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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF THE
CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA
TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 2025 AT 4:00 PM
EL GARCES HISTORIC DEPOT
950 FRONT STREET, NEEDLES

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CALL TO ORDER - ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(ACT)

CORRESPONDENCE

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

CONSENT CALENDAR: All matters listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. The Chairman or any Member of the Board may pull an item from the Consent Calendar for discussion. Prior to Board action, a member of the public may address the Board on matters scheduled on the Consent Calendar. A three-minute time limit per person applies. **Recommended Action:** Approve Items 1 through 3 on the Consent Calendar by affirmative vote (ACT)

- [1.](#) Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held May 20, 2025
- [2.](#) Authorize the purchase of a CAT 265 Compact Track Loader from Empire Cat at a cost not to exceed \$107,830 utilizing asset replacement funds
- [3.](#) Adopt the 2025 Needles Public Utility Authority Wildfire Mitigation Plan Version 6.0

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

- [4.](#) Selection of a Vice Chairman for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year (ACT)

5. Approve Tasks No. 7, 8, 9 under the Electric Circuit Reliability Program to complete Electric System Improvements by Petrelli Electric with total work not to exceed \$507,197 (ACT)

REPORTS

(INF)

6. Annual Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report 2024
7. EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system April 2025

MANAGER'S REPORT

8. Manager Reports May 30 and June 6, 2025

BOARD REQUESTS

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: June 12, 2025

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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

May 20, 2025

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 20th day of May, 2025, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS WALTERS, McNEIL AND CAIRNS

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged Phillip LeJeune's resignation and Secretary Sallis read his email resignation effective immediately.

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

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

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

CNST CAL: COMMISSIONER McNEIL MOVED, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, to approve consent calendar agenda items 1 through 3

1. Approval of minutes of regular meeting held May 6, 2025
2. Cancel the second regular Board meetings during the months of June, July and August 2025
3. Approve the California Energy Commission Calendar Year 2024 Power Source Disclosure Annual Report

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

May 20, 2025

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

REG ITEMS: Utility Manager Torrance reviewed the Needles Public Utility Authority budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 for water, wastewater, electric, and All American Canal after which a brief discussion followed.

NPUA FY
2025-2026

BUDGET COMMISSIONER McNEIL MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAIRNS, to approve the Needles Public Utility Authority proposed budget for fiscal year 2025-2026 for water, wastewater, electric and All American Canal. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS: None

MGR'S RPT: Utility Manager Torrance briefly reviewed the Board of Public Utilities Manager's Report - May 20, 2025 distributed at this meeting.

BRD RQSTS: None

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 20th day of May, 2025, adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Chairman Secretary



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

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

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Title: Authorize the purchase of a CAT 265 Compact Track Loader from Empire Cat, not to exceed \$107,829.94, utilizing Asset Replacement Funds

Background: The Electric Department needs to purchase a compact track loader. The new compact track loader will be used for maintaining rights-of-way, vegetation clearing, and inventory management at pole and substation yards. The NPUA/City does not own a compact track loader, and it is difficult for the crew to complete tasks with a backhoe.

Fiscal Impact: The Electric Department has an asset replacement fund balance of \$3.6M as of 4/30/2025. The new CAT 265 unit is \$103,946.96 plus the two additional buckets \$3,882.98 for a total cost of \$107,829.94.

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Authorize the purchase of a CAT 265 Compact Track Loader from Empire Cat, not to exceed \$107,829.94, utilizing Asset Replacement Funds

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 6/11/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____

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

Agenda Item: _____



RAINEY TORRANCE
CITY OF NEEDLES
817 3RD ST
NEEDLES, CA 92363-2933

6/4/2025

Dear RAINEY, On behalf of Empire Machinery and Caterpillar Inc., we are pleased to quote the following.

2025 New Caterpillar 265 CAB w / AC and High Flow Hydraulics
Standard Equipment

POWERTRAIN

Cat C2.8TA turbocharged, aftercooled
diesel engine
-Gross horsepower per ISO 14396
74.2 hp (55.3 kW)
-Glow plugs starting aid
-Liquid cooled, direct injection
Air cleaner, dual element, radial seal
S-O-S sampling valve, hydraulic oil
Ecology drain - coolant
Filter, hydraulic supply, cartridge type
Filter, hydraulic return, cartridge type
Filter, canister type, engine oil
Filter, canister type, fuel
and water separator
Radiator / hydraulic oil
cooler (side-by-side)
Spring applied, hydraulically released,
parking brakes
Hydrostatic transmission
Lockable fuel cap
Auto engine idle

UNDERCARRIAGE

Torsion Suspension (4 independent
torsion axles)
Two speed travel
Integrated tie downs on track
frame (4)

OPERATOR ENVIRONMENT (continued)

-Park brake engages
-Engine emission system
(where applicable)
Control interlock system, when operator
leaves seat or armrest raised:
-Hydraulic system disables
-Hydrostatic transmission disables
-Parking brake engages
ROPS cab, tilt up
FOPS, Level I
Color LCD monitor:
-Creep speed control
-Drive response adjustment
-Implement response adjustment
-Drive Power Priority adjustment
-Language selection (x32)
-Date, Time, Units, and brightness
settings
-Multi-operator Anti-theft Security
System & Monitoring
-Maintenance schedule and reminders
-Event and Diagnostic Code monitoring
-Smart Technology, enables use of
Smart Attachments
Gauges: fuel level, hour meter,
hydraulic temperature, battery
voltage, tachometer.
Rear View Camera
Cell Phone Storage Pocket
Cup Holder

HYDRAULICS

Selectable control pattern - ISO or H
Electro/hydraulic implement control
Electro/hydraulic hydrostatic
transmission control
Speed sensor guarding
Heavy duty flat faced quick disconnects
with integrated pressure release lever

ELECTRICAL

Work Tool Electrical Harness
Heavy duty battery
-includes battery disconnect with
lockout feature
12 volt electrical system
85 ampere alternator
LED work lights
Auto reverse lights
Switch backlighting
Interior LED dome light
Backup alarm
Electrical outlet, beacon
Courtesy lighting, exterior

OPERATOR ENVIRONMENT

Operator warning system indicators:
-Air filter restriction
-Alternator output
-Armrest raised / operator out of seat
-Engine coolant temperature
-Engine oil pressure
-Glow plug activation
-Hydraulic supply filter restriction
-Hydraulic oil temperature

OPERATOR ENVIRONMENT (continued)

Ergonomic contoured armrest
Top and rear windows
Floormat
Headliner
Interior rear view mirror
Horn
Hand (dial) throttle, electronic
12 volt power port
Rear window breaker hammer

FRAMES

Lift linkage, vertical path
Chassis, one piece welded
Machine tie down points (9)
Removable panels for machine
frame cleanout
Support, lift arm
Steel rear and front bumpers, welded
Fuel fill, machine right hand side

OTHER STANDARD EQUIPMENT

Steel engine door with replaceable
louvers
Engine door - lockable
Extended life antifreeze (-37C, -34F)
Work tool attachment coupler
Hydraulic oil level sight gauge
Radiator coolant level sight gauge
Radiator expansion bottle
Cat ToughGuard TM hose
Hydraulic demand cooling fan

Additional Configured Included in the Sales Price:

