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## AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 03, 2026 AT 4:00 PM  
EL GARCES – 950 FRONT STREET

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

**AS A COURTESY TO THOSE IN ATTENDANCE, WE WOULD ASK THAT CELL PHONES BE TURNED OFF OR SET  
IN THEIR SILENT MODE. THANK YOU**

### OATHS OF OFFICE

1. City Clerk will perform Oath of Office for new Planning Commissioners Alisia Hernandez and Wendy Welt

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

### REGULAR ITEMS

2. Approve the Minutes of May 6, 2026 **(ACT)**
3. Recommend Development Services Department proposed budget for FY ending June 30, 2027 for City Council approval. **(ACT)**

### COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

### CITY MANAGER REPORT

[City](#) Manager's Reports for the Weeks of May 15 and 22, 2026

### ADJOURNMENT

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**Posted: May 28, 2026**

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

Dated this 28th day of May, 2026 /s/ Candace Clark, CPMC, CMC, City Clerk



# MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION  
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026, AT 4:00 PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1111 BAILEY AVE., NEEDLES**

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**CALL TO ORDER** - Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM

Chair Wright called for a vote to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bosboom.

Commissioner Long made a motion, second by Commissioner Beard, to approve an excused absence for Commissioner Bosboom. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Bosboom  
Abstain: None

## **ROLL CALL**

### **PRESENT**

Commissioner Owen Long  
Commissioner Barbara Beard  
Commissioner Joe Payson  
Chair Michael Wright

### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Will Bosboom

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - Led by Chair Wright

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Beard made a motion, second by Commissioner Long, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Bosboom  
Abstain: None

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** - None

**CORRESPONDENCE** – Chair Wright announced the resignation of Commissioner Allen Cox.

**INTRODUCTIONS** – Chair Wright acknowledged Council Member Pogue in attendance.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

1. City Planner Romero presented a PowerPoint on Mobile Food Vendor Process & Permit Guidance - Planning presentation regarding newly developed informational handouts intended to clarify the City of Needles and San Bernardino County Environmental Health Services (EHS) permitting processes for mobile food vendors and temporary food facilities.

Commissioners asked questions, staff responded, and considerable discussion ensued.

**PUBLIC APPEARANCE** - None

### **REGULAR ITEMS**

2. Approve the Minutes of March 4, 2026

Commissioner Beard made a motion, second by Commissioner Payson, to approve the minutes of March 4, 2026. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Long, Beard, Payson, Chair Wright  
Noes: None  
Absent: Commissioner Bosboom  
Abstain: None

**COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

Commissioner Long commented on the boat shop upgrades

Commissioner Beard reported on a large aluminum building being constructed behind her and inquired as to whether or not a permit was issued.

Commissioner Payson commented on the permitting process, asking that staff look at solutions to streamline and shorten the process.

Chair Wright had no requests

**CITY MANAGER REPORT**

City Manager's Report for the weeks of April 17 and 24, 2026 given by City Manager Martinez.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Wright called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Beard made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Payson.

Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM

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Chair Michael Wright

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City Clerk Candace Clark



## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL  PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular  Special

**Meeting Date:** June 3, 2026

**Title:** Development Services Department proposed budget for FY 2027 recommending approval of the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year ending 06/30/27.

**Background:** The City Manager and Director of Finance met with staff to review each line item in the proposed budget, and all necessary adjustments were made.

Attached is the proposed budget summary for fiscal year 2027. Also included is a summary of changes for each of the budgets to highlight the differences between FY 27 budget and the revised approved FY 26 budget as well as actuals for the prior two years.

The proposed budget supports planning, zoning, building safety, engineering, and code enforcement activities necessary to implement the City's development and land use objectives.

**Fiscal Impact:** See budget summaries attached.

**Environmental Impact:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Recommend the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027 for City Council Approval

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

City Manager: Patrick J. Martinez Date: 5/28/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



| Base Level Comparison - GENERAL FUND |  | FY 27      |                    |   |
|--------------------------------------|--|------------|--------------------|---|
|                                      |  | Revenues   | Operating Expenses |   |
|                                      | Engineering                                |            | (24,000)           | Decrease from professional services   |
|                                      | Community Promotions                       |            | 10,100             | Increase in advertising and economic develop consulting   |
|                                      | Senior Center                              |            | 34,400             | Increase in utilities and insurance, duct cleaning and fridge maint   |
|                                      | Police (Sheriff contract)                  |            | 139,200            | Incr from Sheriff contract , dec from capital project completion  |
|                                      | Animal Shelter / Control                   |            | 64,000             | Increase in payroll related costs, converted PT to permanent, Bath room capital project                     |
|                                      | Building & Safety                          |            | (43,000)           | Decrease in payroll related costs   |
|                                      | Code Enforcement                           |            | (48,000)           | Decrease in legal expense   |
|                                      | Public Works                               |            | (236,000)          | Capital purchase, Storm repairs, completed in FY 25, offset increase in payroll related costs and sidewalks |
|                                      | Sanitation                                 |            | (400)              | No Change   |
|                                      | Aquatics                                   |            | (34,000)           | Increase pool chemicals offset decrease in payroll related costs, completed capital purchase in FY 25       |
|                                      | Parks / Buildings / Grounds                |            | 200                | No Change   |
|                                      | Jack Smith Park                            |            | (13,000)           | Decrease in payroll related costs offset purchase of AED  |
|                                      | Recreation                                 |            | 24,000             | Increase in payroll related costs   |
|                                      | Transfers to Golf                          |            | (420,000)          | Decrease in Golf subsidy  |
|                                      | Transfers to Other                         |            | 80,824             | Increase in Cemetery subsidy  |
|                                      | FY 27 adjusted proposed budget-06/09/26    | 12,302,592 | 12,447,769         |   |
|                                      | Increase / (decrease) from adjusted budget | 136,850    | (610,476)          |   |

