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## AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES  
OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 AT 4:00 PM  
1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

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**CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL** - Grant an excused absence to Commissioners Brown and Walters

**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.

**PRESENTATION** (A ten minute time limit per presentation has been established per Municipal Code Section 2-18)

1. Presentation on the future Colorado River Operating Guidelines (INF)

**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 2 through 5 on the Consent Calendar by affirmative vote (ACT)

2. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held July 7, 2026

3. Accept and file the AB32 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Verification Report 2025 Emissions prepared by Lincus Incorporated

4. Accept and file the 2025 California Air Resources Board (CARB) Publicly Owned Utility (POU) Allocation Distribution Form and Annual Free Allowance Allocation under the California Cap-and-Trade Program
5. Authorize Brooks Consulting LLC to develop a 10-Year Capital Funding Plan for the Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) Electric Department at a cost not to exceed \$15,000 utilizing the adopted FY 27 operations and maintenance budget
6. Water and Wastewater Cost of Living (COLA) Adjustments effective October 1, 2026 as adopted November 2025 (INF)

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

7. Approve a 2.9% cost-of-living (COLA) increase in electric basic service charge and streetlight rates as of October 1, 2026; approve an over-hydro rate of \$0.1058 effective October 1, 2026; apply a \$0.01 Power Cost Adjustment reducing the over-hydro rate to \$.0958; and approve the methodology to calculate the annual electric base rate and the power cost adjustment rate based on the rate calculation spreadsheets (ACT)

**REPORTS** (INF)

8. EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system June and July 2026
9. Present Perfected Rights Report July 2026
10. Unaudited income statements for the water, wastewater, and electric departments through June 30, 2026, along with the monthly financial statements for fiscal year 2026

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

11. Manager's Report August 14 and 21, 2026

#### **BOARD REQUESTS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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**Posted: August 27, 2026**

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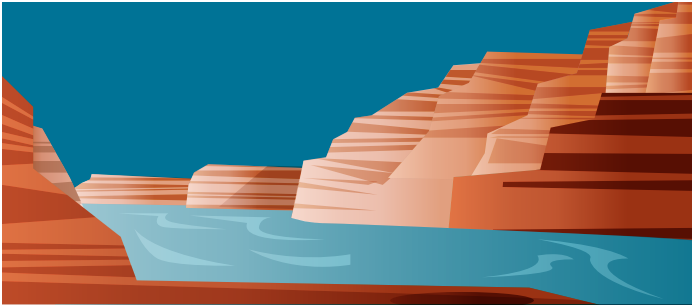
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# Future Colorado River Operations



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For the past 26 years, the Colorado River Basin (Basin) has been experiencing an unprecedented drought, resulting in historically low runoff and reservoir levels. After a record-low snowpack during the winter of 2025-2026, the combined storage in Lake Powell and Lake Mead is lower than it has been since before Lake Powell began filling in 1963. Lake Mead and Lake Powell also reached record-low elevations in August 2026. Several of the major reservoir and water management documents and agreements that guide Colorado River operations expire in 2026, and in 2022 the Department of the Interior (Department) began engaging the Basin States, Basin Tribes, partner Federal agencies and other interested parties in pursuit of new consensus-based long-term operating guidelines. Unfortunately, consensus on long-term operations has not been reached. Instead, a 2-year interval pursuant to a 10-year Decision Framework will be implemented by October 1, 2026.

## 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines

The Department is issuing 2027-2028 Operating Guidelines that will provide guidance for the next two years. The Operating Guidelines are a final agency action issued pursuant to the Record of Decision (ROD). They were developed after extensive engagement with the seven Basin States and incorporate concepts from proposals from both the Upper and Lower Basin States and Basin Tribes. ***The Operating Guidelines are designed to provide certainty regarding Lower Basin water use for 2027 and 2028 and adopt an operation at Lake Powell that is both protective and provides sufficient operational flexibility to respond to rapidly changing hydrologic conditions.***

As summarized on page 2, the 2027-2028 Operating Guidelines consist of objective criteria for Lake Powell operations, incorporation of the utilization of the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) Upper Initial Units (specific reservoirs above Lake Powell), and Lake Mead operations.

## Record of Decision (10-year Decision Framework)

The Decision Framework establishes the **operational principles, sideboards** (key thresholds and ranges for operational elements), and **process** that will support development and issuance of Operating Guidelines through 2036. The Operating Guidelines, or the objective criteria that will govern operations at Lake Powell and Lake Mead, are anticipated to cover 2-year intervals unless consensus-based agreements provide for a longer duration. The 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines are the first set of guidelines issued pursuant to the ROD. Subsequent Operating Guidelines will also be issued pursuant to the ROD, as final agency actions, subject to environmental compliance, and published in the Federal Register.

The Decision Framework operational principles guiding development of Operating Guidelines address the key issues of future hydrology, protection of critical Federal infrastructure, relationship to existing law, and the priority of developing and implementing consensus agreements in future operations. The operational sideboards provide boundaries for the range of activities in any set of Operating Guidelines. These sideboards in the Decision Framework were selected to provide sufficiently broad operational ranges and ensure the Department has the flexibility and environmental compliance necessary to operate consistent with the operational principles. **The sideboards do not imply the Department's adoption of specific volumes or predetermine future specific operations, which will be established through Operating Guidelines issued pursuant to the ROD.**

During each operating interval a process will be carried out consisting of reviews, consultation with stakeholders and, opportunities for consensus building. ***The Department will consult with the Basin States, Basin Tribes, Mexico, other Federal agencies and other interested stakeholders throughout the guideline development process and will give priority consideration to consensus recommendations.*** The Department will provide the opportunity to submit comments on draft Operating Guidelines. During the development process, the Department will conduct a review to determine whether additional environmental compliance is needed and will complete any such compliance prior to finalizing the Operating Guidelines and publishing them in the Federal Register.

# Summary of the 2027-2028 Operating Guidelines

## Operation of Lake Powell

- Three elevation ranges (Upper Elevation, Mid-Elevation and Low Elevation Infrastructure Protection) with corresponding annual release volumes between 6 million acre feet (maf) and 8.23 maf; the initial annual volume will be chosen such that Lake Powell is projected to stay above 3,510 ft.
- After consultation, release may be adjusted down to a minimum of 5 maf, in combination with releases from CRSP Upper Initial Units to protect elevation 3,500 ft (subject to hydrologic conditions).
- Releases may be adjusted upward, provided Lake Powell stays above 3,510 ft, and may exceed 8.23 maf if Lake Powell is projected to end the year above 3,565 ft.

## Drought Operations of CRSP Upper Initial Units

- Additional releases made from the CRSP Upper Initial Units (subject to hydrologic conditions) if Lake Powell release is < 7 maf.
- Releases determined using a process agreed to by Department and Upper Basin States that expressly includes consultation requirements with the Lower Basin States.

## Operation of Lake Mead

### Basin Shortage

- Consistent with the proposal from the Lower Basin States, 1.25 maf reductions in 2027 and in 2028 with consultation for additional actions if Lake Mead is projected to fall below 1,010 ft.

### System Conservation

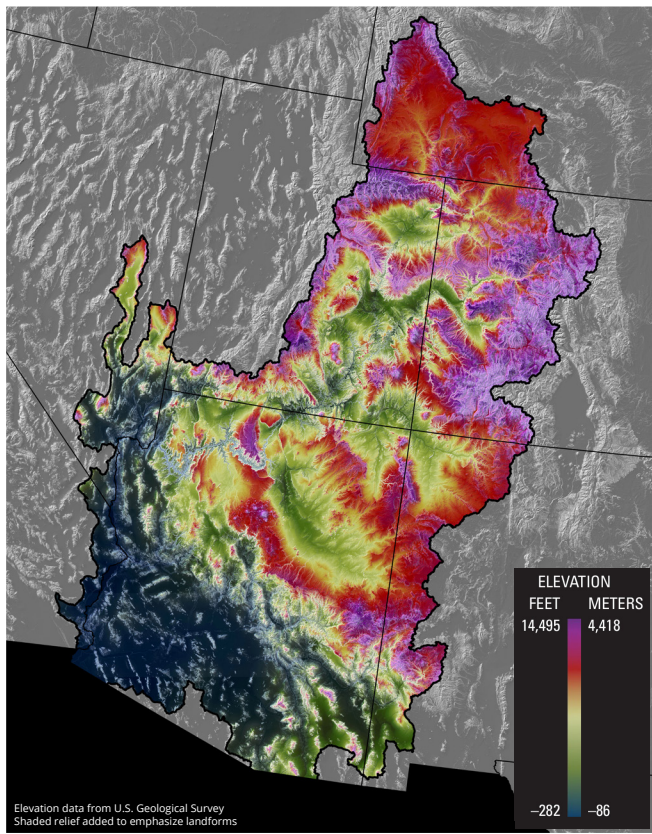
- Consistent with the proposal from the Lower Basin States, a minimum of 700 thousand acre feet (kaf) of system conservation in Lake Mead through 2028.

### Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS)

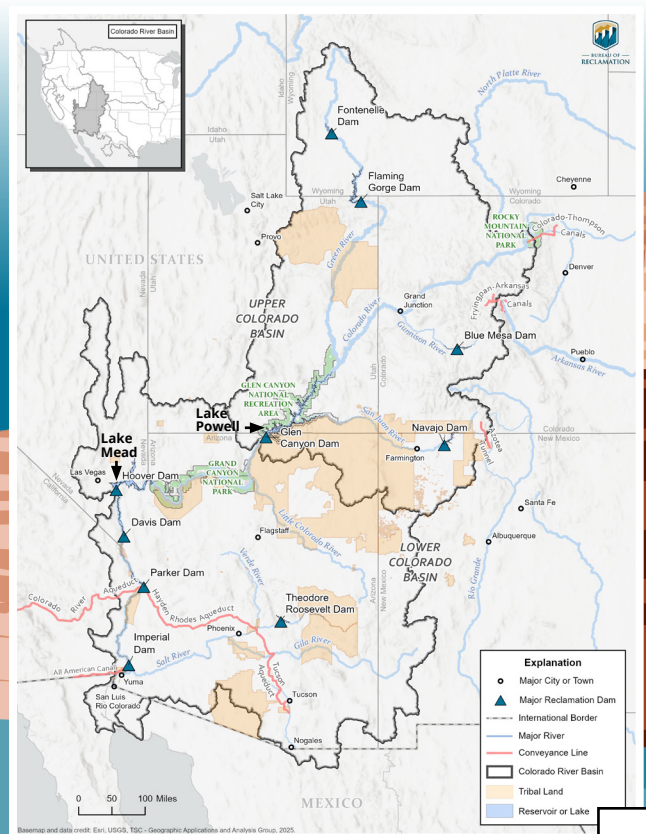
- Consistent with the proposal from the Lower Basin States, expanded ICS accumulation limits, extended delivery access, and system assessments. Limitation of cumulative ICS delivery to maximum of 800 kaf through 2028.
- Delivery of ICS below Lake Mead elevation 1,025 ft requires consultation with the Secretary and no ICS may be delivered below Lake Mead elevation 1,000 ft.

### Federally Managed Water Resources Pool

- Consistent with a proposal from the Lower Basin States and incorporating input from Lower Basin Tribes, created to meet Federal firming or other Federal obligations pursuant to Congressionally authorized Indian water rights settlements and to provide limited Tribal shortage offsets up to 25% of reduced entitlements.
- Maximum water accumulation limit of 450 kaf.



Colorado River Basin elevation map



Colorado River Basin map

Item 1.



# United States Department of the Interior

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## Operating Guidelines

### Colorado River Guidelines for Coordinated Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead Operating Years 2027 and 2028

August 2026

#### Recommending Official:

David M. Palumbo  
Deputy Commissioner, Operations, Bureau of Reclamation

08-21-2026

Date

#### Approved:

Doug Burgum  
Secretary of the Interior

August 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2026

Date

# Operating Guidelines

## Colorado River Guidelines for Coordinated Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead Operating Years 2027 and 2028

### 1. Purpose

The Colorado River Guidelines for Coordinated Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead Operating Years 2027 and 2028 (2027–2028 Operating Guidelines) establish operating criteria applicable to Operating Years 2027 and 2028 (the “Effective Period”). These 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines are a final agency action issued pursuant to the Record of Decision adopted by the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) for the Decision Framework for Colorado River Guidelines: Coordinated Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead (2027–2036) (ROD).

The 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines are for Operating Years 2027 and 2028 only and are not intended to represent a long-term operational strategy. The Department is establishing these guidelines at a time of historic low storage conditions in Lake Powell and Lake Mead and with significant hydrologic risk facing the system should low runoff conditions continue. It is against this backdrop of hydrologic risk and lack of long-term consensus that Reclamation has prepared these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines. These 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines are not and shall not be construed to create a precedent for future operations as described in Section 10.11 of the ROD.

These 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines contemplate actions that rely upon necessary implementing and parallel agreements as described in Section 5.9. Where necessary parties do not reach consensus on proposed operational measures or agreements, the Secretary will proceed consistent with applicable Federal law, the 2006 Consolidated Decree of the U.S. Supreme Court in *Arizona v. California* (Consolidated Decree), the Law of the River, and all other governing statutes, regulations, and contractual obligations necessary to fulfill the Secretary’s statutory responsibilities, protect Federal interests, and ensure continued system operations. The absence of such agreements shall not impair, delay, or otherwise limit the Secretary’s authority to implement operations in 2027 and 2028.

The Department of the Interior (Department) intends to implement the Criteria for Coordinated Long-Range Operation of Colorado River Reservoirs Pursuant to the Colorado River Basin Project Act of September 30, 1968 (Long-Range Operating Criteria or LROC) through these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines and implemented through the Annual Operating Plan for Colorado River Reservoirs (AOP). These 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines also provide for temporary operational actions that are not otherwise provided for under the LROC when necessary to protect critical Federal infrastructure during extraordinary circumstances, consistent with applicable Federal law.



## 2. Process to Develop Guidelines

These 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines were developed pursuant to the ROD and incorporate operational elements based on input provided by the Basin States, Basin Tribes, and other interested parties.

Further, these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines were developed and reflect ongoing discussions regarding consensus arrangements by the Basin States for 2027 and 2028 which would be supported by implementing and parallel agreements that will facilitate water management tools such as: Lower Basin shortage sharing, forbearance, conservation efforts, releases of additional water from the Colorado River Storage Project (CRSP) Upper Initial Units – specific reservoirs above Lake Powell pursuant to Section 602 of the Colorado River Basin Project Act – to increase the elevation at Lake Powell to protect critical Federal infrastructure.

## 3. Effective Period

These 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines shall become effective upon (1) execution by the Secretary and (2) execution of the necessary implementing and parallel agreements, as described in **Section 5.9**. Absent such implementing and parallel agreements in (2), the Secretary will proceed as described in **Sections 5.2, 5.3, and 5.4**, consistent with applicable Federal law, the Consolidated Decree, the Law of the River, and all other governing statutes, regulations, and contractual obligations necessary to fulfill the Secretary’s statutory responsibilities, protect Federal interests, and ensure continued system operations. Once effective, these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines shall govern the operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead for the 2027 and 2028 Operating Years, unless modified or superseded by subsequent action of the Secretary pursuant to the provisions herein. Further, these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines could be superseded during the Effective Period if consensus operating guidelines, including among the Basin States and the Secretary, are reached.

## 4. Definitions

Definitions are included in the ROD and are incorporated by reference into these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines. Additional definitions specific to these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines are below.

1. “2027–2028 Operating Guidelines” shall mean the Colorado River Guidelines for Coordinated Operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead for Operating Years 2027 and 2028.
2. “Exhibit Run” shall refer to modeling performed in addition to the official modeling runs, which are used for official operational determinations. Exhibit Runs reflect unofficial dam operations or sensitivity analysis based on hypothetical conditions or dam operations.
3. “Lower Colorado Regional Director” shall mean the Regional Director of the Lower Colorado River Basin Region of the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation).
4. “Most Probable” shall mean a modeling projection provided by Reclamation in the monthly 24-Month Study, which simulates conditions using a median (50<sup>th</sup> percentile exceedance) inflow scenario.

## 5. Guidelines for the Coordinated Operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead for Operating Years 2027–2028

For Operating Years 2027 and 2028, the Secretary shall coordinate the operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead according to the strategy set forth in this **Section 5**.

The Secretary will base annual determinations regarding the operations on these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines unless extraordinary circumstances exist as described in **Section 5.1.D**. The Secretary retains full legal authority to ensure ongoing operations of Colorado River facilities, including operational actions taken to address extraordinary circumstances in order to ensure protection of critical Federal infrastructure and continuous operational reliability of such facilities.

The Department is establishing these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines at a time of historic low storage conditions in Lake Powell and Lake Mead, with combined storage at an all-time low, and with significant hydrologic risk facing the system should low runoff conditions continue. The Department recognizes the continued importance of Lake Powell operations that achieve the objective stated in Article II of the LROC: “the objective shall be to maintain a minimum release of water from Lake Powell of 8.23 maf for that year.” However, the Department also recognizes that achievement of this objective may not be possible under the hydrologic and operational conditions that exist at the time of adoption of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines, including low reservoir elevations, declining river flows, and the need to protect operational reliability. The coordinated operations described in these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines are intended to account for these considerations and are intended to minimize adverse operational effects in the Upper and Lower Basins while preserving the Secretary’s ability to respond to changing hydrologic conditions.

### 5.1 Operation of Lake Powell for Operating Years 2027–2028

These operations are designed to protect a minimum Lake Powell elevation of 3,500 feet by initially seeking to maintain a minimum elevation of 3,510 feet. This provides an operational buffer and provides additional flexibility in recognition of the operational risks associated with sustained operations below elevation 3,490 feet, at which releases from Glen Canyon Dam can only pass through the river outlet works. As described in Section 3.1 of the ROD, there are infrastructure concerns associated with the uncertainty of extended operations through the river outlet works as the sole means of sustained water releases from Glen Canyon Dam that could compromise the reliability and operational flexibility of Glen Canyon Dam and affect the ability to meet critical downstream water supply needs. There are additional impacts to hydropower associated with operating below 3,490 feet, as this is the minimum power pool.

These operations involve various consultations and coordination with the Basin States, Basin Tribes and other affected parties. These consultations are described in **Section 5.7.B**.

The Most Probable August 24-Month Study projections of the October 1 Lake Powell elevation, for the following Water Year, shall be used to determine the applicable operational range for the coordinated operation of Lake Powell and Lake Mead as described below.

Releases from Lake Powell for coordinated operations will be consistent with the provisions of the 2016 Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision and the 2024 Glen Canyon Dam Long-Term Experimental and Management Plan Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision.

As described below, determinations in Operating Years 2027 and 2028 throughout this section will be based on the current month's Most Probable 24-Month Study projections of Lake Powell elevations. In each range, the Lake Powell Water Year release could be reduced to a minimum of 6.0 million acre-feet (maf) if necessary to maintain elevation 3,510 feet. Releases may be further reduced as described in **Section 5.1.D**, should Lake Powell be projected to reach elevations below 3,500 feet. Any such adjustments shall not require re-initiation of the AOP consultation process. **Sections 5.1.A – 5.1.D** describe the months and criteria for determining such adjustments.

### **A. Upper Elevation Range**

1. In Water Years when the projected October 1 Lake Powell elevation is at or above 3,565 feet, the initial Water Year release will be determined by performing an incremental modeling approach using Exhibit Runs. Reclamation shall first evaluate a Water Year release of 8.23 maf and, if necessary, successively evaluate releases of 8.0 maf and 7.5 maf. The initial Water Year release shall be the first release evaluated that is projected to maintain a minimum Lake Powell elevation of 3,510 feet throughout the Water Year.
2. Beginning in October, and continuing each month through April, if the projected Lake Powell elevation is less than 3,510 feet, adjust Lake Powell releases downward as needed to no less than 6.0 maf, such that when combined with additional releases from the CRSP Upper Initial Units, a minimum of 3,510 feet is maintained through March of the following Water Year.
3. Should Lake Powell be projected to reach elevations below 3,500 feet, Reclamation shall consider and consult as described in **Section 5.1.D** on additional actions that may be necessary.
4. Beginning in October, and continuing each month through April, if the projected Lake Powell elevation at the end of the Water Year is greater than 3,565 feet, adjust releases upward, such that half the difference in volume from the projected September 30 Lake Powell storage at elevation 3,565 feet is added to the release.

### **B. Mid-Elevation Range**

1. In Water Years when the projected October 1 Lake Powell elevation is below 3,565 feet and at or above 3,540 feet, the initial Water Year release will be determined by performing an incremental modeling approach using Exhibit Runs. Reclamation shall first evaluate a Water Year release of 8.0 maf and, if necessary, shall successively evaluate releases of 7.5 maf and 7.0 maf. The initial Water Year release shall be the first release evaluated that is projected to maintain a minimum Lake Powell elevation of 3,510 feet throughout the Water Year.
2. Beginning in October, and continuing each month through April, if the projected Lake Powell elevation is less than 3,510 feet, adjust releases downward as needed to no less than 6.0 maf, such that when combined with additional releases from the CRSP Upper Initial Units, a minimum of 3,510 feet is maintained through March of the following Water Year.
3. Should Lake Powell be projected to reach elevations below 3,500 feet, Reclamation shall consider and consult as described in **Section 5.1.D** on additional actions that may be necessary.
4. Beginning in October, and continuing each month through April, if the projected Lake Powell elevation at the end of the Water Year is greater than 3,565 feet, adjust the Lake Powell releases upward, such that half the difference in volume from the projected



September 30 Lake Powell storage at elevation 3,565 is added to the release, up to 8.23 maf or greater.

### C. Low Elevation Infrastructure Protection Range

1. In Water Years when the projected October 1 Lake Powell elevation is below 3,540 feet, the initial Water Year release will be determined by performing a modeling approach using an Exhibit Run. Reclamation shall first assume a release of 7.0 maf. If Lake Powell is projected to remain above 3,510 feet during the Water Year, begin the year with an initial release of 7.0 maf if conditions allow and while preserving the flexibility to make reductions under **Section 5.1.C.1.a** and proceed as follows:
  - a. Beginning in October, and continuing each month through April, if the projected Lake Powell elevation is less than 3,510 feet, adjust Lake Powell releases downward as needed to no less than 6.0 maf, such that when combined with additional releases from the CRSP Upper Initial Units, a minimum of 3,510 feet is maintained through March of the following Water Year.
  - b. Beginning in October, and continuing each month through April, if the projected Lake Powell elevation at the end of the Water Year is greater than 3,565 feet, adjust releases upward, such that half the difference in volume from the projected September 30 Lake Powell storage at elevation 3,565 feet is added to the release.
2. If the Exhibit Run of the August 24-Month Study assuming a release of 7.0 maf (from **Section 5.1.C.1**) results in Lake Powell elevation projected to decline below 3,510 feet at any time during the Water Year, defer the determination of the Water Year release until April and proceed as follows in **Table 1** below.

**Table 1**  
**Low Elevation Infrastructure Protection Range Determination Table**

| Steps Reclamation will Follow to Determine Water Year Release in the Low Elevation Infrastructure Protection Range for 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines<br>(when Lake Powell elevation is less than 3,510 feet in the August 24-Month Study Exhibit Run) |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| <b>Aug</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <p>State that the expected Water Year release will be between 6.0 and 7.0 maf</p> <p>Determine monthly release pattern October-April that results in maintaining a minimum target elevation of 3,510 feet in March of the following year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perform at least 2 "official" August 24-Month Studies               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Runs assume a Water Year release of 6.0 maf and 7.0 maf</li> <li>o All runs include the same release pattern Oct-Apr that maintains a minimum target elevation of 3,510 feet in March of the following year</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Sept-Dec</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Perform the same 2 "official" 24-Month Studies each month as described above (may include adjustments to the October-April monthly release pattern if needed to maintain a target of 3,510 feet)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Jan-Mar</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Continue potential adjustment of Lake Powell monthly releases per above but begin including assumptions regarding use of the CRSP Upper Initial Units for May of the current year through April of the following year, into the 6.0 maf run only, as appropriate                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

**Steps Reclamation will Follow to Determine Water Year Release in the Low Elevation Infrastructure Protection Range for 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines**

**(when Lake Powell elevation is less than 3,510 feet in the August 24-Month Study Exhibit Run)**

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| <b>Apr</b> | <p>Determine Water Year release according to the following steps:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Evaluate the projected Lake Powell elevation in March of the following year assuming a 7.0 maf release. For the purpose of Water Year 2027 and 2028 only, this will be considered as the baseline for determining whether releases should be less than 7.0 maf, and additional releases from CRSP Upper Initial Units should be considered.<br/>If the March projected elevation is <math>\geq 3,510</math> feet,               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Set the Water Year release to 7.0 maf</li> <li>o No releases from the CRSP Upper Initial Units will be made for infrastructure protection purposes</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. If the March projected elevation is <math>&lt; 3,510</math> feet, determine the volume needed to maintain a minimum of 3,510 feet in March of the following year. As practicable, Reclamation will determine the reduced Lake Powell releases and CRSP Upper Initial Unit actions required contemporaneously (subject to hydrologic conditions), considering historical consultations and volumetric reductions in Lake Powell Releases and CRSP Upper Initial Unit releases. Past actions have included 1) a planned 500 thousand acre-feet (kaf) CRSP Upper Initial Unit release and recovery coupled with a 480 kaf reduction in the Lake Powell release and 2) a planned 660-1,000 kaf CRSP Upper Initial Unit release and recovery coupled with a 1,480 kaf reduction in the Lake Powell release.</li> <li>3. Reclamation will consult with the Basin States in the event of any of the following conditions:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. if the volume needed to protect the critical elevation of 3,500 feet in March of the following year is <math>&gt; 2.0</math> maf; or</li> <li>b. if any Basin State believes there is inequity between the volume available for release from the CRSP Upper Initial Units and the Lake Powell release reductions, it may request consultation; or</li> <li>c. if a Lake Powell release of <math>&lt; 6.0</math> maf is required to protect 3,500 feet in March of the following year; or</li> <li>d. if the Lake Powell elevation at the end of the water year is projected to be greater than 3,565 feet.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. When operating under 2 or 3 above, Reclamation will consider any other tools available that can be used to maintain 3,510 feet</li> </ol> |
| <b>May</b> | <p>Publish 24-Month Study with selected Water Year release and any projected releases from the CRSP Upper Initial Units for May of the current year through April of the following year (adjusted operations could begin in April if conditions warrant)</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

3. Should Lake Powell be projected to reach elevations below 3,500 feet, see **Section 5.1.D** to consult on additional actions that may be necessary.

**D. Extraordinary Circumstances**

1. As identified in Section 10.7 of the ROD, the highest and lowest contemplated release from Glen Canyon Dam is 12.0 maf and 5.0 maf, respectively. Based on any 24-Month Study, if

Lake Powell is projected to decline below 3,500 feet at any time from the current month through March of the following year, the Secretary will consult and coordinate with the Basin States and Basin Tribes, and other affected parties as appropriate, to consider potential actions throughout the Basin to respond to and address hydrologic and operational conditions.

## **5.2 Drought Operations of the Colorado River Storage Project Act Upper Initial Units for Operating Years 2027–2028**

In Operating Years 2027 and 2028, the Secretary will conduct drought operations, in consideration of releases and recovery, at the CRSP Upper Initial Units pursuant to the process outlined in an agreement concerning drought operations at these facilities and as referenced in this section. The provisions of this section assume that the Upper Division States reach agreement. If such agreement is not reached by that date, the Secretary will conduct drought operations at CRSP Upper Initial Units consistent with existing authorities.

## **5.3 Operation of Lake Mead for Operating Years 2027–2028**

As implemented in the AOPs for 2027 and 2028, the Secretary shall, in August, make the following determination for Lake Mead operation for the following Calendar Year as described in this **Section 5.3**.

These operations provide water users in the Lower Division States with water supply determinations for Calendar Years 2027 and 2028, with the potential for consultation at high and low water elevations at Lake Mead. This provides additional flexibility in recognition of the operational risks associated with operations below elevation 950 feet. Below elevation 950 feet, Lake Mead releases are restricted to only the upper penstock outlet works, which would reduce operational flexibility and severely constrain releases, and below this elevation hydropower can no longer be produced.

### **A. Shortage Condition Determination and Lower Basin Reductions**

1. The Secretary will determine that a Shortage Condition exists for the applicable Year for purposes of the apportionment of Colorado River water among the Lower Division States and will apportion 6.25 maf for consumptive use in the Lower Division States. This represents a reduction of 1.25 maf from the quantity apportioned to the Lower Division States under a Normal Condition.
2. Of the 6.25 maf that shall be apportioned each calendar year for consumptive use in the Lower Division States of which 2.04 maf shall be apportioned for use in Arizona, 3.96 maf shall be apportioned for use in California and 250,000 acre-feet (af) shall be apportioned for use in Nevada, reflecting reductions of 760,000 af in Arizona, 440,000 af in California, and 50,000 af in Nevada, in accordance with a Lower Basin implementing agreement(s).
3. If the Lower Division States have not fully executed the applicable or necessary implementing agreements, the Secretary shall determine the quantities and apportionment thereof as identified in **Section 5.3.A.1**, in accordance with applicable law.
4. Should the Most Probable projection of any 24-Month Study show Lake Mead falling below 1,010 feet at any time in the subsequent 12-month period, the Secretary shall consult and coordinate with the Basin States and Basin Tribes, and other affected parties as appropriate,

to consider potential actions throughout the Basin to respond to and address hydrologic and operational conditions.

5. Should the Most Probable projection indicate a likelihood of achieving Lake Mead elevation 1,125 feet or above during 2027 or 2028, the Secretary will consult with the Lower Division States regarding the potential to increase apportionments.

## **B. Additional System Conservation Water**

In addition to the reductions of 1.25 maf per year in 2027 and 2028, Contractors within the Lower Division States will conserve an additional 700,000 af in total of System Conservation water in 2026, 2027, and 2028 pursuant to voluntary agreements with those Contractors and in accordance with a Lower Basin implementing agreement(s). In the absence of a Lower Division State implementing agreement, the Secretary will work with Contractors within the Lower Division States to conserve additional System Conservation water, as possible.

### **5.4 Implementation of Intentionally Created Surplus**

The provisions of this **Section 5.4** assume that the Lower Division States reach agreement. If such agreement is not reached, the Secretary shall deliver Intentionally Created Surplus (ICS) created and stored through December 31, 2026, in accordance with the applicable provisions of the 2007 Record of Decision for the Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead (2007 Interim Guidelines) and the 2019 Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Agreement (Lower Basin DCP) executed on May 20, 2019). In the absence of such agreement, no new ICS may be created after December 31, 2026.

Subject to such agreement, the ICS program will be extended through these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines. Tributary Conservation ICS and Developed Shortage Supply may be created and delivered and shall be accounted for pursuant to the provisions set forth in Sections 3 and 4 of the 2007 Interim Guidelines. DCP ICS shall be delivered and accounted for pursuant to Section III.F. of Exhibit 1 to the Lower Basin DCP.

All other categories of ICS, whether created before or after the effective date of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines, are subject to the following provisions. References to ICS in the following provisions refer to Binational ICS, Extraordinary Conservation ICS, and System Efficiency ICS, unless otherwise specified. ICS may be created through December 31, 2028. ICS may be delivered through December 31, 2038.

The existing-categories of ICS are Binational ICS, Extraordinary Conservation ICS, Tributary Conservation ICS, System Efficiency ICS, and DCP ICS and are being carried forward as part of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines.

A Contractor may create ICS consistent with an approved ICS Exhibit.

ICS activity, as described in this section, does not and will not adversely impact operations upstream of Lee Ferry and is not factored into the determination of the Lake Powell release or any activities upstream of Lee Ferry.

## **A. Creation of ICS**

A Contractor may only create ICS in accordance with the following conditions:

1. A Contractor shall submit a plan for the creation of ICS to the Secretary with sufficient information to demonstrate how all requirements of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines will be met in the Contractor’s creation of ICS. An ICS Creation Plan may be a single year or multi-year plan and may describe the creation of ICS pursuant to multiple projects consistent with a Contractor’s approved ICS Exhibit(s). Until such plan is reviewed and approved by the Secretary, such plan or any ICS purportedly created through it shall not be a basis for creation of ICS. An ICS plan will consist of, at a minimum, the following information:
  - a. Project description, including what extraordinary measures will be taken to conserve or import water;
  - b. Term of the activity;
  - c. Estimate of the amount of water that will be conserved or imported;
  - d. Proposed methodology for verification of the amount of water conserved or imported; and
  - e. Documentation regarding any State or Federal permits or other regulatory approvals that have already been obtained by the Contractor or that need to be obtained prior to creation of ICS.
2. There shall be a one-time deduction of 10 percent from the amount of ICS, including Tributary ICS, in the Year of its creation. This system assessment shall result in additional system water in storage in Lake Mead. This one-time system assessment shall not apply to:
  - a. System Efficiency ICS created because a large portion of the water conserved by this type of project will increase the quantity of system water in storage over time.
  - b. Extraordinary Conservation ICS created by conversion of Tributary Conservation ICS that was not delivered in the Year created, because the 10 percent of the ICS is deducted at the time the Tributary Conservation ICS is created.
3. Except as provided in 3.A.2. of the 2007 Interim Guidelines for the conversion of Tributary Conservation ICS to Extraordinary Conservation ICS, Extraordinary Conservation ICS can only be created if such water would have otherwise been beneficially used.
4. The maximum total amount of Extraordinary Conservation ICS that can be created during any Year is limited to the following:
  - a. 125,000 af for Arizona Contractors;
  - b. 400,000 af for California Contractors; and
  - c. 125,000 af for Nevada Contractors.
  - d. If one but not all of the Lower Division States reaches its annual Extraordinary Conservation ICS creation limit, and if there remains a desire to create additional amounts of Extraordinary Conservation ICS, the Secretary, subject to the provisions of a Lower Basin implementing agreement(s), may authorize additional Extraordinary Conservation ICS creation within the total combined Lower Division State annual limitation of 650,000 af.
5. The maximum quantity of Binational ICS, Extraordinary Conservation ICS, and DCP ICS that may be accumulated, at any time, is limited to the following:
  - a. 1.0 maf for Arizona Contractors;

- b. 2.0 maf for California Contractors; and
  - c. 800,000 af for Nevada Contractors.
  - d. If a Lower Division State reaches its maximum ICS accumulation limit, the ICS Contractor may coordinate with ICS Contractors from the other Lower Division States and request that the Secretary provide additional ICS accumulation space available in another State's limit, subject to the provisions of a Lower Basin implementing agreement(s).
- 6. No surplus water can be used to create ICS.
  - 7. A Contractor must notify Reclamation of the amount of ICS it wishes to create for the subsequent Year pursuant to an existing, approved plan. Once the Plan is approved, the Contractor cannot increase the amount of ICS they intend to create during the Year.

