25, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Needles High School Gym. The event featured performances by student groups, including the Blue Notes, Advanced Band, and the Needles High School Choir, and was a successful event with strong community participation. Proceeds from the event will directly benefit the Music Department, supporting continued student opportunities in the arts.
- 16. Palo Verde College Foundation 5K Color Run & Walk**
Last weekend's Palo Verde College Foundation 5K Color Run & Walk delivered another strong showing, continuing its steady growth. The event brought out 75 participants, including 55 walkers and 20 runners, and raised \$11,000 to directly support Needles students. Ryan Dunn (1st) and Stacey Martinez (3rd) again placed in the 18 & Up division, building on last year's results. The event highlights the community's ongoing investment in student success and active living. Thank you to Palo Verde Needles Center Dean Jaclyn Randall and City Public Works staff for helping deliver a successful event.
- 17. CRAGS Opening Ceremonies – Community Update**
The Colorado River Area Girls Softball (CRAGS) Opening Ceremonies were well attended, with strong community participation in support of our youth athletes. Families, residents, and local supporters came out to celebrate the start of the 2026 season, creating a positive and energetic atmosphere. The event successfully brought the community together and highlighted the importance of youth sports in Needles. Thank you to the CRAGS Board and the league's many sponsors for their continued support in making the season possible. This turnout reflects strong community pride and aligns with the City Council's goals of supporting recreation and strengthening community engagement.
- 18. Tri-State Community Healthcare Easter Egg Hunt – Reminder**
A reminder that Tri-State Community Healthcare will host the Fourth Annual Needles Easter Egg Hunt on **April 4, 2026**, at Jack Smith Park (1000 River Road). The event will take place from **9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.**, with the egg hunt beginning promptly at **9:30 a.m.** Families can expect a fun-filled morning featuring 5,000 eggs with prizes and gift baskets, along with face painting and photos with the Easter Bunny. This well-attended community event continues to bring families together and is a great example of community partnership in Needles. Please refer to the attached flyer for additional details.
- 19. Youth Basketball Tournament Season Wrap-Up**
The City of Needles Recreation Department concluded three consecutive weekends of youth basketball tournaments, including hosting the 19th Annual Needles Spring Classic, followed by competitions in Beaumont and 29 Palms. Needles teams earned a 1st place finish, multiple 2nd place finishes, and several 3rd place placements, while all teams competed with pride and strong sportsmanship. These events supported the City Council's goals of promoting sports tourism and activating local facilities. The City thanks Recreation Services Manager Jennifer Valenzuela and staff for leading a successful All-Star season and nearly 20 years of tournament participation. Most importantly, these

experiences created lasting memories for our families and helped build confidence, teamwork, and community pride in our youth.

20. Needles Sunday Market – Ongoing Community Activation

The Needles Sunday Market at Santa Fe Park continues to see strong participation from residents, visitors, and local vendors, with the season now extended through **April 2026**. Hosted by Tumbleweed Markets Inc., the weekly market features fresh produce, baked goods, coffee, flowers, and a variety of locally made goods. The market is held every Sunday from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Santa Fe Park, 950 Front Street. Continued community support helps sustain local businesses and strengthens ongoing activation of the downtown corridor.

21. Community Events Calendar Now Live

The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a single source for community events, civic meetings, and community programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to keep the calendar current and inclusive. Contact **Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com** to participate. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed and engaged.