Ref #	Description	Price
5860268	CATERPILLAR 265 COMPACT TRACK LOADER	\$103,670
6615356	CAB PACKAGE, ULTRA	\$18,150
	ULTRA PACKAGE INCLUDES	\$0
5860014	HYDRAULICS, PERFORMANCE, (HP3)	\$0
6423007	IDLER WHEELS, TRIPLE FLANGE	\$0
5792311	WORKLIGHTS,LED,FRONT/REAR/SIDE	\$0
6572195	COMFORT PKG, ENCLOSED CAB,HVAC	\$0
5859588	SEAT,AIR SUSPENSION,HEAT/VENT	\$0
6078408	PACKAGE, TECHNOLOGY (T5)	\$0
5860167	FAN, COOLING, DEMAND	\$0
5860041	COUPLER, HYDRAULIC, SELF LEVEL	\$0
6405405	HOSE GUIDE, ATTACHMENT	\$0
	END OF ULTRA INCLUDES	\$0
5860093	GUARDING / SEALING PKG, (HD1)	\$675
5964438	TRACK,RUBBER,450MM(17.7 IN)BAR	\$955
5860028	RIDE CONTROL	\$975
5942212	HEATER, ENGINE COOLANT, 120V	\$260
6066585	FUEL, ELECTRIC PRIMING	\$630
5792312	REAR LIGHTS	\$0
6611438	AIR CONDITIONING, R134A REF	\$0
5937243	DOOR, CAB, GLASS	\$145
6131925	SEAT BELT, 3"	\$189
6518586	INTEGRATED RADIO	\$680
5792323	PRODUCT LINK, CELLULAR PL243	\$0
5859676	COUNTERWEIGHT,MACHINE,EXTERNAL	\$1,365
	CATERPILLAR LIST PRICE	\$127,694

Pricing Summary

Caterpillar List Price:	\$127,694.00
Less OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #212816 Discount (21%):	(\$26,815.74)
Less Additional Empire Discount (4%):	<u>(\$5,107.76)</u>
Sub Total:	\$95,770.50
Delivery Freight:	<u>\$700.00</u>
Sales Price:	\$96,470.50
Sales Tax (7.75%):	<u>\$7,476.46</u>
Total Sales Price Including Sales Tax:	\$103,946.96

***The City of Needles OMNIA Partners member number is #2251947**

Warranty: Standard Caterpillar Premier Warranty for Two (2) years or 2,000 hours. Includes travel time and milage cost for warrantable repairs for entire warranty period.

Training: Onsite operating and safety training provided by CAT Certified Product Specialist to ensure machine is run properly to reduce operating cost, reduce unnecessary machine wear and tear, maximize productivity, and increase safety awareness. We offer this at no charge to the City of Needles (\$1,500.00 value) .

Freight: The sales price includes delivery to the City of Needles yard in Needles, CA.

Additional Options Not Included in the Sales Price:

		List Price
5295791	COLD PLANER, PC306, 42 GAL TANK	\$28,236.00
	Less OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #212816 Discount (15%):	(\$ 4,235.40)
	Less Additional Empire Discount (4%):	<u>(\$ 1,129.44)</u>
	Sales Price:	\$22,871.16
	Sales Tax (7.75%):	<u>\$ 1,772.51</u>
	Total Sales Price Including Tax:	\$24,643.67
3519371	CARRIAGE, PALLET C2, 46", SSL	\$ 701.00
1958545	FORK, PALLET C2, 48" x 4" x 1.6"	<u>\$ 512.00</u>
	Total Skid Steer Fork List Price:	\$ 1,213.00
	Less OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #212816 Discount (15%):	<u>(\$ 181.95)</u>
	Less Additional Empire Discount (4%):	<u>(\$ 48.52)</u>
	Sales Price:	\$ 982.53
	Sales Tax (7.75%):	<u>\$ 76.15</u>
	Total Sales Price Including Tax:	\$ 1,058.68
6278798	BUCKET-SKELETON, 80"	\$ 3,236.00
	Less OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract #212816 Discount (15%):	(\$ 485.40)
	Less Additional Empire Discount (4%):	<u>(\$ 129.44)</u>
	Sales Price:	\$ 2,621.16
	Sales Tax (7.75%):	<u>\$ 203.14</u>
	Total Sales Price Including Tax:	\$ 2,824.30

The machine price above does not include a GP Bucket. If you would like this shown as an option, please let me know and we can add it to our proposal.

If you have any questions regarding this information please let me know. Thank you for allowing Empire Machinery to assist with your Caterpillar equipment needs.

Sincerely,

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Cat® 265

COMPACT TRACK LOADER

FEATURES:

The Cat® 265 Compact Track Loader, with its vertical lift design, delivers extended reach and lift height for quick and easy truck loading. Its standard torsion suspension undercarriage system provides superior traction, flotation, stability, and speed to work in a wide range of applications and underfoot conditions. The 265 features the following:

- **Redesigned Operator Station** delivers a larger operating environment, and combined with additional seat travel, the 265 provides more space for operators of any size. The optional **one-piece, sealed, and pressurized cab** offers a clean and quiet workspace with excellent air distribution through optimally placed vents throughout the cab.
- **Available ventilated and heated high-back air ride seat** with seat-mounted adjustable joystick controls deliver industry-leading operator comfort.
- **High-performance power train** provides selectable settings for drive power priority and maximum travel speed (overdrive) to customize the machine performance to match the task.
- **Three levels of auxiliary hydraulic performance available** Standard Flow, High Flow, and High Flow XPS. **Standard flow** for attachments that require a base level of auxiliary flow and horsepower, **High Flow** boosts the auxiliary flow for applications that demand additional hydraulic flow for increased attachment performance, and the **High Flow XPS** hydraulic system provides maximum auxiliary hydraulic performance by delivering additional flow and additional pressure for the most demanding attachments and applications.
- **Electronically controlled Cat C2.8TA (turbo after-cooled) engine** meets U.S. EPA Tier 4 Final and EU Stage V emission standards while delivering maximum horsepower across a wide RPM range and providing high torque for increased working performance, no matter the application.
- **Standard torsion suspension undercarriage and standard two-speed travel**, combined with the optional Speed Sensitive Ride Control system improves operation on rough terrain, enabling better load retention, increased productivity, and greater operator comfort.
- **Maximize machine capability and control with the Advanced Joysticks and Advanced Touchscreen Monitor.** The **20.3 cm (8-inch) Advanced Touchscreen Monitor** offers cutting-edge functionality and control that includes an integrated radio, Bluetooth® connectivity, and multi-camera (side-view) option, and supports 32 different language choices. The **Advanced Joysticks** provide unmatched control of machine functions and adjustments within the display without the operator having to remove his hands from the controls. This includes the on-joystick navigation of the Advanced Touchscreen Monitor, radio volume up/down/mute, creep activation, creep on/off, creep speed increment/decrement, one-button Smart Attachment control activation, and additional auxiliary control buttons that deliver single-button control of complex attachment functions.
- **Ground-level access** to all daily service and routine maintenance points help reduce machine downtime for greater productivity.
- **Broad range of performance-matched Cat Attachments** make the Cat Compact Track Loaders the most versatile machine on the job site.