### **B. Delivery of ICS**

In addition to the provisions in Section 10.9.G of the ROD, and as modified below, the Secretary shall deliver ICS, including the use of ICS to offset reductions, in accordance with applicable law and the following conditions:

- 1. The delivery shall be consistent with the terms of a Delivery Agreement with a Contractor regarding ICS. The Contractor shall agree in the Delivery Agreement that the records of the Contractor relating to the creation of ICS shall be maintained and open to inspection by the Secretary and by any Contractor or Basin State for 5 years after the creation of such ICS.
- 2. The existence of Forbearance Agreements necessary to bring the delivery of the ICS into compliance with Articles II(B)(2) and II(B)(6) of the Consolidated Decree.
- 3. A limitation on the total combined amount of any ICS that may be delivered in any Year is as follows:
  - a. 300,000 af for Arizona Contractors;
  - b. 400,000 af for California Contractors; and
  - c. 300,000 af for Nevada Contractors.
- 4. The total combined delivery of ICS from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2028, shall not exceed 800,000 af.
- 5. In a year when the January 1 elevation of Lake Mead is between elevation 1,025 feet and 1,000 feet, the Secretary will consult with the ICS Contractor for requests for ICS delivery when Lake Mead elevations are between 1,025 feet and 1,000 feet. This consultation will occur before a request for ICS delivery is approved. The Secretary could reduce or deny a request for ICS delivery if the requested delivery would result in Lake Mead declining below elevation 1,000 feet in the current year based on the current Most Probable 24-Month Study projection or if the elevation of Lake Mead is below elevation 1,000 feet. Consultation will occur such that it is implementable by the Contractor within the calendar year.
- 6. No ICS shall be delivered in a year when the January 1 Lake Mead elevation is less than 1,000 feet.
- 7. A Contractor may request mid-Year modification(s) to the amount of ICS to be delivered during that Year because of changed conditions, emergency, or hardship, subject to the requirements of this **Section 5.4.B**.



### **C. Accounting for ICS**

In addition to the provisions in Section 10.9.H of the ROD, and as modified below, the Secretary shall annually account for and verify ICS in accordance with the following:

1. A Contractor shall submit for the Secretary's review and verification, appropriate information, as determined by the Secretary, contained in a Certification Report, to demonstrate the amount of ICS created and that the method of creation was consistent with the Contractor's approved ICS plan, a Forbearance Agreement, and a Delivery Agreement. Such information shall be submitted in the Year following the creation of the ICS.
2. The Secretary, acting through the Lower Colorado Regional Director, shall verify the information submitted pursuant to **Section 5.4.C.1**, and provide a final written decision to the Contractor regarding the amount of ICS created. The results of such final written decisions shall be made available to the public through publication of the Water Accounting Report or other appropriate means. A Contractor and any party to an applicable Forbearance Agreement may appeal the Regional Director's verification decision first to the Regional Director and then to the Secretary; and through judicial processes.
3. The quantity of ICS remaining in an ICS Account at the end of each Year shall be diminished by annual evaporation losses of 3 percent. Losses shall be applied annually to the end-of-the-Year balance of ICS beginning in the Year after the ICS is created and continuing until no ICS remains in Lake Mead. This provision includes DCP ICS but excludes System Efficiency ICS created pursuant to the 2007 Forbearance Agreement Exhibit C - Drop 2 Reservoir System Efficiency Project.
4. ICS from a project within a State may be credited or transferred to the ICS Account of a different Contractor within that State that has funded or implemented the project creating ICS, or to the ICS Account of a Contractor within the same State as the funding entity and project and with written agreement of the funding entity.
5. Each Year the Water Accounting Report will include ICS Account balance information for each Contractor and shall address ICS creation, deliveries, amounts no longer available for delivery due to releases for flood control purposes, deductions applied to volumes of ICS created pursuant to **Section 5.4.A.2**, deductions due to annual evaporation losses pursuant to **Section 5.4.C.3**, any amounts of ICS converted to Extraordinary Conservation ICS, any ICS transferred pursuant to **Section 5.4.C.4**, and ICS remaining available for delivery.
6. A Contractor with ICS stored in Lake Mead can offset an inadvertent overrun resulting from gage error or unanticipated changes in water accounting discovered in December or after the end of the calendar year, as determined during development of the Water Accounting Report, with ICS subject to the following limitations:
  - a. The cumulative volume of ICS used to offset overruns in a given year is limited to a maximum of 25,000 af in each Lower Division State.
  - b. The volume of ICS used to offset potential overruns is not limited as described in **Section 5.4.B.4**.
7. Nothing in these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines shall preclude the development of additional categories of ICS, such as ICS created through interstate exchanges involving a non-Colorado River supply, subject to Secretarial review and approval and the applicable forbearance.

8. Water provided to the United States pursuant to Section IX.A of Minute No. 323 and converted to Binational ICS in 2026 will be accounted for as Binational ICS on January 1, 2027, and credited to the applicable ICS Account.

## 5.5 Implementation of the Federally Managed Water Resources Pool

- A. A Federally Managed Water Resources Pool (FMWRP) in Lake Mead is established. The FMWRP shall be composed of Federally managed contractual rights to ICS in Lake Mead. The FMWRP is created to provide additional tools to address continued drought, including:
  - (a) to meet Federal firming or other Federal delivery obligations pursuant to a congressionally authorized Indian Water Rights Settlement; and
  - (b) to provide limited offsetting of Tribal wet water shortages up to 25 percent of shorted Mainstream Lower Colorado River or Central Arizona Project entitlements for these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines.
- B. Creation of the FMWRP
  1. The Secretary shall create the FMWRP upon the effective date of the ROD.
  2. The FMWRP may consist of the following sources of ICS:
    - a. ICS: The right to delivery of which the Secretary currently controls by contract;
    - b. Existing or future Binational ICS: The right to delivery of which the Secretary acquires by contract from account holders of such Binational ICS during the term of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines; and
    - c. Existing or future ICS: The right to delivery of which the Secretary obtains from water rights holders in Arizona during the term of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines.
  3. The Secretary shall account for and deliver ICS in FMWRP solely for the purposes listed in this **Section 5.5.B**, and subject to the provisions set forth in **Section 5.5.C**.
    - a. Purposes of the FMWRP in order of precedence and as limited based on available resources:
      - i. Federal firming or other Federal delivery obligations pursuant to congressionally authorized Indian water rights settlements; and
      - ii. After any Federal statutory obligations are met in any given calendar year, offsets of up to 25 percent of reductions of Tribal wet water shortages to Mainstream Lower Colorado River or Central Arizona Project entitlements for these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines as further specified under delivery agreements-with such affected Arizona Tribes.
- C. FMWRP Administration

The FMWRP shall be subject to all provisions of **Section 5.4** in addition to the provisions in this **Section 5.5**. For any State-specific criteria in **Section 5.4**, the FMWRP shall be subject to the criteria applicable to the State in which the ICS was created and shall count toward any maximum limits for that State, except that the delivery of ICS shall count toward the maximum limit of the State in which it is delivered.

  1. The maximum quantity of ICS that may be accumulated in the FMWRP, at any time, is limited to the accumulation maximum of 450,000 af.

2. Federal delivery agreements are required for delivery of FMWRP water.
  3. Binational ICS the right to delivery of which the Secretary has acquired for the FMWRP may be delivered to any Lower Division State.
  4. Each Year the Water Accounting Report will include FMWRP Account balance information.
- D. In advance of the next operating period, the Secretary and the Lower Division States commit to discuss future details for the FMWRP for the remainder of the ROD duration, through 2036, as described in Section 10.8 of the ROD, including identification of mechanisms and potential water sources, sufficient to accomplish FMWRP purposes.

## **5.6 Water Deliveries to Mexico for Operating Years 2027–2028**

Deliveries of water to the United Mexican States (Mexico) are made pursuant to the 1944 Water Treaty and associated implementing agreements called Minutes. Water delivery reductions applicable to Mexico, in accordance with Minutes to the 1944 Water Treaty, are determined by the International Boundary and Water Commission, U.S. and Mexico, and are in addition to and separate from the apportionment to the Lower Division States under Shortage Conditions determined under **Section 5.3.A.1**. For each such Year, the Secretary, in coordination with the Department of State and the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, will implement any reductions in deliveries to Mexico in accordance with the applicable Minute.

## **5.7 Implementation of the Guidelines for Operating Years 2027–2028**

### **A. AOP Process**

During Operating Years 2027 and 2028, the Secretary shall utilize the AOP process to implement operations under these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines concerning the coordinated operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead pursuant to **Section 5** of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines, and the allocation of apportioned but unused water from Lake Mead and the implementation of whether Normal, Surplus, or Shortage Conditions shall apply for the delivery of water from Lake Mead, pursuant to **Section 5.3** of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines.

### **B. Consultation**

The Secretary shall consult on the implementation of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines in circumstances including but not limited to the following:

1. The Secretary shall first consult with all the Basin States before making any substantive modification to these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines.
2. Upon a request for modification of these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines, or upon a request to resolve any claim or controversy arising under these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines or under the operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead pursuant to these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines or any other applicable provision of Federal law, regulation, criteria, policy, rule, or guideline, or regarding application of the 1944 Water Treaty that has the potential to affect domestic management of Colorado River water, the Secretary shall invite the Governors of all the Basin States, or their designated representatives, and the Department of State and United States International Boundary and Water Commission as

appropriate, to consult with the Secretary in an attempt to resolve such claim or controversy by mutual agreement.

3. The Secretary shall consult with the Basin States and ICS contractors regarding the creation and administration of ICS.
4. The Secretary shall consult with the Basin States in the event of any of the following conditions when in the Lower Elevation Infrastructure Protection Range:
  - if the volume needed to protect the critical elevation of 3,500 feet at Lake Powell in March of the following year is  $> 2.0$  maf; or
  - if any Basin State believes there is inequity between the volume available for release from the CRSP Upper Initial Units and the Lake Powell release reductions, it may request consultation; or
  - if a Lake Powell release of  $< 6.0$  maf is required to protect 3,500 feet in March of the following year; or
  - if the Lake Powell elevation at the end of the water year is projected to be greater than 3,565 feet; or
5. The Secretary shall consult with the Basin States if Lake Powell is projected to reach an elevation of above 3,665 feet during Water Years 2027 or 2028, to determine to what extent releases above 8.23 maf, including the potential for releases consistent with Section 602(a) storage requirement contained in the Colorado River Basin Project Act.
6. The Secretary shall consult with the Lower Division States in the event of any of the following conditions:
  - Should the Most Probable projection of any 24-Month Study show Lake Mead falling below 1,010 feet at any time in the subsequent 12-month period, the Secretary shall with the Basin States and Basin Tribes, and other affected parties as appropriate, to consider potential actions throughout the Basin to respond to and address hydrologic and operational conditions.
  - Should the Most Probable forecast indicate a likelihood of achieving Lake Mead elevation 1,125 feet or above during 2027 or 2028, the Secretary will consult with the Lower Division States regarding the potential to increase apportionments.
7. Reclamation will coordinate and consult throughout the 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines with Basin Tribes and Mexico pursuant to the circumstances detailed in this section.

### **C. Accounting**

For Operating Years 2027–2028, Reclamation will continue to account for and verify Lower Division States water use, including reductions and ICS activity through the Lower Colorado River Water Accounting and Water Use Report.

### **D. Operations During the Effective Period**

For Operating Years 2027–2028, the Secretary will base annual determinations regarding the operations of Lake Powell and Lake Mead on these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines unless further extraordinary circumstances arise. As identified in Section 10.7 of the ROD, such circumstances could include operations that are prudent or necessary for safety of dams, public health and safety, other emergency situations, or other unanticipated or unforeseen activities arising from actual operating experience.

Beginning no later than October 1, 2027, the Secretary shall initiate the process to determine the next set of guidelines as described in Section 10.5 of the ROD. The Secretary shall consult with the Basin States and Basin Tribes, and other affected parties as appropriate, during this process.

## **5.8 Authority and Operations for Operating Years 2027–2028**

The provisions of Section 10.11 of the ROD apply to these 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines.

## **5.9 Implementing and Parallel Agreements**

These 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines contemplate actions that rely upon necessary implementing and parallel agreements as referenced herein. Agreements are anticipated to be executed within a sufficient timeframe to support implementation of 2027 and 2028 operations, including agreements to which the United States is a party or an approver, and non-federal agreements. Namely, the Secretary acknowledges that portions of **Sections 5.3 and 5.4**, as described, will be implemented only when a Lower Basin implementing agreement takes effect as well as the drought operations at the CRSP Upper Initial Units pursuant to the process outlined in an agreement concerning drought operations at these facilities and as referenced in **Section 5.2**. The absence of such agreements shall not impair, delay, or otherwise limit the Secretary’s authority to act and any Basin State or Basin Tribe or Contractor shall retain any rights as set forth in Section 10.11 of the ROD.

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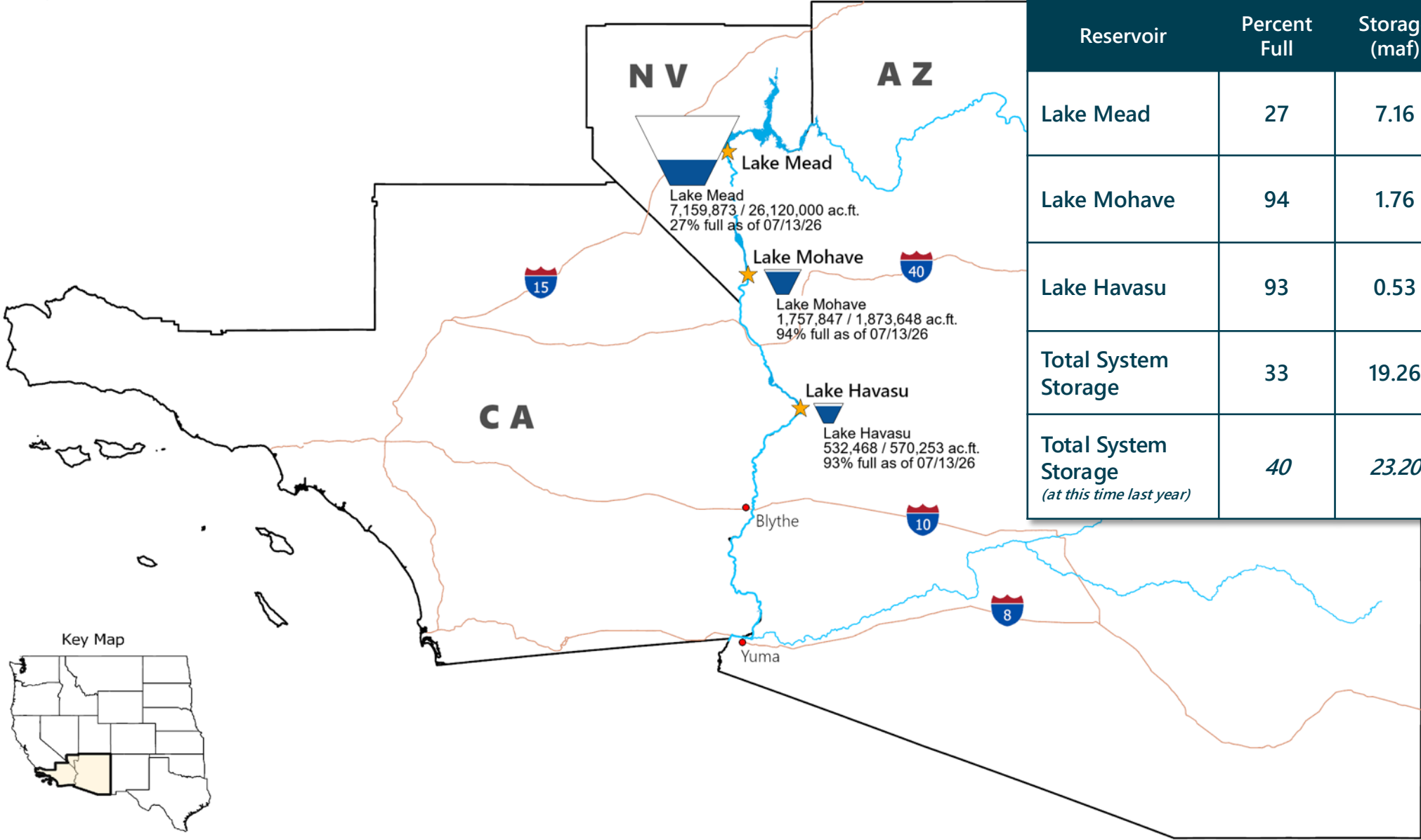
# Colorado River Basin Hydrology Update

Parker/Davis Project Funding Board  
July 16, 2026



# Lower Colorado Basin System Conditions

(as of July 13, 2026)



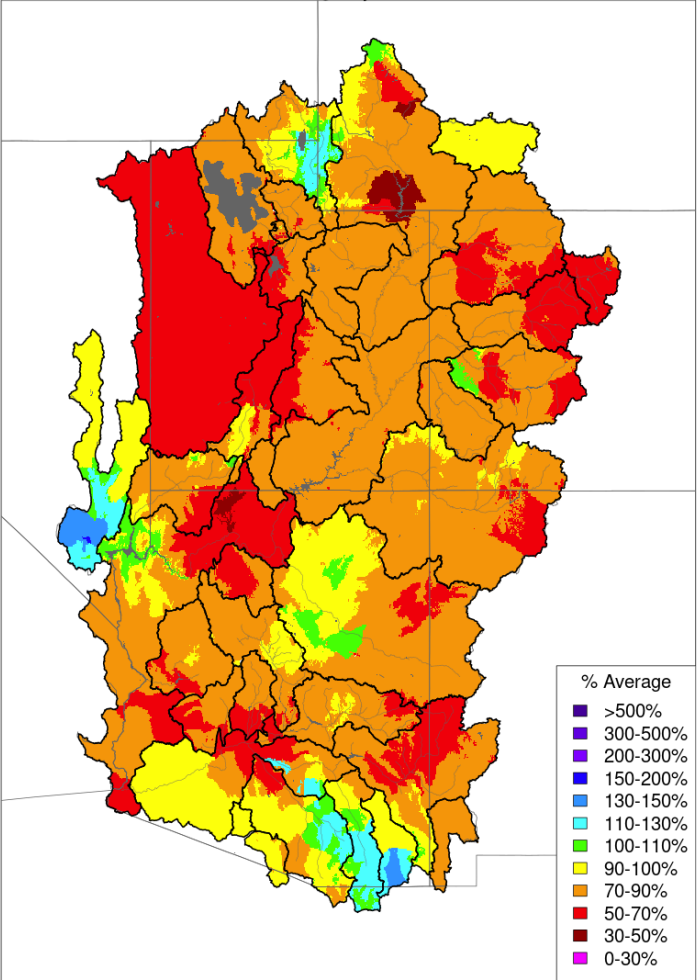
| Reservoir                                        | Percent Full | Storage (maf) | Elevation (feet) |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| Lake Mead                                        | 27           | 7.16          | 1,042.63         |
| Lake Mohave                                      | 94           | 1.76          | 642.95           |
| Lake Havasu                                      | 93           | 0.53          | 448.06           |
| Total System Storage                             | 33           | 19.26         | -                |
| Total System Storage<br>(at this time last year) | 40           | 23.20         | -                |



# WY 2026 Precipitation and Temperature

Water Year to Date Precipitation, October 01 - July 14 2026

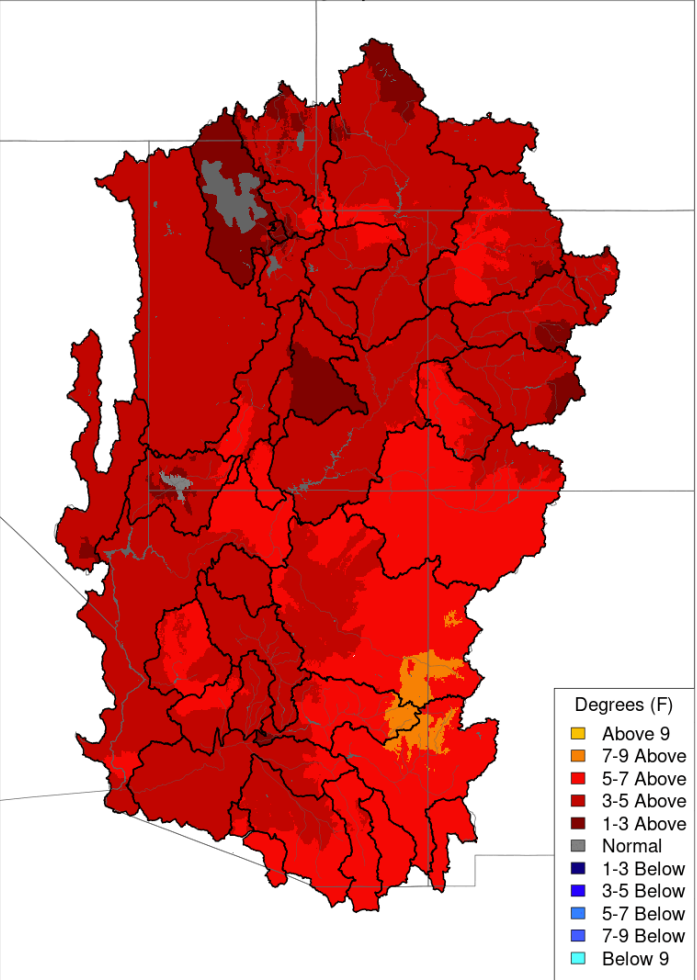
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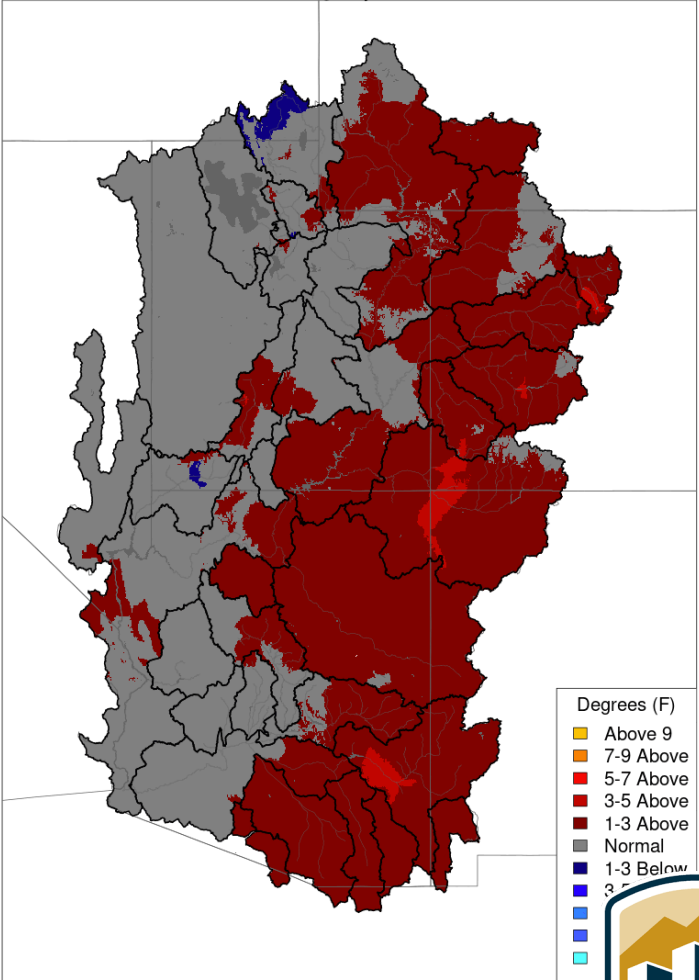
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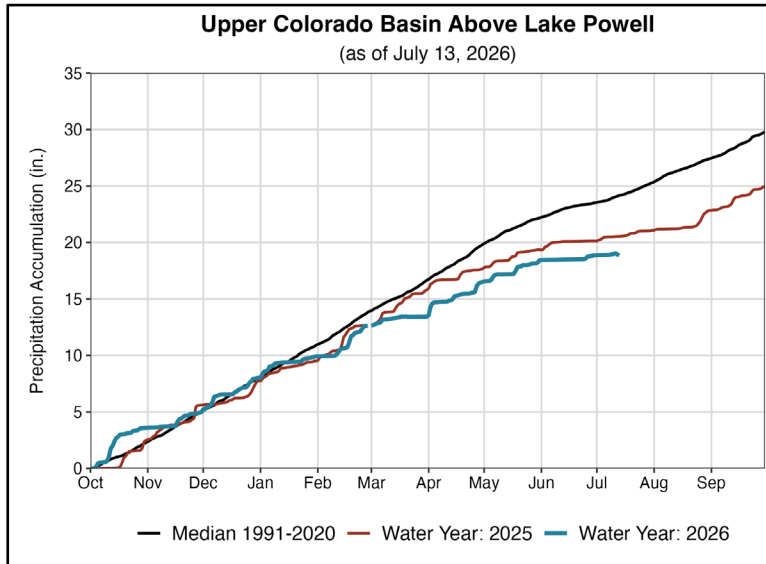
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# Water Year 2026 Precipitation<sup>1</sup>

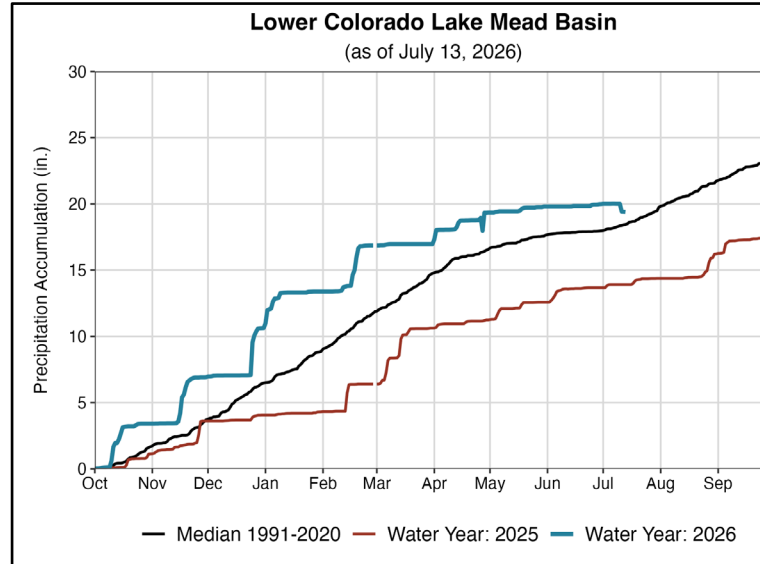
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## Upper Colorado River Basin



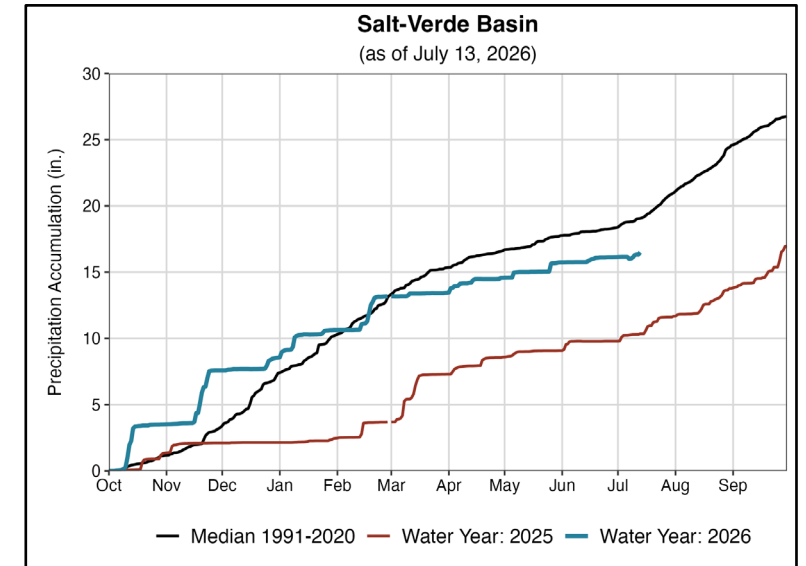
**Precipitation - 78%**

## Lake Mead Basin



**Precipitation - 105%**

## Salt - Verde River Basin



**Precipitation - 87%**

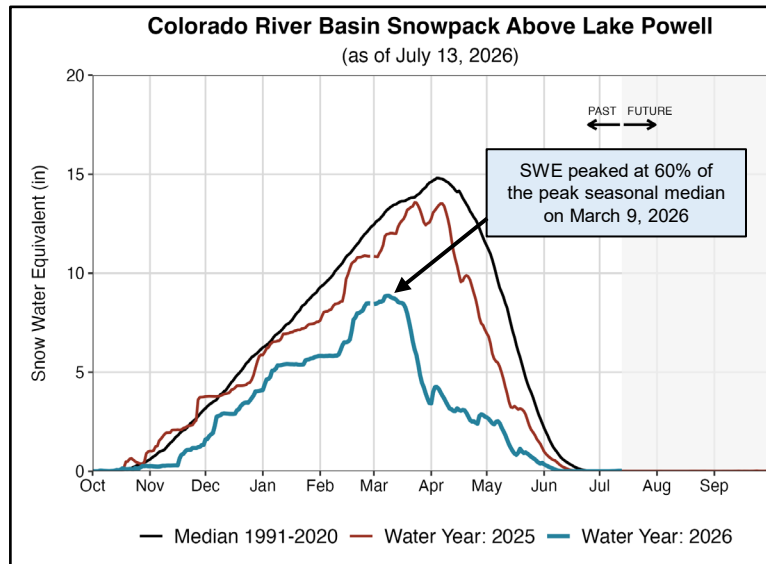
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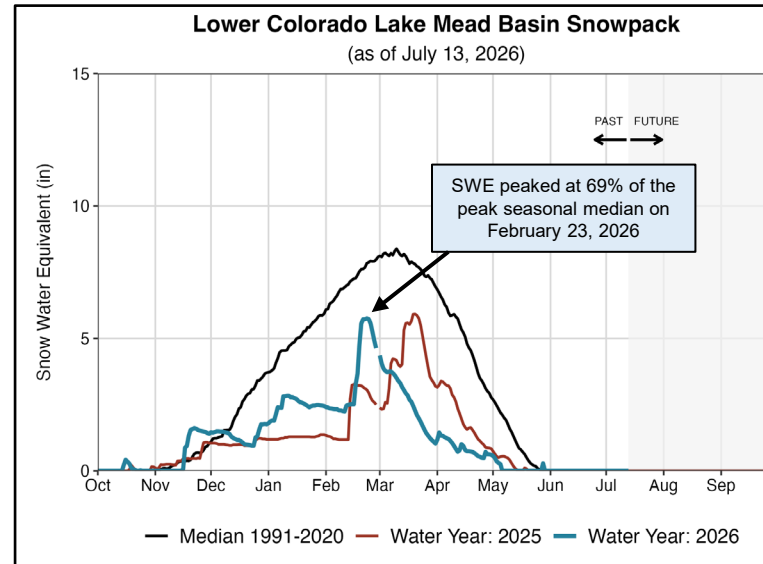
# Water Year 2026 Snowpack<sup>1</sup>

as of July 13, 2026

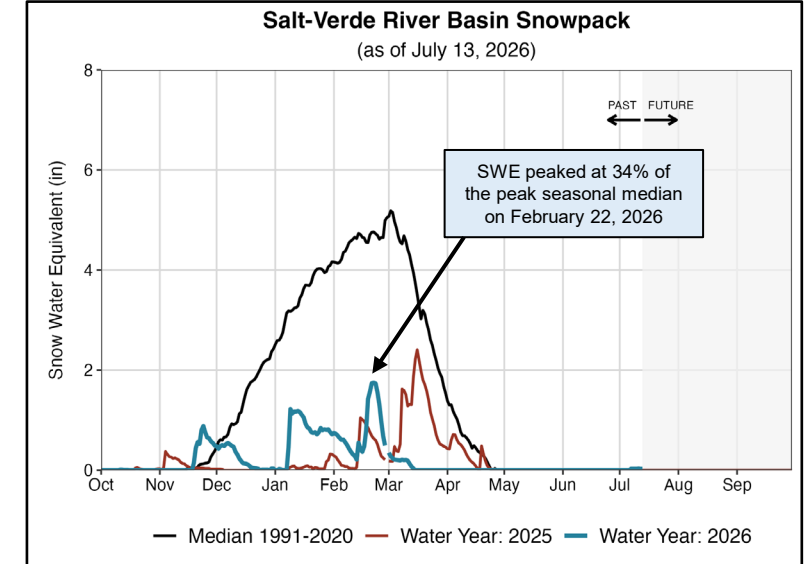
## Upper Colorado River Basin



## Lake Mead Basin



## Salt - Verde River Basin



## Basin Snowpack - NA

## Basin Snowpack - NA

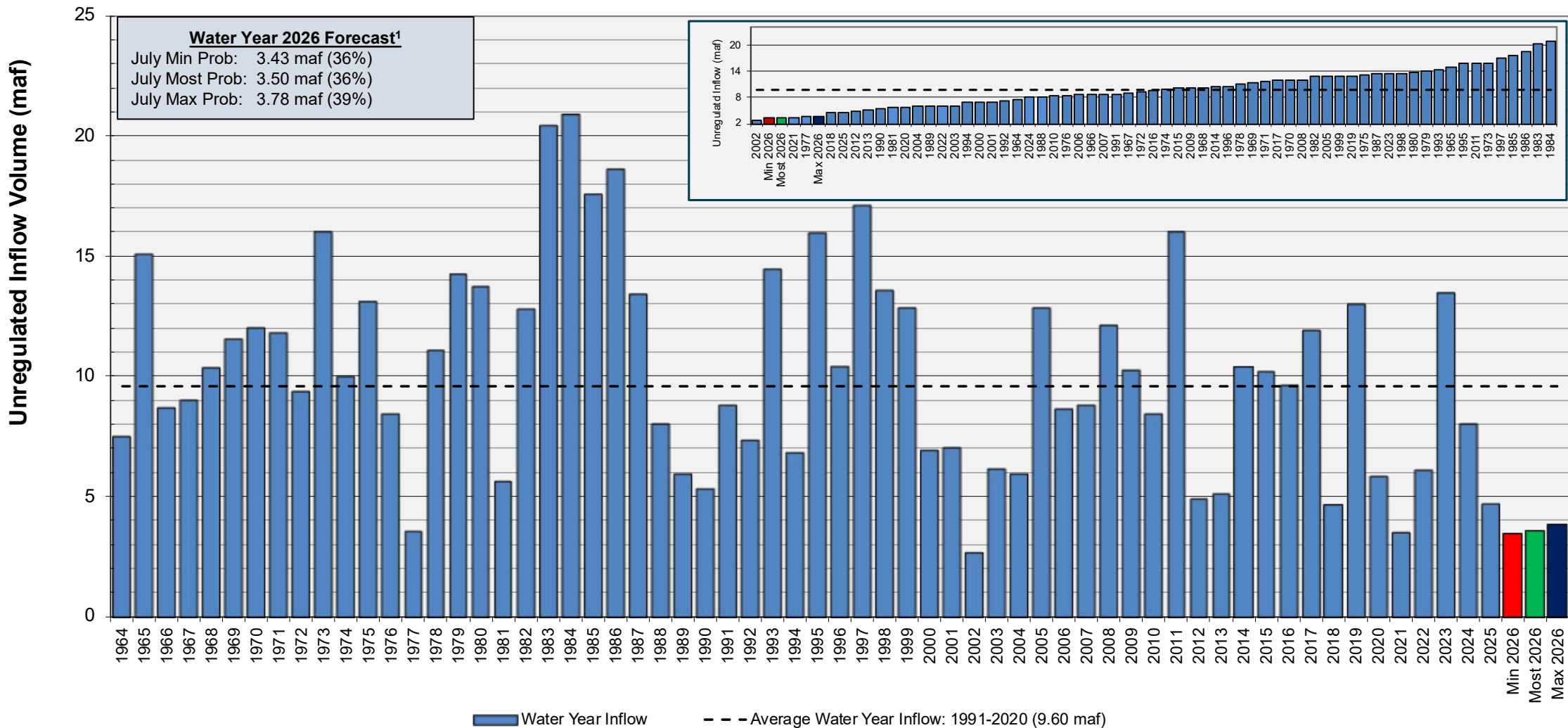
## Basin Snowpack - NA

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# Lake Powell Water Year Unregulated Inflow

as of July 1, 2026  
Comparison with History



<sup>1</sup>Water Year statistics are based on the 30-year period of record from 1991-2020.