| Base Level Comparison - GENERAL FUND   |          | FY 27         |  |
|--|----------|---------------|--|
|  |          | Revenues      | Operating Expenses   |
| Base level from adjusted budget FY 26  |          | \$ 12,165,742 | 13,058,245   |
| <u>Revenue Increases / (Decreases)</u> |          |               |  |
| Documentary tax                        | (4,000)  |               | Anticipated decrease   |
| Sales tax                              | (50,000) |               | Anticipated decrease   |
| Short Term Rental                      | 10,000   |               | Increase in sales  |
| Utility users tax                      | 63,000   |               | Increase in sales  |
| Gas Franchise                          | 4,000    |               | Anticipated increase   |
| Cable Franchise Fees                   | (1,000)  |               | Anticipated decrease   |
| Sanitation Franchise/Billing fees      | (53,000) |               | Decrease due to calculation as % of billed (26k*2)               |
| Interest Earnings (LAIF)               | 80,000   |               | Increase due to market conditions                                |
| County transfer                        | (50,000) |               | Homeless Program   |
| Intergovernmental Transfers            | 226,000  |               | Increase due to Fair Share Allocation                            |
| Gas Tax                                | (4,000)  |               | Transfer from Gas Tax  |
| Transfers from Transit                 | (4,000)  |               | Transit transfers DAR, NAT                                       |
| Other revenues/misc                    | (7,500)  |               | Decrease as unpredictable  |
| Credit Card fees                       | (2,000)  |               | Decrease in credit card usage/fees                               |
| Licenses and Permits                   | (5,000)  |               | Decrease in activity projected                                   |
| Senior Center                          | 1,200    |               | Increase in activity projected                                   |
| Planning                               | (5,500)  |               | Decrease in activity projected                                   |
| Engineering                            | (18,500) |               | Decrease in encroachment   |
| Building & Safety                      | (17,000) |               | Decrease in activity projected                                   |
| Code Enforcement                       | (39,500) |               | Decrease in City Code Fines                                      |
| Animal Control                         | (1,250)  |               | Decrease adoption fees   |
| Aquatics                               | (600)    |               | Decrease in pool rental  |
| Jack Smith Park                        | 15,000   |               | Increase in launch passes  |
| Recreation                             | 500      |               | Increase in concessions  |
|  | 136,850  |               |  |
| <u>Departments</u>                     |          |               |  |
| City Manager                           |          | 33,000        | Increase in payroll related costs, HR under CM                   |
| City Manager                           |          | 7,300         | Increase from Arizona Property                                   |
| Finance                                |          | (184,100)     | FY 25 a portion of the Cannabis audits completed                 |
| Mayor / Council / Clerk                |          | (16,000)      | Decrease from subscriptions - Voting software purchased in FY 26 |
| Planning / Zoning                      |          | 15,000        | Professional Services related to General Plan Update             |

| <b>CITY OF NEEDLES</b>          |                     |                     |                     |                     |                |  |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>Development Division</b>     |                     |                     |                     |                     |                |  |
| <b>FY 2026 / 2027</b>           |                     |                     |                     |                     |                |  |
|                                 |                     |                     | <b>FY 2026</b>      | <b>FY 2027</b>      |                | <b>Comments</b>  |
|                                 | <b>2024</b>         | <b>2025</b>         | <b>Revised</b>      | <b>Proposed</b>     | <b>Percent</b> |  |
|                                 | <b>Actuals</b>      | <b>Actuals</b>      | <b>Budget</b>       | <b>Budget</b>       | <b>Change</b>  |  |
| <b>REVENUE</b>                  |                     |                     |                     |                     |                |  |
| Planning / Zoning               | \$ 86,228           | \$ 50,048           | \$ 62,550           | \$ 56,550           | -9.6%          | Dec in Subdiv/Parcel Map & Envirmt Fees                    |
| Engineering                     | \$ 45,709           | \$ 32,243           | \$ 54,500           | \$ 36,000           | -33.9%         | Dec Enchroach Permit                                       |
| Building & Safety               | \$ 150,332          | \$ 181,976          | \$ 115,000          | \$ 98,000           | -14.8%         | Dec Plan Ck & Bldg Pmt                                     |
| Code Enforcement                | \$ 439,280          | \$ 373,330          | \$ 367,900          | \$ 328,400          | -10.7%         | Dec Code Fine, STR & MJ Comp                               |
| <b>Total Group Revenue</b>      | <b>\$ 721,550</b>   | <b>\$ 637,597</b>   | <b>\$ 599,950</b>   | <b>\$ 518,950</b>   |                |  |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>             |                     |                     |                     |                     |                |  |
| Planning / Zoning               | \$ 166,746          | \$ 192,484          | \$ 247,192          | \$ 262,348          | 6.1%           | Inc payroll & related costs and central admin shared costs |
| Engineering                     | \$ 343,398          | \$ 313,574          | \$ 300,133          | \$ 276,181          | -8.0%          | Dec payroll & related costs and central admin shared costs |
| Building & Safety               | \$ 297,191          | \$ 300,074          | \$ 446,270          | \$ 403,365          | -9.6%          | Dec payroll & related costs and central admin shared costs |
| Code Enforcement                | \$ 470,509          | \$ 566,757          | \$ 627,914          | \$ 579,708          | -7.7%          | Dec in legal fees  |
| <b>Total Group Expenditures</b> | <b>\$ 1,277,845</b> | <b>\$ 1,372,889</b> | <b>\$ 1,621,509</b> | <b>\$ 1,521,602</b> |                |  |



# City of Needles

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Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell  
Councilmember Tona Belt  
Councilmember Jamie McCorkle  
Councilmember JoAnne Pogue  
Councilmember Henry Longbrake  
Councilmember Larry Ford*

*City Manager Patrick J. Martinez*

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 15, 2026

- 1. Enhancing Community Communication Through Needles Connect:** The City continues encouraging residents to utilize the Needles Connect app to communicate directly with City staff and report concerns in just a few clicks. Residents can report potholes, sidewalk damage, overgrown vegetation, streetlight outages, vandalism, public nuisances, utility outages, utility billing concerns, cannabis odor complaints, and other community issues directly through the app. Needles Connect also provides access to City updates, agendas, notifications, and important community information, helping improve responsiveness and customer service throughout the community. Together, we're building a better Needles. Residents may also report concerns by calling 760-326-2115 (press #9). The Needles Connect app is available for download on both the [Google Play Store](#) and [Apple App Store](#).
- 2. Historic Route 66 Sign Installation Completed:** Caltrans District 8 has completed installation of the Historic Route 66 signs within the City of Needles as of **May 9, 2026**. The installation represents another important milestone as the community continues preparations toward the upcoming Route 66 Centennial. As the eastern gateway to California along Historic Route 66, these signs help strengthen community identity, support tourism efforts, and enhance the visitor experience entering Needles. Staff would like to thank Caltrans District 8 Director Catalino Pining III, Deputy District Director Joe Solis, and the Caltrans District 8 Operations and Maintenance teams for their partnership and support in completing the project.
- 3. Route 66 Centennial Festival Sponsorship Support:** The City of Needles would like to recognize and thank River Valley Air Conditioning for becoming the first official Route 66 Major Sponsor of the Third Annual Community Fall Festival and Route 66 Centennial Celebration with a \$5,000 sponsorship commitment. The November 7, 2026 event at Santa Fe Park will commemorate the 100-Year Anniversary of Historic Route 66 and is expected to attract regional visitors, businesses, vendors, and tourism partners from across the Route 66 corridor. Staff continues advancing sponsorship outreach, vendor recruitment, and event coordination efforts. The City encourages interested sponsors and vendors to

contact staff regarding remaining opportunities to support and participate in the event as preparations continue.