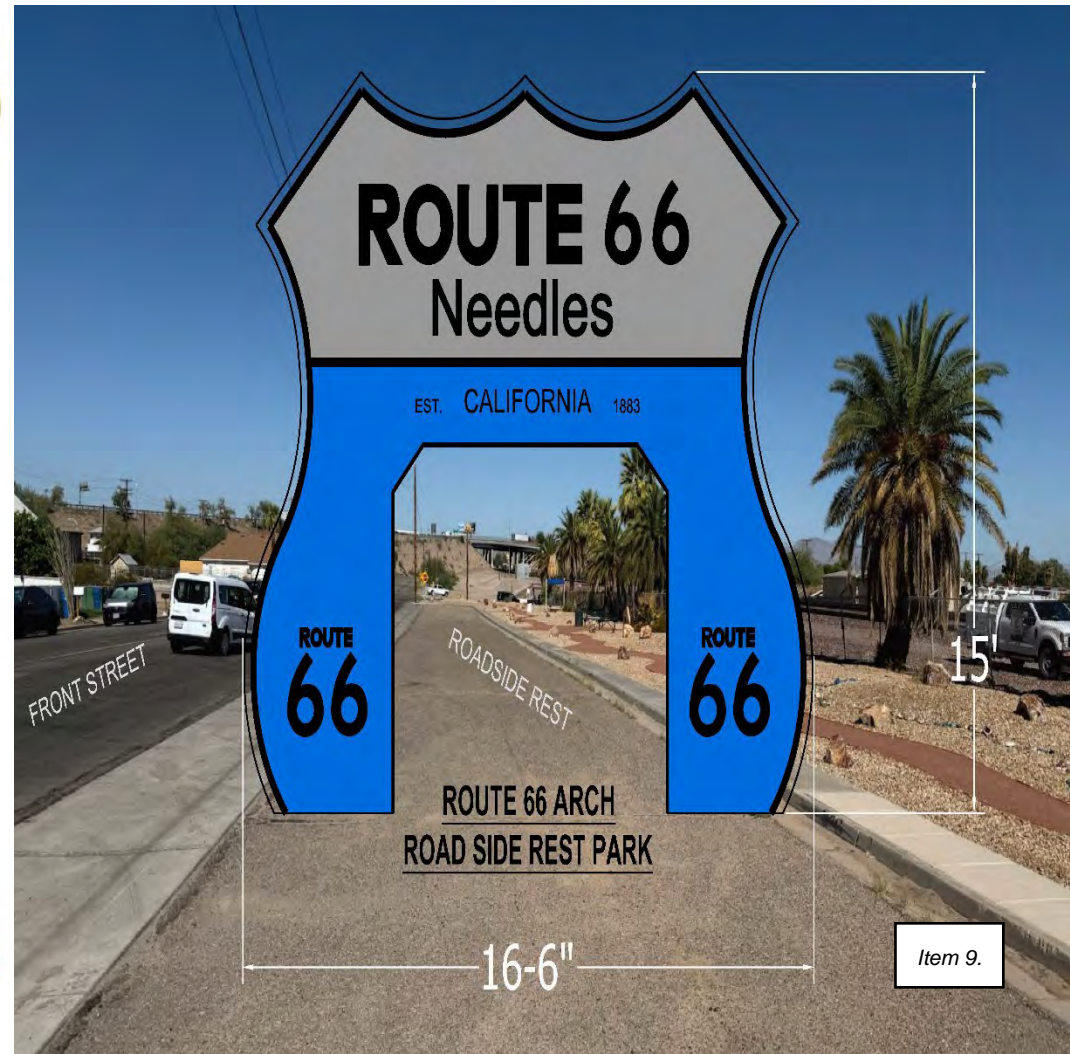
1. T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT



Needles, California:

“Needles is honored to be selected as a recipient of a T-Mobile Hometown Grant! As we celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Historic Route 66 this year, this investment from T-Mobile represents more than a monument — it represents momentum for our community. Located near our official Route 66 roadside rest stop at Train Park, the new arch will serve as a permanent gateway feature that strengthens our downtown corridor, enhances the visitor experience, and reinforces Needles’ identity as California’s eastern gateway to the Mother Road. We are grateful for T-Mobile’s partnership and continued commitment to Needles.”

— Janet Jernigan, Mayor, City of Needles



1. T-MOBILE HOMETOWN GRANT

BELLEVUE, Wash. — March 26, 2026— T-Mobile (NASDAQ: TMUS) today announced the latest 25 Hometown Grants recipients, including, for the first time, a town in North Dakota. With the latest and second-to-last round, T-Mobile has invested more than \$21.5 million in grants to 475 small towns and rural communities across 49 states and Puerto Rico over the last four years.

Since Hometown Grants started in April 2021, the program has impacted 2.8 million people and created nearly 2,700 jobs. With up to \$50,000 awarded per town, communities have used the funding on projects that strengthen communities and improve lives, with this round including a new STEM initiative for students, a revitalized historic school building and transforming a barn into a community hub.

“Nearly five years ago, we launched this program to invest in small towns with big ideas and help turn local vision into meaningful impact,” said Jon Freier, Chief Operating Officer, T-Mobile. “Across 475 communities, thousands have come together to create positive change, contributing nearly 300,000 volunteer hours and proving what’s possible when heart and community pride lead the way.”