# Lower Basin Side Inflows – WY/CY 2026<sup>1,2</sup>

## Intervening Flow from Glen Canyon to Hoover Dam

| Month in WY/CY 2026 |                | 5-Year Average<br>Intervening Flow (kaf) | Observed Intervening<br>Flow (kaf) | Observed<br>Intervening Flow<br>(% of Average) | Difference<br>From 5-Year<br>Average (kaf) |
|---------------------|----------------|------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Observed            | October 2025   | 71                                       | 93                                 | 131%                                           | 22                                         |
|                     | November 2025  | 45                                       | 75                                 | 169%                                           | 31                                         |
|                     | December 2025  | 70                                       | 82                                 | 118%                                           | 12                                         |
|                     | January 2026   | 67                                       | 50                                 | 75%                                            | -17                                        |
|                     | February 2026  | 60                                       | 55                                 | 93%                                            | -4                                         |
|                     | March 2026     | 80                                       | 29                                 | 37%                                            | -51                                        |
|                     | April 2026     | 83                                       | 8                                  | 10%                                            | -75                                        |
|                     | May 2026       | 50                                       | -3                                 | -5%                                            | -53                                        |
|                     | June 2026      | 20                                       | -11                                | -56%                                           | -31                                        |
| Projected           | July 2026      | 53                                       |                                    |                                                |                                            |
|                     | August 2026    | 102                                      |                                    |                                                |                                            |
|                     | September 2026 | 91                                       |                                    |                                                |                                            |
|                     | October 2026   | 71                                       |                                    |                                                |                                            |
|                     | November 2026  | 45                                       |                                    |                                                |                                            |
|                     | December 2026  | 70                                       |                                    |                                                |                                            |
| WY 2026 Totals      |                | 791                                      | 626                                | 79%                                            | -166                                       |
| CY 2026 Totals      |                | 791                                      | 560                                | 71%                                            | -231                                       |

<sup>1</sup> Values were computed with the LC's gain-loss model for the most recent 24-month study.

<sup>2</sup> Percents of average are based on the 5-year mean from 2021-2025.



# 2007 Interim Guidelines, Minute 323, Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan, and Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan

## Total Volumes (kaf)

| Lake Mead<br>Elevation<br>(feet msl) | 2007 Interim<br>Guidelines<br>Shortages |    | Minute 323<br>Delivery<br>Reductions | Total<br>Combined<br>Reductions                | DCP Water<br>Savings<br>Contributions |    |     | Binational<br>Water<br>Scarcity<br>Contingency<br>Plan Savings | Combined Volumes by Country<br><i>US: (2007 Interim Guidelines Shortages +<br/>DCP Contributions)</i><br><i>Mexico: (Minute 323 Delivery Reductions +<br/>Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan<br/>Savings)</i> |             |             |                                             |                         | Total<br>Combined<br>Volumes                   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|----|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
|                                      | AZ                                      | NV | Mexico                               | <i>Lower<br/>Basin<br/>States +<br/>Mexico</i> | AZ                                    | NV | CA  | Mexico                                                         | AZ<br>Total                                                                                                                                                                                                           | NV<br>Total | CA<br>Total | <i>Lower<br/>Basin<br/>States<br/>Total</i> | <i>Mexico<br/>Total</i> | <i>Lower<br/>Basin<br/>States +<br/>Mexico</i> |
| 1,090 - 1,075                        | 0                                       | 0  | 0                                    | <b>0</b>                                       | 192                                   | 8  | 0   | 41                                                             | 192                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 8           | 0           | 200                                         | 41                      | <b>241</b>                                     |
| 1,075 - 1050                         | 320                                     | 13 | 50                                   | <b>383</b>                                     | 192                                   | 8  | 0   | 30                                                             | 512                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 21          | 0           | 533                                         | 80                      | <b>613</b>                                     |
| 1,050 - 1,045                        | 400                                     | 17 | 70                                   | <b>487</b>                                     | 192                                   | 8  | 0   | 34                                                             | 592                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 25          | 0           | 617                                         | 104                     | <b>721</b>                                     |
| 1,045 - 1,040                        | 400                                     | 17 | 70                                   | <b>487</b>                                     | 240                                   | 10 | 200 | 76                                                             | 640                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 27          | 200         | 867                                         | 146                     | <b>1,013</b>                                   |
| 1,040 - 1,035                        | 400                                     | 17 | 70                                   | <b>487</b>                                     | 240                                   | 10 | 250 | 84                                                             | 640                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 27          | 250         | 917                                         | 154                     | <b>1,071</b>                                   |
| 1,035 - 1,030                        | 400                                     | 17 | 70                                   | <b>487</b>                                     | 240                                   | 10 | 300 | 92                                                             | 640                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 27          | 300         | 967                                         | 162                     | <b>1,129</b>                                   |
| 1,030 - 1,025                        | 400                                     | 17 | 70                                   | <b>487</b>                                     | 240                                   | 10 | 350 | 101                                                            | 640                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 27          | 350         | 1,017                                       | 171                     | <b>1,188</b>                                   |
| <1,025                               | 480                                     | 20 | 125                                  | <b>625</b>                                     | 240                                   | 10 | 350 | 150                                                            | 720                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 30          | 350         | 1,100                                       | 275                     | <b>1,375</b>                                   |

2026 Reductions +  
Contributions



2026 Reductions +  
Contributions



The Secretary of the Interior will take affirmative actions to implement programs designed to create or conserve 100,000 acre-ft per annum or more of Colorado River System water to contribute to conservation of water supplies in Lake Mead and other Colorado River reservoirs in the lower basin. All actions taken by the United States shall be subject to applicable law, including availability of appropriations.





# Lower Basin Modeled Conservation<sup>1</sup>

## As of July 2026 (all volumes in acre-feet)

| State | Conservation Activity                            | 2026    | 2027    | 2028    | Total   |
|-------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| AZ    | CAP System Conservation Agreements               | 98,800  | 3,567   | 3,567   | 105,934 |
|       | Cathcart Farms System Conservation               | 61      | 0       | 0       | 61      |
|       | Cibola Valley IDD System Conservation            | 2,329   | 0       | 0       | 2,329   |
|       | Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation System Conservation | 13,933  | 0       | 0       | 13,933  |
|       | Matador System Conservation                      | 3,240   | 0       | 0       | 3,240   |
|       | GRIC System Conservation                         | 24,775  | 7,468   | 7,468   | 39,711  |
|       | Hopi Tribe System Conservation                   | 3,059   | 0       | 0       | 3,059   |
|       | MVIDD System Conservation                        | 14,184  | 0       | 0       | 14,184  |
|       | San Carlos Apache Tribe System Conservation      | 23,451  | 0       | 0       | 23,451  |
|       | YMIDD System Conservation                        | 23,893  | 0       | 0       | 23,893  |
| CA    | Coachella Groundwater System Conservation        | 35,000  | 0       | 0       | 35,000  |
|       | Coachella Ag System Conservation                 | 6,511   | 0       | 0       | 6,511   |
|       | IID System Conservation                          | 265,000 | 0       | 0       | 265,000 |
|       | MWD ICS Creation                                 | 0       | 0       | 12,526  | 12,526  |
|       | MWD System Conservation                          | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
|       | PVID-MWD System Conservation                     | 119,338 | 0       | 0       | 119,338 |
|       | Bard-MWD System Conservation                     | 9,862   | 0       | 0       | 9,862   |
|       | Quechan Indian Tribe-MWD System Conservation     | 13,000  | 0       | 0       | 13,000  |
| NV    | SNWA System Conservation Water                   | 89,000  | 0       | 0       | 89,000  |
|       | SNWA ICS Creation                                | 0       | 53,095  | 0       | 53,095  |
|       | SNWA Tributary Conservation                      | 35,000  | 35,000  | 35,000  | 105,000 |
| Other | 242 Wellfield Additional Pumping Agreement       | 45,000  | 0       | 0       | 45,000  |
|       | PSCP                                             | 2,622   | 145     | 145     | 2,912   |
|       | <b>Annual Total</b>                              | 828,058 | 99,275  | 58,706  | 986,039 |
|       | <b>Cumulative Total</b>                          | 828,058 | 927,333 | 986,039 |         |

<sup>1</sup> All projected volumes are subject to change. Additional conservation activities are being considered including system conservation, ICS, and other conserved water in 2026 through 2028. These additional activities will be included in Reclamation's operational modeling.

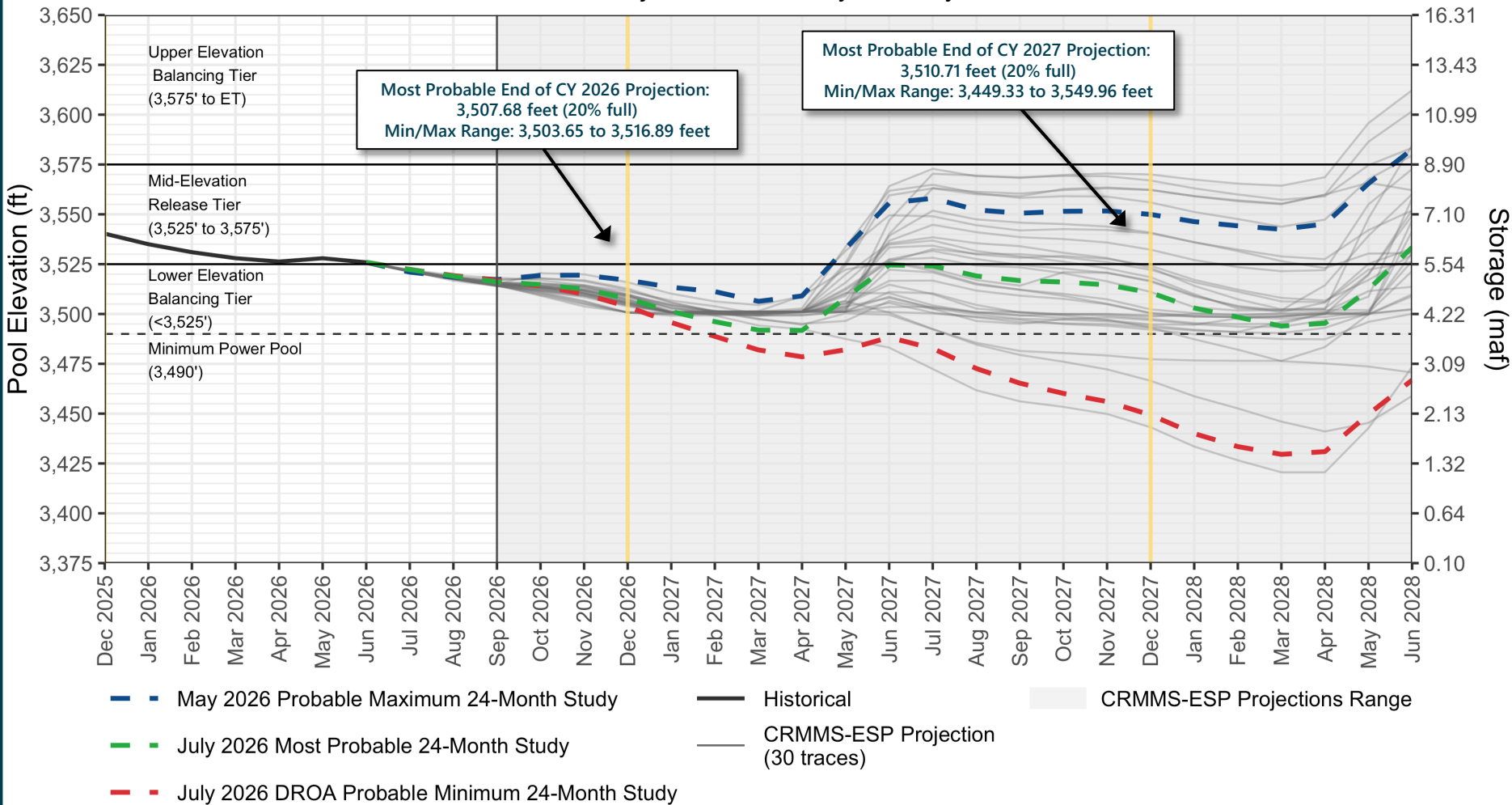
<sup>2</sup> Reclamation has funded approximately 3.16 maf of conservation between 2023-2025 in accordance with the Reservoir Protection Conservation requirements under the 2007 Interim Guidelines SEIS ROD. Information on accounted system conservation can be found online at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/wtracct.html>.





Lake Powell End-of-Month Elevations<sup>1,2</sup>

CRMMS Projections from May and July 2026

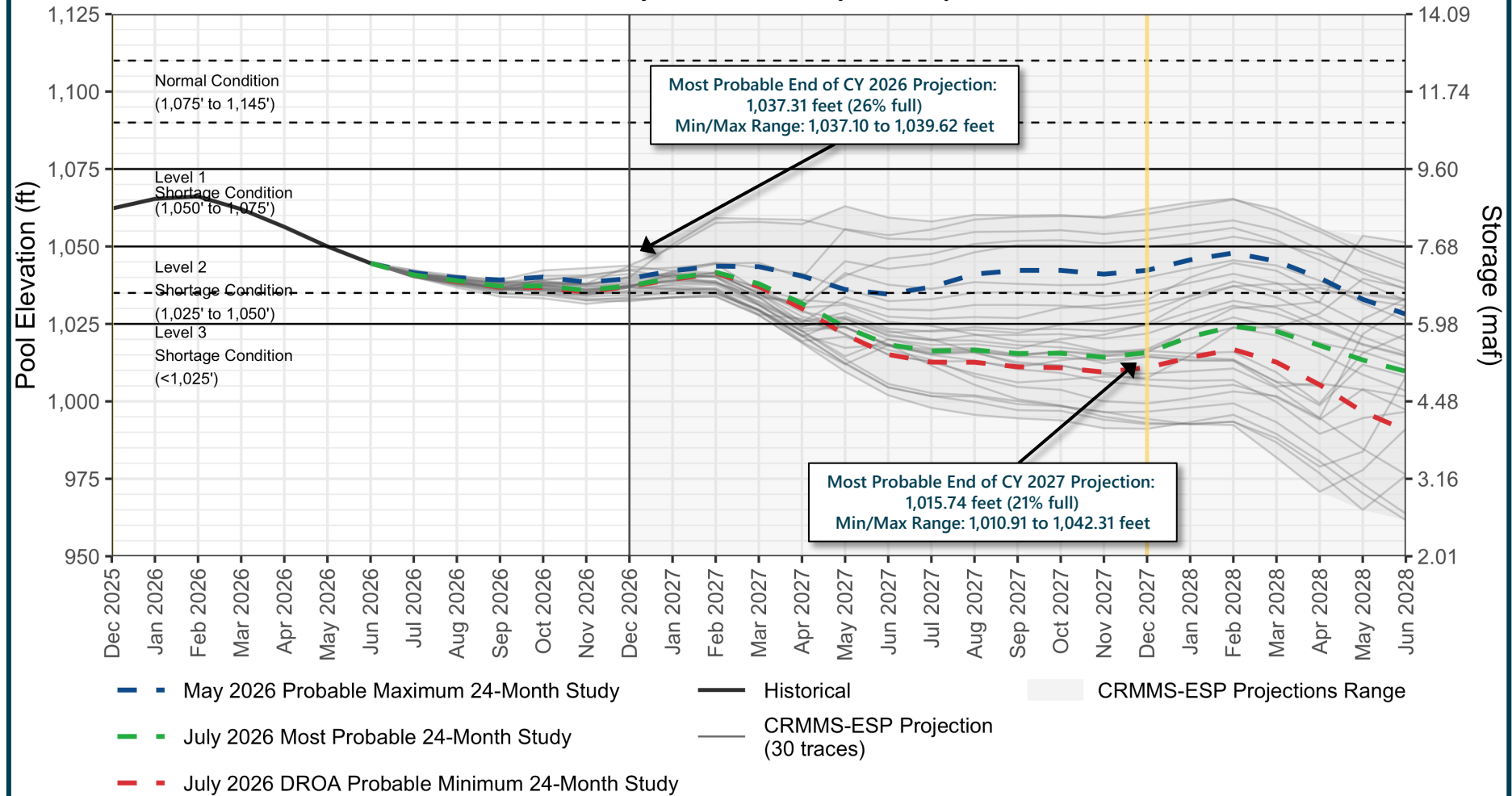


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# Lake Mead End-of-Month Elevations<sup>1,2</sup> CRMMS Projections from May and July 2026



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# Davis/Parker Dam FY Gross Energy Generation Projections

Based on May & July 2026 24-Month Study Inflow Scenarios

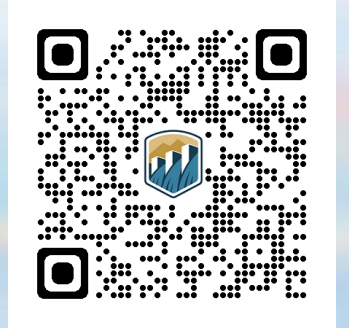
| Inflow Scenario | FY 2026    | FY 2027    |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Wet Scenario    | 1,304 GWHs | 1,481 GWHs |
| Most Probable   | 1,290 GWHs | 1,478 GWHs |
| Dry Scenario    | 1,291 GWHs | 1,488 GWHs |



# The Colorado River: Operations and Current Conditions

For further information please visit  
<https://www.usbr.gov/lc/riverops.html>

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— BUREAU OF —  
RECLAMATION

## BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

July 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 7th day of July, 2026, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS WALTERS, McNEIL, CAIRNS AND POWELL

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

EX ABSNC COMMISSIONER McNEIL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POWELL, to grant an excused absence to COMMISSIONERS BROWN AND JONES. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

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

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

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

CNST CAL: COMMISSIONER WALTERS requested to pull agenda item 2 (approve the Annual Depository Statement and authorize the Director of Finance to make monthly transfers from NPUA to City accounts to reimburse for the fiscal year 2026-2027 payments for bond debt service, contract services, purchase payments, and reimbursement of non-utility sanitation revenues deposited with the Authority according to the approved budget)

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER McNEIL, to pull agenda item 2 and approve agenda items 1 and 3.

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held June 2, 2026
3. Authorize the Purchase of one Pole/Reel/Dump Trailer from Brooks Brothers Trailers not to exceed \$55,060 utilizing the Electric Asset Replacement Fund

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



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

Motion to approve agenda item 3 carried by the following roll call vote:

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

ANNUAL DEPOSITORY STATEMENT 2026-27 FY COMMISSIONER WALTERS questioned the dates on the Annual Depository Statement, Operations & Maintenance, which show 2022 and 2023. Mark Demay, finance director, noted that is an error and will be corrected as the correct years should be 2026 and 2027. A brief discussion followed.

COMMISSIONER POWELL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAIRNS, to approve the Annual Depository Statement, as corrected to reflect the 2026-2027 fiscal year, and authorize the Director of Finance to make monthly transfers from NPUA to City accounts to reimburse for the fiscal year 2026-2027 payments for bond debt service, contract services, purchase payments, and reimbursement of non-utility sanitation revenues deposited with the Authority according to the approved budget. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REG ITEMS: Utility Manager Torrance briefly explained the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Site Access and Use Memorandum of Understanding with the University of California, San Diego for Alert California to place cameras in Needles. This will provide faster emergency response through AI (artificial intelligence) to fires and track changes to the earth and the impact of climate changes. The camera will be attached to the high tank on Lily Hill and there is no cost to participate in the program.

SCRIPPS INST OF OCEANOGRAPHY SITE ACCESS & MOU FOR CAMERA

Discussion followed on the purpose of the agreement to capture wildfires early for quick response with some Board Members expressing concern on possible other uses, display of neighborhoods over the Internet, etc. Utility Manager Torrance explained that the intent is to get aerial coverage and possibly help with residential insurance coverages but if the Board is not in favor and denies, she will not present to the City Council/Needles Public Utility Authority as there will be no recommendation.

COMMISSIONER POWELL agreed this is a good idea but feels we need assurances that it will not be used for any other purposes noting that cameras have

taken jobs from fire personnel. COMMISSIONER WALTERS commented that Scripps is coming to the city for convenience of the higher area on Lily Hill as they could attach to poles elsewhere. COMMISSIONER POWELL expressed concern that the cameras could become “big brother watching”. CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL pointed out that there is a resource through the city attorney if there is abuse in use of the cameras.

Utility Manager Torrance suggested the MOU can be submitted for final review by the city attorney to make sure the intended use of the camera is clear. After any comments or changes, those would then be submitted to Scripps for their review and approval to make sure they’re agreeable with the protection language. COMMISSIONER McNEIL pointed out that Scripps is restricted to certain use as per the MOU and cannot include the surrounding neighborhoods.

Upon recommendation of Utility Manager Torrance, COMMISSIONER POWELL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAIRNS, to table until the next meeting and request the city attorney review for clarification.

COMMISSIONER McNEIL explained he does not see this issue reaching the level of going to the city attorney for review of the MOU or the expense thereof as the language is specific that they cannot spy on the community.

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, COMMISSIONERS WALTERS,  
CAIRNS AND POWELL  
NOES: COMMISSIONER McNEIL  
ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS JONES AND BROWN

REPORTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged: 1) EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system May 2026; and 2) Present Perfected Rights Report for April and May 2026

MGR’S RPT: Utility Manager Torrance reported on: 1) power outage about a week ago and encouraged everyone to download the Needles Connect App if not already done so. The wind blew something into the powerlines that blew the circuit so a reminder was sent to the residents to keep secure anything that can blow into the powerlines; 2) spoke on several agencies in California that are pursuing an amended or extended system conservation implementation agreement for 2026, 2027 and 2028, and the city having a conservation agreement for the turf project done at the golf course which has expired. Not sure if it’s in the city’s best interest to entertain extending that but Metropolitan Water District (MWD) reached out that we may be getting some proposals on extending that agreement though the city has met its obligation.

BRD RQSTS: COMMISSIONER McNEIL questioned the status of the solar ad hoc committee to which Utility Manager Torrance responded grant applications have been submitted for two smaller solar systems with battery backup for the senior center and recreation center both of which serve as cooling stations during power

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outages. The plan is to finish SCADA and then put together a request for proposals for a 1 megawatt solar farm project as there are funds in the asset replacement as well as looking at other funding opportunities. The state is still giving out funding, just no federal funding.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL proposed to start metering streetlights so we know the consumption as the power used is currently showing with line losses. Need to make an argument with the city council on who pays for streetlights and make a proposal that the general fund pick up that cost. COMMISSIONER WALTERS noted the old streetlights are being changed out to new halogen lights. Discussion followed on streetlight costs, who pays, and metering of same. CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL feels streetlights are a public safety cost, not ratepayer cost.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 7th day of July, 2026, adjourned at 4:39 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary





## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2026

**Title:** Accept and File the AB32 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Verification Report  
2025 Emissions prepared by Lincus Incorporated

**Background:** The California Air Resources Board requires a third-party verifier of the GHG. Lincus Incorporated reported, "The City of Needles' 2025 emission data reports for Electric Power Entity (ARB AD 3047) are found to be **free of material misstatement and in conformance** with the Mandatory Reporting Requirement". The City's annual metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e reported for 2025 is **25,958.7**

Every year, covered entities turn in allowances and offsets for 30 percent of the previous year's emissions. The City of Needles meets this requirement annually by utilizing the free allocation of allowances provided by CARB. For 2025, the City of Needles has **14,523 free allowances**. The free allowances for 2025 will cover the annual compliance obligation.

At the end of each compliance period, covered entities must turn in the remaining 70 percent of allowances and a limited number of offsets covering the remainder of emissions in that compliance period. To meet the remaining 70 percent requirement, entities may participate in CARB auctions or purchase allowances and offsets from the open market. The current compliance period is a three-year period beginning in 2024 to 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:** Remaining allowances and offsets for 2025 are **11,436**; market prices for 2025 were \$37.40/allowance. The estimated fiscal impact for 2025 GHG allowances and offsets is **\$428K. This is half of the cost from the prior year due to the increase in free allowances.** The City of Needles will not transact for the required allowances and offsets until the enclosed verification report is accepted by CARB and posted to the City of Needles Compliance and Tracking System to verify quantities needed.

**Environmental Impact:** Reduction in greenhouse gas emissions

**Recommended Action:** Accept and File the AB32 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Verification Report  
2025 Emissions prepared by Lincus Incorporated

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 8/25/2026

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## City of Needles- EPE

ARB ID: 3047

# GHG Emissions Verification Report (2025 MRR Emissions)

### Verification Statement:

***Positive***

### ***Prepared for:***

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Aug 6th, 2026

Subject: 2025 GHG Verification Report for City of Needles – EPE ARB#3047

Dear Rainie,

We have completed our verification of the 2025 reporting year greenhouse gas emissions report submitted in compliance with the Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting (“MRR”) of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. We would like to inform you that:

**City of Needles’ (ARB ID 3047) 2025 emissions data report is reasonably assured of no material misstatement and in full conformance with the MRR resulting in positive verification.**

This letter, and the documents that follow it, constitute our verification report to you. Consistent with §95131(c), this verification report consists of the following items:

- A detailed description of the facility including all emissions and product data sources and boundaries;
- A detailed description of the data acquisition, tracking, and emission calculation/product data systems;
- The Verification Plan;
- The detailed comparison of the data checks conducted during verification services for emissions and product data sources;
- The log of issues identified during the verification activities and their resolution;
- Any qualifying comments on findings during verification services; and
- The calculations performed per section §95131(b) (12) (A) for emissions and product data.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our recommendation or the verification process.

Best Regards,

Ramanujan Vetrivel

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# 1 INTRODUCTION

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## 1.1 Verification Objective

City of Needles – EPE (ARB ID 3047) retained Lincus, Inc. to conduct an independent verification of its reported greenhouse gas emissions for 2025 calendar year. City of Needles – EPE (also referred as “Needles” or “Reporter”) emissions data report was prepared in compliance to California Air Resources Board’s (CARB) GHG Mandatory Reporting Regulation, California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title 17, Subchapter 10, Article 2, Sections 95100 to 95163, amended March 29, 2019 (Revised Reporting Regulation). This standard is referenced as “MRR” throughout this report. The verification process covers the GHG data collection period from January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025. The objective of this verification exercise is to independently review substantiating evidence in order to confirm that the submitted emissions data report is:

- Reasonable assured of no material misstatement; and
- In conformance with MRR.

Lincus is a CARB-accredited verification body under Executive Order H-25-007 (first accredited in 2009 and valid through Feb 2028) and is fully qualified to perform verification for this report.

## 1.2 Verification Scope

In accordance with the MRR (Sec §95130(a)(1)), Needles is required to obtain annual verification services. Reporting entities subject to this section are also required to obtain full verification services if any of the following apply:

- First year of the compliance cycle;
- There has been a change in the verification body;
- An adverse verification statement or qualified positive verification statement was issued for the previous year for either emissions data or product data, or both;
- A change of operational control of the reporting entity occurred in the previous year.

Needles is subject to a full verification for the 2025 reporting year due to a change in Verification Body. The scope of this verification includes Needles’ electricity transactions as an electric power entity as well as associated emissions covered under the scope of the MRR.

To ensure the emissions data report is free of material misstatements, the Lincus verification team evaluates emissions from applicable covered sources and product data to determine if there is reasonable assurance that the report contains no material

misstatements in the covered GHG emissions reported as CO2 equivalents and/or in the product data. To assess compliance with MRR, the team reviews the methods and factors used to compile the emissions data report, verifying adherence to MRR requirements and ensuring all relevant standards are met.

### 1.3 Description of Emission Activities, Sources, and Boundaries

Needles is a municipal electric utility that provides retail electric service within the City of Needles, California. Needles operates as a retail provider and serves its own load within the Western Area Lower Colorado (WALC) Balancing Authority. Western Area Power Administration - Desert Southwest Region (WAPA-DSW) acts as Needles' scheduling coordinator and manages electricity scheduling and associated e-Tags on the City's behalf. Needles receives electricity from a combination of Parker-Davis Project hydroelectric allocations, wholesale power purchases, Aggregate Energy Services (AES) resource sharing, and balancing authority energy imbalance services. Needles reports greenhouse gas emissions associated with electricity imported into California pursuant to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) Mandatory Reporting Regulation. Reported electricity transactions primarily consist of specified imports associated with the Parker-Davis Project hydroelectric allocation and unspecified imports from wholesale electricity purchases, AES resource sharing, and WALC balancing authority energy imbalance energy. Needles also reports retail electricity sales to its end-use customers. The City does not export or wheel electricity and does not sell power into CAISO. Emissions boundaries include all reportable imported electricity transactions for which Needles is responsible under CARB reporting requirements. Table 1a and 2 summarizes initially submitted emission activities, sources, and emission boundaries.