**4. Economic Development & Retail Recruitment Efforts**

The City of Needles continues advancing economic development and retail recruitment efforts to attract new investment, restaurants, lodging, and commercial opportunities to the community. Next week, Vice Mayor Campbell and Councilmember McCorkle will join the City's economist, Michael Bracken, at the 2026 ICSC Las Vegas Convention, May 18–20, one of the nation's premier retail and commercial real estate conferences. The event provides an opportunity to meet directly with retailers, developers, brokers, and investors to promote Needles as a pro-growth, business-friendly community strategically located along Interstate 40 and Historic Route 66. City representatives will continue marketing development opportunities while highlighting infrastructure investments, tourism activity, and regional growth potential.

**5. NIAA State Tournament Update & Facility Preparations:** The City of Needles successfully welcomed teams, families, and visitors this week for the 2026 NIAA Class 2A State Softball Championship at Nikki Bunch Field and the Class 2A State Baseball Championship at Needles High School. In preparation for tournament activities, City Public Works crews completed additional restroom flooring restoration and facility improvement work at the Nikki Bunch softball complex to enhance the appearance and functionality of the venue. The City also congratulates the Needles High School Boys Baseball and Girls Softball teams on advancing to the NIAA State Championship games, both taking place Saturday, May 16 at 10:00 a.m. on their home fields. The tournament reflects the community's continued support for youth athletics, school pride, and regional visitation and community engagement.

**6. Water Infrastructure Improvement Progress Update:** City crews and project partners this week continued final completion efforts associated with the Water Main and Manifold Improvements Project, part of the City's nearly \$14.3 million investment in critical water infrastructure improvements throughout the community. The City recognizes Utility Manager Rainie Torrance for her continued leadership in securing grant funding, Director of Development Services/Capital Projects Kathy Raasch for overseeing project delivery and implementation, and Chief Water Operator Bryan Hickstein for his operational coordination throughout construction activities. These investments continue improving long-term water reliability and resiliency while reflecting the coordinated efforts of Utility staff, Public Works crews, engineers, contractors, and project partners.

**7. School Zone Safety Improvements Completed:** The City recently completed school zone signing and striping improvements near Needles High School, Needles Middle School, and Vista Colorado Elementary School following recommendations from a 2025 school zone traffic safety analysis. Improvements included updated signage, refreshed pavement markings, and enhanced visibility measures to improve safety and pedestrian awareness near school campuses. The project was originally approved by the City Council in August 2025, with staff subsequently securing funding to advance the

improvements. These efforts reflect the City's continued commitment to student safety and safe traffic operations near local schools.

8. **Supporting Youth Development & Financial Literacy:** Arrowhead Credit Union will once again host its annual "Take Credit" financial literacy workshop at the Needles Recreation Center on **Saturday, May 30, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM** for local youth ages 12–18. The free interactive program provides students with hands-on experience navigating real-world financial decisions involving budgeting, savings, credit, housing, transportation, and unexpected expenses. This marks the second consecutive year Arrowhead Credit Union has partnered with the City and local educators to bring the program to Needles, continuing its investment in youth development and financial literacy. Additional registration information is available at [Take Credit Registration Form](#).
9. **Needles Little League Tournament of Champions:** Needles Little League recently announced that the City of Needles will host the Tournament of Champions (TOC) from May 26–28 at Ed Perry and Phillips Fields. The tournament is expected to bring visiting teams, families, and spectators to the community while showcasing Needles' continued support for youth athletics and regional sports activities. Hosting events such as the TOC helps promote community engagement and generates additional activity for local businesses, restaurants, and lodging providers. Additional schedules and tournament information are expected to be released by Needles Little League in the coming weeks.
10. **ACES Youth Awards & Regional Recognition:** The City of Needles is proud to recognize local students and programs selected as finalists for the 2026 Tri-State Athletics, Community and Education Stars (ACES) Awards, which celebrate outstanding achievement in athletics, academics, leadership, and community involvement across the tri-state region. Needles finalists include the Needles High School Football Team for Team of the Year, Hudson Smith for Male Leadership, Liana DeLeon for Female Scholar Athlete, and Scotti Powell for Female Athlete of the Year. Tickets are \$35 each through Wednesday, May 20, and must be purchased in advance. The City also thanks Councilmember Jamie McCorkle for her volunteer service and involvement with the ACES Awards committee. These recognitions continue to highlight the strength of Needles' student-athletes and the importance of youth programs in building community pride and supporting families throughout the region.
11. **Run for the Wall 2026 – Community Welcome and Veteran Tribute:** The City of Needles proudly welcomed more than 300 riders this week during the 37th Annual Run for the Wall, a national motorcycle ride honoring U.S. veterans and raising awareness for Prisoners of War and those Missing in Action (POW/MIA) as we celebrate the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Vietnam War and the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Desert Storm. Riders traveling from Southern California to Washington, D.C. were warmly received at El Garces by community members, the Needles Chamber of Commerce, the Needles High School Band, Teamsters Local 1932, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Saint Ann's Catholic Church, Arrowhead Credit Union, Colorado River Home Health, and Billet Health. The City extends its sincere appreciation to the Needles Chamber of Commerce for their partnership

and support in helping welcome participants to the community. Special thanks also go to Mayor Janet Jernigan, the Needles Military Moms for providing lunch, and the Daughters of the American Revolution for serving ice cream through generous local donations. The annual event continues to reflect Needles' strong support for veterans, community pride, and hospitality along Historic Route 66.