Here are the next 25 Hometown Grant recipients and their projects:

- **Pine Bluff, Ark.:** Install the Blues Junction Monument, a 20-foot landmark featuring artistic design, a commemorative granite marker highlighting local blues history, a QR-code digital soundscape, and a reflective bench celebrating the musical traditions of Pine Bluff and the Delta Rhythm & Bayous Highway.
- **Texarkana, Ark.:** Remodel nonprofit We Are Washington’s community library space by upgrading lighting, furnishings, technology and literacy resources to inspire curiosity, increase access and reading engagement among youth.
- **Chino Valley, Ariz.:** Construct an 18-hole disc golf course at Old Home Manor, creating a recreational destination that supports youth wellness and placemaking in a rural community.
- **Nogales, Ariz.:** Revitalize a long-underutilized building on historic Morley Avenue in Downtown Nogales into a welcoming, bilingual, community-led legal advocacy center, strengthening access for underserved residents.
- **Eureka, Calif.:** Upgrade sound, lighting and production equipment at the historic 1939 Streamline Moderne designed Eureka Theater, providing an inclusive community hub for film, music and cultural events.
- **Needles, Calif.:** Construct a Route 66 themed novelty drive through arch, celebrating the city’s historic Route 66 heritage while supporting downtown revitalization and enhancing visitor experience.
- **Henderson, Ky.:** Replace the playground surface at Central Park with poured-in-place rubber, enhancing safety and providing a welcoming community gathering space.
- **Scandia, Minn.:** Transform a historic tankhouse barn into a lively community hub for performances, classes, and local history, drawing guests from the surrounding St. Croix Valley and helping revitalize Scandia’s Village Center through tourism.
- **Nettleton, Miss.:** Construct a public tennis court, providing a safe space for youth recreation, school athletics and promoting healthy lifestyles.
- **West Point, Miss.:** Install a permanent sound system and storage cabinets at Black Prairie Blues Museum, providing reliable sound for concerts and events and a designated storage space for rotating displays and artifacts.
- **Mandan, N.D.:** Transform a reimagined site into a dedicated gathering space for families residing in the 3rd Street Corridor, strengthening community connections.
- **Peterborough, N.H.:** Build the Farm-to-Table Campus, providing a permanent, accessible hub for hands-on learning in sustainable agriculture, cooking and environmental stewardship.
- **Farmington, N.M.:** Create a vibrant, outdoor food space with cold storage units, picnic tables, outdoor counters and raised garden beds, expanding access to healthy food, supporting local farmers and providing a welcoming gathering and entrepreneurial learning space for San Juan County residents.
- **Grants, N.M.:** Revitalize River Walk Park’s ramada and amphitheater area to host free, family-friendly movies, music and live theatre events, foster civic pride, encourage local engagement and support downtown revitalization efforts.
- **Lima, Ohio:** Renovate the existing Mizpah Community Center, updating equipment in classrooms, the laundry room, and kitchen to further support the center’s community members.
- **Ashland, Ore.:** Transform a public space in downtown Ashland into an immersive storytelling destination that pairs a John Pugh Trompe L’oeil mural with interactive AI to connect residents and visitors to the city’s rich history.
- **Stroudsburg, Pa.:** Revitalize a historic school building into a vibrant community hub where families and children can access essential resources for education, health and employment.
- **Bristol, Tenn.:** Expand access to brand new free books, Wi-Fi and educational resources to underserved communities in Appalachia, with the addition of a traveling book mobile, serving as a literacy hub and mobile community center, promoting learning, digital inclusion and community connection.
- **Loudon, Tenn.:** Improve the Public Library at Tellico Village drainage system to prevent future water damage to the building due to flooding, ensuring that the library can continue to serve the community.
- **Rio Grande City, Texas:** Launch the renovation of the Hope and Help Center of Starr County, to enhance facilities and expand access to essential services for families across Starr County.
- **Rocky Mount, Va.:** Purchase and install 12 AEDs and 10 all-weather protective enclosures at traffic county parks to enhance rapid access to life-saving defibrillation and improve response outcomes.