**Table 1a: List of Imports**

| Transaction Type    | Transaction Source   | Reported MWh  | Reported CO2e    | MWh by Percent of Total | CO2e by Percent of Total |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Unspecified Imports | Various              | 59,350        | 25,909.84        | 71%                     | 100.0%                   |
| Specified Imports   | Parker-Davis Project | 23,951        | 0.00             | 29%                     | 0.0%                     |
| RPS Adjustment      | None reported        | 0             | 0.00             | 0%                      | 0.0%                     |
| Linked              | None reported        | 0             | 0.00             | 0%                      | 0.0%                     |
| <b>Totals</b>       |                      | <b>83,301</b> | <b>25,909.84</b> |                         |                          |

**Table 2: List of Boundaries**

|                           |                                                               |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Geographic Boundaries     | Needles' service territory                                    |
| Organizational Boundaries | Needles' operational control                                  |
| Greenhouse Gases Verified | CO <sub>2</sub> , CH <sub>4</sub> , N <sub>2</sub> O          |
| Reporting Year            | 2025 Emissions<br>(January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025) |

#### 1.4 Standards Used to Verify Emissions (Criteria)

Table 4 outlines the guidance and protocols used to conduct this verification:

**Table 4: Standards Used to Verify Emissions**

| Topic                                    | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Verification Standard                    | Mandatory Reporting Regulation, California Code of Regulation (CCR), Title 17, Subchapter 10, Article 2, Sections 95100 to 95163, amended March 29, 2019                                                                                          |
| Operational Boundaries                   | Delivered electricity/electricity transactions by City of Needles- EPE                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Level of Assurance                       | Reasonable Assurance                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Materiality Threshold                    | Discrepancies, Omissions, and Misreporting greater than plus or minus five ( $\pm 5$ ) percent of the reported covered GHG emission are considered "material."                                                                                    |
| Non-compliance/Non-conformance Threshold | Items not in conformance with verification standard stated above that may lead to material misstatements, errors, or omissions and/or other items discovered during the verification process that may pose an elevated risk of these occurrences. |

## 2 VERIFICATION ACTIVITIES

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The verification process was designed to gain clear understanding of Needles' emission sources; to evaluate and verify the collection and handling of data; to review the calculations that lead to the emissions report; and to evaluate the processes and



procedures for reporting the associated data and results. Lincus personnel were particularly careful during this verification to refrain from providing advice to the reporting entity.

## 2.1 Verification Logistics

Upon acceptance of the verification proposal by the reporter and associated contractual obligations (e.g. proof of insurance, purchase order, etc.):

- A Lead Verifier to serve as a project manager and point of contact was assigned;
- The reporter was asked to assign Lincus, Inc. as the Verification body in Cal-eGGRT;
- The reporter was asked to provide electronic and/or physical copies of its GHG Monitoring or Inventory Plan and associated relevant data for review;
- The lead verifier assigned discussed the general timing of verification services with facility personnel including:
  - Types of proposed document and data reviews;
  - Expected date for completing verification services.

At such point in time that initial information had been received, the lead verifier contacted the reporter to discuss initial verification logistics and selected the verification team.

*NOTE: If it was believed that a real or perceived Conflict of Interest (COI) existed during any point up to COI/NOVS approval by ARB, the Lead Verifier reserved the right to halt verification logistic activities until a COI determination could be made. Internal evaluation of COI was also conducted for each member of the verification team.*

The Lincus verification team for this verification activity consisted of the individuals shown in Table 5. These individuals were selected based on their verification experience, as well as familiarity with the technical operations of this facility type. The lead verifier had operational control over the verification team and was the primary point of contact for all verification activities.

**Table 5: List of Verification Team Members**

| Name               | CARB Accredited EO # | Project Role  | Company Name |
|--------------------|----------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Ramanujan Vetrivel | H-26-027             | Lead Verifier | Lincus, Inc. |

|                   |          |                      |              |
|-------------------|----------|----------------------|--------------|
| Alyza Kashmiri    | H-26-011 | Verifier             | Lincus, Inc. |
| Cristalle Mauleon | H-24-122 | Independent Reviewer | Lincus, Inc. |

## 2.2 Prepare and Submit COI/NOVS Forms

In accordance with MRR (§95131 and §95133), the Lead verifier completed a Conflict of Interest (COI) and Notification of Verification Services (NOVS) form using the ARB online portal and received approval by ARB on 03/19/2026. The COI risk for this verification was deemed to be low.

## 2.3 Verification Plan Development

After receiving COI/NOVs approval from ARB, a Verification Plan was developed for the site in accordance with §95131(b)(1). The Verification Plan provided an overall roadmap for the verification process and listed specific activities that must be conducted during the verification and also identifies an expected timeline for the completion of each activity. A copy of the Verification Plan is attached in Appendix A.

The verification team downloaded ONE workbook and the emissions data report from Cal e-GGRT.

The following documents were also requested before and after developing the verification and Sampling Plan:

- Updated GHG Inventory plan
- Hourly e-Tags data
- Previous Year's Verification Report
- CAISO sales calculation file
- Raw OATI Data Files (downloaded during the site visit)
- Copies of sample e-Tags

## 2.4 Develop Sampling Plan

After initial review of data, Lincus developed a Sampling Plan in accordance with the procedures outlined in §95131(b)(7)(A)-(C) based on a strategic risk analysis of submitted data to assess the nature, scale, and complexity of the verification activity.

The sampling plan for verification included a quantitative assessment of materiality risk for emission sources including:

- Ranking of emission sources by amount of contribution to total CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent;
- Ranking of emissions sources by risk of calculation uncertainty.
- Fuel and electricity transactions were also ranked or evaluated relative to the amount of fuel or power exchanged.

The Sampling Plan also included a qualitative assessment of conformity risk as applicable, including as applicable under §95110 to §95123, §95129, and §95150 to §95157 including:

- Data acquisition equipment;
- Data sampling and frequency;
- Data processing and tracking;
- Emissions calculations;
- Product data (not applicable to this verification);
- Data reporting;
- Management policies or practices in developing emissions data reports.

Note that the Sampling Plan is considered an internal verification process document, which must be made available to CARB upon request. As such, it is not made available to the Reporter.

## **2.5 Site Visit**

The lead verifier conducted a site visit on 06/25/2026. The meeting was attended by the following personnel:

- Yeshpal Gupta, Lincus, Inc., Verifier
- Rainie Torrance, Needles, Utility Manager
- Trent Nunn, WAPA, Settlements & Billing Supervisor
- Chenguang Wang, WAPA, Public Utilities Specialist

The purpose of the meeting was to

- Check that all sources specified in sections §95110 to 95124, and 95150 to 95157, as applicable to the reporting entity are identified appropriately as outlined in the sampling plan.
- Review and understand the data management systems used by the reporting entity to track, quantify, and report greenhouse gas emissions and electricity transactions to evaluate the uncertainty and effectiveness of these systems as outlined in the sampling plan.
- Query NERC E-Tags from OATI database and go over the steps and Calculations for aggregation of transaction data, QA/QC process, and other relevant content of the emissions data report.

The lead verifier carefully walked through the GHG calculations and sources for the data and asked questions, as needed. The verifier also witnessed download of the OATI reports for NERC e-tags and they were sent to the verifier via email.

## 2.6 Assess Materiality

Table 6a below summarizes the specific sections of the MRR directly applicable to this facility.

**Table 6a: Sections of the MRR Utilized to Verify Materiality**

| <b>Mandatory Reporting Requirement</b>                                | <b>Applicable Section</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Data Requirements and Calculation Methods for Electric Power Entities | §95111                    |

## 2.7 Assess Conformity

Table 6b below summarizes the specific sections of the MRR directly applicable to this facility.

**Table 6b: Sections of the MRR Utilized to Verify Conformity**

| <b>Mandatory Reporting Requirement</b>                                | <b>Applicable Section</b> |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Applicability                                                         | §95101                    |
| Greenhouse Gas Reporting Requirements                                 | §95103                    |
| Emissions Data Report Contents and Mechanism                          | §95104                    |
| Recordkeeping Requirements                                            | §95105                    |
| Data Requirements and Calculation Methods for Electric Power Entities | §95111                    |

## 2.8 Internal Quality Control

After the initial verification statement had been completed, a draft verification report was developed, and it was provided to an Independent Reviewer for review. The Independent Reviewer ensured that all applicable verification procedures were followed and identified any areas of significant concern, including errors in planning, data sampling, and/or judgment by the verification team that are related to the draft verification statement.

## 2.9 Verification Report and Verification Statement

At the completion of the verification services, a detailed verification report, including sampling plan, data checks completed issues logged, and their resolution, as well as any additional qualifying verification findings was provided to the reporter. Ten business days were allowed for the entity to make corrections (if needed). Once a discussion had been held with the reporter regarding their verification report, a final report and verification statement was submitted to ARB.

### 3 VERIFICATION FINDINGS

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#### 3.1 Data Checks & Issues Log

The verification team conducted verification activities as outlined in Section 2.4 “Sampling Plan.” In accordance with the MRR, the following “Data Checks” and “Issues Log” were developed to identify areas of material misstatement and/or nonconformance and any corrective action taken by the reporting entity prior to providing a verification statement to ARB. A sample list of data checks is provided below with the results summarized in Table 7a and Table 7b. There were no issues identified by the verifier, so there is no issues log for RY2025.

- Reviewed GHG monitoring Program for MRR compliance.
- Re-created the transactions data calculations from the consolidated OATI NERC e-tags report and compared with submitted specified/unspecified import/ data aggregated By First Point of Receipt (POR).
- Checked submitted Transmission Loss Factor (TLF) for all sources.
- Downloaded raw OATI data for the 2025 calendar year during the in-person site visit.
- Detailed data management system review was completed during the site visit and confirmed that no changes has been made to the reporting and QA/QC process.
- Reviewed the submitted NAICS Code and confirmed that the facility correctly identified itself as an Electric Power Distribution entity with a NAICS classification of 221122 based on review of the processes taking place at the facility.

**Table 7a: Data Checks (Covered Emissions Data)**

| Transaction Type    | Transaction Source   | Reported MWh  | Reported CO2e   | Verifier MWh  | Verifier CO2e   | Difference | Percent Difference | Notes |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|--------------------|-------|
| Unspecified Imports | ABEL230              | 10            | 4.4             | 10            | 4.4             | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | APACHE115            | 48            | 21.0            | 48            | 21.0            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | APACHE230            | 944           | 412.1           | 944           | 412.1           | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | AVA.SYS              | 29            | 12.7            | 29            | 12.7            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | GILARIVER500         | 186           | 81.2            | 186           | 81.2            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | GRIFFITH230          | 26,172        | 11,425.6        | 26,172        | 11,425.6        | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | HA500                | 304           | 132.7           | 304           | 132.7           | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | IPCOGEN              | 64            | 27.9            | 64            | 27.9            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | IPP                  | 224           | 97.8            | 224           | 97.8            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | KAYLHV               | 3             | 1.3             | 3             | 1.3             | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | LYPK                 | 144           | 62.9            | 144           | 62.9            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | MEAD230              | 3,272         | 1,428.4         | 3,272         | 1,428.4         | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | NORTHSYS             | 33            | 14.4            | 33            | 14.4            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | NWMTIMBALANC         | 10            | 4.4             | 10            | 4.4             | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | PACE                 | 5             | 2.2             | 5             | 2.2             | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | PALOVERDE500         | 866           | 378.1           | 866           | 378.1           | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | PGE                  | 16            | 7.0             | 16            | 7.0             | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | PSCO                 | 9             | 3.9             | 9             | 3.9             | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | PSEI.SYSTEM          | 9             | 3.9             | 9             | 3.9             | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | RACEWAY230           | 27            | 11.8            | 27            | 11.8            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | SOUTHSYS             | 136           | 59.4            | 136           | 59.4            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | SPS                  | 10            | 4.4             | 10            | 4.4             | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | SRPNETWORK           | 11,004        | 4,803.9         | 11,004        | 4,803.9         | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | TOPOCK230            | 64            | 27.9            | 64            | 27.9            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | VAIL345              | 84            | 36.7            | 84            | 36.7            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | WAUE                 | 27            | 11.8            | 27            | 11.8            | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | WALC BAA IMB         | 9,046         | 3,949.1         | 9,046         | 3,949.1         | -          | 0%                 |       |
|                     | AES SHARING GROUP    | 6,716         | 2,931.9         | 6,716         | 2,931.9         | -          | 0%                 |       |
| Specified Imports   | Parker-Davis Project | 23,951        | 0.0             | 23,951        | 0.0             | -          | 0%                 |       |
| RPS Adjustment      | None reported        | 0             | 0.0             | 0             | 0.0             | N/A        | N/A                |       |
| QE Adjustment       | None reported        | 0             | 0.0             | 0             | 0.0             | N/A        | N/A                |       |
| Linked              | None reported        | 0             | 0.0             | 0             | 0.0             | N/A        | N/A                |       |
| <b>Totals</b>       |                      | <b>83,413</b> | <b>25,958.7</b> | <b>83,413</b> | <b>25,958.7</b> | <b>-</b>   | <b>0%</b>          |       |

**Table 7b: Data Checks (Non-covered Data)**

| Data         | Reported MWh | Reported CO2e | Verifire MWh | Verifier CO2e | Difference | Percent Difference | Notes          |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------------|----------------|
| CAISO Sales  | 0            | 0             | -            | 0             | N.A        | N/A                |                |
| Retail Sales | 94,402       | N/A           | 93,895       | N/A           | 506.83     | 1%                 | Rounding error |

Table 8: Issues Log

| Issue# | Issue Date | Regulation Section    | Issue Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Impact on Verification Statement, if not resolved     | Resolution/Response by the Reporting Entity                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Issue Resolved? | Date Resolved |
|--------|------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 1      | 7/8/2026   | 95111(a)              | <b>CARB Identified:</b> Various tabs: All EPEs are expected to report amounts for tagged imports, exports, and wheels that meet or exceed the values obtained from OATI data. Potential correctable error. §95111(a). The reported Total Imports value of 43588 MWh does not meet or exceed OATI import value of 43700 MWh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Correctable Error; Adverse Verification               | Analyst mistakenly did not include 112 MWh from SouthSys due to an incorrect tag transaction type. It has not been included in the Total import for a total value of 43700 MWh. Waiting on verifier to unlock CARB to upload revised Workbook.                                                                                                                                                                                            | Yes             | 7/24/2026     |
| 2      | 7/8/2026   | 95111(a)(2); 95102(a) | <b>CARB Identified:</b> Spec Imports and Unspec Imports tabs: In Spec Imports col. J and Unspec Imports col. D: Tagged power must be reported as "Tagged", if imports are EIM, then select "EIM". If imports are untagged, metered imports to CA, then select "Metered". Even if the line item is the result of a lesser of analysis, it still should/must be reported as "tagged" because the e-Tag is the data source that dictates the overall quantity imports.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Non-Conformance, Qualified Positive                   | I'm in agreement that even though meters were used in the analysis, it is the tagged value that develops the overall import value. I have updated workbook Unspec Import column D to "tagged". Spec Import already indicates "tagged" so no need to update. Waiting on verifier to unlock CARB to upload revised Workbook.                                                                                                                | Yes             | 7/24/2026     |
| 3      | 7/8/2026   | 95111(c)(1)           | The reported retail sales value of 91,517 MWh in 2025 NPUA Sales.xlsx could not be verified. Supporting documentation was only available for May (May 2025 Retail Sales Report.pdf). Retail sales reports for the remaining months were not provided. Please provide all other months data.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Data Request; Non-Conformance, Qualified Positive     | All sales reports will be sent by City of Needles.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes             | 7/28/2026     |
| 4      | 7/8/2026   | 95102(a)              | Spec Imports tab: The answer to the question "Are YOU the PSE on the NERC eTag in the Physical Path table on the last California border crossing" appears to be incorrectly entered as "No".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Non-Conformance, Qualified Positive                   | Corrected to "Yes". Waiting on verifier to unlock CARB to upload revised Workbook.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Yes             | 7/24/2026     |
| 5      | 7/8/2026   | 95102(a)              | Reporter Info Tab: The response to the question, "Did you directly or indirectly purchase any electricity through EIM to serve California load in the data year?" is listed as "No." However, per the definition of EIM Purchaser in §95102, an electrical distribution utility is considered to have purchased electricity through the EIM if, during any 5-minute interval in the data year, it participates in CAISO markets indirectly through a CAISO scheduling coordinator that meets any portion of its California load with imbalance energy.<br><br>Although City of Needles may not have participated in the EIM directly, WAPA is an EIM participant and may have purchased electricity through the EIM to serve retail load. Since WAPA is itself an EIM participant and therefore an EIM purchaser, if WAPA acted as Needles's scheduling coordinator and supplied imbalance energy to serve Needles's California load, Needles may meet the definition of an EIM purchaser under §95102. Please clarify whether WAPA provided imbalance energy on behalf of Needles during the reporting year and confirm whether the response to this question remains appropriate. | Non-Conformance, Qualified Positive                   | Reporter Info Tab: "Did you directly or indirectly purchase any electricity through EIM to serve California load in the data year?" will remain a "No".<br>Per Energy Management & Marketing Manager - "All of the City of Needles resources are electronically tagged. They do not receive any energy from the WEIM. Any WEIM transactions within the WALC BA are those for the WALC BA using any of the applicable 32 ETSR tie points." | Yes             | 7/27/2026     |
| 6      | 7/8/2026   | 95111(c)(1)           | Provide the contract to substantiate the specified import power from Parker-Davis Project [Hydro] (ARB Facility Unit ID 500254).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Data Request, Correctable Error; Adverse Verification | Emailed Parker Davis contract to verifier.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Yes             | 7/24/2026     |

### 3.2 Materiality Assessment

The following formula was used to assess material misstatement, whereas the total reported emissions have emissions greater or less than five (5) percent:

$$\text{Percent Error} = \frac{\sum((\text{Discrepancies} + \text{Omissions} + \text{Misreporting}) \times 100\%)}{\text{Total Covered Reported Emissions}}$$

Whereas:

- “Discrepancies” - any differences between the covered emissions/product data and verifier calculated covered emissions/product data for a data source or product data subject to data checks in section 95131(b)(8).
- “Omissions” - any covered emissions or product data the verifier concludes must be part of the emissions data report, but were not included by the reporting entity in the emissions data report.
- “Misreporting” - duplicate, incomplete or other covered emissions the verifier concludes should, or should not, be part of the emissions data report or duplicate or other product data the verifier concludes should not be part of the emissions data report.

The materiality assessment for this facility was calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Percent Error} &= \frac{(0.00)}{25,958.7 \text{ MT}} \\ &= 0.00\%\end{aligned}$$

The percent error for Needles’ emissions is within the acceptable materiality threshold of  $\pm 5\%$  confidence.

### 3.3 Conformance Assessment

The Table below listed conformance assessment findings.



**Table 9: Conformance Assessment**

| <b>Requirement</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>Code Section</b> | <b>Assessment</b>                           |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| Information to allow the verification team to develop a general understanding of entity boundaries, operations, and electricity transactions;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$95105(d) (1)      | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |
| Reference to management policies or practices applicable to reporting pursuant to section 95111;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$95105(d) (2)      | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |
| List of key personnel involved in compiling data and preparing the emissions data report;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | \$95105(d) (3)      | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |
| Training practices for personnel involved in reporting delivered electricity pursuant to section 95111 and responsible for data report certification, including documented training procedures;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$95105(d) (4)      | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |
| Query of NERC e-Tag source data to determine the quantity of electricity (MWh) imported, exported, and wheeled for transactions in which they are the purchasing-selling entity on the last physical path segment that crosses the border of the state of California, access to review the raw e-Tag data, a tabulated summary, and query description;                                                                                                                           | \$95105(d) (5)      | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |
| Reference to other independent or internal data management systems and records, including written power contracts and associated verbal or electronic records, full or partial ownership, invoices, and settlements data used to document whether reported transactions are specified or unspecified and whether the requirements for adjustments to covered emissions pursuant to sections 95852(b)(1)(B), 95852(b)(4) and 95852(b)(5) of the cap-and-trade regulation are met; | \$95105(d) (6)      | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |
| Description of sNeedless taken and calculations made to aggregate data into reporting categories required pursuant to section 95111                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | \$95105(d) (7)      | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |
| Records of preventive and corrective actions taken to address verifier and ARB findings of past non-conformances and material misstatements                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | \$95105(d) (8)      | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |
| Log of emissions data report modifications made after initial certification;                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | \$95105(d) (9)      | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |
| A written description of an internal audit program that includes emissions data report review and documents ongoing efforts to improve the GHG Inventory Program                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | \$95105(d) (10)     | This entity is in conformance with the MRR. |

## 4 VERIFICATION RESULTS

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Lincus, Inc. was selected by Needles to verify its reported greenhouse gas emissions for 2025 emissions year. The purpose of this verification activity was to confirm, on behalf of ARB that reported GHG emissions from this facility are free of material misstatement and in conformance with Subchapter 10 “Climate Change” Sections §95100 to §95157, Title 17, California Code of Regulations also referenced as “The California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32).”

The verification team planned and performed various data checks and assessments to verify these reported emissions based on objective evidence to provide reasonable assurance that the amount of GHG emission reported are free of material misstatement; and in full conformance with the requirements of the Regulation. Based on these verification activities as outlined in the above sections, it is the conclusion of Lincus Inc. in its role as independent ARB accredited verifier that, City of Needles - EPE’s reported emissions are **free of material misstatement and in full conformance with the regulation.**

## VERIFICATION STATEMENT

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD  
**MRR VERIFICATION STATEMENT FORM**  
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## EMISSIONS DATA REPORT

For assistance completing or submitting this report, contact [ghgverify@arb.ca.gov](mailto:ghgverify@arb.ca.gov).

## PART I: EMISSIONS DATA REPORT INFORMATION

Reporting Year:  
2025

## PART II: VERIFICATION BODY INFORMATION

Verification Body Name:  
Lincus, Inc.

### PART III: REPORTING ENTITY INFORMATION

Name of Reporting Entity:  
City of Needles - EPE

CARB ID Number:  
3047

#### PART IV: VERIFICATION STATEMENT INFORMATION

1. This verification statement attests that the submitted data are (check one):
- ☒ Reasonably assured of being free of material misstatement
- ☐ NOT reasonably assured of being free of material misstatement
2. This verification statement attests that the submitted data are (check one):
- ☒ Reasonably assured of being in conformance with the regulation
- ☐ NOT reasonably assured of being in conformance with the regulation
- ☐ NOT reasonably assured of being in conformance with the regulation, including NOT in conformance with §95131(b)(9): failure to correct data errors discovered during data checks
3. As a result of the selections above, the final verification statement is (check one):
- ☒ Positive: Reasonably assured of no material misstatement and in conformance with the regulation
- ☐ Qualified Positive: Reasonably assured of no material misstatement, but not reasonably assured in conformance with the regulation
- ☐ Adverse: Not in conformance with §95131(b)(9) and/or not reasonably assured of no material misstatement
4. Provide the Qualifying Statement below (required for qualified positive or adverse statements):

**PART V: SIGNATURE**

☒ As the lead verifier for this verification, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the verification team has carried out all verification services as required by the Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (MRR) (title 17, California Code of Regulations, §95100-95158).

|                                                       |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Printed Name:<br>Ramanujan Vetrivel                   | Date:<br>08/06/2026 |
| Signature Of Lead Verifier: <i>Ramanujan Vetrivel</i> |                     |

☒ As the independent reviewer, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that I have conducted an independent review of the verification services and findings on behalf of the verification body as required by the Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (MRR) (title 17, California Code of Regulations, §95100-95158), and that the findings are true, accurate and complete.

|                                                             |                     |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Printed Name:<br>Cristalle Mauleon                          | Date:<br>08/06/2026 |
| Signature Of Independent Reviewer: <i>Cristalle Mauleon</i> |                     |

## APPENDIX A: VERIFICATION PLAN

|                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Reporting Entity Name</b> | City of Needles - EPE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>ARB ID</b>                | 3047                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Reporting Year</b>        | 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Applicable Regulation</b> | CARB Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions (§95111)                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Verification Team</b>     | <b>Ramanujan Vetrivel</b> , Lead Verifier & Transactions Specialist, Lincus, Inc.<br><br><b>Yeshpal Gupta</b> , Verifier & Transactions Specialist, Lincus, Inc.<br><br><b>Alyza Khan</b> , Verifier, Lincus, Inc.<br><br><b>Cristalle Mauleon</b> , Independent Reviewer, Lincus, Inc. |

### INTRODUCTION

Lincus verification team developed this Verification Plan to verify 2025 emissions data report. The Verification Plan was prepared by considering 2025 emissions data report and “ONE workbook” downloaded from the Cal-eGGRT website along with the GHG inventory plan provided by the Reporter. The Verification Plan was produced in accordance with the California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Subchapter 10, Article 2, Section 95100 to 95163, Regulation for the Mandatory Reporting of Greenhouse Gas Emissions. The purposes of this verification exercise is, by review of objective evidence, to independently verify that the submitted emissions data report is:

- Reasonable assured of no material misstatement; and
- In conformance with the MRR.

### FACILITY BOUNDARIES, OPERATIONS, AND EMISSIONS SOURCES (95131 [b][1][A][1])

City of Needles (the Utility) is a retail provider that serves electric customers in the City of Needles. The Utility imports electricity from one (1) specified source and from several unspecified sources located outside of California. The utility also purchases electricity from in-state resources. The utility sells the electricity to end-use customers and does not sell excess electricity into CAISO. Needles resides in the Western Area Lower Colorado Balancing Authority (WALC BA), and as part of the services provided by the BA, Needles receives untagged Energy Imbalance to close the gap between actual load and scheduled energy. This untagged amount is reported under unspecified imports. The Utility does not export or wheel power and does not have RPS adjustments, QE adjustments, or Linked transactions in the 2015 reporting year.

- Specified and Unspecified imports

#### **TRAINING OR QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL (95131 [b][1][A][2])**

The GHG Inventory Plan documentation provides the names of key personnel from the Reporter who are involved in compiling data and preparing the emissions data report. The Inventory Plan also includes training practices for personnel involved in reporting delivered electricity and responsible for data report certification, including documented training procedures.

#### **METHODOLOGIES USED TO QUANTIFY AND REPORT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS (95131 [b][1][A][3])**

OATI database is used to quantify electricity transactions and “ONE workbook” is used to report greenhouse gas emissions.

#### **DATA MANAGEMENT SYSTEM AND TRACKING (Section 95131 [b][1][A][4])**

The City of Needles’ electricity import and delivery data are managed through coordination with the Western Area Power Administration – Desert Southwest (WAPA-DSW). WAPA-DSW serves as the generator-marketer for the Parker-Davis Project and acts as the scheduling agent for the City of Needles. In this role, WAPA schedules power on behalf of the City and manages the associated e-tags used to track electricity delivered to the City’s load.

Electricity transactions are tracked using OATI’s greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting module, which compiles e-tag data for all transactions sinking at Needles. The City of Needles relies on OATI-generated files provided through WAPA to identify electricity imports that cross the California border and are therefore reportable under the Mandatory Reporting Regulation (MRR). The City of Needles operates entirely within the WALC balancing authority and serves only its own load. It is not a multi-jurisdictional retail provider. Differences between reported retail electricity sales and imported

electricity volumes may occur due to balancing authority inadvertent energy, where WAPA covers shortfalls when actual load exceeds scheduled imports. Such inadvertent energy does not involve tagged transactions and is settled financially rather than through additional electricity scheduling.

Retail electricity sales data are generated through the City's electric utility billing system. Monthly retail sales reports are produced by the business office and used for regulatory reporting. These data are re-run and reconciled at year-end to ensure accuracy prior to submission of the annual GHG emissions report. Any post-month-end meter adjustments are incorporated during this reconciliation process. WAPA does not sell electricity into CAISO on behalf of the City of Needles, and the City does not have any CAISO sales obligations. Parker-Davis hydroelectric power marketed by WAPA is delivered to points outside of CAISO, and no CAISO transactions are associated with the City's reported electricity imports.

#### **PREVIOUS VERIFICATION REPORTS (Section 95131 [b][1][A][5])**

City of Needles - EPE received a positive Verification Statement for the 2024 GHG Emissions Report.

#### **TYPES OF PROPOSED DOCUMENT AND DATA REVIEWS (Section 95131 [b][1][B][3])**

The verification team will perform document and data reviews to assess the material misstatement and conformance of the emissions data report in accordance with the MRR, including Sections 95105, 95111, and 95131. This review will include the GHG inventory program documentation to evaluate organizational boundaries, data management systems, methodologies, QA/QC procedures, and reporting controls. The emissions data report and ONE workbook will also be reviewed for completeness and consistency with supporting records.

Data reviews will focus on reported electricity transactions, including imports (specified and unspecified) and retail sales as applicable, with reconciliation of reported values to supporting documentation such as power contracts, NERC e-Tags, settlement data, WREGIS database, and accounting records. The verification team will assess whether all reportable transactions have been captured and properly classified in accordance with Section 95111. Supporting documentation, including contracts and related records, will be reviewed to substantiate specified source claims.

The verification team will also evaluate emissions calculation methodologies, including emission factors and transmission loss factors, and may independently trace data to its source and re-perform select calculations. OATI queries will be reviewed to assess data

completeness and aggregation logic. The results of these reviews will inform the development of the sampling plan and associated quantitative and qualitative risk assessment, providing reasonable assurance that the emissions data report is free of material misstatement and in conformance with the MRR.

### **SCHEDULE FOR VERIFICATION SERVICES (Section 95131 [b][1][B][1-4])**

The Table below shows the proposed schedule for completion of the verification activities. Based on the review of the documents provided, the verifier(s) developed the scope of the proposed document and data review to ensure the accuracy, conformance, and completeness of the GHG report and that it is free of material misstatement.

| <b>Proposed Schedule for Verification Activities</b>  | <b>Subtasks</b>                              | <b>Completion Dates</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>COI/NOVS Evaluation</b>                            | Submit COI/NOVS to ARB                       | 03/13/2026(Actual)      |
|                                                       | Receive ARB approval                         | 03/19/2026 (Actual)     |
| <b>Project Kickoff and Coordination</b>               | Reporter submits report in Cal-eGGRT         | 05/21/2026 (Actual)     |
|                                                       | Send initial data request to the Reporter    | 05/26/2026              |
| <b>Verification Plan Development</b>                  | Submit Verification Plan to the Reporter     | 06/12/2026              |
|                                                       | Receive complete response from the Reporter  | 06/12/2026              |
| <b>Sampling Plan Development</b>                      | Develop Sampling Plan                        | 06/19/2026              |
| <b>Site Visit</b>                                     | Conduct In-Person Site Visit                 | 06/25/2026              |
| <b>Compliance Assessment</b>                          | Send Issues Log to the Reporter              | 07/03/2026              |
|                                                       | Receive completed response from the Reporter | 07/15/2026              |
| <b>Internal Quality Control</b>                       | Complete internal Quality Control            | 07/22/2026              |
| <b>Verification Report &amp; Verification Opinion</b> | Upload Verification Opinion on Cal-eGGRT     | 07/24/2026              |
|                                                       | Send verification report to the Reporter     | 07/24/2026              |





## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☐ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2026

**Title:** Accept and File the 2027 California Air Resources Board (CARB) Publicly Owned Utility (POU) Allocation Distribution Form and Annual Free Allowance Allocation under the California Cap-and-Trade Program

**Background:** On April 28, 2026, the Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) and the City of Needles submitted a letter of support for amendments to the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms Regulation. The NPUA and City of Needles supported the proposed language changes identified in the Notice of Public Availability of Modified Text and Availability of Additional Documents and/or Information.

The proposed regulatory amendments would increase the number of free allowances allocated to publicly owned utilities (POUs) that have been negatively impacted financially by the State's greenhouse gas compliance requirements. Enclosed is the annual POU report documenting the allocation and distribution of the 2027 free allowances to the City's Compliance Holding Account.

Historically, the City/NPUA has received approximately 6,500 free allowances annually. This limited allocation has placed an additional financial burden on the NPUA and its ratepayers to meet applicable compliance obligations.

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) subsequently approved the regulatory changes. As a result, the City/NPUA will receive a significant increase in free allowances. The revised allocations are **14,523 allowances for 2027, 14,623 allowances for 2028, and 27,557 allowances for 2029.**

This increase will provide meaningful financial relief to the NPUA by reducing the number of allowances that must be purchased to satisfy future compliance obligations and will help mitigate the financial impact on utility ratepayers.

**Fiscal Impact:** The City/NPUA is able to utilize the free allowances to satisfy the annual compliance obligation for 30% of its verified GHG emissions. This increased allocation reduces the number of allowances the NPUA must purchase on the open market, thereby helping to reduce compliance costs and the financial burden on ratepayers.

**Environmental Impact:** Increase in allowances to offset emissions

**Recommended Action:** Accept and File the 2027 California Air Resources Board (CARB) Publicly Owned Utility (POU) Allocation Distribution Form and Annual Free Allowance Allocation under the California Cap-and-Trade Program

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 8/25/2026

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



Publicly Owned Utility (POU) or  
Electrical Cooperative (COOP)  
Allocation Distribution Form

| 1) Legal Entity Name of<br>POU or COOP | 2) Mailing Address | 3) CARB ID | 4) CITSS<br>Account ID #<br>(CA + 4 digits) | 5) Total<br>Allowance<br>Allocation | 6) EIM<br>Purchaser<br>Emissions (if<br>applicable) | 7) Total<br>Allowances to<br>Compliance<br>Account | 8) Total<br>Allowances to<br>Limited Use<br>Holding Account | 9) Total<br>Allowances to<br>Other Entities<br>(if applicable) |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------------|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| City of Needles                        | 817 Third St.      | 3074       | CA1456                                      | 14,523                              |                                                     | 14,523                                             | None                                                        | None                                                           |

Allowances Distributed to the Compliance Accounts of Other Entities

| 10a) Legal Entity Name of<br>Recipient | 10b) Mailing Address | 10c) CARB ID | 10d) CITSS<br>Account ID #<br>(CA + 4 digits) | 10e) Total<br>Allowances to<br>Recipient |
|----------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
|                                        |                      |              |                                               |                                          |
|                                        |                      |              |                                               |                                          |
|                                        |                      |              |                                               |                                          |

11) The primary account representative or alternate account representative for the POU or COOP must print their name, sign and date the certification below. Handwritten or electronic signatures are accepted. A signed version of this form must be submitted to CARB as a PDF and emailed to: edu-allocation@arb.ca.gov.