12. **St. Vincent de Paul Volunteer Dinner & Community Support:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles recently hosted its Semi-Annual Volunteer Dinner recognizing volunteers and community partners supporting the greater Tri-State region. St. Vincent de Paul continues to play an important role assisting vulnerable individuals and families through food assistance, outreach, and volunteer-driven community services. The City would also like to recognize the organization's recent \$1,000 grant award from the Enterprise Mobility Foundation supporting ongoing community assistance efforts. The City appreciates the continued dedication of St. Vincent de Paul volunteers and community partners who help improve quality of life throughout the region.
13. **Needles Elks Mother's Day Brunch:** The City recognizes and congratulates Needles Elks Lodge #1608 on another successful annual Mother's Day Brunch held this past weekend. The well-attended event brought together approximately 80 community members and families and was described as a record turnout celebrating Mother's Day within the Needles community. The event reflected the strong sense of volunteerism, fellowship, and community spirit that continues to make local civic organizations an important part of Needles. The City appreciates the efforts of the Elks Lodge members and volunteers who organized and supported the long-standing community tradition honoring mothers and families throughout the community.
14. **1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck Restoration Project – Community Sponsorship Effort:** The City of Needles continues advancing restoration efforts for the historic 1923 American LaFrance Fire Truck, a long-standing symbol of community pride and public service within Needles. The vehicle was recently featured during the annual Run for the Wall event and will continue to be showcased at future community events and civic celebrations as restoration work progresses. As outlined in the community restoration flyer, the City is currently seeking approximately \$7,450 in donations and sponsorship support to help complete the next phase of restoration work, including mechanical, fabrication, and chrome improvements. The City appreciates the continued support from residents, businesses, and community partners helping preserve an important piece of Needles history for future generations. Those interested in contributing toward the restoration effort may contact Jesse Fragoso at [jfragoso@cityofneedles.com](mailto:jfragoso@cityofneedles.com).
15. **Decoration Day Volunteer Reminder – Riverview Cemetery:** Community volunteers are encouraged to participate in the annual Decoration Day effort at Riverview Cemetery on Friday, May 22, 2026, beginning at **6:30 a.m.** Volunteers will assist with placing American flags and white crosses throughout the cemetery in honor of veterans. Participants are encouraged to bring hand tools, clippers, weed eaters, and garbage bags to assist with cleanup activities. A second volunteer effort for flag and cross removal will take place on Monday,

May 25, 2026, at **4:00 p.m.** following the Memorial Day Ceremony. For additional information, please contact Cheryl Sallis at (760) 326-2113, ext. 115.

16. **Behavioral Health Community Meeting Reminder:** The San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health will host a community meeting in Needles on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, from **11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** at the Needles Council Chambers regarding the transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). The meeting will provide information on available behavioral health programs and resources, while also allowing residents and stakeholders the opportunity to provide input and ask questions. Staff continues supporting outreach efforts to help encourage community participation and awareness.
17. **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](mailto: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.

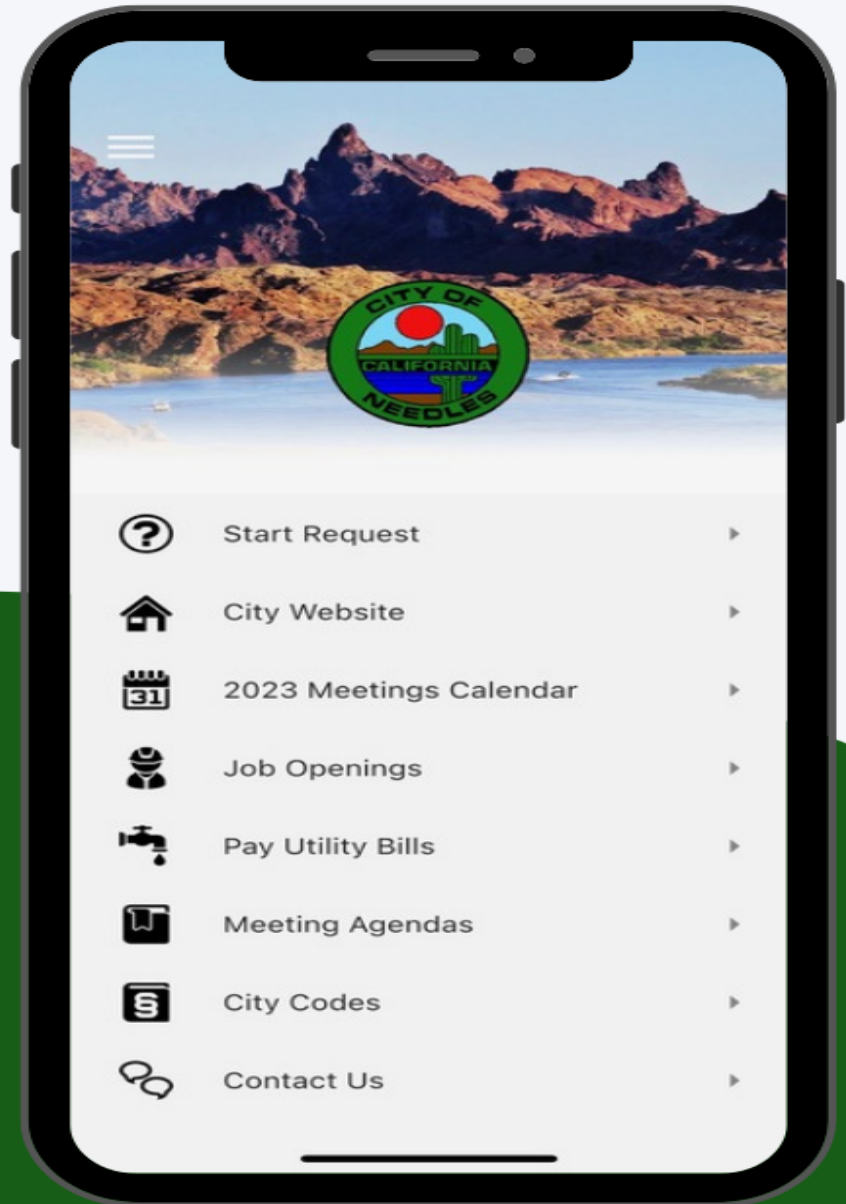
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# 2. ROUTE 66 SIGN INSTALLATION CALTRANS

Saturday, May 09, 2026 10:57AM  
N 34° 49' 24", W 114° 35' 46"  
I-40 W  
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 09:27AM  
N 34° 49' 21", W 114° 35' 52"  
1100 E Broadway St  
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 07:45AM  
N 34° 51' 22", W 114° 37' 48"  
I-40 E  
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 10:01AM  
N 34° 45' 47", W 114° 34' 35"  
92363  
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 11:23AM  
N 34° 50' 20", W 114° 36' 38"  
1201 Third St  
San Bernardino County



Saturday, May 09, 2026 10:29AM  
N 34° 45' 36", W 114° 34' 17"  
I-40 W  
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# 3. CENTENNIAL SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