2. ART IN THE PARK AND CAR SHOW

Cruizin' the Century



Rt. 66 Centennial Car Show

On the street in front of El Garces Hotel • Needles, CA

Show your car \$20 • Register at the Show

Saturday
March 28, 2026
9am - 2pm CA Time

River Cruizers welcomes all makes & models
of cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

100th Anniversary
of Route 66 2026

- Show Plaques
- 50/50 Drawing
- T-shirt Sales
- Food Trucks

For show info:

Dave Hasenwinkle cell (206) 947-0997
Danny Moran cell (909) 226-7437

Thank you for helping us support our community!

More events in the park: River Valley Art Guild • Friends of El Garces

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

THIRD ANNUAL

ART in the PARK

AT EL GARCES, NEEDLES, CA

River Valley Artists Guild, Inc.

Needles Art In The Park Show & Sale

Show dates: March 25-28, 2026

Applications: artguildRVAG.com/workshops

Application Deadline Monday, March 16

Submit Your
Route 66
100th Anniversary
Artwork



River Valley
Artists
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Questions Contact: Victoria 951-334-8454 or memberrvag@gmail.com

3. TRIPEPI SMITH MARKETING



4. OHMV COMMUNITY MEETING



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Ellen Campbell
Vice Mayor

5. NEEDLES BRIDGE EMERGENCY



6. CITY AWNING PROJECT



7. AQUATICS CENTER



8. CITY BEAUTIFICATION



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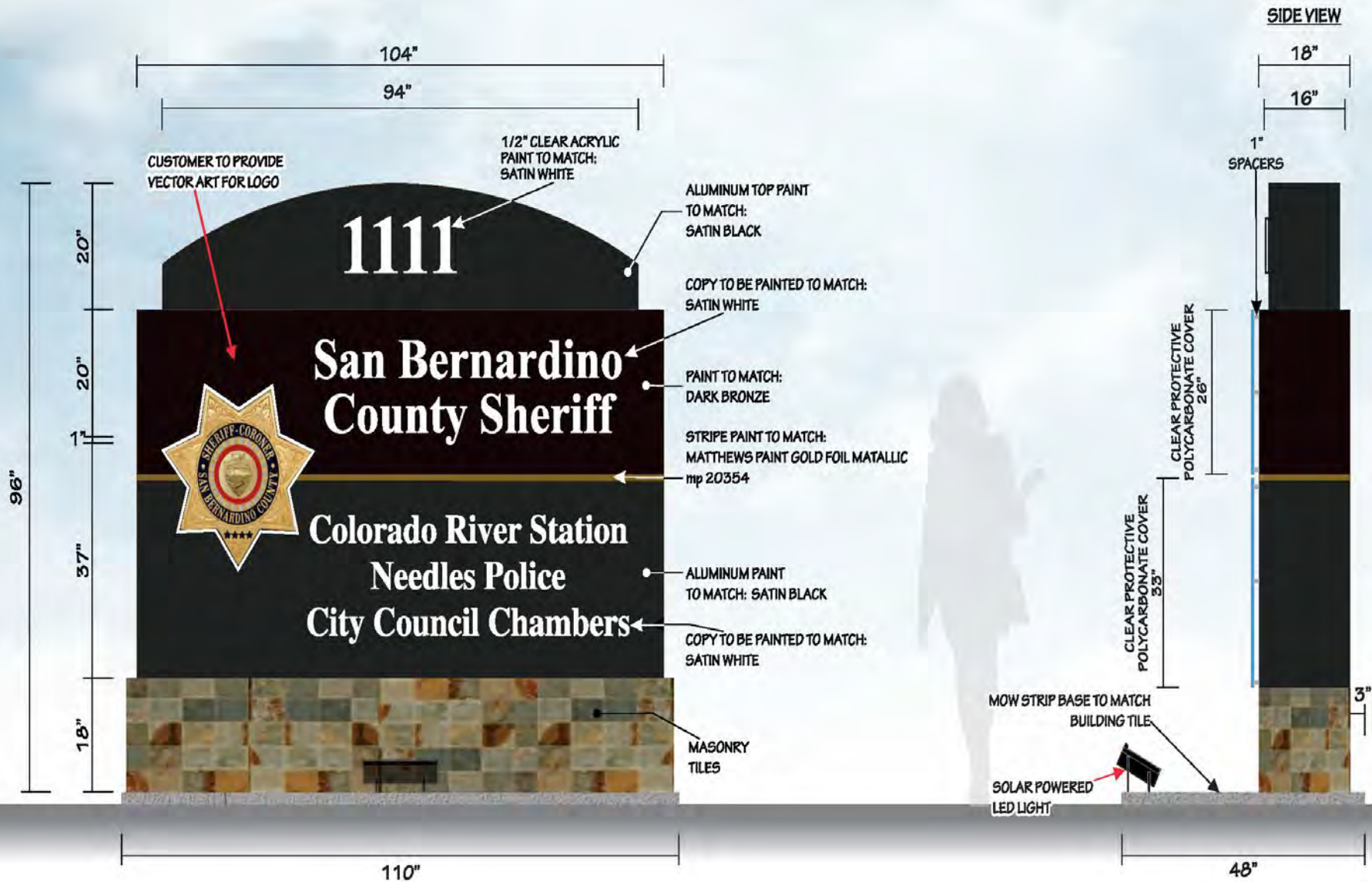
8. CITY BEAUTIFICATION