I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I am authorized to make this submission on behalf of the entity listed in box 1 of this form. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have personally examined, and am familiar with, the statements and information submitted in this document and all its attachments. Based on my inquiry of those individuals with primary responsibility for obtaining the information, I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the statements and information submitted to CARB are true, accurate, and complete. I consent to the jurisdiction of California and its courts for purposes of enforcement of the laws, rules and regulations pertaining to title 17, article 5, sections 95800 et seq., and I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false statements and information or omitting required statements and information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment.

Rainie Torrance

Print Name

Signature

8/18/2026  
Date

| Table 9-4 Cap-and-Invest Regulation, Annual Allocation to Each Electrical Distribution Utility (2027-2030, pending effective date Sept. 1, 2026) |       |       |       |       |       |       |        |        |        |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Utility                                                                                                                                          | 2021  | 2022  | 2023  | 2024  | 2025  | 2026  | 2027   | 2028   | 2029   | 2030   |
| City of Needles                                                                                                                                  | 6,953 | 6,788 | 6,510 | 6,082 | 5,800 | 5,767 | 14,523 | 14,623 | 27,557 | 27,606 |



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April 28, 2026

VIA WEB PUBLIC COMMENT FORM

California Air Resources Board (CARB)

Re: (15-day) Proposed Amendments to the California Cap on Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Market- Based Compliance Mechanisms Regulation

To Whom It May Concern:

The City of Needles owns and operates the Needles Public Utility Authority, providing electric services to approximately **3,200 customers**. The City of Needles faces significant economic challenges and critical challenges regarding extreme heat.

- Needles has a **poverty rate of 29.3%**, significantly higher than the statewide average of 12.2%.
- The **median family income in Needles is \$38,368**, far below the California average of \$91,551.
- The **employed population in Needles is 36.7%**, compared to 60% statewide.
- Over **35% of Needles' population have a disability**, compared to 11.7% in the rest of California.
- The City of Needles faces extreme heat waves with **temperatures exceeding 120 degrees** during peak summer months, where access to air conditioning is essential during heat waves.

Given the City of Needles disadvantages, the Board of Public Utilities and City Council are committed to keeping energy rates affordable for our low-income community.

The California Air Resources Board regulation for Greenhouse Gas Emissions requires annual compliance obligations that **negatively** impact Needles.

While the City of Needles receives “free” allowances annually, these allowances have decreased significantly over the years, causing Needles to obtain offsets/allowances in the open market. The City spent **\$1,758,868.14** for the last tri-annual compliance period of 2021-2024.

The fiscal impact caused by purchasing the required offsets/allowances must be factored into Needles' rate structure, which impacts the residents/customers and the statistics stated above.

The City of Needles formally requests to preserve the previously adopted 2021-2030 EDU allocation (table 9-4) to avoid mid-stream cuts that strip \$752 million in allowance value from POU's (2027-2030).

If CARB insists on recalculating, apply the effective RPS (45%) to avoid under-calculating against emission-exposed load, and allow case-by-case load-growth adjustments.

Needles will **not** be able to financially meet the proposed amendments to the regulation for the California Cap on GHG and Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms. **Post 2030**, the City of Needles is requesting;

- 1) Use the effective RPS for 2031-2035 allocations and maintain a fixed five-year schedule to support planning certainty.
- 2) A fixed allocation for 2031-2035 will provide POUs with clear, stable expectations of allowance allocations.

In regard to the **compliance period**, the City of Needles formally requests do **not** shorten the compliance period of three years if CARB must shift to two years; then clarity is needed on calculating the limited exemption. As mentioned, Needles spent over \$1.7M to meet a three-year compliance period (2021-2024), and if this is shortened, there would be significant hardship to the residents of Needles.

Finally for the RPS adjustment, the City is requesting;

- Incorporate effective RPS into 2027-2030 updates in conjunction with the phaseout of PCC 2 RPS adjustment to 2027.
- If CARB does not incorporate effective RPS, the RPS adjustment for PCC2 must be maintained to avoid imposing C&I compliance costs on RPS-compliant firmed and shaped emissions.
- Remove "... and must comply with the excess procurement requirements pursuant to CPUC Section 399.13(a)(5)(B) ..."
- This language introduces confusion—only PCC1 and PCC0 RECs may be banked as excess procurement.

It is also important to note that the City of Needles is **not part** of the CASIO market, and all power purchases are through Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) on the Southwest Power Pole (SWPP) on the Arizona market. No power is being generated in California and Needles must still comply with CARBs regulations on GHG and RPS.

**The City of Needles is in support of the new language changes under the Notice of Public Availability of Modified Text and Availability of Additional Documents and/or Information.**

If you have any questions regarding this comment letter, please contact Rainie Torrance at [rtorrance@cityofneedles.com](mailto:rtorrance@cityofneedles.com) or by calling (760)326-5700 X140

Thank you for your consideration,

  
Janet Jernigan, City of Needles Mayor





## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2026

**Title:** Authorize Brooks Consulting LLC to Develop a 10-Year Capital Funding Plan for the Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) Electric Department, not to exceed \$15,000, utilizing the adopted FY 27 Operations and Maintenance Budget

**Background:** The Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) adopted a Water and Wastewater Master Plan in approximately 2018. The adopted Master Plan identified necessary system improvements for both utilities and provided a comprehensive framework for prioritizing projects, which contributed to the successful pursuit and award of grant funding for the water system.

The Electric Department has not yet developed a comprehensive **10-Year Capital Funding Plan** to evaluate the existing utility system, identify system constraints and deficiencies, and establish priorities for future capital improvements. The **10-Year Capital Funding Plan** will provide a long-term framework for addressing **safety, reliability, system capacity, maintenance, modernization, and overall system resiliency**.

The **10-Year Capital Funding Plan** will also establish a prioritized, multi-year capital improvement program based on the NPUA's adopted 2025 Electric Cost of Service Study. The plan will identify recommended projects and improvements, establish priorities and implementation timelines, and provide preliminary cost estimates for each recommended project or task. The financial component will assist the NPUA in developing a sustainable, long-term investment strategy for the electric system and positioning the utility to pursue available grant funding and other financing opportunities.

Developing the **10-Year Capital Funding Plan** will provide the NPUA with a comprehensive roadmap for maintaining and modernizing the electric system, addressing existing and future system needs, improving reliability, and ensuring that capital investments are strategically prioritized and financially sustainable.

**Fiscal Impact:** The adopted FY 27 Electric Operations and Maintenance Budget (O&M) has \$40,000 available for professional services. The cost to develop the 10-Year Capital Funding Plan will not exceed \$15,000.

**Recommended Action:** Authorize Brooks Consulting LLC to develop a 10-Year Capital Funding Plan for the Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) Electric Department, not to exceed \$15,000, utilizing the adopted FY 27 Operations and Maintenance Budget

**Submitted By:** Justin Scott, Linecrew Supervisor  
Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 8/25/2026

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

SCOPE OF WORK

Development of a 10-Year Capital Funding Plan  
for  
Needles, California

Date: August 20, 2026  
Prepared for: City of Needles - Needles Public Utility Authority - Electric Utility

1. OBJECTIVE

Prepare a comprehensive, decision-ready 10-year capital funding plan that identifies, prioritizes, and estimates the cost and schedule of electrical utility projects required to support load growth, improve public and worker safety, increase supply reliability, modernize monitoring and control, and position the City of Needles electric system for continued economic development.

2. SCOPE OF SERVICES

- Review current system configuration, loading, known constraints, and growth drivers (resort, railroad, cannabis, EV charging, solar).
- Identify and prioritize capital projects across functional and geographic areas: General construction standards, City distribution, North 69 kV supply reliability, South (Moabi / airport) capacity, existing substations, new solar generation and associated substation, and WAPA interfaces.
- Develop engineering cost estimates (with ranges where appropriate) and planning / construction duration estimates for each project.
- Organize projects into a clear prioritization framework that addresses safety, reliability, capacity, internal generation, and modernization.
- Prepare a multi-year financial projection illustrating recommended capital investments by year.
- Document key interdependencies, sequencing considerations, and opportunities for phased implementation.
- Deliver a professional written report suitable for City Council / management discussion, budgeting, and long-range planning.

3. DELIVERABLES

A complete written 10-Year Capital Funding Plan containing: (a) introduction and prioritization framework; (b) project descriptions organized by area with cost and schedule estimates; (c) 10-year capital investment projection (tabular and graphical); and (d) supporting technical detail for major projects.

4. PROPOSED FEE (Report Development)

Estimated Professional Engineering Effort: **150 man-hours**  
Proposed Hourly Rate (specialized utility capital planning): **\$100 / hour**  
Estimated Fee (based on 160 hours): **\$15,000**  
Other Direct Costs (specialty software, reproduction, if required): Billed at actual cost with prior approval.  
*Final invoice will be based on actual hours expended at the agreed rate, not to exceed the estimated fee without prior written authorization.*

5. SCHEDULE

Final report delivered after receipt of City comments.

ACCEPTANCE

The City of Needles authorizes Brooks Consulting LLC the Scope of Work described above.

City of Needles

Brooks Consulting LLC



Authorized Signature / Date  
Printed Name & Title

C. L. Brooks, P.E. / Date  
Principal Engineer



## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2026

**Title:** Water and Wastewater Cost of Living (COLA) Adjustments Effective October 1, 2026;  
Adopted November 2025

**Background:** On November 12, 2025, the City Council accepted the Board of Public Utilities' recommendation and approved the rate increases established by Board of Public Utilities Resolution No. 11-12-25 BPU and Needles Public Utility Authority Resolution No. 11-12-2025-NPUA. The approved rate increases include annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) for water and wastewater services, as provided in the Attachment – Schedule of Rates.

The annual cost-of-living adjustment for 2026 is **3% for Water** and **6% for Wastewater**. Accordingly, the adopted rates effective October 1, 2026, are as follows:

| Water Rates:                     |             |                                     |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| Fixed Service Charge (per Month) | Current     | Effective October 1, 2026 (3% COLA) |
| 5/8 or 3/4 inch                  | \$ 48.78    | \$ 50.25                            |
| 1"                               | \$ 75.75    | \$ 78.03                            |
| 1.5"                             | \$ 143.17   | \$ 147.47                           |
| 2"                               | \$ 224.07   | \$ 230.80                           |
| 3"                               | \$ 439.82   | \$ 453.02                           |
| 4"                               | \$ 682.54   | \$ 703.02                           |
| 6"                               | \$ 1,353.76 | \$ 1,397.47                         |
| 8"                               | \$ 2,165.82 | \$ 2,230.80                         |
| 10"                              | \$ 5,671.75 | \$ 5,841.91                         |

|         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|
| Per HCF | \$ 3.37 | \$ 3.48 |
|---------|---------|---------|

| Wastewater Rates:                     |          |                                     |
|---------------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Fixed Service Charge<br>All customers | Current  | Effective October 1, 2026 (6% COLA) |
| \$ / EDU                              | \$ 56.03 | \$ 59.40                            |

**Fiscal Impact:** Increase in water and wastewater revenues for the annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLA).

**Environmental Impact:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Information only

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 8/25/2026

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



# Water & Wastewater Cost of Service Study

## Adopted Resolution's 2025-47 and 2025-48

**Table Error! No text of specified style in document.-1: Proposed Five-Year Water Rate Schedule**

| Description                              | FY 2025<br>(Current) | FY 2026<br>(10/1/2025) | FY 2027<br>(10/1/2026) | FY 2028<br>(10/1/2027) | FY 2029<br>(10/1/2028) | FY 2030<br>(10/1/2029) |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Proposed Revenue Adjustment</b>       |                      | <b>3.0%</b>            | <b>3.0%</b>            | <b>3.0%</b>            | <b>3.0%</b>            | <b>3.0%</b>            |
| <b>Fixed Service Charges (per Month)</b> |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| 5/8 & 3/4-inch                           | \$48.86              | \$48.78                | \$50.25                | \$51.76                | \$53.32                | \$54.92                |
| 1-inch                                   | \$79.10              | \$75.75                | \$78.03                | \$80.38                | \$82.80                | \$85.29                |
| 1.5-inch                                 | \$177.30             | \$143.17               | \$147.47               | \$151.90               | \$156.46               | \$161.16               |
| 2-inch                                   | \$225.36             | \$224.07               | \$230.80               | \$237.73               | \$244.87               | \$252.22               |
| 3-inch                                   | \$611.58             | \$439.82               | \$453.02               | \$466.62               | \$480.62               | \$495.04               |
| 4-inch                                   | \$801.89             | \$682.54               | \$703.02               | \$724.12               | \$745.85               | \$768.23               |
| 6-inch                                   | \$1,437.60           | \$1,356.76             | \$1,397.47             | \$1,439.40             | \$1,482.59             | \$1,527.07             |
| 8-inch                                   | \$2,259.31           | \$2,165.82             | \$2,230.80             | \$2,297.73             | \$2,366.67             | \$2,437.68             |
| 10-inch                                  | \$1,977.70           | \$5,671.75             | \$5,841.91             | \$6,017.17             | \$6,197.69             | \$6,383.63             |
| <b>Commodity Charges (per hcf)</b>       |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| All Customers                            | \$3.07               | \$3.37                 | \$3.48                 | \$3.59                 | \$3.70                 | \$3.82                 |

**Table Error! No text of specified style in document.-2: Proposed Five-Year Wastewater Rate Schedule**

| Description                              | FY 2025<br>(Current) | FY 2026<br>(10/1/2025) | FY 2027<br>(10/1/2026) | FY 2028<br>(10/1/2027) | FY 2029<br>(10/1/2028) | FY 2030<br>(10/1/2029) |
|------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Proposed Revenue Adjustment</b>       |                      | <b>6.0%</b>            | <b>6.0%</b>            | <b>6.0%</b>            | <b>6.0%</b>            | <b>6.0%</b>            |
| <b>Fixed Service Charges (per Month)</b> |                      |                        |                        |                        |                        |                        |
| All Customers (\$/EDU)                   | \$52.85              | \$56.03                | \$59.40                | \$62.97                | \$66.75                | \$70.76                |



# City of Needles, California

## Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2026

**Title:** Approve a 2.9% cost-of-living (COLA) increase in electric basic service charge and streetlight rates as of October 1, 2026; approve an over-hydro rate of \$0.1058 effective October 1, 2026; apply a \$0.01 Power Cost Adjustment reducing the over-hydro rate to \$0.0958; and approve the methodology to calculate the annual electric base rate and the power cost adjustment rate based on the rate calculation spreadsheets

**Background:** The Statement of Policies, revised April 2022, provides that power rates will be designed to provide for operation and maintenance, bond payments, purchase payments, taxes, fair share allocation, trustee fee, mandated (but unfunded) state or federal program (conservation program), the asset replacement fund, and the actual costs to purchase power. The calculated rate will consist of two components: power purchase costs, and non-power purchase costs. The CPI for the USDLS U.S. West – Size Class B/C for June 2026 indicates a 2.9% cost of living increase. The policy sets a cap at 5%. The attached spreadsheets are in accordance with the revised Statement of Policies and will set the new rates as follows:

|                              | <u>Current</u>           | <u>Effective Oct 1, 2026</u> |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Basic Service Charge         | \$37.20                  | \$38.28                      |
| Winter Hydro (Oct – Feb)     | \$.0923– 376 kwh         | \$.0981– 376 kwh             |
| Summer Hydro (Mar – Sept)    | \$.0832 –707 kwh         | \$.0874 –709 kwh             |
| Over-hydro                   | \$0.1159                 | *\$0.1058                    |
| CA Energy Efficiency Program | \$0.0022                 | \$0.0022                     |
| Utility Users Tax (UUT)      | 2.5% on all of the above | 2.5% on all of the above     |

As of July 2026, the Power Cost Adjustment has a positive balance of \$946,310. Applying a \$0.01 over-hydro rate reduction to \$0.0958 will reduce the Power Cost Fund Balance by approximately \$182,426.94.

| Over-Hydro     |                     |                     |                     | PCA Rebate Projections |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
|                | October             | November            | December            |                        |
| <b>\$/Kwhr</b> | 7,024,296           | 6,208,785           | 5,009,613           |                        |
| <b>0.1058</b>  | 743,170.52          | 656,889.45          | 530,017.06          |                        |
| <b>0.0958</b>  | 672,927.56          | 594,801.60          | 479,920.93          |                        |
|                | <b>\$ 70,242.96</b> | <b>\$ 62,087.85</b> | <b>\$ 50,096.13</b> | <b>\$ 182,426.94</b>   |

Streetlight cost of living adjustment is 2.9%. Below is the current and proposed new rates:

| Type      | Size | KWh | Current Rate | Proposed Rates (2.9%) COLA |
|-----------|------|-----|--------------|----------------------------|
| Decorator | 100  | 43  | \$ 22.39     | \$ 23.04                   |
| Sodium    | 100  | 43  | \$ 22.39     | \$ 23.04                   |
| Sodium    | 200  | 85  | \$ 26.57     | \$ 27.34                   |
| Sodium    | 400  | 171 | \$ 35.12     | \$ 36.14                   |
| LED       | 38   | 16  | \$ 19.71     | \$ 20.28                   |

**Fiscal Impact:** Cost-of-living adjustment applied to the basic service charge and streetlights; decrease in over-hydro rate from \$0.1159 to \$0.0958.

**Environmental Impact:** None

**Recommended Action:** Approve a 2.9% cost-of-living (COLA) increase in electric basic service charge and streetlight rates as of October 1, 2026; approve an over-hydro rate of \$0.1058 effective October 1, 2026; apply a \$0.01 Power Cost Adjustment reducing the over-hydro rate to \$0.0958; and approve the methodology to calculate the annual electric base rate and the power cost adjustment rate based on the rate calculation spreadsheets

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 8/25/2026

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

## ANNUAL BASE RATE CALCULATION SPREADSHEET - FY 2025/2026

MUST MANUALLY CALCULATE SHEET (F9)

Basic Service Charge for New Rate Year

\$38.28

PV Non-Power Carry Forward

-\$427,977

Asset Replacement Fund Target

\$1,028,724

Total - Non Power Related Expenses

\$6,251,016

Power Supply with Line Losses

Total Power Supply - Sales KWHRS

92,106,380

Power Supply - Winter Hydro

5,648,978

Power Supply - Summer Hydro

14,886,560

Power Supply - Total Hydro

20,535,538

Power Supply - Non Hydro

71,570,842

Power Supply Expenses

Total Power Purchased

\$4,829,714

Power Supply - Winter Hydro

\$272,350

Power Supply - Summer Hydro

\$557,974

Power Supply - Non Hydro

\$3,999,390

Cost Per Kwhr

\$0.0524

\$0.0482

\$0.0375

\$0.0559

Hydro Allotment/Cust

376

709

Revenue From Other Than Power Sold

Basic Service Charge

\$1,378,496

Other Revenue

\$76,000

Total Non-Power Revenue

\$1,454,496

Total Expenses

Non-Power Related Expenses

\$6,251,016

Total Power Cost

\$4,829,714

Total Operating Expense

\$11,080,730

Cost Per Kwhr

\$0.0524

Rate Calculations

Rate For Non-Power Related Expenses

\$4,596,519

Winter Hydro Sales - (Oct - Feb)

\$272,350

Summer Hydro Sales - (Mar - Sept)

\$557,974

Over Hydro Allotment Sales

\$3,999,390

California Energy Efficiency Program

\$200,000

Cost Per Kwhr

0.0499

0.0482

0.0375

0.0559

Bill Rate Per Kwhr

0.0981

0.0874

0.1058

0.0022

Use this rate for PCA Annual Base Rate for power purchased.

| Type       | Size | KWh | Current Rate | Proposed Rates (2.9%) COLA |
|------------|------|-----|--------------|----------------------------|
| Decorative | 100  | 43  | \$ 22.39     | \$ 23.04                   |
| Sodium     | 100  | 43  | \$ 22.39     | \$ 23.04                   |
| Sodium     | 200  | 85  | \$ 26.57     | \$ 27.34                   |
| Sodium     | 400  | 171 | \$ 35.12     | \$ 36.14                   |
| LED        | 38   | 16  | \$ 19.71     | \$ 20.28                   |

Streetlights

# NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

## ANNUAL BASE RATE CALCULATION SPREADSHEET - FY 2026/27

### EXPENSES

### DOLLARS

|                                           |                |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------|
| O & M <sup>6</sup>                        | \$3,728,211    |
| Taxes*                                    | \$20,000       |
| Purchase Payment                          | \$251,648.00   |
| Trustee Fee                               | \$30,879.00    |
| Conservation Program*                     | \$14,667.00    |
| Debt Service                              | \$682,350.00   |
| City of Needles "Fair Share" Fee          | \$722,513.00   |
| California Energy Efficiency Program*     | \$200,000.00   |
| PY Non-Power Rate Component               | \$0.0923       |
| Power Supply Total <sup>1</sup>           | \$4,829,714.00 |
| Power Supply, Hydro - Winter <sup>2</sup> | \$272,350.00   |
| Power Supply, Hydro - Summer <sup>3</sup> | \$557,974.00   |
| Other Income* not adjusted for utt        | \$76,000.00    |
| Basic Service Charge PY                   | \$37.20        |
| Asset Replacement Fund PY                 | \$999,732.00   |

### KWHR

|                                           |             |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
| Power Supply Total <sup>1</sup>           | 109,390,000 |
| Power Supply, Hydro - Winter <sup>2</sup> | 6,709,000   |
| Power Supply, Hydro - Summer <sup>3</sup> | 17,680,000  |
| PY Estimated Power Sales                  | 90,157,801  |
| PY Actual Power Sold                      | 94,794,601  |

### PERCENT

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| JUNE CPI %          | 2.90  |
| Line Loss %         | 15.80 |
| Number of Customers | 3001  |

US West

3 year average line loss using  
the Electric Database  
calculation.

**Proposed****Sample Winter Bill - (Oct - Feb)**

| Line                       | Decription                    | KWH | Cost/KWH | Total    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|----------|----------|
| 1                          | Basic Service Charge          |     |          | \$38.28  |
| 2                          | Winter Hydro Allotment Useage | 376 | 0.0981   | \$36.94  |
| 3                          | Above Hydro Usage             | 500 | 0.0958   | \$47.90  |
| 4                          | CA Energy Efficiency Program  | 876 | 0.0022   | \$1.90   |
| Total Electric Bill Charge |                               |     |          | \$125.02 |

**Sample Summer Bill - (Mar - Sept)**

| Line                       | Decription                   | KWH  | Cost/KWH | Total    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| 1                          | Basic Service Charge         |      |          | \$38.28  |
| 2                          | Sumer Hydro Allotment        | 709  | 0.0874   | \$61.93  |
| 3                          | Above Hydro Usage            | 2000 | 0.0958   | \$191.60 |
| 4                          | CA Energy Efficiency Program | 2709 | 0.0022   | \$5.88   |
| Total Electric Bill Charge |                              |      |          | \$297.69 |

**Previous****Sample Winter Bill - (Oct - Feb)**

| Line                       | Decription                    | KWH | Cost/KWH | Total    |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----|----------|----------|
| 1                          | Basic Service Charge          |     |          | \$32.39  |
| 2                          | Winter Hydro Allotment Useage | 401 | 0.0818   | \$32.80  |
| 3                          | Above Hydro Usage             | 500 | 0.1159   | \$57.95  |
| 4                          | CA Energy Efficiency Program  | 901 | 0.0023   | \$2.07   |
| Total Electric Bill Charge |                               |     |          | \$125.21 |

**Sample Summer Bill - (Mar - Sept)**

| Line                       | Decription                   | KWH  | Cost/KWH | Total    |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------|----------|----------|
| 1                          | Basic Service Charge         |      |          | \$39.39  |
| 2                          | Sumer Hydro Allotment        | 754  | 0.0704   | \$53.08  |
| 3                          | Above Hydro Usage            | 2000 | 0.1159   | \$231.80 |
| 4                          | CA Energy Efficiency Program | 2754 | 0.0023   | \$6.33   |
| Total Electric Bill Charge |                              |      |          | \$330.61 |

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| Difference | -\$32.92 |
|------------|----------|



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### Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U)

#### 12-Month Percent Change

**Series Id:** CUURN400SA0

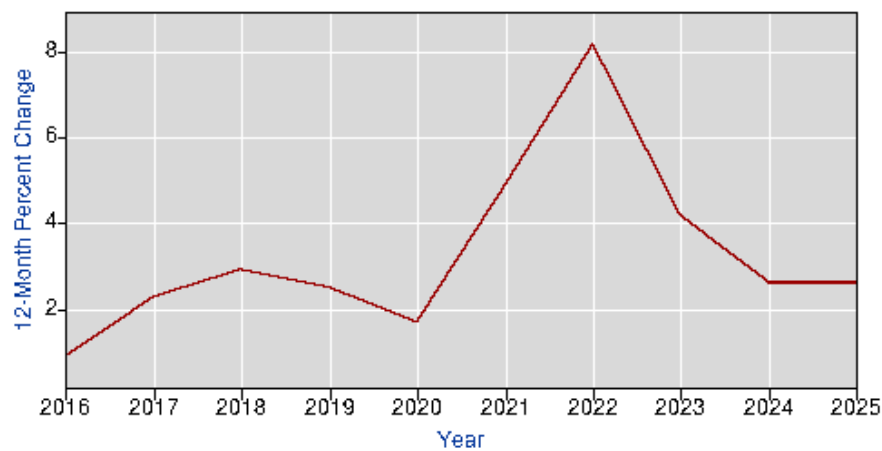
Not Seasonally Adjusted

**Series Title:** All items in West - Size Class B/C, all urban consumers, not seasonally adjusted

**Area:** West - Size Class B/C

**Item:** All items

**Base Period:** DECEMBER 1996=100



**Download:** [xls](#)

| Year | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Annual | HALF1 | HALF2 |
|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------|-------|-------|
| 2016 | 1.3 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 1.8 | 0.9    | 0.6   | 1.2   |
| 2017 | 1.8 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 2.3    | 2.1   | 2.5   |
| 2018 | 2.8 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.9    | 2.8   | 3.0   |
| 2019 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 2.5    | 2.5   | 2.5   |
| 2020 | 2.8 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 0.5 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 1.6 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.7    | 1.8   | 1.7   |
| 2021 | 1.6 | 1.8 | 2.6 | 3.9 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 6.3 | 6.9 | 7.4 | 4.9    | 3.6   | 6.3   |
| 2022 | 8.1 | 8.5 | 9.0 | 8.6 | 8.4 | 8.5 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 8.2    | 8.5   | 7.8   |
| 2023 | 6.0 | 5.7 | 5.2 | 4.8 | 4.4 | 3.6 | 3.5 | 3.7 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 4.2    | 4.9   | 3.5   |
| 2024 | 3.7 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.7 | 3.1 | 2.6 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.7 | 2.1 | 2.3 | 2.6    | 3.3   | 1.9   |
| 2025 | 1.9 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 2.7 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 3.5 | (X) | 3.0 | 2.8 | 2.6    | 2.2   | 3.2   |
| 2026 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.8 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.6 |     |     |     |     |     |        | 2.9   |       |

X : Data unavailable due to the 2025 lapse in appropriations

# NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION

1-Jul

## UPCOMING PURCHASE PERIOD CALCULATION

|                                       |                  |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Kwhr      | **<br>10,500,000 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Dollars   | **<br>\$870,000  |
| Over-Hydro Annual Base Rate Component | \$0.0878         |
| Line Loss Percentage                  | 16.00            |
| Current Over-Hydro Rate               | \$0.1159         |
| Non-Power Expense Rate Component      | \$0.0409         |

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses            | 8,820,000 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr                   | \$0.0986  |
| Difference from Base Rate              | \$0.0108  |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate        | \$774,396 |
| Revenue Difference from Base           | -\$95,604 |
| PCA Fund Adjustment                    | \$105,000 |
| Amount to off set New PCA Fund Balance | \$9,396   |

## OVER-HYDRO RATE

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| New Over-Hydro Rate Component | \$0.0986 |
| New Over-Hydro Rate           | \$0.1395 |

|                                           |            |
|-------------------------------------------|------------|
| Upcoming Term: August                     |            |
| Total Over-Hydro Kwhr                     | 10,500,000 |
| Total Over-Hydro Purchase + Spot Estimate | \$870,000  |

## PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE GENERATED

|                                              |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|
| Actual Over-Hydro KWH                        | 10,293,080 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Dollars                    | \$662,732  |
| Over-Hydro Prior Period Rate Power Component | \$0.0613   |

|                                             |            |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|
| Over-Hydro KWH w/ Line Loss                 | 8,646,187  |
| Over-Hydro Revenue Generated for the Period | \$530,011  |
| Revenue Difference from Required            | -\$132,721 |

## PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE ACTUAL BASE RATE

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses     | 8,646,187 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr            | \$0.0767  |
| Difference from Base Rate       | -\$0.0111 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate | \$759,135 |
| Revenue Difference from Base    | 96,403    |

## BALANCING FUND

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Previous PCA Period Balance | \$1,079,031 |
| PCA Refunded                | \$0         |
| ** New PCA Fund Balance     | \$946,310   |

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## JULY 2025 Activity

|             |                          | MWh   | MW    |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Direct Bill | Term Purchase            | 0     |       |
| Advanced    | Term Purchase            | 7,428 |       |
| Advanced    | Spot Purchase            | 0     |       |
|             | Exchanges From WMK/YCWUA | 1,290 |       |
| Direct Bill | Needles PDP              | 2,563 |       |
| Direct Bill | Agua Caliente PDP        | 499   |       |
|             |                          |       |       |
| Advanced    | Oasis Transmission       | 0     |       |
| Direct Bill | Network Transmission     |       | 26.71 |
| Direct Bill | Regulation               |       | 20.65 |
|             | Total Expended           |       |       |
|             |                          |       |       |
|             | Exchanges to WMK/YCWUA   | 0     |       |
|             |                          |       |       |
|             |                          |       |       |
|             | Net                      |       |       |
|             | Total Load               |       |       |
|             | \$/Mw                    |       |       |

Needles Non-Coincidental Peak Load

Not Applicable

Estimated total

Calculated-Direct Billed to Needles

# NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

## POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION

1-Jun

### UPCOMING PURCHASE PERIOD CALCULATION

|                                       |    |            |
|---------------------------------------|----|------------|
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Kwhr      | ** | 10,293,000 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Dollars   | ** | \$771,544  |
| Over-Hydro Annual Base Rate Component |    | \$0.0878   |
| Line Loss Percentage                  |    | 16.00      |
| Current Over-Hydro Rate               |    | \$0.1159   |
| Non-Power Expense Rate Component      |    | \$0.0409   |

|                                        |  |           |
|----------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses            |  | 8,646,120 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr                   |  | \$0.0892  |
| Difference from Base Rate              |  | \$0.0014  |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate        |  | \$759,129 |
| Revenue Difference from Base           |  | -\$12,415 |
| PCA Fund Adjustment                    |  | \$102,930 |
| Amount to off set New PCA Fund Balance |  | \$90,515  |

### OVER-HYDRO RATE

|                               |  |          |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| New Over-Hydro Rate Component |  | \$0.0892 |
| New Over-Hydro Rate           |  | \$0.1301 |

Upcoming Term: July  
 Total Over-Hydro Kwhr  
 Total Over-Hydro Purchase + Spot Estimate

|            |
|------------|
| 10,293,000 |
| \$771,544  |

### PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE GENERATED

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Actual Over-Hydro KWH                        | 8,500,890 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Dollars                    | \$237,265 |
| Over-Hydro Prior Period Rate Power Component | \$0.0613  |

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Over-Hydro KWH w/ Line Loss                 | 7,140,748 |
| Over-Hydro Revenue Generated for the Period | \$437,728 |
| Revenue Difference from Required            | \$200,462 |

### PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE ACTUAL BASE RATE

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses     | 7,140,748 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr            | \$0.0332  |
| Difference from Base Rate       | -\$0.0546 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate | \$626,958 |
| Revenue Difference from Base    | 389,692   |

### BALANCING FUND

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Previous PCA Period Balance | \$878,568   |
| PCA Refunded                | \$0         |
| ** New PCA Fund Balance     | \$1,079,031 |

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# JUNE 2026 Activity

|             |                          |              |     |       |       |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----|-------|-------|
| Direct Bill | Term Purchase            | \$0.00       | MWh | 0     | MW    |
| Advanced    | Term Purchase            | \$235,151.75 |     | 7,285 |       |
| Advanced    | Spot Purchase            | \$0.00       |     | 0     |       |
|             | Exchanges From WMK/YCWUA | \$0.00       |     | 0     |       |
| Direct Bill | Needles PDP              | \$81,501.40  |     | 2,475 |       |
| Direct Bill | Agua Caliente PDP        | \$26,832.00  |     | 516   |       |
| Advanced    | Oasis Transmission       | \$0.00       |     | 0     |       |
| Direct Bill | Network Transmission     | \$1,089.00   |     |       | 26.32 |
| Direct Bill | Regulation               | \$1,998.41   |     |       | 19.40 |
|             | Total Expended           | \$346,572.56 |     |       |       |
|             | Exchanges to WMK/YCWUA   | \$0.00       |     | 0     |       |
|             | Net                      | \$346,572.56 |     |       |       |
|             | Total Load               | 11,916.31    |     |       |       |
|             | \$/Mw                    | \$29.08      |     |       |       |