Specifications

Engine

Engine Model	Cat® C2.8TA (turbo after-cooled)	
Gross Power SAE J1995	55.2 kW	74 hp
Net Power SAE 1349	54.9 kW	74 hp
Net Power ISO 9249	54.4 kW	73 hp
Peak Torque at 1,360 rpm SAE J1995	380 N·m	280 lbf·ft
Displacement	2.8 L	171 in³
Stroke	90 mm	3.5 in
Bore	110 mm	4.3 in

Weights*

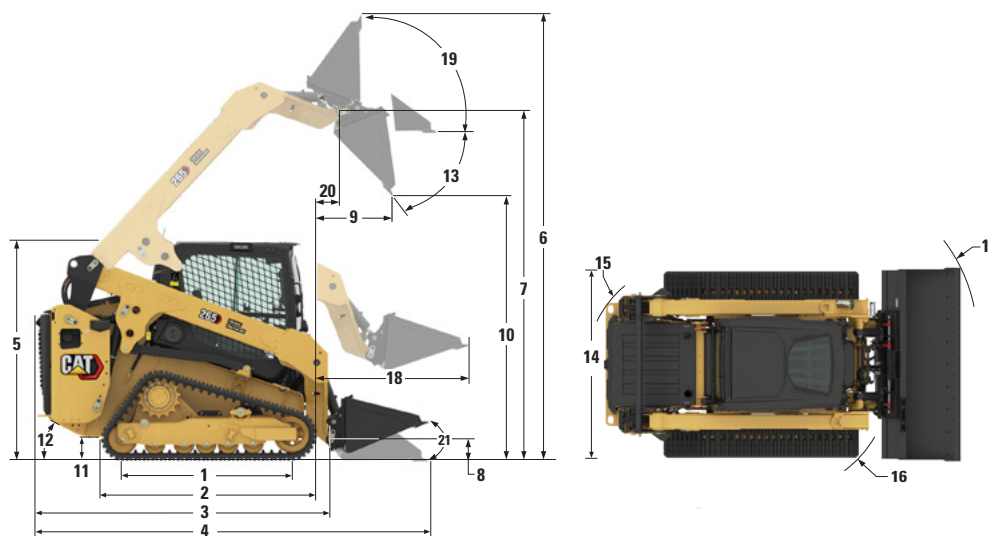
Operating Weight	4759 kg	10,492 lb
Tip Load	3659 kg	8,066 lb
Rated Operating Capacity (ROC) (35%)	1280 kg	2,823 lb
ROC (50%)	1829 kg	4,033 lb

Weights* (continued)

Enclosed Cab Adds to Operating Weight	+82 kg	+180 lb
Tip Load	+97 kg	+214 lb
ROC (35%)	+34 kg	+75 lb
Counterweight Adds to Operating Weight	+125 kg	+276 lb
Tip Load	+224 kg	+494 lb
ROC (35%)	+78 kg	+173 lb

*Operating Weight, Operating Specifications, and Dimensions are based on 2036 mm (80") low profile bucket with bolt on cutting edge, 450 mm (17.7") wide track, 75 kg (165 lb) operator, open canopy, mechanical suspension seat, HD battery with disconnect, standard flow hydraulics, manual coupler, and full fluids. No external counterweights, and no dual self-level/return-to-dig/work tool positioner.

265 Compact Track Loader



Dimensions*

1 Length of Track on Ground	1626 mm	64.0 in	12 Departure Angle	28.2°
2 Overall Length of Track	2126 mm	83.7 in	13 Maximum Dump Angle	46.4°
3 Length without Bucket	2950 mm	116.1 in	14 Vehicle Width (450 mm/17.7 in tracks)	1925 mm 75.8 in
4 Length with Bucket on Ground	3580 mm	140.9 in	15 Turning Radius from Center – Machine Rear	1741 mm 68.5 in
5 Height to Top of Cab	2115 mm	83.3 in	16 Turning Radius from Center – Coupler	1436 mm 56.5 in
6 Maximum Overall Height	4173 mm	164.3 in	17 Turning Radius from Center – Bucket (racked)	2229 mm 87.8 in
7 Bucket Pin Height at Maximum Lift	3354 mm	132.0 in	18 Maximum Reach with Arms Parallel to Ground	1187 mm 46.7 in
8 Bucket Pin Height at Carry Position	213 mm	8.4 in	19 Rack Back Angle at Maximum Height	85.3°
9 Reach at Maximum Lift and Dump	638 mm	25.1 in	20 Bucket Pin Reach at Maximum Lift	249 mm 9.8 in
10 Clearance at Maximum Lift and Dump	2655 mm	104.5 in	21 Bucket rollback angle (ground level)	27°
11 Ground Clearance	216 mm	8.5 in		

Power Train

Travel Speed (Forward or Reverse)

One Speed	8 km/h	5 mph
Two Speed	13 km/h	8.1 mph

Hydraulic System

Hydraulic Flow – Standard:

Loader Hydraulic Pressure	24 130 kPa	3,500 psi
Loader Hydraulic Flow	86 L/min	23 gal/min
Hydraulic Power (calculated)	34.6 kW	46.4 hp

Hydraulic Flow – High Flow:

Loader Hydraulic Pressure	24 130 kPa	3,500 psi
Loader Hydraulic Flow	113 L/min	30 gal/min
Hydraulic Power (calculated)	45.4 kW	60.9 hp

Hydraulic Flow – High Flow XPS:

Loader Hydraulic Pressure	28 000 kPa	4,061 psi
Loader Hydraulic Flow	129 L/min	34 gal/min
Hydraulic Power (calculated)	60.2 kW	80.7 hp

Operating Specifications*

Rated Operating Capacity:

35% Tipping Load	1280 kg	2,823 lb
50% Tipping Load	1829 kg	4,033 lb

Rated Operating Capacity

with Optional Counterweight (at 35%)	1359 kg	2,996 lb
Tipping Load	3659 kg	8,066 lb

Breakout Force, Tilt Cylinder	3937 kg	8,680 lb
Breakout Force, Lift Cylinder	3057 kg	6,739 lb
Ground Contact Area (450 mm/17.7 in track)	1.46 m ²	2,268 in ²
Ground Pressure (450 mm/17.7 in tracks)	31.9 kPa	4.6 psi

Cab

Rollover Protective Structure (ROPS)	ISO 3471:2008
Falling Object Protective Structure (FOPS)	ISO 3449:2005 Level I

Service Refill Capacities

Cooling System	10.7 L	2.8 gal
Engine Crankcase	8.2 L	2.2 gal
Fuel Tank	120.0 L	31.7 gal
Hydraulic System	36.8 L	9.7 gal
Hydraulic Tank	26 L	6.9 gal

The following information applies to the machine at the time of final manufacture as configured for sale in the regions covered in this document. The content of this declaration is valid as of the date issued; however, content related to machine features and specifications are subject to change without notice. For additional information, please see the machine's Operation and Maintenance Manual.

For more information on sustainability in action and our progress, please visit <https://www.caterpillar.com/en/company/sustainability>.

Engine

- The Cat® C2.8TA (turbo, after-cooled) engine meets U.S. EPA Tier 4 Final and EU Stage V emission standards.
- Cat diesel engines are required to use ULSD (ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel with 15 ppm of sulfur or less) or ULSD blended with the following lower-carbon intensity fuels up to:
 - ✓ 20% biodiesel FAME (fatty acid methyl ester)
 - ✓ 100% renewable diesel, HVO (hydrotreated vegetable oil) and GTL (gas-to-liquid) fuels

Refer to guidelines for successful application. Please consult your Cat dealer or "Caterpillar Machine Fluids Recommendations" (SEBU6250) for details.

Air Conditioning System

- The air conditioning system on this machine contains the fluorinated greenhouse gas refrigerant R134a (Global Warming Potential = 1430). The system contains 0.85 kg of refrigerant which has a CO₂ equivalent of 1.216 metric tonnes.

Paint

- Based on best available knowledge, the maximum allowable concentration, measured in parts per million (PPM), of the following heavy metals in paint are:
 - Barium < 0.01%
 - Cadmium < 0.01%
 - Chromium < 0.01%
 - Lead < 0.01%

Sound Performance

Inside Cab* – 80 dB(A)

Outside Cab** – 103 dB(A)

- Cab and ROPS are standard in North America and Europe.
- *The declared dynamic operator sound pressure levels per ISO 6395:2008. The measurements were conducted with the cab doors and windows closed and at 70% of the maximum engine cooling fan speed. The sound level may vary at different engine cooling fan speeds.
- **The labeled sound power level for the CE marked configurations when measured according to the test procedure and conditions specified in 2000/14/EC.