9. SHERIFF/COUNCIL CHAMBERS SIGN



9. SHERIFF/COUNCIL CHAMBERS SIGN



MANUFACTURE & INSTALL (1) S/F MONUMENT SIGN

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SCALE: 1/2" = 1'-0"

10. DAR FORT MOHAVE/BULLHEAD SHUTTLE

Who can use the Ft. Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle

The shuttle is for everyone and can be used for any type of trip – shopping, medical appointments or to connect with other transportation.

Space is limited and reservations are accepted on a first come/first served basis.



Where can you go on the Shuttle

The shuttle serves shopping, medical and other destinations within a limited area of Fort Mohave and Bullhead City. You can be dropped off and picked up within the area shown on the map inside this brochure. All destinations must be within 1 mile of Hwy 95 and no further north than Silver Creek Road. Popular destinations include:

- **Ft. Mohave** – Walmart, Safeway, Smith's, CVS and Valley View Medical Center
- **Bullhead City** – Target, Walmart, Smart & Final and numerous medical facilities

When making a reservation, be prepared to provide your desired destination.

Other Transit Services in Needles



Needles Dial-a-Ride Specialized Transportation Service

The Needles Dial-a-Ride provides curb-to-curb service within the Needles city limits for seniors (60+) and persons with disabilities. It operates Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:15 PM. The fare is \$1.25 per one-way trip and exact cash is required. Riders going to the Senior Center for lunch pay a discounted fare of only \$1.25 per round trip.

To register for Dial-a-Ride or request a ride, call 760-326-4789. Rides are requested on the day you wish to travel.



Needles Area Transit

NAT provides deviated fixed-route bus service hourly, Monday through Saturday. You can catch the bus at a bus stop or request a deviation to pick you up at your curb (available as time allows). Regular fare is \$1.35 from a bus stop, \$2.00 with a deviation. Seniors (60+) and persons with disabilities ride for \$1.25 or \$1.90 with a deviation (requires City issued photo ID). Call 1-866-669-6309 for deviation services.

Complete information about DAR and NAT transportation services can be found at www.needlestransit.com or their respective Riders Guide.



760-326-4789
www.needlestransit.com



Shuttle Service Between Needles, Ft. Mohave and Bullhead City

Every Tuesday and Thursday

Effective July 1, 2025



A City of Needles project operated by
Transportation Concepts

760-326-4789
www.needlestransit.com



www.cityofneedles.com
760-326-2113, ext 115
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363

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10. DAR FORT MOHAVE/BULLHEAD SHUTTLE

Route and Service Area



How to Make a Reservation for the Shuttle

Prepaid advance reservation is required no later than 11 AM the day prior to taking a trip.

Reservations can be made for any trip during the current month or for the next month during the last week of the current month. The service operates on a first-come, first-served basis and seating is limited. Call the Needles Senior Center at **760-326-4789** for information or to schedule a trip.

Reservations can be made Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM to 1:00PM. Be prepared to tell us your Arizona destination and return time.

If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call to cancel, otherwise, you will be charged for the trip.

Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle

Shuttle Service Between Needles, Fort Mohave and Bullhead City

Every Tuesday and Thursday,
2 round trips per day

Available to everyone, by prepaid advance reservation

Serving:

- Grocery Stores
- Drugstores
- Walmart
- Medical Centers and Offices

Shuttle Schedule

Precise pickup and drop off times in Fort Mohave and Bullhead City will depend on the number of riders and their destinations. The time ranges shown in the schedule below provide a window for use in scheduling appointments. Be sure to schedule your appointments after the drop-off window for your location.

Needles to Fort Mohave and Bullhead City		
Leave Needles	Drop Off in Fort Mohave	Drop off in Bullhead City
8:15 AM	8:35-8:55 AM	9:05-9:20 AM
11:30 AM	11:50 AM - 12:10 PM	12:20-12:35 PM

Bullhead City and Fort Mohave to Needles		
Pickup in Bullhead City	Pickup in Fort Mohave	Drop off in Needles
10:15-10:30 AM	10:35-10:55 AM	11:15 AM
1:15-1:30 PM	1:40-2:00 PM	2:20 PM

Roundtrip Fare from Needles

(exact cash is required)

Destinations in Fort Mohave (Zone 1) \$9.00

Destinations in Bullhead City (Zone 2) \$12.00

Where to Catch the Shuttle

You will catch the shuttle at El Garces West Parking Lot, 950 Front Street in Needles.

Guidelines for Riding the Shuttle

Holidays

The Shuttle operates Tuesdays and Thursdays except official holidays. These include New Year's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, 4th of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

Rules of the Road

We try to serve as many people as possible, on a space-available basis. Please help us by following these guidelines.

- If you are unable to keep your reservation, please call to cancel, otherwise, you will be charged for the trip.
- The driver is unable to assist with boarding and deboarding so if you need assistance, please plan to have someone accompany you (fare applies).
- No more than two grocery bags and one case per passenger will be allowed. The driver cannot help loading or unloading them from the vehicle.
- There is no smoking, eating or drinking on the vehicle.
- No loud talking, loud radios and/or use of profanity. This infringes on others' rights.
- Talk to the driver only when necessary. The driver must concentrate on driving and be 100% focused at all times for the safety of all concerned.
- The City of Needles and its contract operator, Transportation Concepts, reserve the right to refuse service to any person that it feels it cannot transport safely or who may jeopardize the safe transport of others.

11. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER ALERT



⚠️ CANINE PARVOVIRUS IS IN OUR COMMUNITY ⚠️

Multiple cases have been reported locally. Protect your dogs now!

WHAT IS PARVOVIRUS?

- A highly contagious and potentially deadly virus that affects dogs—especially puppies and unvaccinated dogs.

🛡️ HOW TO PREVENT PARVO

- Vaccinate your dog
- Avoid dog parks/public areas if unvaccinated
- Keep puppies away from unknown dogs
- Disinfect shoes, yards, and surfaces

🚨 SIGNS TO WATCH FOR

- Lethargy (low energy)
- Loss of appetite
- Vomiting
- Severe diarrhea (often bloody)
- Fever or low body temperature

➤ *If your dog shows these signs, seek veterinary care immediately.*

📍 LOW-COST VACCINES AVAILABLE

DA2PP Vaccines — ONLY \$20 per shot

📍 **Needles Animal Shelter**
1662 Flip Mendez Pkwy
Needles, CA 92363

🕒 **Monday - Friday | 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

📞 **(760) 326-4952**



🐾 **PROTECT YOUR PET. PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY.** 🐾
Vaccinate today!

12. PUBLIC INPUT GRANT

OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) GRANT APPLICATION

PUBLIC INPUT REQUEST – CITY OF NEEDLES

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF OHV ACCESS IN NEEDLES

The City of Needles is seeking community input as part of its application to the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Grant Program (Cycle G26).

The City has submitted a \$995,911 grant application for the proposed:

OHMV STAGING AREA PROJECT



PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Designated trailer parking
- Reduced roadside staging and congestion
- Protection of natural resources and habitat
- Improved ADA accessibility
- Restroom and sanitation facilities
- Enhanced traffic flow and safety

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The project supports the City's 9.20-mile OHMV route network, connecting BLM trails to local businesses, including fuel, lodging, and services.