Needles Non-Coincidental Peak Load

- Not Applicable
- Estimated total
- Calculated-Direct Billed to Needles

# NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

## POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION

1-May

### UPCOMING PURCHASE PERIOD CALCULATION

|                                       |    |           |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Kwhr      | ** | 8,500,000 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Dollars   | ** | \$346,000 |
| Over-Hydro Annual Base Rate Component |    | \$0.0878  |
| Line Loss Percentage                  |    | 16.00     |
| Current Over-Hydro Rate               |    | \$0.1159  |
| Non-Power Expense Rate Component      |    | \$0.0409  |

|                                        |  |           |
|----------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses            |  | 7,140,000 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr                   |  | \$0.0485  |
| Difference from Base Rate              |  | -\$0.0393 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate        |  | \$626,892 |
| Revenue Difference from Base           |  | \$280,892 |
| PCA Fund Adjustment                    |  | \$85,000  |
| Amount to off set New PCA Fund Balance |  | \$365,892 |

### OVER-HYDRO RATE

|                               |  |          |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| New Over-Hydro Rate Component |  | \$0.0485 |
| New Over-Hydro Rate           |  | \$0.0894 |

|                                           |  |           |
|-------------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Upcoming Term: May                        |  | 8,500,000 |
| Total Over-Hydro Kwhr                     |  | \$346,000 |
| Total Over-Hydro Purchase + Spot Estimate |  |           |

### PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE GENERATED

|                                              |  |           |
|----------------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Actual Over-Hydro KWH                        |  | 6,795,328 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Dollars                    |  | \$145,527 |
| Over-Hydro Prior Period Rate Power Component |  | \$0.0613  |

|                                             |  |           |
|---------------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Over-Hydro KWH w/ Line Loss                 |  | 5,708,076 |
| Over-Hydro Revenue Generated for the Period |  | \$349,905 |
| Revenue Difference from Required            |  | \$204,378 |

### PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE ACTUAL BASE RATE

|                                 |  |           |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses     |  | 5,708,076 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr            |  | \$0.0255  |
| Difference from Base Rate       |  | -\$0.0623 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate |  | \$501,169 |
| Revenue Difference from Base    |  | 355,642   |

### BALANCING FUND

|                             |  |           |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Previous PCA Period Balance |  | \$674,190 |
| PCA Refunded                |  | \$0       |
| ** New PCA Fund Balance     |  | \$878,568 |

\*\* New PCA Fund Balance

MAY 2026 Activity

|             |                          |              |     |       |       |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----|-------|-------|
| Direct Bill | Term Purchase            | \$0.00       | MWh | 0     | MW    |
| Advanced    | Term Purchase            | \$138,482.00 |     | 5,492 |       |
| Advanced    | Spot Purchase            | \$0.00       |     | 0     |       |
|             | Exchanges From WMK/YCWUA | \$5,506.39   |     | 168   |       |
| Direct Bill | Needles PDP              | \$82,965.72  |     | 2,563 |       |
| Direct Bill | Agua Caliente PDP        | \$24,544.00  |     | 472   |       |
| Advanced    | Oasis Transmission       | \$0.00       |     | 0     |       |
| Direct Bill | Network Transmission     | \$1,089.00   |     |       | 23.18 |
| Direct Bill | Regulation               | \$1,597.94   |     |       | 15.51 |
|             | Total Expended           | \$254,185.05 |     |       |       |
|             | Exchanges to WMK/YCWUA   | \$0.00       |     | 0     |       |
|             | Net                      | \$254,185.05 |     |       |       |
|             | Total Load               | 10,048.48    |     |       |       |
|             | \$/Mw                    | \$25.30      |     |       |       |

Not ApplicableEstimated totalCalculated-Direct Billed to Needles

Needles Non-Coincidental Peak Load



# NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

## POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION

1-Apr

### UPCOMING PURCHASE PERIOD CALCULATION

|                                       |    |           |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Kwhr      | ** | 6,700,000 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Dollars   | ** | \$250,000 |
| Over-Hydro Annual Base Rate Component |    | \$0.0878  |
| Line Loss Percentage                  |    | 16.00     |
| Current Over-Hydro Rate               |    | \$0.1159  |
| Non-Power Expense Rate Component      |    | \$0.0409  |

|                                        |  |           |
|----------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses            |  | 5,628,000 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr                   |  | \$0.0444  |
| Difference from Base Rate              |  | -\$0.0434 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate        |  | \$494,138 |
| Revenue Difference from Base           |  | \$244,138 |
| PCA Fund Adjustment                    |  | \$67,000  |
| Amount to off set New PCA Fund Balance |  | \$311,138 |

### OVER-HYDRO RATE

|                               |  |          |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| New Over-Hydro Rate Component |  | \$0.0444 |
| New Over-Hydro Rate           |  | \$0.0853 |

Upcoming Term: May  
 Total Over-Hydro Kwhr  
 Total Over-Hydro Purchase + Spot Estimate

|           |
|-----------|
| 6,700,000 |
| \$250,000 |

### PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE GENERATED

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Actual Over-Hydro KWH                        | 5,721,192 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Dollars                    | \$90,213  |
| Over-Hydro Prior Period Rate Power Component | \$0.0613  |

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Over-Hydro KWH w/ Line Loss                 | 4,805,801 |
| Over-Hydro Revenue Generated for the Period | \$294,596 |
| Revenue Difference from Required            | \$204,383 |

### PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE ACTUAL BASE RATE

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses     | 4,805,801 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr            | \$0.0188  |
| Difference from Base Rate       | -\$0.0690 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate | \$421,949 |
| Revenue Difference from Base    | 331,737   |

### BALANCING FUND

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Previous PCA Period Balance | \$469,807 |
| PCA Refunded                | \$0       |
| ** New PCA Fund Balance     | \$674,190 |

\*\* New PCA Fund Balance

## APRIL 2026 Activity

|             |                          | MWh   | MW    |
|-------------|--------------------------|-------|-------|
| Direct Bill | Term Purchase            | 0     |       |
| Advanced    | Term Purchase            | 4,016 |       |
| Advanced    | Spot Purchase            | 0     |       |
|             | Exchanges From WMK/YCWUA | 0     |       |
| Direct Bill | Needles PDP              | 2,475 |       |
| Direct Bill | Agua Caliente PDP        | 482   |       |
|             |                          |       |       |
| Advanced    | Oasis Transmission       | 0     |       |
| Direct Bill | Network Transmission     |       | 18.79 |
| Direct Bill | Regulation               |       | 12.26 |
|             | Total Expended           |       |       |
|             |                          |       |       |
|             | Exchanges to WMK/YCWUA   | 0     |       |
|             |                          |       |       |
|             |                          |       |       |
|             | Net                      |       |       |
|             | Total Load               |       |       |
|             | \$/Mw                    |       |       |

Needles Non-Coincidental Peak Load

Not Applicable

Estimated total

Calculated-Direct Billed to Needles

# NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION

1-Mar

## UPCOMING PURCHASE PERIOD CALCULATION

|                                       |           |    |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|----|
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Kwhr      | 5,700,000 | ** |
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Dollars   | \$200,000 | ** |
| Over-Hydro Annual Base Rate Component | \$0.0878  |    |
| Line Loss Percentage                  | 16.00     |    |
| Current Over-Hydro Rate               | \$0.1159  |    |
| Non-Power Expense Rate Component      | \$0.0409  |    |

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses            | 4,788,000 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr                   | \$0.0418  |
| Difference from Base Rate              | -\$0.0460 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate        | \$420,386 |
| Revenue Difference from Base           | \$220,386 |
| PCA Fund Adjustment                    | \$57,000  |
| Amount to off set New PCA Fund Balance | \$277,386 |

## OVER-HYDRO RATE

|                               |          |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| New Over-Hydro Rate Component | \$0.0418 |
| New Over-Hydro Rate           | \$0.0827 |

|                                           |           |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Upcoming Term: April                      |           |
| Total Over-Hydro Kwhr                     | 5,700,000 |
| Total Over-Hydro Purchase + Spot Estimate | \$200,000 |

## PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE GENERATED

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Actual Over-Hydro KWH                        | 4,817,989 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Dollars                    | \$89,539  |
| Over-Hydro Prior Period Rate Power Component | \$0.0613  |

|                                             |           |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Over-Hydro KWH w/ Line Loss                 | 4,047,111 |
| Over-Hydro Revenue Generated for the Period | \$248,088 |
| Revenue Difference from Required            | \$158,549 |

## PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE ACTUAL BASE RATE

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses     | 4,047,111 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr            | \$0.0221  |
| Difference from Base Rate       | -\$0.0657 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate | \$355,336 |
| Revenue Difference from Base    | 265,798   |

## BALANCING FUND

|                             |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| Previous PCA Period Balance | \$311,257 |
| PCA Refunded                | \$0       |
| ** New PCA Fund Balance     | \$469,807 |

\*\* New PCA Fund Balance



MARCH 2026 Activity

|             |                          |              |      |       |       |
|-------------|--------------------------|--------------|------|-------|-------|
| Direct Bill | Term Purchase            | \$0.00       | MW/h | 0     | MW    |
| Advanced    | Term Purchase            | \$88,604.00  |      | 3,392 |       |
| Advanced    | Spot Purchase            | \$0.00       |      | 0     |       |
|             | Exchanges From WMK/YCWUA | \$0.00       |      | 0     |       |
| Direct Bill | Needles PDP              | \$82,965.72  |      | 2,563 | 11    |
| Direct Bill | Agua Caliente PDP        | \$27,352.00  |      | 526   |       |
|             | Oasis Transmission       | \$0.00       |      | 0     |       |
| Advanced    | Network Transmission     | \$1,086.24   |      |       | 19.61 |
| Direct Bill | Regulation               | \$1,011.98   |      |       | 9.83  |
| Direct Bill | Total Expended           | \$201,019.94 |      |       |       |
|             | Exchanges to WMK/YCWUA   | \$0.00       |      | 0     |       |
|             | Net                      | \$201,019.94 |      |       |       |
|             | Total Load               | 8,394.30     |      |       |       |
|             | \$/Mw                    | \$23.95      |      |       |       |

Not Applicable

Estimated total

Calculated-Direct Billed to Needles

# NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

## POWER COST ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION

1-Feb

### UPCOMING PURCHASE PERIOD CALCULATION

|                                       |    |           |
|---------------------------------------|----|-----------|
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Kwhr      | ** | 4,180,000 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Purchased Dollars   | ** | \$200,000 |
| Over-Hydro Annual Base Rate Component |    | \$0.0878  |
| Line Loss Percentage                  |    | 16.00     |
| Current Over-Hydro Rate               |    | \$0.1159  |
| Non-Power Expense Rate Component      |    | \$0.0409  |

|                                        |  |           |
|----------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses            |  | 3,511,200 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr                   |  | \$0.0570  |
| Difference from Base Rate              |  | -\$0.0308 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate        |  | \$308,283 |
| Revenue Difference from Base           |  | \$108,283 |
| PCA Fund Adjustment                    |  | \$41,800  |
| Amount to off set New PCA Fund Balance |  | \$150,083 |

### OVER-HYDRO RATE

|                               |  |          |
|-------------------------------|--|----------|
| New Over-Hydro Rate Component |  | \$0.0570 |
| New Over-Hydro Rate           |  | \$0.0979 |

|                                           |  |           |
|-------------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Upcoming Term: March                      |  |           |
| Total Over-Hydro Kwhr                     |  | 4,180,000 |
| Total Over-Hydro Purchase + Spot Estimate |  | \$200,000 |

### PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE GENERATED

|                                              |  |           |
|----------------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Actual Over-Hydro KWH                        |  | 2,369,397 |
| Actual Over-Hydro Dollars                    |  | \$171,295 |
| Over-Hydro Prior Period Rate Power Component |  | \$0.0613  |

|                                             |  |           |
|---------------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Over-Hydro KWH w/ Line Loss                 |  | 1,990,293 |
| Over-Hydro Revenue Generated for the Period |  | \$122,005 |
| Revenue Difference from Required            |  | -\$49,290 |

### PREVIOUS PERIOD REVENUE ACTUAL BASE RATE

|                                 |  |           |
|---------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Over-Hydro with Line Losses     |  | 1,990,293 |
| Over-Hydro Cost/Kwhr            |  | \$0.0861  |
| Difference from Base Rate       |  | -\$0.0017 |
| Revenue Expected from Base Rate |  | \$174,748 |
| Revenue Difference from Base    |  | 3,452     |

### BALANCING FUND

|                             |  |           |
|-----------------------------|--|-----------|
| Previous PCA Period Balance |  | \$360,548 |
| PCA Refunded                |  | \$0       |
| ** New PCA Fund Balance     |  | \$311,257 |

FEBRUARY 2026 Activity

|             |                         |              |       |       |
|-------------|-------------------------|--------------|-------|-------|
| Direct Bill | Term Purchase           | \$0.00       | MW/h  | MW    |
| Advanced    | Term Purchase           | \$151,573.25 | 0     |       |
| Advanced    | Spot Purchase           | \$0.00       | 3,073 |       |
|             | Exchanges From WMKYCWUA | \$0.00       | 0     |       |
| Direct Bill | Needles PDP             | \$52,859.28  | 1,245 |       |
| Direct Bill | Agua Caliente PDP       | \$16,380.00  | 315   |       |
|             | Oasis Transmission      | \$0.00       | 0     |       |
| Advanced    | Network Transmission    | \$27,835.00  |       | 15.28 |
| Direct Bill | Regulation              | \$896.31     |       | 8.70  |
| Direct Bill | Total Expended          | \$249,543.84 |       |       |
|             | Exchanges to WMKYCWUA   | \$0.00       | 0     |       |
|             | Net                     | \$249,543.84 |       |       |
|             | Total Load              | 6,342.27     |       |       |
|             | \$/Mw                   | \$39.35      |       |       |

Not Applicable

Estimated total

Calculated-Direct Billed to Needles

Needles Non-Coincidental Peak Load



## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2026

**Title:** EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system June and July 2026

**Background:** See attached report

**Recommended Action:** No action needed - information only

**Submitted By:** Kris Hendricks, EUSI LLC

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 8/25/2026

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**EUSI, LLC Operational Support Services Relating  
To the  
Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System  
June 2026**

Mrs. Rainie Torrance,

Please find below a summary of our services provided associated with the operational support services for the wastewater treatment facilities for the month of June 2026.

- The daily average flow for the month of June 2026 was 0.461 MGD.
- Updated and submitted the May 2026 monthly monitoring report and compiled information for the report and submitted the report to the State.
- Conducted in-house process control testing for the SBR.
- Sent out the weekly and monthly samples as required by the monitoring permit.
- Tested the plant lift station and plant alarm callouts.
- Administrative coordination with finance and the administrative staff at 3<sup>rd</sup> street is ongoing.
- Inspected facility perimeter fences and percolation ponds.
- Operations staff decanted the digester to limit the amount of sludge that needed to be sent to the drying beds for further processing and ultimate removal to the off-site landfill.
- Completed routine monthly inspection of the Kubota tractor, the 4" trash pump, and the jetter.
- Preventive Maintenance Program is ongoing per operating hours of the various plant components.
- Completed the bar screen service and inspections throughout the month.
- Completed weekly inspection of the emergency generator prior to and during its weekly test runs.
- Ongoing communication with City staff regarding items associated with the overall wastewater system.
- Conduct daily morning meetings with entire team.
- Authorization was provided to rebuild one of the effluent EQ pumps that had failed. These repairs will be expensed under FY 26-26.
- Wastewater team, mainly City staff, continue efforts to keep up on the dig alerts and locations of the sewer.

Supplemental repair services, exceptional event(s) during the month of November.

- June 2, 2026 operations staff was called out at ~1600 hrs for sewer backing up at 2015 Luna Vista. Staff confirmed flow up and downstream and that the issue was the customers lateral, customer was informed. 1.5 hrs no charge for this activity.
- June 15, 2026 operations staff switched to SBR #2 to perform maintenance and inspection. There was an issue with SBR #1 influent valve not closing and a PLC alarm for motive pump #2. Staff stopped filling SBR #2 and directed flow back to SBR #1. Will reach out to the programmer to see what the issue may be with the motive pump as it may be a field wiring issue and not a programming issue. The influent valve will require additional investigation. 7 extra man hours to get the basins switched over, no charge for this activity.
- June 22, 25, and 29, 2026 operations staff worked on cleaning SBR #2 and drained this back to the digester following the basin transfer activities. There were several man hours over multiple days, no charge for this activity.

Should you have any questions regarding the monthly activity please feel free to contact me at 602-300-7946.

Sincerely,



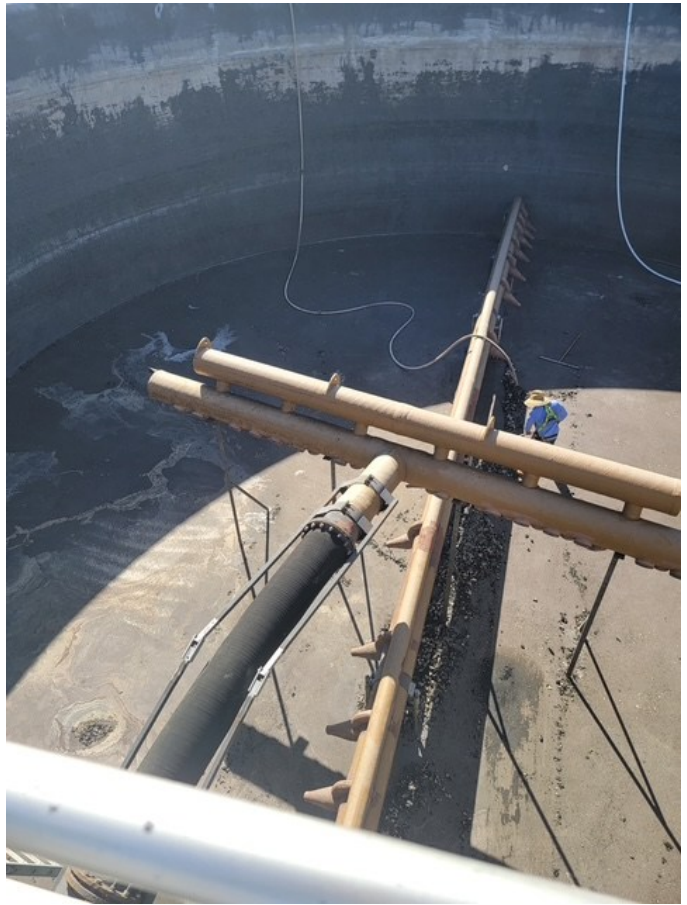
Kris Hendricks, EUSI, LLC; Managing Member



## SBR #2 cleaning June 2026







**EUSI, LLC Operational Support Services Relating  
To the  
Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System  
July 2026**

Mrs. Rainie Torrance,

Please find below a summary of our services provided associated with the operational support services for the wastewater treatment facilities for the month of July 2026.

- The daily average flow for the month of July 2026 was 0.477 MGD.
- Updated and submitted the June 2026 monthly monitoring report and compiled information for the report and submitted the report to the State.
- Conducted in-house process control testing for the SBR.
- Sent out the weekly, monthly, and quarterly samples as required by the monitoring permit.
- Tested the plant lift station and plant alarm callouts.
- Administrative coordination with finance and the administrative staff at 3<sup>rd</sup> street is ongoing.
- Inspected facility perimeter fences and percolation ponds.
- Operations staff decanted the digester to limit the amount of sludge that needed to be sent to the drying beds for further processing and ultimate removal to the off-site landfill.
- Operations staff cleared drying beds 14, 16, 18, and 21.
- Completed routine monthly inspection of the Kubota tractor, the 4" trash pump, and the jetter.
- Preventive Maintenance Program is ongoing per operating hours of the various plant components.
- Completed the bar screen service and inspections throughout the month.
- Completed weekly inspection of the emergency generator prior to and during its weekly test runs.
- Ongoing communication with City staff regarding items associated with the overall wastewater system.
- Conduct daily morning meetings with entire team.
- Wastewater team, mainly City staff, continue efforts to keep up on the dig alerts and locations of the sewer.
- Wastewater team worked on inventory review and updates.

Supplemental repair services, exceptional event(s) during the month.

- July 5, 2026 operations staff was called out at ~1130 hrs for a high water dry well alarm at River Road. Staff cleaned the line and checked and cleaned the golf bathrooms. 2.5 man hours no charge for this activity.
- July 17, 2026 there was a major storm event that impacted numerous things throughout the city. The treatment plant experienced a power outage for nearly 3 hours where the stand-by generator was able to support the key plant components. The plant did not experience any adverse effects other than increased flow. I have attached some photos of the impacts of the storm on the wastewater system for reference.
- July 18, 2026 operations staff was called out for issues at the Bazoobuth lift station due to pumps not operating following the storm event. Staff diagnosed the issues in the field and with remote support. The pumps did not have control power, staff set up a temporary control power supply to run the pumps while troubleshooting permanent solution to the control voltage supply. Staff was able to fix the issue and place the system back into full automatic control. 6 man hours associated with this work effort.
- July 20, 2026 operations staff removed the old alarm call box and installed a newer call box at the Bazoobuth lift station as the original call box was not functioning reliably. 5 man hours associated with this work activity, no charge.
- July 22-24, 2026 operations team worked on a clogged sewer line that runs under the railroad that accepts wastewater from the River Road and Jack Smith park lift stations. Collective efforts were provided by the water department, Public Works, and some support from Bullhead City with their jetter/vactor truck to clear the obstruction on Friday afternoon. This line is on the capital projects list for repair/replacement. The wastewater team will be working with engineering to address this project. There were 4 man hours associated with this work effort over an above the time spent during normal business hours to address this issue.



- July 29, 2026 operations staff removed and replaced the submersible wasting pump in SBR #1. The cord insulation was compromised which caused the pump to fail. We were able to use a spare pump to restore this functionality. 5 man hours, no charge for this activity.
- July 31, 2026 operations staff removed a failed effluent EQ pump and replaced it with one of the filtrate pumps that was in storage as a back-up pump until the EQ pump that was sent up for repairs last month is completed. When that pump is ready for pick-up we will drop off the failed pump for inspection and repairs. 3 man hours, no charge for this work activity.

Should you have any questions regarding the monthly activity please feel free to contact me at 602-300-7946.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kris Hendricks", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kris Hendricks, EUSI, LLC; Managing Member

## Storm impact photos July 2026

**Bazoobuth lift station: Note the water line on the electrical cabinet, transformer, and site wall and new alarm call box installed.**





**WWTP: note the water line on the side of the building, transformer, entry doors and tanks:**





**Percolation pond fence line with significant fissure**







## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2026

**Title:** Present Perfected Rights Report – July 2026

**Background:**

CURRENT YEAR:  
July 2026

|                    | Current | YTD      | % change<br>prior year to<br>current year YTD |
|--------------------|---------|----------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Net Diversion      | 190.26  | 1,022.28 | 3%                                            |
| Measured Returns   | 44.02   | 285.82   |                                               |
| Unmeasured Returns | 21.63   | 153.13   |                                               |

**Consumptive Use**

**124.61 583.33**

**(based on consumptive  
use)**

PRIOR YEAR:  
July 2025

|                        |               |               |
|------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net Diversion          | 215.35        | 1,085.26      |
| Measured Returns       | 46.05         | 281.40        |
| Unmeasured Returns     | 44.53         | 237.37        |
| <b>Consumptive Use</b> | <b>124.77</b> | <b>566.46</b> |

**% of PPR Remaining**

**60%**

\*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:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 8/25/2026

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

**Agenda Item:** \_\_\_\_\_

| 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   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |      |      |      |      |      | 0.00     |
| Well # 15 (formerly #10)                  |  | 9.10               | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |      |      |      |      |      | 9.10     |
| Well #11                                  |  | 103.51             | 106.14 | 130.92 | 112.72 | 128.79 | 140.44 | 141.61 |      |      |      |      |      | 864.13   |
| Well #12                                  |  | 10.22              | 27.97  | 44.32  | 47.59  | 59.33  | 59.90  | 52.31  |      |      |      |      |      | 301.64   |
| Sub-Total                                 |  | 122.83             | 134.11 | 175.24 | 160.31 | 188.12 | 200.34 | 193.92 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,174.87 |
| Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (AZ) |  | 27.42              | 21.33  | 22.31  | 11.25  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   |      |      |      |      |      | 82.31    |
| Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (CA) |  | 2.30               | 46.94  | 2.53   | 4.57   | 4.29   | 5.99   | 3.66   |      |      |      |      |      | 70.28    |
| Sub-Total                                 |  | 29.72              | 68.27  | 24.84  | 15.82  | 4.29   | 5.99   | 3.66   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 152.59   |
| City of Needles' Net Diversion            |  | 93.11              | 65.84  | 150.40 | 144.49 | 183.83 | 194.35 | 190.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,022.28 |
|                                           |  |                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |      |          |
|                                           |  |                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |      |          |
|                                           |  |                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |      |          |
|                                           |  |                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |      |          |
| Uses of Water                             |  |                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |      |          |
| Commercial Accounts                       |  | 36.46              | 22.07  | 51.33  | 41.99  | 75.29  | 83.88  | 73.36  |      |      |      |      |      | 384.38   |
| Residential Accounts                      |  | 42.78              | 14.81  | 50.01  | 41.39  | 37.50  | 38.88  | 47.67  |      |      |      |      |      | 273.04   |
| Golf Course                               |  | 10.22              | 27.97  | 44.32  | 47.59  | 59.33  | 59.90  | 52.31  |      |      |      |      |      | 301.64   |
| Parks, Ballparks, Cemetery                |  | 3.66               | 0.99   | 4.74   | 13.52  | 11.71  | 11.69  | 16.92  |      |      |      |      |      | 63.23    |
| Total                                     |  | 93.12              | 65.84  | 150.40 | 144.49 | 183.83 | 194.35 | 190.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,022.29 |

**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   | 0.450     | 31     | 42.81  | 41.53      |
| Apr   | 0.439     | 30     | 40.42  | 39.21      |
| May   | 0.461     | 31     | 43.86  | 42.54      |
| Jun   | 0.461     | 30     | 42.45  | 41.17      |
| Jul   | 0.477     | 31     | 45.38  | 44.02      |
| 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 | 3.169     | 365    | 294.66 | 285.82     |

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

| Diversions        |                                           |                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |      |          |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|----------|
|                   |                                           | Pumped (Acre-Feet) |        |        |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |      |          |
| Pumped from Wells |                                           | Jan                | Feb    | Mar    | Apr    | May    | Jun    | Jul    | Aug  | Sep  | Oct  | Nov  | Dec  | Total    |
|                   | 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 | 130.92 | 112.72 | 128.79 | 140.44 | 141.61 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 864.13   |
|                   | Well #12                                  | 10.22              | 27.97  | 44.32  | 47.59  | 59.33  | 59.90  | 52.31  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 301.64   |
|                   | Sub-Total                                 | 122.83             | 134.11 | 175.24 | 160.31 | 188.12 | 200.34 | 193.92 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,174.87 |
|                   | Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (AZ) | 27.42              | 21.33  | 22.31  | 11.25  | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 82.31    |
|                   | Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (CA) | 2.30               | 46.94  | 2.53   | 4.57   | 4.29   | 5.99   | 3.66   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 70.28    |
|                   | Sub-Total                                 | 29.72              | 68.27  | 24.84  | 15.82  | 4.29   | 5.99   | 3.66   | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 152.59   |
|                   | City of Needles' Net Diversion            | 93.11              | 65.84  | 150.40 | 144.49 | 183.83 | 194.35 | 190.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,022.28 |

| Return and Other Credits                             |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |        |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|--------|
| Measured Returns                                     |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |        |
| Sewer Plant's Rapid Infiltration Ponds <sup>1</sup>  | 40.42 | 36.93 | 41.53 | 39.21 | 42.54 | 41.17 | 44.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 285.82 |
| Unmeasured Returns                                   |       |       |       |       |       |       |       |      |      |      |      |      |        |
| Percolation from Golf Course <sup>2</sup>            | 0.00  | 9.63  | 17.74 | 27.02 | 14.47 | 11.95 | 8.56  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 89.38  |
| Percolation from Parks <sup>3</sup>                  | 1.46  | 0.40  | 1.90  | 5.41  | 4.68  | 4.68  | 6.77  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 25.29  |
| Percolation from Large Commercial Users <sup>4</sup> | 0.88  | 0.53  | 1.23  | 1.01  | 1.81  | 2.01  | 1.76  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9.23   |
| System Losses <sup>5</sup>                           | 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 <sup>6</sup>                     | 4.12  | 3.84  | 4.41  | 4.22  | 4.12  | 3.96  | 4.54  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 29.23  |
| Total Unmeasured Returns                             | 6.46  | 14.40 | 25.28 | 37.66 | 25.09 | 22.60 | 21.63 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 153.13 |
| Total Returns                                        | 46.88 | 51.33 | 66.81 | 76.87 | 67.63 | 63.77 | 65.65 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 438.95 |

**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,Ballparks,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.

| Consumptive Use    |       |       |        |        |        |        |        |      |      |      |      |          |
|--------------------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------|------|------|------|----------|
| Diversion          | 93.11 | 65.84 | 150.40 | 144.49 | 183.83 | 194.35 | 190.26 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,022.28 |
| Measured Returns   | 40.42 | 36.93 | 41.53  | 39.21  | 42.54  | 41.17  | 44.02  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 285.82   |
| Unmeasured Returns | 6.46  | 14.40 | 25.28  | 37.66  | 25.09  | 22.60  | 21.63  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 153.13   |
| Consumptive Use    | 46.23 | 14.51 | 83.59  | 67.62  | 116.20 | 130.58 | 124.61 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 583.33   |



## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** September 1, 2026

**Title:** Monthly Utility Report FY 26

**Background:** Unaudited Income Statements for the Water, Wastewater, and Electric Departments through June 30, 2026, along with the monthly financial statements for Fiscal Year 2026.

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Patrick J. Martinez

**Date:** 8/25/2026

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

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

# NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

## Monthly Activity Report

MONTH OF: Jun-26

### MONTHLY REPORT OF REVENUE, CONSUMPTION, DEMAND, AND ACCOUNTS PAST DUE

#### CURRENT YEAR:

| CURRENT YEAR:    |          |                |           | YTD           |            |      |           |         |       |
|------------------|----------|----------------|-----------|---------------|------------|------|-----------|---------|-------|
| MONTH OF         |          | Fiscal Year to |           | % change      |            |      |           |         |       |
| Jun-26           |          | Date through:  |           | prior year to |            |      |           |         |       |
|                  |          | Jun-26         |           | current year  |            |      |           |         |       |
|                  |          |                |           | Jun-26        |            |      |           |         |       |
|                  |          |                |           | Consumption   |            |      |           |         |       |
|                  |          |                |           | prior year to |            |      |           |         |       |
|                  |          |                |           | current year  |            |      |           |         |       |
| Utility Revenue: | Electric | \$             | 906,316   | \$            | 8,060,065  | -46% | 8,843,386 | KWh     | 4.4%  |
|                  | Water    | \$             | 293,609   | \$            | 1,930,783  | -35% | 7,438,614 | Cu. Ft. | 79.1% |
|                  | Sewer    | \$             | 180,803   | \$            | 1,269,161  | -41% |           |         |       |
| TOTALS           |          | \$             | 1,380,728 | \$            | 17,260,009 |      |           |         |       |

#### PRIOR YEAR:

| PRIOR YEAR:      |          | MONTH OF |           | Fiscal Year to |            | Consumption |         |
|------------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------|---------|
|                  |          | Jun-25   |           | Date Through:  |            | Jun-25      |         |
| Utility Revenue: | Electric | \$       | 1,174,798 | \$             | 15,063,521 | 8,470,711   | KWh     |
|                  | Water    | \$       | 259,478   | \$             | 2,965,093  | 4,154,271   | Cu. Ft. |
|                  | Sewer    | \$       | 181,848   | \$             | 2,159,453  |             |         |
| TOTALS           |          | \$       | 1,616,124 | \$             | 20,188,067 |             |         |

Note: Elec  
Custs total:  
3,012  
Jun-26

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

|                                                                |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>See attached documentation</b>                              |             |
| Accounts Past Due (Over 60/90 Days) (Now all, not just active) |             |
| \$                                                             | 55,727      |
| Percent of current month Revenue                               | 0.040360317 |
| Percent of Year to Date Revenue                                | 0.49%       |
| <b>Excludes Curation Deposits</b>                              |             |

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| <b>Electric Demand (MW)</b> |       |
| Current Period              | 26.32 |
| Prior Year                  | 25.47 |

|                                |    |
|--------------------------------|----|
| <b>Customer Service Office</b> |    |
| Number of Disconnections       | 10 |
| Number of Reconnects           | 5  |

Sources: Revenue: General Ledger (Finance Dept numbers)

A/C's past due: Billing system  
Electric Demand: AES Representative

This report shows the current year utility revenue, consumption, electric demand, & purchased power expense compared to the prior year.