Oils and Fluids

- Caterpillar factory fills with ethylene glycol coolants. Cat Diesel Engine Antifreeze/Coolant (DEAC) and Cat Extended Life Coolant (ELC) can be recycled. Consult your Cat dealer for more information.
- Cat Bio HYDO™ Advanced is an EU Ecolabel approved biodegradable hydraulic oil.
- Additional fluids are likely to be present, please consult the Operations and Maintenance Manual or the Application and Installation guide for complete fluid recommendations and maintenance intervals.

Features and Technology

- The following features and technology may contribute to fuel savings and/or carbon reduction. Features may vary. Consult your Cat dealer for details.
 - Extended life coolant and long life hydraulic fluid extend maintenance intervals to reduce fluid consumption
 - Boost productivity with Cat technologies like work tool positioner, return to dig and Cat Smart Attachments
 - Save fuel with efficiency features such as foot throttle pedal and cooling system demand fan
 - Remote machine monitoring through onboard Product Link telematics

265 Compact Track Loader

ATTACHMENTS

Get more from your machine with Cat attachments. Choose from a wide variety of options and tailor your machine to different tasks and conditions.

Augers
Backhoes
Bale Grabs
Bale Spears
Blades, Grader, Box, Angle and Dozer
Brooms, Angle, Pickup and Utility
Brushcutters
Buckets
Cold Planers
Compactors
Fork Tines and Carriages
Hammers
Material Handling Arm
Mulchers
Nursery Forks
Rakes, Grapple, Landscape
and Power Box
Shears
Snow Blowers
Snow Plows
Snow Pushes
Snow Wings
Stump Grinders
Tillers
Trenchers
Wheel Saws
Smart Backhoe
Smart Dozer Blade with Assist
Smart Grader Blade with Assist



MANDATORY EQUIPMENT

- Quick Coupler: Manual or Hydraulic
- High Visibility Seat Belt: 50 mm (2 in), 75 mm (3 in), or 3-point lap/shoulder
- Steel Imbed Rubber Track – 450 mm (17.7 in) bar tread, 450 mm (17.7 in) block tread
- Dual Flange Front Idler/Single Flange Rear Idler or Triple Flange Front/Rear Idlers

PERFORMANCE PACKAGES

- Performance Package HP1: *Standard Flow Hydraulics*
- Performance Package HP3: *High Flow XPS Hydraulics*

COMFORT PACKAGES

- Open canopy: *Cup Holder, Cell Phone Pocket, choice of vinyl Seat (Mechanical Suspension, High Back/Heated/Air Ride Seat)*
- Enclosed Cab with heat and air conditioning: *Side Windows, Cup Holder, Cell Phone Pocket, choice of Seat (Mechanical Suspension, High Back/Heated Air Ride Seat, High Back/Ventilated and Heated Air Ride Seat) and Door choice (Glass or Polycarbonate)*

TECHNOLOGY PACKAGES

- T2 – *Standard Display, Standard Joysticks, traditional Key Start switch, and Rear-view camera.*
- T4 – *Advanced Touchscreen Monitor, Advanced Joysticks, Push start, X-mount cell phone holder, and a Rear-view camera.*
- T5 – *T4 + 2 additional side view cameras.*

RADIO

- Radio, *none* – *for open canopy machines and countries not certified for Bluetooth® technology*
- Integrated AM/FM radio with Bluetooth technology. *Includes USB port, 3.5 mm (0.13 in) AUX input, and BT microphone. Only for use with enclosed cab. Availability varies by country.*
- Integrated DAB+/AM/FM radio with Bluetooth technology. *Includes USB port, 3.5 mm (0.13 in) AUX input, and BT microphone. Only for use with enclosed cab. Availability varies by country.*

PRODUCT LINK™

- Product Link™ Basic series PL243
- Product Link Elite series PLE643

COOLING FAN

- On-demand, variable speed hydraulic cooling fan
- On-demand, variable speed hydraulic cooling fan, with automatic and manual purge reversing operation

GUARDING AND SEALING PACKAGES

- HD0 – *base guarding and sealing (engine air inlet rain cap, front cab-to-frame sealing, and hydraulic fill access door)*
- HD1 – *intermediate guarding and sealing† (HD0 + cab-to-frame side sealing, lockable fuel fill access door, tilt cylinder guarding, and drive line bottom guarding.)*
- HD2 – *most comprehensive guarding and sealing† (HD1 + turbo guard, exhaust stack wrap, DPF wrap, quick disconnect guarding, fully enclosed drive line guarding, under step hydraulic lines guard cover, engine air inlet pre-cleaner.)*

†Some equipment varies by region.

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STANDARD EQUIPMENT

ELECTRICAL

- Work Tool Electrical Harness
- Heavy duty battery
- Battery disconnect with lockout feature
- 12-volt Electrical System
- 85 Ampere Alternator
- LED Work Lights
- Auto Reverse Lights
- Switch Backlighting
- Interior LED Dome Light
- Backup Alarm
- Electrical Outlet, Beacon
- Exterior Courtesy Lighting
- Automatic Work light notification flash when parking brake is released

OPERATOR ENVIRONMENT

- Full color LCD monitor: *Creep speed control, Drive response adjustment, Implement response adjustment, Drive Power Priority adjustment, Language selection (× 32), Multi-operator Anti-theft Security System and Monitoring, Maintenance schedule and reminders, Event and Diagnostic Code monitoring, Date /Time/ Units/Brightness settings, and Smart Technology for use with Smart Attachments.*
- Operator Warning System Indicators: *Air Filter Restriction, Alternator Output, Armrest Raised/Operator Out of Seat, Engine Coolant Temperature, Engine Oil Pressure, Glow Plug Activation, Hydraulic Supply Filter Restriction, Hydraulic Oil Temperature, Park Brake Engaged, Engine Emission System (where applicable)*
- Gauges: *Fuel Level, Hour Meter, Hydraulic Temperature, Hour Meter, Battery Voltage, Tachometer*
- Fold In Ergonomic Contoured Armrest
- Control Interlock System, when operator leaves seat or armrest raised: *Hydraulic System Disables, Hydrostatic Transmission Disables, Parking Brake Engages*
- ROPS Cab, Tilt Up
- FOPS, Level I
- Top and Rear Windows
- Floor Mat
- Headliner
- Interior Rearview Mirror
- Horn
- Hand (Dial) Throttle, Electronic
- Seat Mounted Joystick Controls
- Cell Phone Storage Pocket
- Cup Holder
- 12-volt power port
- Foot Throttle

HYDRAULICS

- Selectable control pattern – ISO or H
- Electro/hydraulic implement control
- Electro/hydraulic hydrostatic transmission control
- Speed sensor guarding
- Heavy duty flat faced quick disconnects with integrated pressure release lever
- Hydraulic oil level sight gauge

POWER TRAIN

- Cat C2.8TA turbocharged, after-cooled diesel engine, meeting Tier 4 Final and Stage V Emission Standards:
 - Glow plugs starting aid
 - Liquid cooled, direct injection
- Extended life antifreeze (–37° C, –34° F)
- Air cleaner, dual element, radial seal
- Scheduled Oil Sampling (S-O-SSM) Valve, Hydraulic Oil
- Ecology drain – coolant
- Radiator coolant level sight gauge
- Radiator expansion bottle
- Filter, hydraulic supply, cartridge type
- Filter, hydraulic return, cartridge type
- Filter, canister type, engine oil
- Filter, canister type, fuel and water separator
- Radiator/hydraulic oil
- Cooler (side-by-side)
- Spring applied, hydraulically released, parking brakes
- Hydrostatic transmission
- Lockable fuel cap
- Hydraulic demand cooling fan
- Auto engine idle