**SAVE THE DATE!**

*The City of Needles*

100 YEARS  
**ROUTE 66**  
1926-2026

★ *Third Annual* ★

**COMMUNITY FALL FESTIVAL**

Celebrate the Route 66 Centennial!  
*Cruisin' the Century in Needles*

featuring **DJLoke & Tyler Halsey**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2026**  
9:00 AM - 8:00 PM • SANTA FE PARK, NEEDLES, CA

**OHMV Car Show**  
NOW ACCEPTING VENDORS

**Food Trucks**

**Beer Garden at Red Dog Saloon**

**Fireworks Show**

**Kids Zone & Games**

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Experience the energy of Route 66 and a Fall Festival like never before — OHMV, culture, community, and the Colorado River

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# 4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ONE SHEET

## 2026 City of Needles, California Retail Market Opportunities



The City of Needles is located in San Bernardino County in Southern California and serves as the gateway to the Colorado River along the California/Arizona/Nevada borders. Economic opportunity exists for companies seeking access to local population (6,100), regional population (148,000), tourism/visitors to the area (5.5 million annually) and 8.4 million vehicles annually traveling on Interstate 40 through the middle of the City of Needles.



FOR MORE INFORMATION OR PROJECT DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT:

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| CATEGORY   | CITY OF NEEDLES* | RIVER REGION** |
|--|------------------|----------------|
| <b>Population</b>  |                  |                |
| Current (2026):  | 6,081            | 147,907        |
| Five Year Projection (2026-31):  | 6,200            | 154,773        |
| <b>Ethnicity</b>   |                  |                |
| Caucasian:   | 63.75%           | 75.08%         |
| Hispanic:  | 29.23%           | 20.89%         |
| African American:  | 2.58%            | 1.49%          |
| Native American:   | 11.67%           | 2.30%          |
| <b>Age Distribution</b>  |                  |                |
| 0-17:  | 21.84%           | 14.58%         |
| 18-24:   | 8.94%            | 6.03%          |
| 25-34:   | 9.96%            | 8.87%          |
| 35-44:   | 10.92%           | 9.55%          |
| 45-54:   | 11.36%           | 9.32%          |
| 55+:   | 36.98%           | 51.66%         |
| Median Age:  | 43.51            | 56.34          |
| <b>Educational Achievement</b><br>(Highest Level of Achievement Follows HS or Greater: Adults 25+) |                  |                |
| High School or Greater:  | 82.03%           | 88.56%         |
| High School or GED:  | 35.12%           | 35.08%         |
| Some College:  | 29.06%           | 28.18%         |
| Associates Degree:   | 7.91%            | 9.38%          |
| Bachelor's, Master's Prof. or PhD Degree:  | 9.96%            | 15.93%         |
| <b>Income</b>  |                  |                |
| Average Household Income:  | \$72,229         | \$83,736       |
| Median Household Income:   | \$45,600         | \$61,579       |
| Homeownership Rate:  | 52.04%           | 69.23%         |
| Median Home Value  | \$162,928        | \$354,970      |
| Number of Households:  | 2,131            | 67,861         |
| Average Household Size:  | 2.38             | 2.17           |

**Notes:**

Ethnicity equals over 100% as Census Bureau counts some persons as more than one ethnicity

\*\*River Region includes the communities of Needles, Bullhead City, Fort Mohave, Laughlin and Lake Havasu

### RETAIL OPPORTUNITIES (ESTIMATED 2026 CONSUMER DEMAND)

Demand figures DO NOT include demand from Tourist: 5.5+ million/year & I-40 Vehicles: 8.4 million/year

| RETAIL CATEGORY               | CITY OF NEEDLES |             | RIVER REGION    |                 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                               | (2026)          | (2031)      | (2026)          | (2031)          |
| Total Retail Demand           | \$114.24MM      | \$127.76 MM | \$ 4.02 Billion | \$ 4.69 Billion |
| Motor Vehicle Sales           | \$21.87 MM      | \$ 24.58 MM | \$853.05 MM     | \$768.90 MM     |
| Automotive Parts              | \$ 1.98 MM      | \$ 2.10 MM  | \$ 66.22 MM     | \$ 73.97 MM     |
| Home Furnishings              | \$ 2.86 MM      | \$ 3.26 MM  | \$109.19 MM     | \$131.04 MM     |
| Electronics                   | \$ 2.84 MM      | \$ 3.19 MM  | \$103.18 MM     | \$120.77 MM     |
| Building Materials            | \$ 6.68 MM      | \$ 7.56 MM  | \$244.07 MM     | \$288.44 MM     |
| Grocery (Food) Stores         | \$13.54 MM      | \$ 15.19 MM | \$456.59 MM     | \$534.66 MM     |
| Pharmacies & Drug (w/HABA)    | \$ 9.62 MM      | \$ 10.74 MM | \$340.22 MM     | \$399.54 MM     |
| Gasoline Stations             | \$ 8.10 MM      | \$ 9.12 MM  | \$263.31 MM     | \$307.06 MM     |
| Clothing                      | \$ 6.60 MM      | \$ 7.00 MM  | \$160.45 MM     | \$176.70 MM     |
| Sporting Goods                | \$ 6.30 MM      | \$ 6.91 MM  | \$ 72.73 MM     | \$ 83.95 MM     |
| Full-Service Restaurants      | \$ 7.10 MM      | \$ 8.04 MM  | \$256.11 MM     | \$302.41 MM     |
| QSR/Limited Serve Restaurants | \$ 6.40 MM      | \$ 7.24 MM  | \$229.40 MM     | \$271.13 MM     |

### Traffic Counts from Interstate 40 (Measured) (2024)

| LOCATION          | AHEAD PEAK MADT | ANNUALIZED AVERAGE AADT |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|
| I-40 & I-95 North | 22,400          | 8.81 MM                 |
| I-40 & Park Road  | 18,500          | 6.76 MM                 |
| I-40 & River Road | 18,800          | 6.86 MM                 |
| I-40 & J Street   | 23,100          | 8.43 MM                 |
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\*Population of Needles reflects 400 RV/Motor Home & 560 in Hotels/Motels Visitors (Full-Time Equivalent)

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Sources: US Census Bureau, Claritas, CA Dept. of Finance, American Community Survey, Caltrans, AlphaMap