Report Prepared by: Rainie Torrance  
Utility Manager

Date: 08/21/26

|                                                                 |     |         |     |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------|-----|-----------|
| Purchased Power Expense (Per AES/WAPA Schedule):                |     |         |     |           |
|                                                                 | MTD |         | YTD |           |
| Current Period                                                  | \$  | 346,573 | \$  | 4,829,714 |
| Prior Year                                                      | \$  | 451,953 | \$  | 5,525,469 |
| Percentage change in cost YTD                                   |     |         |     | -13%      |
| Note: Purchased Power Expense is calculated by AES, not the G/L |     |         |     |           |

| <b>NPUA</b>                                                                 |                        |                      |                    |                        |                      |                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Recap of Electric Consumption / Purchases / Costs: Comparing FY 25 to FY 26 |                        |                      |                    |                        |                      |                          |
|                                                                             | FY 24 / 25             |                      |                    | FY 25 / 26             |                      |                          |
|                                                                             | kWh                    |                      |                    | kWh                    |                      |                          |
|                                                                             | Monthly<br>Consumption | Monthly<br>Purchases | Monthly<br>\$ Cost | Monthly<br>Consumption | Monthly<br>Purchases | Monthly<br>\$ Cost       |
| July-24                                                                     | 11,158,485             | 13,652,000           | \$ 980,877         | July-25                | 10,238,918           | 12,766,000 \$ 771,545    |
| August-24                                                                   | 11,398,224             | 11,637,000           | \$ 867,781         | August-25              | 11,354,629           | 12,484,000 \$ 867,781    |
| September-24                                                                | 11,540,919             | 10,270,000           | \$ 578,132         | September-25           | 10,628,621           | 9,879,000 \$ 563,691     |
| October-24                                                                  | 8,414,307              | 8,788,000            | \$ 482,445         | October-25             | 8,712,792            | 8,320,000 \$ 361,070     |
| November-24                                                                 | 4,084,281              | 6,655,000            | \$ 319,594         | November-25            | 7,127,461            | 7,043,000 \$ 320,272     |
| December-24                                                                 | 6,037,727              | 7,069,000            | \$ 418,831         | December-25            | 5,792,977            | 7,061,000 \$ 352,474     |
| January-25                                                                  | 4,215,138              | 7,274,000            | \$ 489,106         | January-26             | 6,688,999            | 7,056,000 \$ 343,500     |
| February-25                                                                 | 5,684,992              | 6,206,000            | \$ 265,375         | February-26            | 6,196,465            | 6,342,000 \$ 249,543     |
| March-25                                                                    | 5,377,618              | 7,016,000            | \$ 192,131         | March-26               | 5,682,890            | 8,394,000 \$ 201,020     |
| April-25                                                                    | 5,795,668              | 7,741,000            | \$ 225,902         | April-26               | 5,684,366            | 8,081,000 \$ 198,060     |
| May-25                                                                      | 8,032,847              | 9,583,000            | \$ 253,253         | May-26                 | 7,704,922            | 10,048,000 \$ 254,185    |
| June-25                                                                     | 8,417,595              | 11,352,000           | \$ 451,953         | June-26                | 8,843,386            | 11,916,000 \$ 346,573    |
|                                                                             | 90,157,801             | 107,243,000          | \$ 5,525,379       |                        | 94,656,426           | 109,390,000 \$ 4,829,714 |

This report shows the current month consumption, monthly purchases and monthly cost compared to the prior year.

| NPUA                                                 |                   |                    |  |                   |                    |                   |  |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|
| Recap of Water Consumption: Comparing FY 25 to FY 26 |                   |                    |  |                   |                    |                   |  |
|                                                      | <u>FY 24 / 25</u> | <u>Monthly</u>     |  | <u>FY 25 / 26</u> | <u>Monthly</u>     | <u>Difference</u> |  |
|                                                      |                   | <u>Consumption</u> |  |                   | <u>Consumption</u> |                   |  |
|                                                      | July-24           | 5,030,016          |  | July-25           | 4,717,623          | -6%               |  |
|                                                      | August-24         | 5,160,877          |  | August-25         | 4,692,975          | -9%               |  |
|                                                      | September-24      | 5,268,219          |  | September-25      | 5,870,769          | 11%               |  |
|                                                      | October-24        | 4,255,799          |  | October-25        | 4,367,600          | 3%                |  |
|                                                      | November-24       | 4,084,281          |  | November-25       | 4,268,342          | 5%                |  |
|                                                      | December-24       | 2,971,538          |  | December-25       | 3,202,167          | 8%                |  |
|                                                      | January-25        | 3,569,288          |  | January-26        | 3,569,288          | 0%                |  |
|                                                      | February-25       | 2,675,092          |  | February-26       | 3,767,058          | 41%               |  |
|                                                      | March-25          | 2,371,281          |  | March-26          | 3,773,322          | 59%               |  |
|                                                      | April-25          | 2,750,897          |  | April-26          | 3,773,982          | 37%               |  |
|                                                      | May-25            | 3,709,400          |  | May-26            | 4,033,419          | 9%                |  |
|                                                      | June-25           | 4,154,271          |  | June-26           | 7,438,614          | 79%               |  |
|                                                      |                   |                    |  |                   |                    |                   |  |
|                                                      |                   | 46,000,959         |  |                   | 53,475,159         |                   |  |

This report shows the current month consumption, compared to the prior year. Shown in cubic-feet.

|                                    |               |               |              |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| NPUA                               |               |               |              |
| Recap of Power Purchase Expense \$ |               |               |              |
| FY 24 / 25                         | at the end of | June 30, 2025 |              |
| Quartly                            |               | Monthly       | YTD          |
|                                    | July-24       | \$ 980,877    | \$ 980,877   |
|                                    | August-24     | \$ 867,871    | \$ 1,848,748 |
| \$ 2,426,880                       | September-24  | \$ 578,132    | \$ 2,426,880 |
|                                    | October-24    | \$ 482,445    | \$ 2,909,325 |
|                                    | November-24   | \$ 319,594    | \$ 3,228,919 |
| \$ 1,220,870                       | December-24   | \$ 418,831    | \$ 3,647,750 |
|                                    | January-25    | \$ 489,106    | \$ 4,136,856 |
|                                    | February-25   | \$ 265,375    | \$ 4,402,231 |
| \$ 946,612                         | March-25      | \$ 192,131    | \$ 4,594,362 |
|                                    | April-25      | \$ 225,902    | \$ 4,820,264 |
|                                    | May-25        | \$ 253,253    | \$ 5,073,517 |
| \$ 931,108                         | June-25       | \$ 451,953    | \$ 5,525,470 |
| \$ 5,525,470                       |               | \$ 5,525,469  |              |
|                                    |               |               |              |
|                                    |               |               |              |
| NPUA                               |               |               |              |
| Recap of Power Purchase Expense \$ |               |               |              |
| FY 25/26                           | at the end of | June 30, 2026 |              |
| Quartly                            |               | Monthly       | YTD          |
|                                    | July-25       | \$ 771,545    | \$ 771,545   |
|                                    | August-25     | \$ 867,781    | \$ 1,639,326 |
| \$ 2,203,017                       | September-25  | \$ 563,691    | \$ 2,203,017 |
|                                    | October-25    | \$ 361,070    | \$ 2,564,087 |
|                                    | November-25   | \$ 320,272    | \$ 2,884,359 |
| \$ 1,033,816                       | December-25   | \$ 352,474    | \$ 3,236,833 |
|                                    | January-26    | \$ 343,500    | \$ 3,580,333 |
|                                    | February-26   | \$ 249,543    | \$ 3,829,876 |
| \$ 794,063                         | March-26      | \$ 201,020    | \$ 4,030,896 |
|                                    | April-26      | \$ 198,060    | \$ 4,228,956 |
|                                    | May-26        | \$ 254,185    | \$ 4,483,141 |
| \$ 798,818                         | June-26       | \$ 346,573    | \$ 4,829,714 |
| \$ 4,829,714                       |               | \$ 4,829,714  |              |
|                                    |               |               |              |
|                                    |               |               |              |

This report shows the monthly purchased power expense compared to the prior year.



|                                                                                |               |               |            |         |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|---------|
| NPUA                                                                           |               |               |            |         |
| Recap of Electric Consumption (kWh)                                            |               |               |            |         |
| FY 24 / 25                                                                     | at the end of | June 30, 2025 |            |         |
| Quartly                                                                        |               | Monthly       | Cum YTD    | PEAK MW |
|                                                                                | July-24       | 11,158,485    | 11,158,485 | 26.72   |
|                                                                                | August-24     | 11,398,224    | 22,556,709 | 25.76   |
| 34,097,628                                                                     | September-24  | 11,540,919    | 34,097,628 | 23.76   |
|                                                                                | October-24    | 8,414,307     | 42,511,935 | 22.11   |
|                                                                                | November-24   | 4,084,281     | 46,596,216 | 12.64   |
| 18,536,315                                                                     | December-24   | 6,037,727     | 52,633,943 | 13.10   |
|                                                                                | January-25    | 4,215,138     | 56,849,081 | 13.74   |
|                                                                                | February-25   | 5,684,992     | 62,534,073 | 13.01   |
| 15,277,748                                                                     | March-25      | 5,377,618     | 67,911,691 | 15.89   |
|                                                                                | April-25      | 5,795,668     | 73,707,359 | 18.32   |
|                                                                                | May-25        | 8,032,847     | 81,740,206 | 21.58   |
| 22,299,226                                                                     | June-25       | 8,470,711     | 90,210,917 | 25.47   |
| 90,210,917                                                                     |               | 90,210,917    |            |         |
|                                                                                |               |               |            |         |
| NPUA                                                                           |               |               |            |         |
| Recap of Electric Consumption (kWh)                                            |               |               |            |         |
| FY 25 / 26                                                                     | at the end of | June 30, 2026 |            |         |
| Quartly                                                                        |               | Monthly       | Cum YTD    | PEAK MW |
|                                                                                | July-25       | 10,238,918    | 10,238,918 | 26.71   |
|                                                                                | August-25     | 11,354,629    | 21,593,547 | 25.76   |
| 32,222,168                                                                     | September-25  | 10,628,621    | 32,222,168 | 23.25   |
|                                                                                | October-25    | 8,712,792     | 40,934,960 | 19.15   |
|                                                                                | November-25   | 7,127,461     | 48,062,421 | 15.57   |
| 21,633,230                                                                     | December-25   | 5,792,977     | 53,855,398 | 13.83   |
|                                                                                | January-26    | 6,688,999     | 60,544,398 | 13.91   |
|                                                                                | February-26   | 6,196,465     | 66,740,862 | 15.28   |
| 18,568,354                                                                     | March-26      | 5,682,890     | 72,423,752 | 19.61   |
|                                                                                | April-26      | 5,684,366     | 78,108,118 | 18.79   |
|                                                                                | May-26        | 7,704,922     | 85,813,040 | 23.18   |
| 22,232,674                                                                     | June-26       | 8,843,386     | 94,656,426 | 26.32   |
| 94,656,426                                                                     |               | 94,656,426    |            |         |
|                                                                                |               |               |            |         |
| This report shows the monthly electric consumption compared to the prior year. |               |               |            |         |



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 14, 2026

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## City Manager's Weekly Highlights

### Public Safety & Community Services

- Advanced storm recovery and regional coordination, with City crews continuing neighborhood cleanup and San Bernardino County Flood Operations scheduled to begin work on identified drainage and maintenance areas next week.
- Implemented the City's Oversized Vehicle Ordinance, with required signage installed and citation enforcement now underway to protect neighborhoods, roadway infrastructure, and public safety.
- Strengthened the City's regional public safety presence through a San Bernardino County Auto Theft Task Force operation that conducted several dozen vessel, vehicle, and trailer inspections throughout the Needles and Colorado River area.

### Economic Development & Legislative Affairs

- Advanced AB 1756 to the Governor, following passage by the California Legislature, as the City continues advocating for extension of the Needles OHMV Pilot Program through January 1, 2033.
- Continued the City's Opportunity Zone 2.0 advocacy, building community and regional support for Needles' nomination ahead of the State's August 28 public comment deadline.
- Continued implementation of the OHMV Pilot Program, expanding access for Arizona and out-of-state riders through the local availability of California Nonresident OHV Use Permits.

### Community Investment & Quality of Life

- Took delivery of a new \$181,000 Dial-a-Ride vehicle, fully funded through State Transit Assistance capital funds with no General Fund impact, while the Students Ride Free Program carried 30 students on the first day of school.
- Continued back-to-school and youth programming, including after-school enrollment and fall youth sports registration.
- Celebrated community momentum through a sold-out Night Golf Tournament at Rivers Edge and recognition of HMBL ZAY's 3,000-mile cross-country charitable walk, which concluded in Needles after raising more than \$200,000 for charity.

1. **AB 1756 – OHMV Pilot Program Advances to Governor:** Assembly Bill 1756, authored by Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez, has passed the California Legislature and is advancing to Governor Gavin Newsom for consideration and signature. The legislation would extend the City of Needles' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Pilot Program through January 1, 2033, providing additional time to operate and evaluate the City's combined-use route network. The City appreciates Assemblymember Gonzalez and the Legislature for their continued support of this important program and will continue advocating for the Governor's signature.
2. **Storm Damage Response and County Coordination:** The City continues to proactively work with regional agencies to address storm-related damage and maintenance needs throughout Needles. This week, City staff met with San Bernardino County Public Works Director Noel Castillo, Deputy Director Sameh Basta, and members of the County Public Works team to review impacted areas and coordinate next steps. County Flood Operations crews are scheduled to be in the Needles area from August 17 through September 3 to address several identified locations, including the Lillyhill culverts, Smith Road, S Street Channel, D Street, graffiti, and other maintenance needs within County Flood Control right-of-way. The City appreciates the County's responsiveness and continued partnership and will remain engaged with County Public Works as this work moves forward. Residents are also encouraged to help identify areas needing attention by submitting service requests through [Needles Connect](#), which allows the City to document, track, and route community concerns to the appropriate department or agency for follow-up.
3. **Oversized Vehicle Ordinance Enforcement:** The City has successfully implemented Ordinance No. 680-AC and has begun issuing citations for oversized commercial vehicles traveling or parking on restricted City streets. The ordinance is intended to improve traffic and neighborhood safety, protect City streets from unnecessary heavy-vehicle impacts, reduce roadway maintenance costs, and direct commercial traffic to appropriate routes. Required signage has been installed at key locations throughout the community, allowing enforcement to commence. Staff will continue monitoring compliance and enforcement activity.
4. **Caltrans I-40 Pavement Rehabilitation Project:** Caltrans has begun a **\$7.4 million pavement rehabilitation project along Interstate 40 near Needles**, extending from approximately 3.2 miles east of the US-95 junction to just east of the East Broadway Street Undercrossing. Work includes pavement removal and resurfacing with rubberized hot-mix asphalt. Construction is scheduled primarily at night between **8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.**, with alternating lane closures and message signs in place to notify motorists. The project is anticipated to be completed by **early Fall 2026**, weather permitting. Motorists are encouraged to use caution, slow down through the work zone, and plan for potential delays.

5. **San Bernardino County Auto Theft Task Force Enforcement Operation:**  
Last weekend, the San Bernardino County Auto Theft Task Force (SANCATT), in coordination with the Needles/Colorado River Sheriff's Station, conducted several dozen vessel, vehicle, and trailer inspections throughout the Needles area, including local waterways, highways, and recreational areas. The operation focused on identifying stolen boats, trailers, and vehicles while providing a visible law enforcement presence during a busy summer weekend. No significant violations or stolen property were discovered. The operation demonstrates the continued commitment of regional law enforcement partners to proactive enforcement and sends a clear message that vehicle and vessel theft will not be tolerated in the Needles and Colorado River area.
6. **Needles Area Transit – New Dial-a-Ride Vehicle and Student Ridership:**  
This week, the City took delivery of its new Dial-a-Ride vehicle, which will be used for specialized Dial-a-Ride transportation and the Fort Mohave/Bullhead Shuttle. The vehicle replaces an aging transit unit and was fully funded through **\$181,000 in State Transit Assistance capital funds provided through SBCTA, with no impact to the General Fund.** The new vehicle features the Dial-a-Ride branding previously approved by the City Council and is expected to enter service next week following installation of its communications equipment. Needles Area Transit also reported strong participation in the **Students Ride Free Program**, with 30 students utilizing the service on the first day of school and filling the bus to capacity. These investments and programs continue to expand safe, reliable, and accessible transportation options for the Needles community.
7. **Time Zone Petition – Next Steps:** On August 11, 2026, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2026-35 authorizing staff to prepare and submit a petition to the U.S. Department of Transportation requesting a change to the federal time-zone boundary affecting the City of Needles. Staff will now begin assembling the supporting record, including information regarding the City's economic and commercial ties to Arizona, transportation and commuting patterns, healthcare and regional services, tourism, media markets, and community support. Staff will also begin outreach to regional partners and businesses for supporting information and letters. The Council's action does not change the City's current time zone; any boundary change requires federal review and approval by USDOT.
8. **Kratom Ordinance – First Reading:** On August 11, 2026, the City Council introduced Ordinance No. 686-AC, which would add Section 14-21 to the Needles Municipal Code prohibiting the commercial sale and distribution of kratom products within the City. The ordinance is intended to address public health and safety concerns associated with unregulated kratom products while maintaining exemptions for personal possession and authorized medical, academic, and scientific research. The ordinance will return to the City Council for consideration of final adoption.
9. **Utility Efficiency & Conservation Programs:** The **Needles Public Utility Authority** offers several programs designed to help residents lower utility costs, improve the efficiency of their homes, and conserve energy and water. The

**Energy Efficiency Rebate Program** provides rebates for qualifying improvements such as high-efficiency air-conditioning systems and mini-splits, electric water heaters, and residential solar screens. The City also offers the **AB 2021 Low-Income/Senior Energy Efficiency Program**, which provides qualifying income-eligible households with assistance for energy-efficiency improvements, with homeowners responsible for 25% of eligible equipment or repair costs. For water conservation, the **Toilet Replacement Pilot Program** provides rebates for the purchase of WaterSense-approved toilets, while the **Turf Removal Pilot Program** provides NPUA water customers \$2 per square foot, up to \$2,000, to replace existing turf with qualifying low-water-use landscaping and permeable materials. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of these programs and contact the Utility Department before beginning a project to confirm eligibility and current program requirements. Additional information, program guidelines, and applications can be found on the [City of Needles Utilities website](#).

10. **Needles Sunday Market – Vendor Applications Open:** The **Needles Sunday Market is returning for the fall season**, beginning **Sunday, September 13, at Santa Fe Park**, and vendor applications are now open. The market will be held Sundays from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. PST** and will feature handmade goods, food, art, produce, and more. As part of the City’s efforts to support local entrepreneurship and small businesses, qualifying vendors participating in approved community events with annual gross receipts of **\$15,000 or less may be eligible for a waiver of the City’s administrative business-license processing fee**. Vendors remain responsible for all other applicable licensing, permitting, and regulatory requirements. Interested vendors are encouraged to [submit the Needles Sunday Market vendor signup form](#) and participate in the upcoming season. Additional information regarding the City’s recently adopted small-business license waiver is available in [Ordinance No. 682-AC – Small Business License Waiver](#).

11. **Community Events Calendar Now Live:** The City’s new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a centralized location for community events, public meetings, and civic programs. Local organizations are invited to submit events or update existing listings through the City Clerk's Office to help keep the calendar current and inclusive. Residents can subscribe to and sync the calendar with their mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed about local events and civic activities.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & RECOGNITION**

- I. **Opportunity Zone 2.0 Public Comment Period:** The State’s public comment period for Opportunity Zone 2.0 nominations remains open through **August 28, 2026**. Needles remains eligible for designation, and the City continues to encourage residents, businesses, property owners, community organizations, and regional partners to submit comments supporting **Census Tract 06071010700**. Opportunity Zone designation could help attract long-term private investment, housing and business development, and job creation in Needles. Comments may be submitted through the California Department of Finance Opportunity Zone Public Comment Portal. Additional information and submission instructions are available through the City.

- II. **Community Achievement Awards – Nominations Due August 24:** The Laughlin Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for the **29th Annual Community Achievement Awards**, recognizing outstanding individuals, businesses, organizations, educators, students, volunteers, and young leaders throughout the Colorado River Region. The City encourages residents to help ensure **Needles is well represented** by nominating deserving individuals and organizations from our community. **Nominations are due August 24, 2026.** Eligible nominees must work, reside, do business, and/or provide services within the Colorado River Region. Residents are encouraged to submit their nominations before the deadline by [clicking here](#).
- III. **River Communities Coalition Rummage Sale:** The River Communities Coalition's Community Rummage Sale has been rescheduled for **August 21 and 22 from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at ABC Collision in Needles.** Proceeds will support RCC community programs, and donations are still being accepted. To donate or arrange pickup, contact Roxanne at (928) 706-8323, Nancy at (562) 900-4808, or Wayne at (760) 801-4076. The City encourages the community to support this local event.
- IV. **Rivers Edge Golf Course – Summer Scramble:** Rivers Edge Golf Course will host its **Summer Scramble on Saturday, August 29**, featuring a three-person scramble with a **7:00 a.m. shotgun start**, on-course prizes, and awards following play. Registration is **\$55 per player or \$165 per team.** Residents and visitors are encouraged to register and enjoy a summer morning at Rivers Edge Golf Course. For additional information or registration, contact Rivers Edge at **(760) 326-3931**. A copy of the Summer Scramble flyer is attached for the Council's reference.
- V. **Parks & Recreation Programs:** Registration remains open through **September 14, 2026**, for the City of Needles Fall Youth Sports season, including **Peewee Soccer, Flag Football, and Volleyball**, with the season running October through November. Sibling discounts are available, and scholarships may be available for qualifying families. The City's **After-School Program** is also accepting enrollment for students in Kindergarten through 8th grade, providing a safe, supervised environment with homework assistance, enrichment activities, positive role models, and daily snacks. For additional information or registration for either program, contact Parks and Recreation at **(760) 326-2814** or [parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com](mailto:parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com).



# 1. AB 1756 – ADVANCING TO THE GOVERNOR



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**AB 1756 does not expand the scope of the Needles pilot program.** Rather, it extends the program through **January 1, 2033**, providing sufficient time for the City and the State to evaluate long-term safety performance, environmental impacts, recreational use, traffic conditions, and economic benefits to our rural community.

This extension is particularly important because the pilot represents more than a recreational opportunity. A structured and enforceable OHMV network provides riders with a legal connection between federal recreational lands and local services while supporting public safety, reducing unauthorized travel and trespass onto private lands, and directing recreational activity onto designated routes.

For Needles, this is also an economic development opportunity. Visitors who can legally access lodging, restaurants, fuel stations, stores, and other businesses from surrounding recreational areas can generate meaningful economic activity in one of California's most geographically isolated communities. This effort also complements the City's broader economic development strategy, including its pursuit of designation under California's Opportunity Zone 2.0 process, by strengthening the infrastructure and recreational amenities that can help attract private investment, create jobs, and support local businesses. At the same time, the pilot gives the State an opportunity to evaluate whether a carefully planned combined-use system can serve as a successful model for rural recreation access.

The City appreciates the Legislature's continued recognition of the unique circumstances facing Needles and the leadership of Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez in carrying AB 1756. We are committed to operating the program responsibly, coordinating with our state and federal partners, and fulfilling the reporting and evaluation requirements established by law.

For these reasons, the City of Needles respectfully requests that you **sign AB 1756 into law** and allow this important rural pilot program to continue.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued support of California's rural and disadvantaged communities.

Sincerely,

  
Mayor Janet Jernigan  
City of Needles

Cc: Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez  
Senator Stephen Padilla  
San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn  
Rowe Patrick Martinez, City Manager, City of  
Needles

August 14, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 1756 (Gonzalez) – Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Pilot Program – City of  
Needles – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of Needles, I respectfully request your signature on **AB 1756 (Gonzalez)**, which extends the City's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program and provides the time necessary to fully evaluate its safety, environmental, recreational, and economic benefits.

The City of Needles is a remote, rural, and disadvantaged community of approximately 5,200 residents located along the Colorado River and adjacent to Arizona. Our community is geographically isolated from much of San Bernardino County and is surrounded by federal public lands heavily used for off-highway vehicle recreation, hiking, and backcountry access. Tourism and outdoor recreation are important components of our local economy.

In 2022, the Legislature enacted AB 2152 to authorize a pilot program allowing the City of Needles to establish designated combined-use highway segments connecting existing federal trail systems and recreational areas with lodging, fuel, restaurants, and other essential services. Since receiving that authority, the City has worked diligently to implement the program responsibly and safely.

The City has completed the extensive planning and implementation necessary for the pilot, including engineering and safety analysis, stakeholder and agency coordination, public outreach, and adoption by the City Council of a **9.20-mile OHMV route network**. The California Highway Patrol reviewed and approved the City's OHMV Master Plan and designated routes, and the City's combined-use route network is now operational.

Much of the original pilot period, however, was necessarily devoted to planning, engineering, safety review, agency coordination, and implementation. As a result, the City needs additional operating time to collect meaningful real-world data and properly evaluate the program.



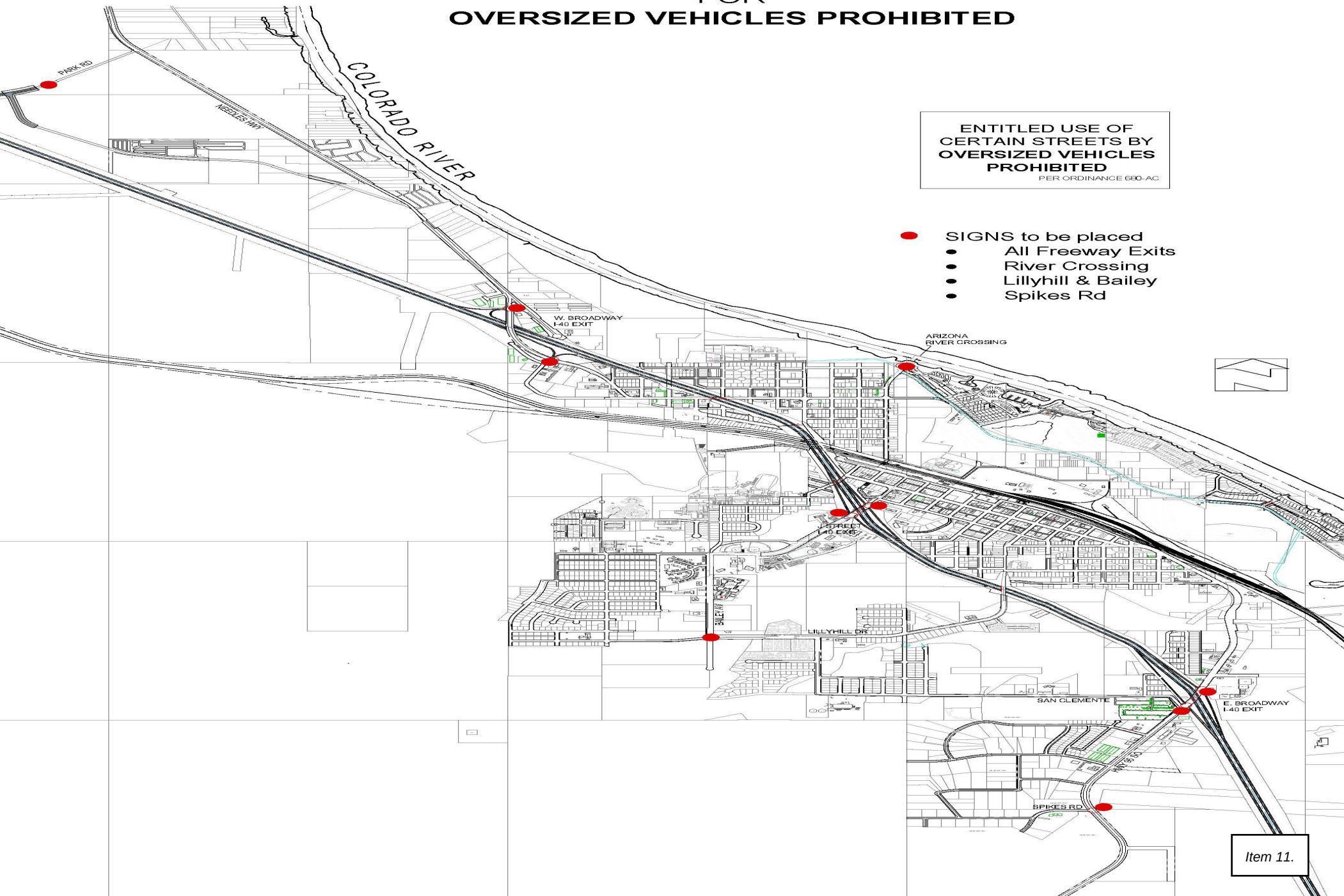
## 2. STORM RECOVERY & COUNTY COORDINATION





# 3. OVERSIZED VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT UNDERWAY

## SIGN LOCATIONS FOR OVERSIZED VEHICLES PROHIBITED



# 4. \$7.4M I-40 PAVEMENT PROJECT UNDERWAY

State of California • Department of Transportation

## Commuter Alert



**Date:** August 10, 2026

**Alert:** 26-819

**District:** 8 Riverside/San Bernardino

**Project ID:** 08-1N8104

**Contact:** [Jas Hampal](#)

**Phone:** (909) 553-6837

**For Immediate Release**

### INTERSTATE 40 PAVEMENT REHABILITATION AUGUST 2026

**SAN BERNARDINO, CA** – The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) announces the start of a new \$7.4 million pavement project on Interstate 40 (I-40). The scope of work includes cold plane asphalt concrete (AC) pavement and resurfacing with rubberized hot mix asphalt open grade (RHMA-O) along I-40 near Needles, from 3.2 miles east of W. Junction US-95 to 0.1 mile east of East Broadway Street Undercrossing. *Weather permitting.*

**Nightwork is scheduled between 8:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Alternating lane closures will be implemented, with COZEEP personnel present to oversee and monitor the closure areas.** Portable Changeable Message Signs (PCMS) will be activated to inform traffic of upcoming work and closures.

Work is anticipated to be completed by early Fall 2026.



**Be sure to slow down when driving within or near the work zone.**

Know before you go! To stay on top of roadwork in the Inland Empire follow us for the latest information on [Facebook](#) and [X](#). To assist in planning your commute, view live traffic conditions using [QuickMap](#).

For those with sensory disabilities requiring alternate formats (i.e. Braille, large print, sign

language interpreter, etc.) and those needing information in a language other than English, please contact Caltrans Public Affairs at 909-383-4631 or TTY 711.

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## 5. REGIONAL AUTO THEFT ENFORCEMENT OPERATION





## 6. NEW DIAL-A-RIDE VEHICLE





# 8. KRATOM ORDINANCE – FIRST READING

## CITY OF NEEDLES SALE OF KRATOM PROHIBITED

ORDINANCE NO. 686-AC

AMENDING CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE I, OF THE  
NEEDLES MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING  
SECTION 14-21, "SALE OF KRATOM PROHIBITED."

AUGUST 11, 2026



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# 9. UTILITY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION PROGRAMS



City of Needles

## ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

### APPLICATION FORM

Customer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Account No: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Check all that apply

Option A Air Conditioner Replacement  
(See back for restrictions)

☐

Option B Water Heater Replacement  
(See back for restrictions)

☐

Option C Solar Screen Installation  
(See back for restrictions)

☐

Option D Commercial Buildings  
Air Conditioner Replacement  
(See back for restrictions)

☐

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Documentation is required showing the efficiency rating before pre- approval of rebate credit will be issued on utility bill after confirmation and inspection.

Customer must be in good payment standing to qualify for rebate.



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### RE: AB 2021 Low Income/Senior Energy Efficiency Program Application

Dear Customer,

Thank you for requesting information regarding the City's AB 2021 Energy Efficiency Program. Enclosed, please find the following:

1. **Energy Efficiency Program Highlights**

- o This is an overview of the program including services and annual budgets.

2. **AB 2021 Energy Efficiency Program Application (1 page)**

- o It is important to note the number of individuals within the home and their ages.
- o Proof of income must be returned with the completed application.

3. **Poverty Guidelines**

- o To qualify for the program the monthly net income must not exceed the poverty guidelines.

For additional Weatherization services please contact the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County (CAPSBC).

1. Clients inquiring about Weatherization or Utility Assistance who have **not** previously been served should call **(909) 723-1500** or visit **[www.capsbc.org](http://www.capsbc.org)** and select the **Energy Education and Environmental Services** tab to request Weatherization Assistance.
2. Clients who have already been served may inquire about their application or services by emailing:
  - o [weatherizationservices@capsbc.org](mailto:weatherizationservices@capsbc.org)
  - o [utilityassistance@capsbc.org](mailto:utilityassistance@capsbc.org)
  - o or by calling **(909) 723-1608**.

Please note that the Weatherization Program generally takes approximately **six (6) months** from start to finish. The services can help decrease monthly utility bills and increase the efficiency of your home.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,

*Rainie Torrance*

**Rainie Torrance**  
City of Needles  
(760) 326-2115 Ext. 140



# 9. UTILITY EFFICIENCY & CONSERVATION PROGRAMS



City of Needles Water Department  
City Utility Services Office  
817 Third Street  
Needles, CA 92363  
Phone: 760-326-5700



## Turf Removal Pilot Program 2022

In an effort to increase the City's resilience regarding drought and climate change, reduce the demand for municipal water use. The Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) demonstrates its duty to saving water and money by introducing a Turf Removal Program.