UNDERCARRIAGE

- Torsion Suspension (4 independent torsion axles)
- Two speed travel
- Integrated tie downs on track frame (4)

FRAME

- Machine tie down points (9)
- Removable panels for machine frame cleanout
- Support, lift arm
- Steel rear and front bumpers, welded
- Fuel fill, machine right hand side

OTHER

- Auxiliary Hydraulics, Continuous Flow
- Telematics, Product Link, Cellular
- Steel engine door with replaceable louvers
- Engine door – lockable
- Work tool attachment coupler
- Cat ToughGuardTM hose

OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT

- External Counterweights
- Beacon, LED
- Engine Block Heater – 120V
- Oil, Hydraulic, Cold Operation
- 4-point machine lifting eyes
- Paint, Custom
- Speed Sensitive Ride Control
- Bluetooth Key Security
- Attachment Hose Guide
- Corrosion Inhibitor Coating

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City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Title: Adopt the 2025 Needles Public Utility Authority Wildfire Mitigation Plan Version 6.0

Background: In 2008, the California Public Utilities Commission (“CPUC”) initiated a proceeding to address fires related to utility infrastructure, following a series of wildfires that occurred in 2007 and 2008. The goal of this proceeding was to establish new industry standards that would reduce the risk of electric line-ignited wildfires, with a focus on areas of the state where wildfire risks are elevated. In 2012, the CPUC adopted three interim fire maps that designated areas of the state where stricter inspection and vegetation clearance requirements would apply to overhead utility poles and equipment.¹ These interim maps were based on generalized wildfire threat, rather than the areas that were at a unique risk of electric line-ignited fires. The CPUC acknowledged the need for a better map and, in the same 2012 Decision, the CPUC directed parties to develop a more precise statewide fire map that identified areas of the state at an elevated risk of electric line-ignited wildfires.²

In 2016, Governor Brown signed Senate Bill (“SB”) 1028 (stats. 2016), which required publicly owned utilities (“POUs”) to identify additional wildfire mitigation measures that the POU could take if the POU governing board first found that its overhead electric lines and equipment posed a significant risk of causing a catastrophic wildfire. SB 1028 required that the POU governing board must base this determination on “historical fires and local conditions,” and must consult with local fire departments and other entities with responsibilities for the control of wildfires within the relevant area.³ These requirements were specified in the newly added Public Utilities Code Section 8387.

In 2018, the CPUC completed the development of the statewide Fire Threat Map that designates areas of the state at an elevated risk of electric line-ignited wildfires.⁴ This updated map incorporated historical fire data, fire-behavior modeling, assessments of fuel, weather modeling, and host of other factors. The map development and approval process involved detailed review by the relevant utility staff and local fire officials, a peer review process, and ultimate approval by a team of technical experts led by the California Department of Forestry

¹ D.12-01-032.

² D.12-01-032 at 146-147.

³ Cal. Pub. Util. Code § 8387(b).

⁴ PG&E Advice Letter 5211-E/3172-E, “Joint Filing – Adoption of Final California Public Utilities Commission Fire-Threat Map,” Jan. 5, 2018, available at https://www.pge.com/tariffs/assets/pdf/adviceletter/ELEC_5211-E.pdf; SED Disposition Letter Approving Advice Letter 5211-E/3172-E, January 19, 2018, available at https://www.pge.com/tariffs/assets/pdf/adviceletter/ELEC_5211-E.pdf.

and Fire Protection (“CAL FIRE”). The CPUC’s Fire Threat Map includes three Tiers/Levels of fire threat risk. Tier 1 consists of areas that have the lowest hazards and risks. Tier 2 consists of areas where there is an elevated risk for destructive electric line-ignited wildfires. Finally, Tier 3 consists of areas where there is an extreme risk for destructive electric line-ignited wildfires.

NPUA Staff reviewed the CPUC’s Fire Threat Map and determined that no NPUA overhead electric lines or equipment are located in an area designated as either Tier 2 (elevated risk) or Tier 3 (extreme risk). Staff also reviewed historical fire data and local conditions. Based on this review, staff concluded NPUA’s overhead electric lines and equipment did not pose a significant wildfire risk.

In 2018, Governor Brown signed SB 901 (stats. 2018), which addressed a wide range of issues relating to wildfire prevention, response, and recovery. SB 901 substantially revised the Public Utilities Code Section 8387, eliminating the prior process established by SB 1028 and instead making it mandatory for all POU’s (regardless of size or wildfire risk) to develop a wildfire mitigation plan. Pursuant to the amended Section 8387, all POU’s must present a wildfire mitigation plan to its governing board prior to January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter. Section 8387(b)(2) specifies the topics that must be addressed in the POU wildfire mitigation plans, which includes: (a) the responsibilities of the persons tasked with executing the plan; (b) a description of the POU’s wildfire mitigation preventative strategies and programs; (c) a description of the metrics the POU will use to evaluate the wildfire mitigation plan’s performance and discussion of how those metrics informed the current wildfire mitigation plan; (d) protocols for disabling reclosers and deenergizing portions of the electrical system; and (e) identification, description, and prioritization of all wildfire risks within the POU’s service territory.

SB 901 requires that POU’s must present their wildfire mitigation plan at an appropriately noticed public meeting and receive public comment. The POU must also verify that the wildfire mitigation plan complies with all applicable rules, regulations, and standards. POU’s must also have their plan reviewed by a qualified independent evaluator to assess the comprehensiveness of the plan. The independent evaluator must then issue a report that the POU must make available on the POU’s website, and the POU must present the report at a public meeting of the POU’s governing board.

In 2019, two new bills (SB 1054 and SB 111) made additional major reforms relating to wildfires. As part of these reforms, SB 111 created a new state agency called the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (“Board”). The Board will be made up of seven members, five appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly, and one appointed by the Senate Rules Committee. The members of the board must be selected from industry experts, academics, and people with labor and workforce safety experience. At least three members must be experienced in the safe operation, design, and engineering of electrical infrastructure. SB 1054 requires that all POU’s must submit their wildfire mitigation plans to the Board by July 1 of each year, starting in 2020. The Board will then review the POU plans and will provide comments and advisory opinions on the content and sufficiency the plans.

Pursuant to Public Utilities Code, Section 8387, NPUA has prepared the required wildfire

mitigation plan. Staff has reviewed the NPUA's wildfire mitigation plan and concluded that the plan meets all the required criteria as provided in Section 8387.

Following the adoption of the NPUA's Wildfire Mitigation Plan an audit of the plan is expected to be review with the San Bernardino County Fire Department. The plan and audit findings will be published at a public meeting and received public comment. The report and audit must be available on the NPUA's electric department website.

WSAB's specific guidance for the City of Needles (found in Appendix 3) is as follows: The WSAB appreciates Needles including the context-setting template and statutory cross-reference table at the beginning of their 2022 WMP, as requested. The WSAB encourages Needles to continue this practice and to consider using appropriate parts of the proposed new 2023 comprehensive revision template in Appendix 1 as they prepare and file their next WMP.

The WSAB notes that Needles has not included any additional information about the adoption and public comment processes for WMPs in their 2022 document. The WSAB encourages Needles to include adoption information in future WMPs describing briefly the adoption and public comment processes Needles followed for the WMP being submitted, along with information about budget processes for any potential or expected mitigation expenses, per the proposed new 2023 comprehensive revision template.