SUBMIT YOUR COMMENTS

SCAN HERE



OR Visit:

- https://olga.ohv.parks.ca.gov/egramms_ohmvr/User/home.aspx
- Select "Review Preliminary Applications"
- Choose "Needles OHMV Staging Area Project"
- Submit your comments

CONTACT INFORMATION

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13. COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP RODEO



PRESENTS THE

48TH COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP APRIL 3 & 4, 2026

NEEDLES RODEO GROUNDS 1001 SAN CLEMENTE STREET

* RODEO DANCE *

"Littletown"

Presented by the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe



* SPECIAL EVENTS *

- # Junior Barrel Race presented by Campbell Redi-Mix
Call Mike Shott at 760-218-4891 to register.
- # 8th Annual Cornhole Tourney
Call Wade Evans at 760-220-1039
- # Local Contestants -
Call Mike Shott at 760-218-4891 from March 1-27
- # Mutton Bustin' - call Judy Thornton at 760-333-5255



* THE RODEO STORE *

March 30-April 2
920 W. Broadway in Needles
10am-4pm

* TICKETS *

- Ages 5 and under - free
- Ages 6-17 - \$5
- Ages 18 and over - \$10

PRESALE TICKETS

- 2-Day Adults - \$15
- 2-Day Kids - \$5
- Rodeo Store only

Coordinated by Needles Rodeo Association

Facebook at Needles Rodeo/CRRU

needlesrodeo@outlook.com www.needlesrodeo.com

For more info, call Judy Thornton @ 760-333-5255

(NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED)



48TH COLORADO RIVER ROUND UP APRIL 3 & 4, 2026

NEEDLES RODEO GROUNDS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, APRIL

- 4 PM: GATES AND VENDORS OPEN
- 6 PM: GCPRA RODEO PERFORMANCE
- 8 PM: RODEO DANCE FEATURING "LITTLETOWN"
RODEO QUEENS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS

SATURDAY, APRIL

- 9 AM: GATES OPEN
RODEO SLACK
CORNHOLE TOURNEY REGISTRATION
- 10 AM: CORNHOLE TOURNEY PRESENTED BY
THE HUNTER FAMILY
- 1 PM: JUNIOR BARREL RACE PRESENTED BY
CAMPBELL REDI-MIX
- 1-3 PM: MUTTON BUSTIN' REGISTRATION
- 3 PM: MUTTON BUSTIN'
- 6 PM: GCPRA RODEO PERFORMANCE
- 8 PM: RODEO DANCE FEATURING "LITTLETOWN"
RODEO QUEENS SIGNING AUTOGRAPHS

VIP AREA
Presented by



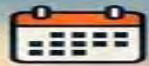
Presented by Needles Rodeo Association
(No outside alcohol permitted)

Item 9.

14. BEAT THE HEAT EVENT

NEEDLES COMMUNITY PARTNERS PRESENTS

BEAT THE HEAT SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT



SATURDAY | MAY 23, 2026



6:00 PM | UNDER THE LIGHTS



JO JO GARCIA MEMORIAL SPORTS COMPLEX

**PLAY | CHEER | SUPPORT
THE COMMUNITY!**

- WE NEED YOU! -



TEAMS: All skill levels welcome!



VOLUNTEERS: Help make it happen!



SPONSORS: Showcase your business!



VENDORS & FOOD: Fun for the whole family!

**ALL PROFITS BENEFIT THE YOUTH
OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA**

FOR MORE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION:



CONTACT TENA @ 760-985-4050

15. NUSD HIGHSCHOOL FUNDRAISER



16. PALO VERDE 5K RUN



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17. C.R.A.G.S. OPENING CEREMONIES



18. EASTER EGG HUNT

5,000 Eggs
Gift Baskets & prizes

NEEDLES, CA

Easter

EGG HUNT

SATURDAY- APRIL 4

9:00-10:00 AM

Hunt starts at 9:30

Jack Smith Park

1000 River Rd, Needles, CA

**FACE PAINTING & PHOTOS WITH
THE EASTER BUNNY**

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19. NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET EXTENSION

NOW EXTENDED THROUGH APRIL !!



SANTA FE PARK
950 FRONT ST. NEEDLES, CA
EVERY SUNDAY FROM 8AM - 12PM PST

TODAY IS MARKET DAY!

**NEEDLES
SUNDAY
MARKET**

8AM ~ Noon
Santa Fe Park • Needles, CA