### Mobility Data (Mobile Phone Tracking to Specific Locations)

| LOCATION                 | TOTAL MONTHLY | TOTAL ANNUAL (10/24-9/25) |
|--------------------------|---------------|---------------------------|
| Arrowhead Credit Union   | 3,508         | 42,096                    |
| AutoZone                 | 4,200         | 50,400                    |
| Best Western             | 6,903         | 82,836                    |
| Big O Tires              | 1,800         | 21,600                    |
| Chevron (East)           | 18,639        | 223,688                   |
| Chevron (West)           | 20,132        | 241,584                   |
| Circle K Gas             | 2,678         | 32,136                    |
| Dairy Queen              | 27,392        | 335,193                   |
| Days Inn                 | 5,819         | 69,828                    |
| Dollar General           | 7,288         | 87,456                    |
| Domino's Pizza           | 17,177        | 206,124                   |
| Hampton Inn & Suites     | 5,516         | 66,192                    |
| Jack in the Box          | 23,028        | 276,336                   |
| McDonald's               | 28,772        | 345,264                   |
| Motel 6                  | 6,816         | 81,792                    |
| Quality Inn              | 10,966        | 131,592                   |
| River City Pizza         | 1,626         | 19,512                    |
| River's Edge Golf Course | 13,942        | 167,304                   |
| Rodeway Inn              | 7,379         | 88,548                    |
| Shell (West)             | 17,916        | 214,992                   |
| Shell (East)             | 6,648         | 79,776                    |
| Subway                   | 24,680        | 296,160                   |
| Texaco (East)            | 7,668         | 92,016                    |
| U.S. Post Office         | 3,237         | 38,844                    |

Shop. Play. Live - at the Point!

# 4. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ONE SHEET

## City of Needles, California

### 2026 Economic Development



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**Proposed  
57 New  
Homes**

**Proposed  
Palm Communities  
60 Units  
Multi-Family**

**Proposed  
76 Unit  
RV Park**

## 5. STATE TOURNAMENT PREP



## 6. WATER MANIFOLD PROJECT





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# 9. LITTLE LEAGUE TOURNAMENT




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★ **TTOCC** ★

**TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**

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**MAY**  
**26-28**

 **SCHEDULE:**  
**TBD**



**STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES, SCHEDULES,  
AND MORE DETAILS ON OUR  
NEEDLES LITTLE LEAGUE  
FACEBOOK PAGE!**



★ **COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR PLAYERS  
AS THEY COMPETE FOR THE TITLE!** ★

## 10. TRACES AWARDS



Tri-State Athletics, Community and Education Stars

1h · 🌐



Tri-State Athletics, Community and Education Stars

14h · 🌐

Tickets are on sale now until Wednesday, May 20th. Purchase tickets for \$35 each at Fontenot Law, 1181 Hancock, BHC, Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM and today from 8:30 AM to noon. We also offer tables of 10. Tickets must be purchased in advance, as no tickets will be sold at the door. 🌟🌟🌟 [See less](#)

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# 11. RUN FOR THE WALL



# 12. ST. VINCENT GRANT AWARD



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **City of Needles Recognizes Grant Award to St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles from the Enterprise Mobility Foundation**

**NEEDLES, CA** — The City of Needles is pleased to recognize the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles for receiving a \$1,000 grant from the Enterprise Mobility Foundation™ in support of the organization's ongoing efforts to assist individuals and families in need.

The grant funding will support the organization's general operations and help continue the important services St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles provides to local residents facing hardship. The organization plays an important role in supporting vulnerable members of the community through outreach, assistance, and volunteer-driven programs.

"The City appreciates organizations like St. Vincent de Paul Society of Needles and the meaningful work they provide within our community," said Janet Jernigan, Mayor for the City of Needles. "We also appreciate the support of the Enterprise Mobility Foundation and its continued investment in organizations that directly impact the quality of life for residents in Needles."

The mission of the Enterprise Mobility Foundation is to strengthen the communities where Enterprise Mobility™ team members live and work by actively supporting a range of charitable causes such as the environment, health and human services, education, military and disaster relief. The Foundation has contributed more than half a billion dollars to thousands of local nonprofits in the United States and made wide-reaching commitments — from global philanthropic initiatives to community-focused projects.

Enterprise Mobility is a leading provider of mobility solutions including car rental, fleet management, flexible vehicle hire, carsharing, vanpooling, truck rental, luxury rental, retail car sales and vehicle subscription, as well as other transportation technology services and solutions, to make travel easier and more convenient for customers. Enterprise Mobility, inclusive of its subsidiaries and franchisees, and affiliate, Enterprise Fleet Management, manage a diverse fleet of more than 2.4 million vehicles through an integrated network of over 9,500 fully staffed neighborhood and airport rental locations in more than 90 countries and territories. Privately held by the Taylor family of St. Louis, Enterprise Mobility manages the Enterprise Rent-A-Car, National Car Rental and Alamo brands.

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# 13. ELKS MOTHER DAYS EVENT



# 14. 1923 NEEDLES FIRE TRUCK



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## CITY OF NEEDLES 1923 AMERICAN LaFRANCE FIRE TRUCK RESTORATION PROJECT



*Help Preserve a Piece of Needles History*

For generations, this historic fire truck has represented service, pride, and community spirit in the City of Needles. We are asking for the community's support to help restore and preserve this historic vehicle for future generations.

### ★ RESTORATION NEEDS ★

- |   |   |         |
|---|---|---------|
| 1 | Bell Bracket .....                      | \$50    |
| 2 | Pyramid Aluminum 16" x 80" Sheets ..... | \$2,000 |
| 3 | Mechanical Temp Gauge .....             | \$100   |
| 4 | Wood for Bed .....                      | \$1,000 |
| 5 | Toolbox for Bed .....                   | \$800   |
| 6 | Steel Battery Box and Tool Box .....    | \$2,000 |
| 7 | Chrome Work for Truck .....             | \$1,500 |

### COMMUNITY RESTORATION GOAL

**\$7,450**

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP



- Donate toward restoration costs
- Sponsor a restoration item
- Volunteer skilled labor or materials
- Help spread the word throughout the community

**A PIECE OF HISTORY.  
A SYMBOL OF PRIDE.  
OUR TRUCK. OUR COMMUNITY.**



City of Needles Fire Department  
817 Third Street  
Needles, California

# 15. MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

## MEMORIAL DAY ★ CEREMONY ★

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# 16. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PUBLIC MEETING

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH  
SERVICES ACT



Behavioral Health

## COMMUNITY PLANNING MEETING CITY OF NEEDLES

Learn about the transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), explore San Bernardino County Behavioral Health programs and resources available to the Needles community, and most importantly, share your voice and be part of the conversation.