The WSAB notes that Needles has not included updated information about their wildfire mitigation plans on their website. The WSAB can find a link to the initial WMP from 2019 and what appears to be a duplicate link pointing to the same WMP but suggesting that it is a "review" of the WMP, perhaps an independent evaluation report. The WSAB encourages Needles to provide a clear and prominent WMP page that includes older as well as current information to allow perusal of WMP history, that is – public access to former WMPs and IE Reports. The WSAB also requests that Needles include information in their 2023 comprehensive revision WMP about where on their website such information can be found.

The WSAB notes that there were few if any substantive changes between Needles' 2021 and 2022 WMPs, other than adding the context setting template and statutory cross-reference table as noted above. While the WSAB believes that minimal changes in an update year are reasonable given Needles' low likelihood of catastrophic wildfire, the WSAB encourages Needles to look more substantively at changes for the 2023 comprehensive revision WMP. The WSAB notes that Needles may have intended to add 2021 metrics but left yellow highlighted number signs in the table instead, and that in the final section of the WMP Needles uses the word "part" when they appear to mean "party". The WSAB suggests that these minor errors are an indication of lack of sufficient attention, and believes that Needles will clear them up when they file their 2023 comprehensive revision WMP. No additional changes were made in 2024.

Fiscal Impact: None

Environmental Impact: None

Recommended Action: Adopt the 2025 Needles Public Utility Authority Wildfire Mitigation Plan Version 6.0

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 6/11/2025
Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____

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NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN



VERSION 6.0



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I. OVERVIEW

A. POLICY STATEMENT

The Needles Public Utility Authority (NPUA) overarching goal is to provide safe, reliable, and economic electric service to its local community. In order to meet this goal, NPUA constructs, maintains, and operates its electrical lines and equipment in a manner that minimizes the risk of catastrophic wildfire posed by its electrical lines and equipment.

B. UTILITY OVERVIEW AND CONTEXT SETTING TABLE

The City, through the Needles Public Utility Authority (a Joint Powers Authority) owns and operates the electric utility. The electric system expands from the Nevada state line, south of Laughlin, Nevada, to the vicinity of Topock, Arizona.

Context Setting Table
Needles Public Utility Authority

Service Territory Size [110] square miles

Owned Assets X Transmission X Distribution ☐ Generation

Number of Customers Served [3,000] customer accounts

Population Within Service Territory [5,200] people

Customer Class Makeup:

Number of Accounts

[55]% Residential; [5]% Government; [0]% Agricultural; [10]% Small/Medium Business; [30]% Commercial/Industrial

Share of Total Load (MWh)

[30]% Residential; [5]% Government; [0]% Agricultural; [20]% Small/Medium Business; [45]% Commercial/Industrial

Percent of Service Territory in CPUC High Fire Threat Districts (based on total area):

Tier 2: [0]% Tier 3: [0]%

See section IV. CPUC Fire Threat Map for the NPUA

Miles of Owned Lines Underground and/or Overhead

Overhead Dist.: [65] miles Overhead Trans.: [34] miles Underground Dist.: [12] miles Underground Trans.: [0] miles

Percent of Owned Lines in CPUC High Fire Threat Districts

Overhead Distribution Lines as % of Total Distribution System (Inside and Outside Service Territory)

Tier 2: [0]% Tier 3: [0]%

Overhead Transmission Lines as % of Total Transmission System (Inside and Outside Service Territory)

Tier 2: [0]% Tier 3: [0]%

Table 2: Cross References to Statutory Requirements

Requirement	Statutory Language	Location in WMP
Persons Responsible	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(A): An accounting of the responsibilities of persons responsible for executing the plan.	Section III Page 4
Objectives of the Plan	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(B): The objectives of the wildfire mitigation plan.	Section II Page: 3
Preventive Strategies	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(C): A description of the preventive strategies and programs to be adopted by the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative to minimize the risk of its electrical lines and equipment causing catastrophic wildfires, including consideration of dynamic climate change risks.	Section VII.A Page 4
Evaluation Metrics	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(D): A description of the metrics the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative plans to use to evaluate the wildfire mitigation plan's performance and the assumptions that underlie the use of those metrics.	Section VII.B Page 5
Impact of Metrics	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(E): A discussion of how the application of previously identified metrics to previous wildfire mitigation plan performances has informed the wildfire mitigation plan.	Section IV.J Page 2
Deenergization Protocols	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(F): Protocols for disabling reclosers and deenergizing portions of the electrical distribution system that consider the associated impacts on public safety, as well as protocols related to mitigating the public safety impacts of those protocols, including impacts on critical first responders and on health and communication infrastructure.	Section IV.J Page 2
Customer Notification Procedures	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(G): Appropriate and feasible procedures for notifying a customer who may be impacted by the deenergizing of electrical lines. The procedures shall consider the need to notify, as a priority, critical first responders, health care facilities, and operators of telecommunications infrastructure.	Section IV.K 1 & 2 Page 3
Vegetation Management	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(H): Plans for vegetation management.	Section IV.G Page 10

Inspections	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(I): Plans for inspections of the local publicly owned electric utility's or electrical cooperative's electrical infrastructure.	Section IV.H Page 10
Prioritization of Wildfire Risks	<p>PUC § 8387(b)(2)(J): A list that identifies, describes, and prioritizes all wildfire risks, and drivers for those risks, throughout the local publicly owned electric utility's or electrical cooperative's service territory. The list shall include, but not be limited to, both of the following:</p> <p>(i) Risks and risk drivers associated with design, construction, operation, and maintenance of the local publicly owned electric utility's or electrical cooperative's equipment and facilities.</p> <p>(ii) Particular risks and risk drivers associated with topographic and climatological risk factors throughout the different parts of the local publicly owned electric utility's or electrical cooperative's service territory.</p>	Section IV Page 8
CPUC Fire Threat Map Adjustments	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(K): Identification of any geographic area in the local publicly owned electric utility's or electrical cooperative's service territory that is a higher wildfire threat than is identified in a commission fire threat map, and identification of where the commission should expand a high fire threat district based on new information or changes to the environment.	Section IV.C Page 9
Enterprisewide Risks	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(L): A methodology for identifying and presenting enterprisewide safety risk and wildfire-related risk.	Section IV.B Page 8
Restoration of Service	PUC § 8387(b)(2)(M): A statement of how the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative will restore service after a wildfire.	Section IV Page 3
Monitor and Audit	<p>PUC § 8387(b)(2)(N): A description of the processes and procedures the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative shall use to do all of the following</p> <p>(i) Monitor and audit the implementation of the wildfire mitigation plan.</p> <p>(ii) Identify any deficiencies in the wildfire mitigation plan or its implementation, and correct those deficiencies.</p> <p>(iii) Monitor and audit the effectiveness of electrical line and equipment inspections, including inspections performed by contractors, that are carried out under the plan, other applicable statutes, or commission rules.</p>	Section VII.D Page 5

<p>Qualified Independent Evaluator</p>	<p>PUC § 8387(c): The local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative shall contract with a qualified independent evaluator with experience in assessing the safe operation of electrical infrastructure to review and assess the comprehensiveness of its wildfire mitigation plan. The independent evaluator shall issue a report that shall be made available on the Internet Web site of the local publicly owned electric utility or electrical cooperative, and shall present the report at a public meeting of the local publicly owned electric utility's or electrical cooperative's governing board.</p>	<p>Section VII.D Page 5</p>
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C. PURPOSE OF THE WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan describes the range of activities that the NPUA is taking to mitigate the threat of power-line ignited wildfires, including its various programs, policies, and procedures. This plan is subject to direct supervision by the Board of Public Utilities and the Needles Public Utility Authority and is implemented by the NPUA's Electric Supervisor. This plan complies with the requirements of Public Utilities Code section 8387 for publicly owned electric utilities to prepare a wildfire mitigation plan by January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter.