The Turf Removal Program rebate program requires the removal of existing turf and replacement with permeable hardscapes, a minimum number of California friendly plants, wood mulch covering, installation of high-efficiency sprinkler heads and/or drip irrigation.

\$2.00 per square foot to replace eligible lawn areas up to 1,000 square feet with low-water-use, climate-appropriate plants and permeable hardscape (pavers or other materials that allow water to pass-through to the soil). Examples include pavers, crushed granite, decorative stones, mulch, metal landscaping art and more. Leak-free, drip irrigation if used in the converted area, must be low volume drip, micro-spray or bubbler and be free of malfunctions. Once installed, the irrigation system must not create runoff, overspray, or misting. The following per site maximum/minimum rebate amounts apply:

**If you have already removed your turf, your project is not eligible for this program. Additionally, projects must not be started prior to the receipt and acknowledgement of this Program's Letter to Proceed.**

### Maximum:

\$2,000 for Single-Family Multi-Family (equivalent to 1,000 square feet of lawn removed). Customers may remove turf area than is covered by the rebate program, but the per site maximum/minimum \$ still applies.

### Program Eligibility:

- Rebates are available for residents that receive their water from the NPUA.
- New construction does not qualify as the Turf Removal Program is aimed at encouraging retrofitting of existing landscapes
- Projects must be completed with 120 days of pre-approval. Extensions can be provided on a case-by-case basis, if requested. However, funds are limited, and an extension does not reserve or guarantee funds will be available when your project is completed.
- Non-qualifying materials include, but are not limited to the following: seed, sod, vegetable gardens, vineyards, high water use plants, lawn ornaments,

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## Coupon for \$100 Toilet Rebate

Present this coupon to City of Needles Customer Service Staff to receive a rebate of up to \$100 when you purchase a new WaterSense approved toilet. Residential accounts can apply for up to two rebates, and commercial accounts can receive up to four rebates. To qualify, your proof of purchase must also be submitted.





# 10. NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET RETURNS



**NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET**

*Season Two*

# RETURNS!

**STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH!**

 **EVERY SUNDAY**  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM PST

 **SANTA FE PARK**  
NEEDLES, CA

*Good Vibes. Local Finds. Community Strong. ♥*

**SHOP LOCAL  
SUPPORT LOCAL  
LOVE LOCAL** ♥

**HANDMADE  
GOODS  
& MORE!**



**NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET**

# VENDOR APPLICATIONS

*are Open!*

JOIN US THIS SEASON!

  
**SEASON BEGINS  
SEPTEMBER 13**

  
**SUNDAYS  
10 AM – 2 PM PST**

  
**SANTA FE PARK  
NEEDLES, CA**

**HANDMADE • FOOD • ART • PRODUCE • AND MORE!**

**READY TO JOIN US?**  
***APPLY TODAY!***



[tumbleweedmarkets.mymarket.org/forms/signup](https://tumbleweedmarkets.mymarket.org/forms/signup)

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# I. OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0 – SUPPORT NEEDLES



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### City of Needles Invites Public to Support Opportunity Zone 2.0 Nomination

#### Residents, Businesses, Property Owners, and Community Organizations Encouraged to Submit Comments by August 28

**NEEDLES, CA** — The City of Needles is encouraging residents, business owners, property owners, developers, community organizations, and regional partners to participate in California's **Opportunity Zone 2.0** public comment process by submitting comments and letters of support for the City's nomination before the **August 28, 2026** deadline.

Although the City of Needles remains fully eligible for Opportunity Zone designation, the City's nominated census tract (**Census Tract 06071010700**) was not included on the State's initial list of recommended census tracts. The California Department of Finance is currently accepting public comments before California submits its final Opportunity Zone nominations to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The Opportunity Zone Program is a federal economic development initiative established to encourage the reinvestment of private capital into economically distressed communities through long-term investment. Opportunity Zone 2.0 expands opportunities to support housing, infrastructure, business development, manufacturing, transportation and logistics, tourism, workforce development, and other job-creating investments.

The Needles nomination represents one of only **four eligible rural census tracts in San Bernardino County** and builds upon more than **\$28 million in recent public infrastructure investments**. As California's eastern gateway, Needles is strategically located along Interstate 40, Historic Route 66, the BNSF Southern Transcon rail corridor, and Needles Municipal Airport. Combined with municipally owned electric, water, and wastewater utilities and development-ready sites, the community is well positioned to leverage Opportunity Zone designation to attract long-term private investment, expand housing opportunities, create quality jobs, strengthen regional supply chains, and support sustainable economic development.

On **July 28, 2026**, the Needles City Council unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 2026-33**, supporting and ratifying the City's Opportunity Zone 2.0 nomination. In adopting the resolution, the City Council found that continued Opportunity Zone designation will strengthen the City's ability to leverage public investment and enhanced rural Opportunity Zone incentives to attract private capital, expand housing opportunities, support business growth, create quality jobs, revitalize underutilized properties, diversify the local economy, and advance the City's long-term economic

development strategy. The Council also reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a predictable, investment-ready environment that supports sustainable economic growth, implementation of the California Jobs First Regional Plan, and continued revitalization of the City of Needles.

The public comment period provides an important opportunity for residents, businesses, property owners, developers, community organizations, and regional partners to demonstrate broad support for Needles' nomination. Every public comment and letter of support helps reinforce the community's commitment to attracting long-term investment and expanding economic opportunity in eastern San Bernardino County.

### How to Support Needles' Opportunity Zone 2.0 Nomination

Community members are encouraged to support the City's nomination by:

- **Submitting comments** through the [California Department of Finance Opportunity Zone Public Comment Portal](#) using **Census Tract 06071010700**.
- [Watching the California Department of Finance's step-by-step instructional video](#) explaining how to submit comments.
- **Learning more** about Opportunity Zone 2.0 by visiting the [GO-Biz Opportunity Zones 2.0 webpage](#).
- **Submitting a letter of support** by emailing **City Manager Patrick J. Martinez** at [pmartinez@cityofneedles.com](mailto:pmartinez@cityofneedles.com). Organizations are encouraged to customize the City's sample letter of support template for inclusion in the City's public comment submission.

The public comment period closes **August 28, 2026**.

For additional information or assistance with submitting comments or letters of support, please contact the Office of the City Manager.

Community participation is critical to demonstrating the broad local and regional support behind Needles' nomination. The City encourages everyone to submit comments before the August 28, 2026 deadline.

### Media Contact

#### Office of the City Manager

Patrick J. Martinez

City Manager, City of Needles

817 Third Street

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## II. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS



### COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

#### Judicial Philosophy

The Community Achievement Awards are not competitions - they are celebrations. Each nominee represents the heart of the Colorado River Region: individuals, businesses, and organizations who move our communities forward through leadership, compassion, and service.

Each year, a diverse panel of judges review dozens of nominations with care, considering not only accomplishments but also each nominee's alignment with our community's values, mission, and impact. This includes service, integrity, and the ability to inspire others. Finalist selections are made by majority vote following interviews, and the decisions are final.

To ensure this legacy is upheld, our judging process centers on more than achievement. It is grounded in character, impact, and alignment with our shared community values. Judges evaluate not only what a nominee has accomplished, but how they've done it - with humility, respect, and an unwavering commitment to community.

Judges review nomination packets, conduct in-depth interviews, and cast their final votes by secret ballot. The process is confidential, impartial, and rooted in fairness - intended to reflect the dignity of this regional honor.

Chamber staff administer the nomination process and provide procedural guidance to the judging panel but do not participate in deliberations, vote on finalists, or influence the outcome of the awards.

Final award selections are tabulated and verified by independent third-party observers to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the voting process.

The result? Finalists and awardees who inspire trust, unity, and admiration - the very people we are proud to uplift.



# III. RCC COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE



**RCC**  
**RUMMAGE**  
*Sale!*

**DON'T MISS IT!**

**NEW DATES!**

**AMAZING FINDS!  
GREAT PRICES!  
BIG IMPACT!**

**SHOP. SAVE. SUPPORT.**

All proceeds benefit  
**RCC** and our  
community programs!



**NEW LOCATION!**  
**ABC COLLISION**  
**NEEDLES, CA**

*Plenty of room,  
great deals, and  
even better finds!*

**NEW DATES!**

**AUGUST**  
**21 & 22**

**7 AM – 3 PM**

**BOTH DAYS!**

**SOMETHING  
FOR  
EVERYONE!**

**TREASURES  
WAITING FOR  
YOU!**

**TOOLS,  
FURNITURE,  
HOME GOODS,  
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT  
& SO MUCH  
MORE!**

**WE'RE STILL COLLECTING DONATIONS!**

**HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE?**

We accept clean, gently used items, tools, furniture,  
household goods, medical equipment & more!

**YOUR  
DONATIONS  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!**

**HELP US  
HELP OTHERS!**

CALL OR TEXT TO ARRANGE  
PICKUP OR DROP-OFF: →

**ROXANNE**  
928-706-8323 (RUMMAGE SALE PROJECT LEAD)

**NANCY**  
562-900-4808

**WAYNE**  
760-801-4076

**THANK YOU**  
for supporting  
RCC and our  
community!

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**GREAT FINDS. GREAT PRICES. GREATER PURPOSE. ★ SEE YOU THERE!**



# IV. RIVERS EDGE SUMMER SCRAMBLE



## SUMMER SCRAMBLE 2026

**TOURNAMENT**

● ENJOY THE  
LAST GOLF  
TOURNAMENT  
OF THE  
SUMMER  
MONTHS  
●



**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 29th**

AWARDS & PRIZES  
AFTER GOLF

SHOTGUN STARTS  
AT 7:00AM

REGISTRATION  
OPEN AT 6:00AM

ON COURSE PRIZES:  
CLOSEST TO PIN  
LONG DRIVE

TOURNAMENT FEE:  
\$55 PER PLAYER  
\$165 PER TEAM

## 3-PERSON SCRAMBLE

**CALL RIVERS EDGE AT (760) 326-3931**

CONTACT US (760) 326-3931

OR JJDELEON@GOLFNEEDLES.COM

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 21, 2026

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## City Manager's Weekly Highlights

### Infrastructure & Community Investment

- **Advanced storm recovery and infrastructure improvements**, with San Bernardino County Flood Control crews actively working in Needles while City Public Works continued neighborhood cleanup, park maintenance, sidewalk repairs, and other communitywide improvements.
- **Continued investment in the City's gateways and public facilities**, with the approximately \$220,000 City Hall Awning Project completed, the new Welcome to Needles gateway sign entering its final stage, and Caltrans continuing improvements along I-40 and State highway facilities.

### Economic Development & Legislative Affairs

- **Continued advocacy for AB 1756 and Opportunity Zone 2.0**, advancing two major initiatives supporting the City's long-term economic development, tourism, investment, and OHMV strategy, with the State's Opportunity Zone public comment period closing August 28.
- **Began evaluating newly issued Colorado River operating guidelines**, with staff reviewing potential implications for Needles' water entitlement, water supply, and future shortage conditions ahead of an update to the City Council.

### Organizational & Community Progress

- **Strengthened financial transparency and organizational capacity**, publishing the complete FY 2026/27 Adopted Budget online and completing comprehensive HUD Capital Fund Program training involving Housing, Finance, and executive staff.
- **Continued targeted community safety and quality-of-life efforts**, including parking enforcement and business-access work along Front Street and coordination with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding increased coyote activity.
- **Expanded community engagement**, launching the City's new online Community Events Calendar while recognizing City employees giving back to Needles youth through fall sports coaching.

1. **State of the City – October 7, 2026:** The City of Needles and the Needles Chamber of Commerce invite the community to the 2026 State of the City Address on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 6:00 PM at El Garces, 950 Front Street, Needles. Delivered by Mayor Janet Jernigan, this year's address will celebrate the City's accomplishments, provide updates on major projects and investments underway, and look ahead to the opportunities shaping Needles' future. Residents, business owners, community organizations, and regional partners are encouraged to attend and learn more about the progress being made throughout the community and the priorities ahead. Join us as we celebrate Progress • Momentum • Possibility and continue *Building Needles' Future Together*.
2. **Opportunity Zone 2.0 – Public Comment Deadline August 28:** The State's public comment period closes **August 28**. The City continues encouraging residents, businesses, property owners, and regional partners to support the designation of **Census Tract 06071010700** as an Opportunity Zone. **The City sincerely thanks those who have already submitted letters and comments in support of Needles' nomination.** This is the final week to provide public support before the State's deadline by [clicking here](#).
3. **Colorado River 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines Issued:** The U.S. Department of the Interior and Bureau of Reclamation have issued the [Record of Decision](#) for the Decision Framework for Colorado River operations for 2027–2036, along with [operating guidelines](#) for Lake Powell and Lake Mead for 2027 and 2028. City staff is reviewing the Record of Decision and operating guidelines to evaluate their specific implications for the City of Needles, including the City's Colorado River water entitlement, water supply, and potential future shortage conditions. City staff will present an update to the City Council at the next meeting outlining the new guidelines, what they mean for Needles, and any potential impacts or issues the City should continue to monitor. The Bureau of Reclamation's Record of Decision and 2027–2028 Operating Guidelines are available here: [Bureau of Reclamation – Colorado River Decision Website](#).
4. **County Flood Control Crews Begin Storm Recovery Work:** Following the coordination efforts reported last week, San Bernardino County Flood Control crews are now on the ground in Needles actively completing storm-related cleanup and repairs. Heavy equipment was mobilized this week, with crews working within County flood-control facilities to remove accumulated material, restore drainage capacity, and address impacts from recent storm activity. The work represents the next phase of the City and County's coordinated response—from identifying needs to getting equipment and crews into the field. The City sincerely thanks San Bernardino County Public Works and the Flood Control District crews working in our community for their continued responsiveness, partnership, and investment in protecting Needles' infrastructure.



5. **Caltrans Improvements Continue Throughout Needles:** Caltrans continues to make visible improvements throughout the Needles area as work progresses along Interstate 40 and surrounding State highway facilities. In addition to the newly resurfaced sections of I-40, crews have been addressing streetlight repairs, trimming trees and vegetation, improving on- and off-ramp areas, and completing other roadside and maintenance work. The City appreciates Caltrans District 8 and its crews for their continued investment in our community and attention to the transportation corridors that serve Needles. These improvements not only enhance roadway conditions and safety but also improve the appearance of key gateways used every day by residents, businesses, visitors, and interstate travelers. **The City looks forward to continuing its partnership with Caltrans to identify and address additional opportunities for improvement throughout the Needles area.** Residents can also report maintenance concerns along I-40, US-95, or other portions of the State Highway System directly through the Caltrans [Customer Service Request portal](#).
6. **Public Works Advances Communitywide Improvements:** Public Works crews made progress on several community priorities this week, including sidewalk repairs along Bailey Avenue, cleanup in the Gates neighborhood, maintenance and cleanup at Train Park and Duke Watkins Park, and placement of dirt at El Monte. With major storm-response activities winding down, crews are increasingly focused on restoring public spaces, addressing neighborhood maintenance needs, and completing infrastructure and beautification improvements across the City. Staff will continue working through remaining storm-related items while advancing routine maintenance and other identified community priorities. Residents can help identify areas needing attention by calling **760-326-5700** or submitting a service request through the [Needles Connect app](#).
7. **Welcome to Needles Gateway Sign Moves Toward Completion:** Public Works crews completed preparation of the gateway sign structure this week along Historic Route 66, including painting and site preparation, and coordinated with the sign contractor for installation of the new **“Welcome to Needles – The Gateway to California”** sign. With the structure now prepared, the project is entering its final stage. Once installation is complete, the City will schedule a **ribbon-cutting and community sign reveal** to officially celebrate and showcase the new gateway entrance. Additional details will be announced in the near future.
8. **City Hall Awning Project Ribbon Cutting – Completion:** The City Hall Awning Project is now complete. The approximately \$220,000 project addressed deterioration at the City Hall Administration Building and included the installation of a new architectural awning and improved lighting. These improvements provide greater weather protection, improved visibility and safety, and help protect and maintain City Hall for continued public use. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held Thursday, September 3, at 9:00 a.m. at City Hall, 817 Third Street. The community is invited to join the Mayor and City Council as we mark the completion of this public facility improvement.

9. **FY 2026/27 Adopted Budget – Government Transparency:** As part of the City's continued commitment to transparency and public access to financial information, the FY 2026/27 Adopted Budget Book is now available on the City's website. The budget, approved by the City Council on June 23, 2026, provides the community with detailed information regarding City revenues, expenditures, capital investments, special funds, enterprise operations, and financial priorities. Making the complete adopted budget readily available online provides residents, businesses, and other stakeholders with direct access to how public resources are budgeted and invested in the community. [View the FY 2026/27 Adopted Budget Book](#)
10. **Housing Authority Staff Complete HUD Capital Fund Training:** Executive Director **Patrick Martinez**, Housing Manager **Angelica Deerner**, Finance Director **Mark DeMay**, and Housing Specialist **Sierra Tieman** participated this week in a comprehensive **two-day HUD Capital Fund Program (CFP) training** focused on strengthening the Housing Authority's administration and oversight of federal capital funding. Training covered capital planning, eligible expenditures, procurement, HUD reporting and financial systems, Annual and Five-Year Action Plans, and critical obligation and expenditure requirements. The training supports continued efforts to strengthen staff capacity, cross-departmental coordination, compliance, and responsible management of Housing Authority resources.
11. **Code Enforcement Parking & Business Access Efforts:** Code Enforcement continued parking enforcement and education efforts throughout the community this week, with additional attention along Front Street consistent with the City Council's previous direction regarding parking conditions in the area. The effort is focused on improving parking turnover, maintaining access for nearby businesses and customers, and addressing long-standing parking concerns. Staff will continue monitoring conditions and working toward practical solutions that balance enforcement, public safety, and the parking needs of businesses in the area. Residents can report concerns or areas needing attention by calling **760-326-5700** or contacting the City through the [Needles Connect app](#).
12. **Coyote Activity – CDFW Coordination and Public Outreach:** Following recent reports of increased coyote activity near the Needles Municipal Golf Course and surrounding neighborhoods, City staff coordinated with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding appropriate response measures. CDFW recommends continued public education, reducing food attractants, supervising pets, utilizing appropriate non-lethal deterrence, and reporting concerning encounters. The City is re-sharing its **"Coyotes Live Here"** educational flyer and encouraging residents to report wildlife incidents through CDFW's Wildlife Incident Reporting System so activity can be documented and monitored. **Resources:** [CDFW – Coyote Safety & Coexistence](#) | [Urban Coyote Research – Management Strategies](#) | [CDFW Wildlife Incident Reporting System](#)
13. **Community Events Calendar Now Live:** The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a centralized location for community events, public meetings, and civic programs. Local organizations are invited to submit

events or update existing listings through the City Clerk's Office to help keep the calendar current and inclusive. Residents can subscribe to and sync the calendar with their mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed about local events and civic activities.

14. **Needles Unified School District Fall Sports Kick Off:** Fall sports are underway at Needles Unified School District, with **Needles Mustangs Varsity Football opening its season this week against Parker**. The start of the season is also an opportunity to recognize City of Needles employees who give back to local youth through coaching, including **Tony Robalcab, Varsity Football Head Coach, and Jesse Fragoso, Middle School Football Head Coach**. Their involvement reflects the strong connection between City employees, our schools, and the community. The City wishes all Needles student-athletes, coaches, and families a safe and successful fall sports season. **Go Mustangs!**
15. **River Communities Coalition Rummage Sale – August 22:** The River Communities Coalition's Community Rummage Sale continues **tomorrow, Saturday, August 22, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at ABC Collision in Needles**. Proceeds support RCC community programs, and residents are encouraged to stop by and support this local community event.

## **COMMUNITY EVENTS & RECOGNITION**

- I. **Community Achievement Awards – Nominations Close August 24:** Nominations for the Laughlin Chamber of Commerce's **29th Annual Community Achievement Awards** close **August 24**. Residents are encouraged to [nominate deserving Needles individuals](#), businesses, organizations, educators, students, and volunteers to ensure our community is well represented.
- II. **Rivers Edge Summer Scramble – August 29:** Rivers Edge Golf Course will host its **Summer Scramble on Saturday, August 29**, with a three-person scramble and **7:00 a.m. shotgun start**. Registration remains available at **\$55 per player or \$165 per team**. For information, contact Rivers Edge at **(760) 326-3931**.
- III. **Needles Sunday Market – September 13:** The Needles Sunday Market returns to **Santa Fe Park on Sunday, September 13**, from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. PST**. Vendor applications remain open for the fall season, featuring local food, handmade goods, art, produce, and small businesses.



# 1. 2026 STATE OF THE CITY – OCTOBER 7



2026

# ★ SAVE THE DATE ★ NEEDLES STATE OF THE CITY

PROGRESS ★ MOMENTUM ★ POSSIBILITY  
*Building Needles' Future Together*



DELIVERED BY  
Mayor Janet Jernigan



WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 7, 2026



6:00 PM



EL GARCES

950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES, CA

PRESENTED BY



NEEDLES  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
AND VISITOR CENTER





# 2. OPPORTUNITY ZONE 2.0 – SUPPORT NEEDLES



## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### City of Needles Invites Public to Support Opportunity Zone 2.0 Nomination

#### Residents, Businesses, Property Owners, and Community Organizations Encouraged to Submit Comments by August 28

**NEEDLES, CA** — The City of Needles is encouraging residents, business owners, property owners, developers, community organizations, and regional partners to participate in California's **Opportunity Zone 2.0** public comment process by submitting comments and letters of support for the City's nomination before the **August 28, 2026** deadline.

Although the City of Needles remains fully eligible for Opportunity Zone designation, the City's nominated census tract (**Census Tract 06071010700**) was not included on the State's initial list of recommended census tracts. The California Department of Finance is currently accepting public comments before California submits its final Opportunity Zone nominations to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

The Opportunity Zone Program is a federal economic development initiative established to encourage the reinvestment of private capital into economically distressed communities through long-term investment. Opportunity Zone 2.0 expands opportunities to support housing, infrastructure, business development, manufacturing, transportation and logistics, tourism, workforce development, and other job-creating investments.

The Needles nomination represents one of only **four eligible rural census tracts in San Bernardino County** and builds upon more than **\$28 million in recent public infrastructure investments**. As California's eastern gateway, Needles is strategically located along Interstate 40, Historic Route 66, the BNSF Southern Transcon rail corridor, and Needles Municipal Airport. Combined with municipally owned electric, water, and wastewater utilities and development-ready sites, the community is well positioned to leverage Opportunity Zone designation to attract long-term private investment, expand housing opportunities, create quality jobs, strengthen regional supply chains, and support sustainable economic development.

On **July 28, 2026**, the Needles City Council unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 2026-33**, supporting and ratifying the City's Opportunity Zone 2.0 nomination. In adopting the resolution, the City Council found that continued Opportunity Zone designation will strengthen the City's ability to leverage public investment and enhanced rural Opportunity Zone incentives to attract private capital, expand housing opportunities, support business growth, create quality jobs, revitalize underutilized properties, diversify the local economy, and advance the City's long-term economic

development strategy. The Council also reaffirmed its commitment to fostering a predictable, investment-ready environment that supports sustainable economic growth, implementation of the California Jobs First Regional Plan, and continued revitalization of the City of Needles.

The public comment period provides an important opportunity for residents, businesses, property owners, developers, community organizations, and regional partners to demonstrate broad support for Needles' nomination. Every public comment and letter of support helps reinforce the community's commitment to attracting long-term investment and expanding economic opportunity in eastern San Bernardino County.

### How to Support Needles' Opportunity Zone 2.0 Nomination

Community members are encouraged to support the City's nomination by:

- **Submitting comments** through the [California Department of Finance Opportunity Zone Public Comment Portal](#) using **Census Tract 06071010700**.
- [Watching the California Department of Finance's step-by-step instructional video](#) explaining how to submit comments.
- **Learning more** about Opportunity Zone 2.0 by visiting the [GO-Biz Opportunity Zones 2.0 webpage](#).
- **Submitting a letter of support** by emailing **City Manager Patrick J. Martinez** at [pmartinez@cityofneedles.com](mailto:pmartinez@cityofneedles.com). Organizations are encouraged to customize the City's sample letter of support template for inclusion in the City's public comment submission.

The public comment period closes **August 28, 2026**.

For additional information or assistance with submitting comments or letters of support, please contact the Office of the City Manager.

Community participation is critical to demonstrating the broad local and regional support behind Needles' nomination. The City encourages everyone to submit comments before the August 28, 2026 deadline.

### Media Contact

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Needles, CA 92363

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Website: [www.cityofneedles.com](http://www.cityofneedles.com)



## 4. COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL STORM RECOVERY





## 5. CALTRANS IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT NEEDLES





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## 6. PUBLIC WORKS COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT





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# 7. WELCOME TO NEEDLES GATEWAY SIGN UPDATE





# 8. CITY HALL AWNING PROJECT COMPLETE



*The Community Is Invited!*

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE THE COMPLETION OF THE

## CITY HALL AWNING PROJECT



**RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**



### IMPROVING & PROTECTING CITY HALL

The City Hall Awning Project addressed deterioration at the City's primary public building and replaced the aging entrance awning with a new architectural awning and improved lighting.

The improvements provide greater weather protection, improved visibility and safety, and help protect and maintain City Hall for continued public use.

**Total project cost: approximately \$220,000.**



**WEATHER  
PROTECTION**



**IMPROVED  
LIGHTING**



**IMPROVED  
SAFETY**



**FACILITY  
PRESERVATION**



**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 3  
9:00 AM**



**CITY HALL**  
817 Third Street  
Needles, CA 92363

The community is invited to join the Mayor and City Council as we mark the completion of this public facility improvement.

**CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA**

817 Third Street, Needles, CA 92363 | (760) 326-2115 | [www.cityofneedles.com](http://www.cityofneedles.com)



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# 11. PARKING ENFORCEMENT & BUSINESS ACCESS





# 12. COYOTE ACTIVITY – COMMUNITY AWARENESS



## BE COYOTE AWARE

Coyotes are common throughout North America, including in urban areas. You may see and hear them more during mating season (Dec-Feb) and when juveniles are dispersing from family groups (Sept-Nov). These facts and safety tips will help increase comfort and decrease conflicts when living or recreating near America's native "Song Dog".

### FACTS

- Coyotes are members of the dog family; they are curious, adaptable, and learn quickly.
- Coyotes often mate for life, are devoted parents, and are highly communicative (barks, yips, howls).
- Coyotes weigh 18-35 pounds in the West and 30-60 pounds in the East.
- Coyotes may be more protective of dens/territories during pup rearing (April-Aug).
- Coyotes eat large numbers of rodents and rabbits, as well as fruit, vegetation, insects and carrion. They help keep ecosystems vital, healthy and clean.
- Coyotes are naturally wary of people but can habituate to our presence and the reliable food sources that we provide.

### SAFETY

- **DON'T FEED COYOTES.** Their life and your safety depend on coyotes remaining wild and naturally wary of people.
- Remove attractants; pick up trash, secure garbage, and feed pets inside. Don't leave food or pets outside at night.
- Walk dogs on leashes, especially during pup rearing season (April-Aug). Pick up your small dog if you see a coyote and don't let pets roam.
- If approached, don't run. Wave arms, make noise and walk toward the coyote until he retreats. Be "Big, Bad and Loud."
- Avoid areas where coyotes may be denning or feeding/hiding pups.
- Appreciate coyotes from a distance. Share this information with family and friends.



**PROJECTCOYOTE.ORG**



## COYOTES LIVE HERE



Coyotes are active year-round and become more visible during their breeding season in January through March. Pups are born from April to mid-May. Coyotes can be seen throughout the day, but are especially active at dawn and dusk. They may travel alone or in groups.

**COYOTES ARE NATIVE WILDLIFE AND ARE FREE TO ROAM AS DETERMINED UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE: THEY ARE A NORMAL AND VALUABLE PART OF THE URBAN ECOSYSTEM. COYOTES KEEP RODENT POPULATIONS DOWN AND PROVIDE FREE CARRION REMOVAL, AMONG OTHER BENEFITS.**

### TIPS TO KEEP THE PEACE :

- **KEEP YOUR CATS INSIDE AND SUPERVISE SMALL DOGS OUTDOORS OR KEEP THEM IN PREDATOR-PROOF CATIOS OR DOG RUNS**
- **REMOVE ANY OUTDOOR PET FOOD**
- **REMOVE ANY BIRD FEEDERS OR REGULARLY CLEAN UP ANY FALLEN SEED AND SECURE IT TO ENSURE OTHER WILDLIFE IS UNABLE TO ACCESS IT**
- **PICK UP FRUIT AS SOON AS IT FALLS TO THE GROUND**
- **KEEP BARBECUE GRILLS CLEAN**
- **ELIMINATE ACCESS TO WATER ON YOUR PROPERTY, LIKE STANDING WATER OR BIRD BATHS**



# 14. NEEDLES MUSTANG FALL SPORTS KICK OFF



# FOOTBALL

SCAN TO DOWNLOAD THE  
**HOMETOWN**  
FAN APP



Powered by  HOMETOWN





# 15. RCC COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE



**RCC**  
**RUMMAGE**  
*Sale!*

**DON'T MISS IT!**

**NEW DATES!**

**AMAZING FINDS!  
GREAT PRICES!  
BIG IMPACT!**

**SHOP. SAVE. SUPPORT.**

All proceeds benefit  
**RCC** and our  
community programs!



**NEW LOCATION!**  
**ABC COLLISION**  
**NEEDLES, CA**

*Plenty of room,  
great deals, and  
even better finds!*

**NEW DATES!**

**AUGUST**  
**21 & 22**

**7 AM – 3 PM**

**BOTH DAYS!**

**SOMETHING  
FOR  
EVERYONE!**

**TREASURES  
WAITING FOR  
YOU!**

**TOOLS,  
FURNITURE,  
HOME GOODS,  
MEDICAL EQUIPMENT  
& SO MUCH  
MORE!**

**WE'RE STILL COLLECTING DONATIONS!**

**HAVE ITEMS TO DONATE?**

We accept clean, gently used items, tools, furniture,  
household goods, medical equipment & more!

**YOUR  
DONATIONS  
MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE!**

**HELP US  
HELP OTHERS!**

**CALL OR TEXT TO ARRANGE  
PICKUP OR DROP-OFF:**



**ROXANNE**

**928-706-8323**

(RUMMAGE SALE PROJECT LEAD)



**NANCY**

**562-900-4808**



**WAYNE**

**760-801-4076**

**THANK YOU**  
for supporting  
RCC and our  
community!

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**GREAT FINDS. GREAT PRICES. GREATER PURPOSE. ★ SEE YOU THERE!**



# I. COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD NOMINATIONS



## COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

### Judicial Philosophy

The Community Achievement Awards are not competitions - they are celebrations. Each nominee represents the heart of the Colorado River Region: individuals, businesses, and organizations who move our communities forward through leadership, compassion, and service.

Each year, a diverse panel of judges review dozens of nominations with care, considering not only accomplishments but also each nominee's alignment with our community's values, mission, and impact. This includes service, integrity, and the ability to inspire others. Finalist selections are made by majority vote following interviews, and the decisions are final.

To ensure this legacy is upheld, our judging process centers on more than achievement. It is grounded in character, impact, and alignment with our shared community values. Judges evaluate not only what a nominee has accomplished, but how they've done it - with humility, respect, and an unwavering commitment to community.

Judges review nomination packets, conduct in-depth interviews, and cast their final votes by secret ballot. The process is confidential, impartial, and rooted in fairness - intended to reflect the dignity of this regional honor.

Chamber staff administer the nomination process and provide procedural guidance to the judging panel but do not participate in deliberations, vote on finalists, or influence the outcome of the awards.

Final award selections are tabulated and verified by independent third-party observers to ensure the accuracy and integrity of the voting process.

The result? Finalists and awardees who inspire trust, unity, and admiration - the very people we are proud to uplift.



## II. RIVERS EDGE SUMMER SCRAMBLE



# SUMMER SCRAMBLE 2026

## TOURNAMENT

● ENJOY THE  
LAST GOLF  
TOURNAMENT  
OF THE  
SUMMER  
MONTHS ●



**SATURDAY  
AUGUST 29th**

AWARDS & PRIZES  
AFTER GOLF

SHOTGUN STARTS  
AT 7:00AM

REGISTRATION  
OPEN AT 6:00AM

ON COURSE PRIZES:  
CLOSEST TO PIN  
LONG DRIVE

TOURNAMENT FEE:  
\$55 PER PLAYER  
\$165 PER TEAM

## 3-PERSON SCRAMBLE

**CALL RIVERS EDGE AT (760) 326-3931**

CONTACT US (760) 326-3931

OR JJDELEON@GOLFNEEDLES.COM

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### III. NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET RETURNS



The banner features a central circular logo with the text "NEEDLES SUNDAY MARKET" surrounded by various fruits and vegetables. To the left is a chalkboard sign that reads "SHOP LOCAL SUPPORT LOCAL LOVE LOCAL" with a heart icon. To the right is a market stall with a striped awning, displaying baskets of produce like carrots and tomatoes, and a sign that says "HANDMADE GOODS & MORE!". The background includes cacti and a warm, sunny sky.

*Season Two*  
**RETURNS!**

**STARTING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH!**

 **EVERY SUNDAY**  
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM PST

 **SANTA FE PARK**  
**NEEDLES, CA**

*Good Vibes. Local Finds. Community Strong. ♥*

SHOP LOCAL  
SUPPORT LOCAL  
LOVE LOCAL ♥

HANDMADE  
GOODS  
& MORE!