**Tuesday, May 19**  
**11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Needles Council Chambers**  
**1111 Bailey Ave., Needles**

**MHSA**  
IS NOW  
**BHSA**

If you speak another language, language assistance services are available to you free of charge by dialing (888) 743-1478. TTY users dial 711. DBH complies with applicable federal, civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, age, disability, or LEP.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 22, 2026

- 1. AB 1756 Advances to State Senate:** AB 1756, authored by Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez, was approved by the California State Assembly with bipartisan support and now advances to the California State Senate for consideration. The legislation would extend the City of Needles' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program through January 1, 2033, providing long-term certainty for the City's recreation and tourism efforts. The City of Needles thanks Assemblymember Gonzalez for his leadership and advocacy on behalf of rural communities and outdoor recreation. Staff has also contacted Senator Steve Padilla's office regarding Senate consideration of the measure. Senator Padilla previously expressed support for the City's OHMV Pilot Project, citing its ability to improve recreational access, support local tourism, reduce trespass on private property, and promote responsible economic development. Separately, staff continues coordinating the installation of approved OHMV route signage and will provide additional implementation updates as the project progresses. A ribbon-cutting ceremony to formally launch the pilot program is anticipated for **June 2026**.
- 2. ICSC Las Vegas Retail Recruitment and Business Development Outreach:** Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell, Councilmember Jamie McCorkle, Economic Development Consultant Michael Bracken, and City Manager Patrick Martinez recently attended the ICSC Las Vegas Convention, one of the nation's largest retail and commercial real estate conferences, to promote investment opportunities in Needles. Throughout the conference, the delegation met with numerous national and regional retailers, restaurant operators, hotel brands, brokers, and developers while walking approximately 27,000 steps across the convention floor to market Needles as a strategic location for future grocery, retail, hospitality, and commercial development. Discussions highlighted the City's location along Interstate 40 and Historic Route 66, more than 8 million annual vehicle trips, 5.5 million regional visitors, affordable utility rates, and access to a tri-state market approaching 148,000 residents. The City remains focused on attracting new investment, supporting local business growth, and expanding retail and service options that better serve residents, visitors, and the broader region.

3. **Opportunity Zone 2.0 Eligibility Highlighted at City-County Conference**  
During the recent City-County Conference, attendees received an update on the emerging Opportunity Zone 2.0 program, a permanent federal economic development incentive authorized through the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. As part of the presentation, Needles was highlighted on preliminary eligibility mapping as a rural low-income community that may qualify for future Opportunity Zone designation under the program's updated criteria. If designated by the State of California and certified by the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Opportunity Zone status could help attract private investment for housing, commercial development, business expansion, infrastructure, and job creation projects. Staff will continue monitoring the State's nomination process and evaluate potential opportunities to position Needles for future investment.
4. **Mayor Jernigan Featured on KNTR's *Speak Out* Program:** Mayor Janet Jernigan was recently featured on KNTR Talk's *Speak Out* program hosted by Paul LaVoie, where she discussed community priorities, economic development efforts, the City's ongoing search for a grocery store, and upcoming initiatives, including the Route 66 Centennial celebration. The interview provided an opportunity to share Needles' story with listeners throughout the Tri-State region and highlight the City's continued progress and opportunities. The City appreciates Mr. LaVoie and Radio Central for providing a platform to showcase Needles and engage the broader regional community. **Residents may listen to the interview by visiting the *Speak Out* page at <https://kntrtalk.com/speak-out>.**
5. **Route 66 Centennial Caravan Stop Scheduled for June 8:** Planning continues for the Route 66 Centennial Caravan stop in Needles on **June 8, 2026, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.** at Palo Verde College. Event organizers recently released an updated promotional flyer confirming entertainment, food vendors, a vehicle caravan, and the nationally recognized **Big Texan 72 oz. Steak Challenge**, a Route 66 attraction that is expected to draw visitors and media attention to the community. Community members interested in participating in the steak challenge or volunteering to assist with event activities are encouraged to contact the City for additional information. The event supports ongoing efforts to promote tourism, celebrate the Route 66 Centennial, and showcase Needles as a premier destination along the Mother Road.
6. **Behavioral Health Community Meeting Held in Needles:** The San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health recently hosted a community meeting in the Needles Council Chambers regarding the transition from the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) to the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA). The meeting provided residents and stakeholders an opportunity to learn about available behavioral health programs and services, ask questions, and provide input regarding future priorities. The City appreciates the Department of Behavioral Health's continued engagement with the Needles community and its commitment to ensuring rural residents have access to information and resources related to behavioral health services.
7. **Community Events Calendar Now Live:** The City's new website now features a **[Community Events Calendar](#)**—a centralized location 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](mailto: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.

- I. **Congratulations to Needles High School State Finalists:**  
Congratulations to the Needles High School Lady Mustangs softball team on capturing the **2025–26 NIAA 2A State Softball Championship** and to the Needles High School Mustangs baseball team for earning **State Runner-Up honors**. Both teams represented Needles with exceptional dedication, sportsmanship, and pride throughout their championship seasons. The City extends its congratulations to the student-athletes, coaches, families, school staff, and supporters whose commitment contributed to these outstanding achievements and brought statewide recognition to the Needles community.
- II. **Memorial Day Volunteer Effort at Riverview Cemetery:** Members of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, City staff, and community volunteers came together at Riverview Cemetery to participate in the annual Decoration Day tradition by placing American flags and white crosses at the gravesites of veterans laid to rest in Needles. The City extends its appreciation to all volunteers who helped prepare the cemetery for Memorial Day observances and honor the service and sacrifice of our nation's veterans. Residents are reminded that the annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at **11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25, 2026**, at Riverview Cemetery.
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- IV. **Needles Little League Tournament of Champions Begins Next Week:** The Needles Little League Tournament of Champions (TOC) is scheduled to take place **May 26–29** at Ed Perry and Phillips Fields. The tournament is expected to bring youth baseball teams, families, and spectators from throughout the region to Needles, supporting the City's efforts to promote sports tourism, youth athletics, and local economic activity. Needles Little League is currently seeking volunteers to assist with field preparation, game operations, and snack bar activities throughout the tournament week. The City appreciates the efforts of the league's volunteers, board members, sponsors, and community partners in making the event possible.
- V. **Needles Library Summer Reading Program Returns:** The Needles Branch Library will host its annual Summer Reading Program from **June 8 through August 2**, featuring weekly educational programs, storytimes, crafts, and interactive presentations for children and families. Scheduled

activities include appearances by the Mobile Zoo of Southern California, Palo Verde College, the Bureau of Land Management, the San Bernardino County Probation and Sheriff's Departments, and other educational partners. The City encourages families to participate in this free program, which promotes literacy, learning, and youth engagement throughout the summer months. Refer to the attached flyer for more information.