The NPUA is a department within the City of Needles. The NPUA Fire Prevention plan is focused on addressing and minimizing potential wildfire-related risks to public health, safety and welfare. The Fire Prevention plan reflects a broad range of activities performed not only by the electric department but through the City of Needles organization. The NPUA's Fire Prevention plan begins with operation, maintenance, inspection, and repair activities aimed at significantly reducing the potential for NPUA's electric facilities to become a source of ignition for a fire. The electric department continues to;

- Clear transmission lines of all trees and vegetation;
- Perform regular inspections all distribution and transmission lines;
- Repair and replacement transformers that could potential cause a risk;
- Coordinate vegetation removal through the City of Needles Parks and Recreation Department if an area is determined outside of the electric easements.

Through performing inspections and maintenance, the information gathered will be used to help fire agencies, and other fire-responders to determine the appropriate actions if a wildfire occurs by understanding the surround area.

The NPUA continues to monitor all fires within and surrounding its service territory both inside California and outside in Arizona and Nevada.

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan included the following elements:

- Objectives of the plan;
- Roles and responsibilities for carrying out the plan;
- Identification of key wildfire risks and risk drivers;
- Description of wildfire prevention, mitigation, and response strategies and programs;
- Community outreach and education;
- Metrics for evaluating the performance of the plan and identifying areas for improvement;
- Review and validation of the plan; and

Timelines

D. WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN ADOPTION AND SUBMITTAL OF ANNUAL PLAN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NPUA's Wildfire Mitigation Plan is presented to the Board of Public Utilities and makes a recommendation to the Needles Public Utility Authority/City Council at a public meeting to adopt a resolution (appendix 1) adopting the current version of the plan. Members from the public are able to provide comments when the plan is presented on the agenda for approval.

All adopted plans are submitted to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB). WSAB reviews all submitted plan and makes recommendations for improvement.

E. WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN WEBSITE LOCATION

II. NPUA'S WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLANS ARE POSTED ON THE CITY OF NEEDLES WEBSITE AND CAN BE LOCATED AT [HTTPS://CITYOFNEEDLES.COM/SERVICES/ELECTRIC-DEPARTMENT/OBJECTIVES OF THE WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN](https://cityofneedles.com/services/electric-department/objectives-of-the-wildfire-mitigation-plan)

A. MINIMIZING SOURCES OF IGNITION

The primary goal of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan is to minimize the probability that NPUA's transmission and distribution system may be the origin or contributing source for the ignition of a fire. The NPUA has evaluated the prudent and cost-effective improvements to its physical assets, operations, and training that can help to meet this objective. The NPUA has implemented those changes consistent with this evaluation.

B. RESILIENCY OF THE ELECTRIC GRID

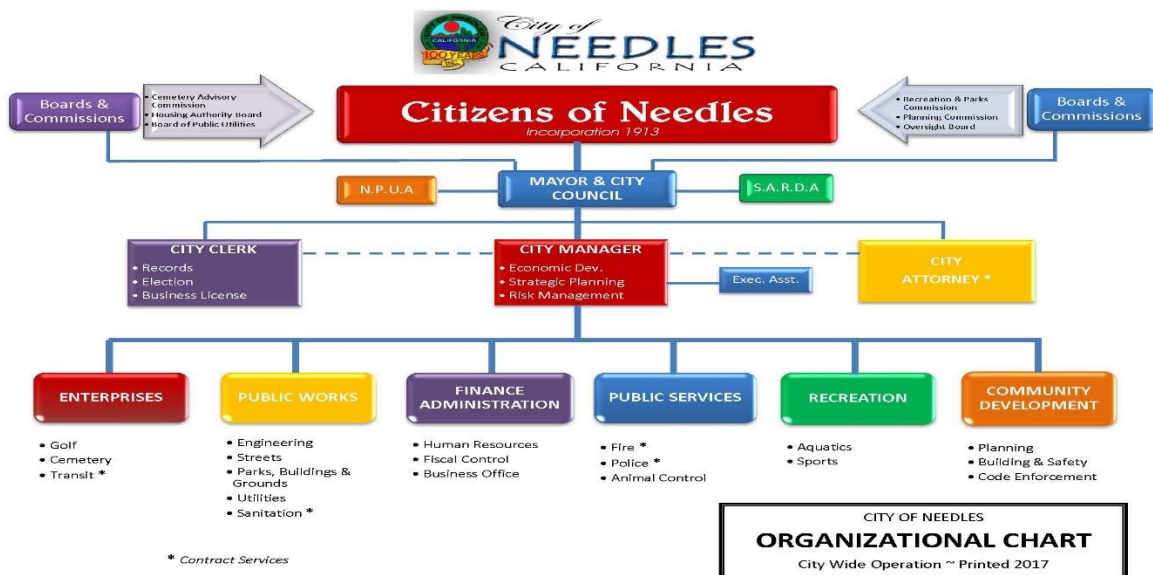
The secondary goal of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan is to improve the resiliency of the electric grid. As part of the development of this plan, NPUA assesses new industry practices and technologies that will reduce the likelihood of an interruption (frequency) in service and improve the restoration (duration) of service.

C. IDENTIFYING UNNECESSARY OR INEFFECTIVE ACTIONS

The final goal for this Wildfire Mitigation Plan is to measure the effectiveness of specific wildfire mitigation strategies. Where a particular action, program component, or protocol is determined to be unnecessary or ineffective, the NPUA will assess whether a modification or replacement is merited. This plan will also help determine if more cost-effective measures would produce the same or improved results.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. UTILITY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



The City of Needles (Needles) is a charter city of the State of California located on the eastern border of California. Through the Needles Public Utilities Authority (NPUA), a component unit of the City, the City owns the Public Utilities Department. The Department consists of three Divisions Electric, Water, and Wastewater.