# 1. OHMV STATE LEGISLATURE

# AB 1756



**ASSEMBLY PASSED**



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May 21, 2026



**SENATE  
COMMITTEE REVIEW**

Next Step



**SENATE  
FLOOR**

Upcoming Step



**GOVERNOR**

Final Step



**EXTENDS NEEDLES OHMV PILOT PROGRAM  
TO JANUARY 1, 2033**

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# Needles California

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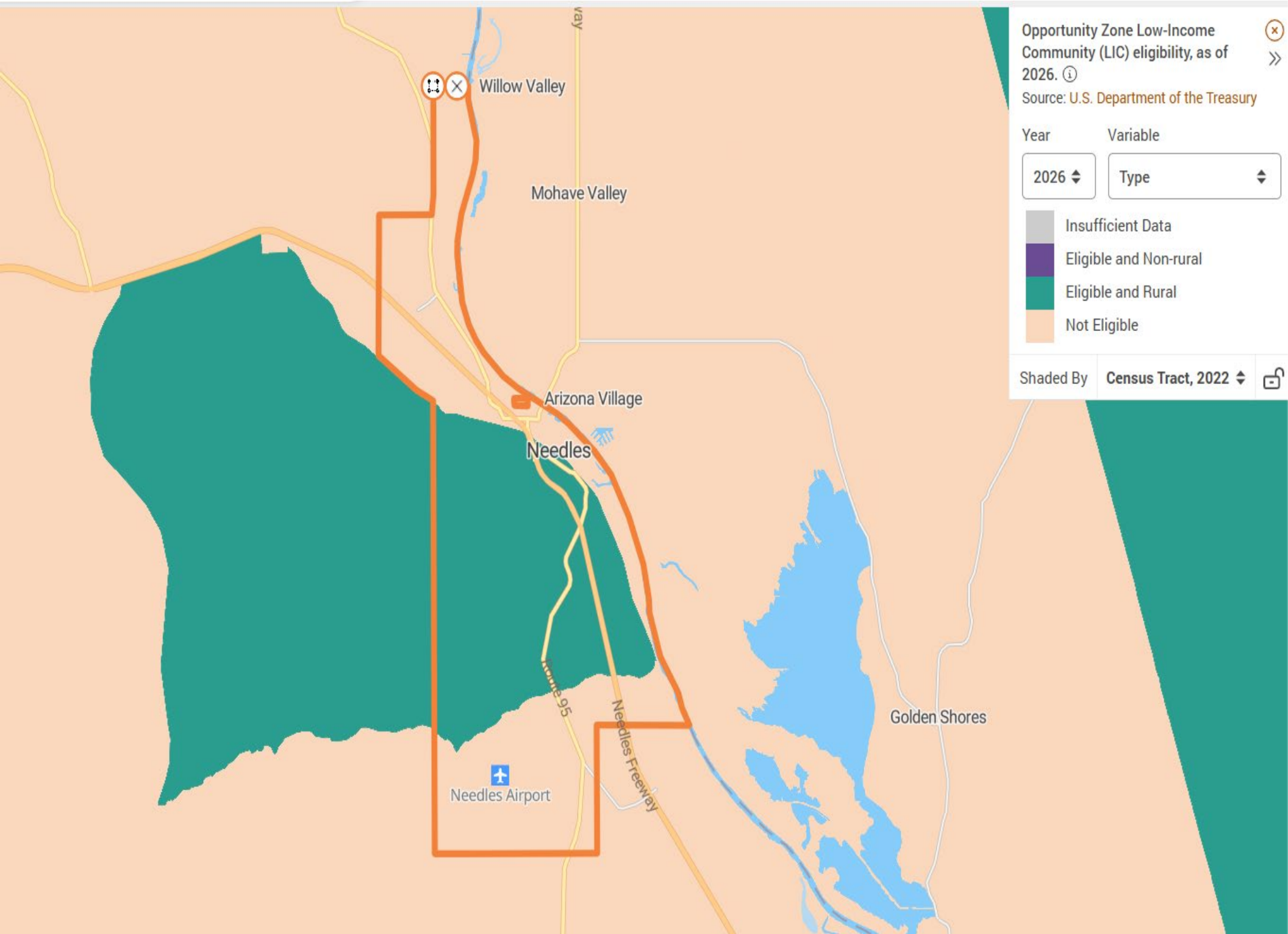
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# 3. OPPORTUNITY ZONES 2.0



# 5. ROUTE 66 CENTENNIAL CARAVAN



## THE **BIG TEXAN** ★ STEAK RANCH ★

# 72 OZ STEAK CHALLENGE

★ THINK YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES? ★



**DJ JOSE  
CUERVAS**



**FOOD  
TRUCK**



**CAR CARAVAN**



MONDAY

**JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**5:30 PM** ★

**PALO VERDE COLLEGE**

725 W BROADWAY, NEEDLES, CA 92363



**Best Western.**



**NEEDLES, CA**



THE BIG TEXAN STEAK RANCH

★ COME HUNGRY.

★ LEAVE A LEGEND. ★

# I. STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



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# V. NEEDLES LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM

## NEEDLES BRANCH LIBRARY

1111 Bailey Ave., Needles, 92363  
760-326-9255 | [library.sbcounty.gov](http://library.sbcounty.gov)

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM June 8 - August 2

**Wednesdays • 2:30pm**

**Storytime**

*Stories, songs, and crafts for all-ages.*



**PERFORMERS • Tuesdays • 1:00pm**

June 9 • MOBILE ZOO OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

June 16 • PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

June 23 • CALIFORNIA JOE

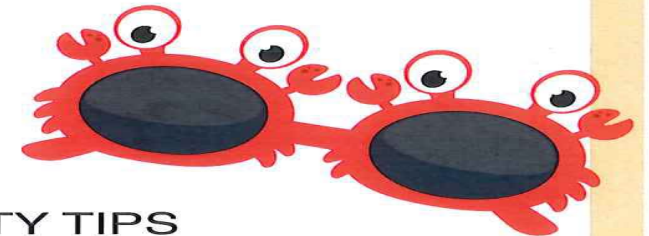
June 30 • SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY: PROBATION &  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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July 14 • BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

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