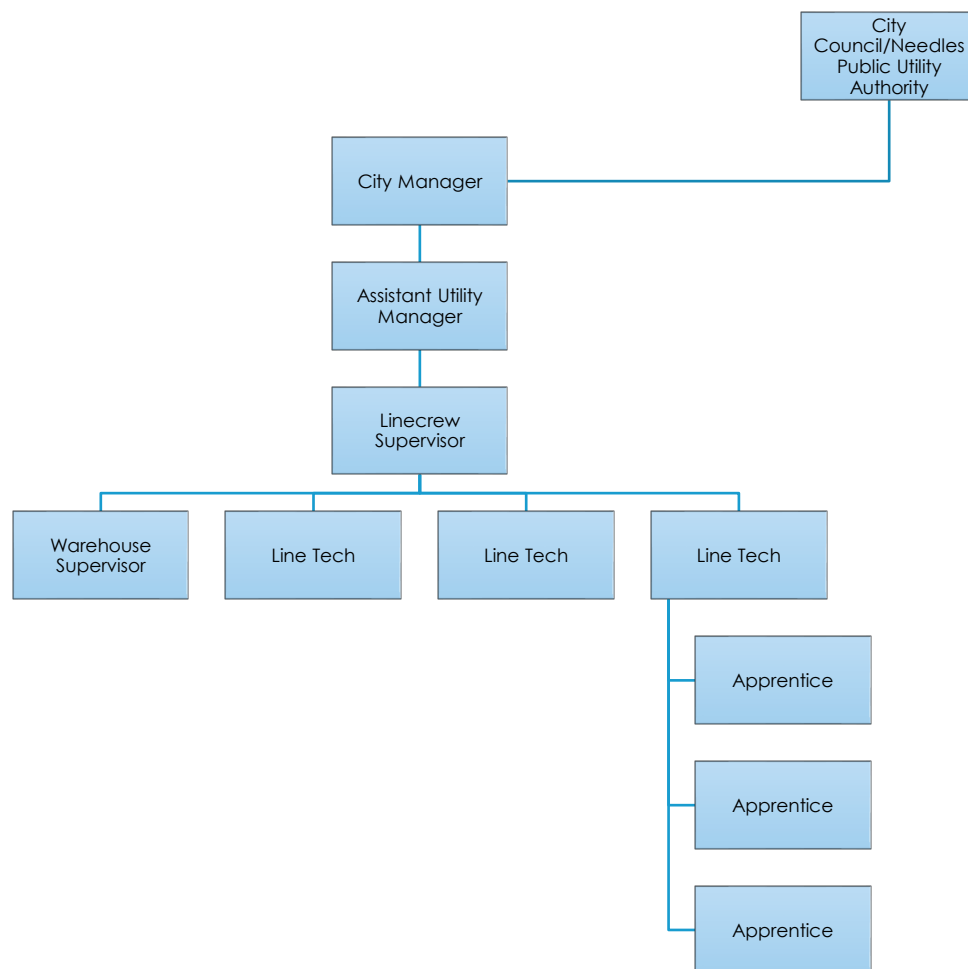
The electric distribution system serving the City was originally owned by the Needles Gas and Electric Company. The Needles Gas and Electric Company was purchased by the predecessor to CP National in 1930. On January 10, 1983, the City purchased the electric distribution system from CP National. However, pursuant to a management agreement, CP National continued to operate the system until July 1990. The City has operated the electric distribution system since that time.

The City's primary interest in purchasing the electric distribution system from CP National stemmed from a change in Federal law in 1982, relating to the sale of hydroelectricity power

from federal projects. Under the revised regulations, inexpensive federal hydroelectricity power from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Parker-Davis Project (Hoover Dam), located on the Colorado River, became available to municipally owned utilities. The City's electorate authorized the issuance of revenue bonds to finance the acquisition of the electric distribution system from CP National.

The City provides electric service to the City and contiguous areas from the Nevada state line, south of Laughlin, Nevada, to the vicinity of Topock, Arizona. Needles' peak electric demand is 22.41 MW (as of August 2018) and services approximately 3,000 customers.

B. WILDFIRE PREVENTION



The electric department is under direct supervision from the Assistant Utility Manager and City Manager, there is one Power Line Supervisor, three power line techs, two Apprentice Lineman and one Warehouse Manager. The electric department is responsible to:

- Operate system in a manner that will minimize potential wildfire risks.
- Take all reasonable and practicable actions to minimize the risk of a catastrophic wildfire caused by NPU electric facilities.

- Coordinate with federal, state, and local fire management personnel as necessary or appropriate to implement NPUA's Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Immediately report fires, pursuant to existing POU practices and the requirements of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Take corrective action when the staff witnesses or is notified that fire protection measures have not been properly installed or maintained.
- Comply with relevant federal, state, and industry standard requirements, including the industry standards established by the California Public Utilities Commission.
- Collect and maintain wildfire data necessary for the implementation of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan.
- Provide regular training programs for all employees having obligations for implementation of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan.

C. WILDFIRE RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

The City's communication strategy is structured so that all stakeholders receive accurate, timely and consistent information, with the overall message of safety first, for the public, employees and contractors.

When an emergency occurs, the electric departments supervisor will be responsible for communicating with the City Manager/Utilities Manager, customers, employees and contractors to set expectation and address emergency issues. This information will be provided through various communication channels such as company phone(s) and radios.

If business operations or households are disrupted, customers expect to know how long they will be impacted. Thus, estimated restoration times will be developed, monitored, adjusted and communicated to all stakeholders as the information becomes available.

D. COORDINATION WITH WATER UTILITIES/DEPARTMENT

During declared emergencies, the electric department is responsible for coordinating efforts and sharing information with neighboring utilities relative to the out of service and damaged critical infrastructure.

During an event, the electric department will perform the following functions;

- Share information and prioritize restoration efforts relative to utility critical infrastructure that is out of service.
- Notify the water department of the downed communication wires.

E. COORDINATION WITH COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROVIDERS

During declared emergencies, the electric department is responsible for coordinating efforts and sharing information with neighboring telecommunications utilities relative to the out of service and damaged critical infrastructure.

During an event, the electric department will perform the following functions;

- Share information and prioritize restoration efforts relative to utility critical infrastructure that is out of service.
- Coordinate with the appropriate telephone and cable company to set poles; and
- Notify the telephone and cable companies of downed communication wires.

F. STANDARDIZED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

As a local governmental agency,¹ NPUA has planning, communication, and coordination obligations pursuant to the California Office of Emergency Services' Standardized Emergency Management System ("SEMS") Regulations,² adopted in accordance with Government Code section 8607. The SEMS Regulations specify roles, responsibilities, and structures of communications at five different levels: field response, local government, operational area, regional, and state.³ Pursuant to this structure, NPUA annually coordinates and communicates with the relevant safety agencies as well as other relevant local and state agencies.

Under the SEMS structure, a significant amount of preparation is done through advanced planning at the county level, including the coordination of effort of public, private, and nonprofit organizations.

NPUA is a member of the California Utility Emergency Association, which plays a key role in ensuring communications between utilities during emergencies.

¹ As defined in Cal. Gov. Code § 8680.2.

² 19 CCR § 2407.

³ Cal. Gov. Code § 2403(b):

(1) "Field response level" commands emergency response personnel and resources to carry out tactical decisions and activities in direct response to an incident or threat.

(2) "Local government level" manages and coordinates the overall emergency response and recovery activities within their jurisdiction.

(3) "Operational area level" manages and/or coordinates information, resources, and priorities among local governments within the operational area and serves as the coordination and communication link between the local government level and the regional level.

(4) "Regional level" manages and coordinates information and resources among operational areas within the mutual aid region designated pursuant to Government Code §8600 and between the operational areas and the state level. This level along with the state level coordinates overall state agency support for emergency response activities.

(5) "State level" manages state resources in response to the emergency needs of the other levels, manages and coordinates mutual aid among the mutual aid regions and between the regional level and state level, and serves as the coordination and communication link with the federal disaster response system.

IV. WILDFIRE RISKS AND DRIVERS ASSOCIATED WITH DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, AND MAINTENANCE

A. PARTICULAR RISKS AND RISK DRIVERS ASSOCIATED WITH TOPOGRAPHIC AND CLIMATOLOGICAL RISK FACTORS

Within NPUA's service territory and the surrounding areas, the primary risk drivers for wildfire are the following:

- Extended drought;
- Vegetation type;
- Weather;
- High winds;
- Changing Weather Patterns (Climate Change)

B. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENTERPRISEWIDE SAFETY RISKS

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) delivers energy to the City of Needles on a 69KVA transmission line. The distribution line crosses the river in town at 3240 Needles Hwy, the firehouse switchyard. The City of Needles also has a back 69KVA Line that comes from the Nora McDowell Substation located 15 miles north of Needles.

Electric energy is delivered to the City at two substations. Needles #1 Substation has two banks located on Eagle Pass Road in the downtown area of the City. Bank #1 has a base rating of 7.5MVA and a 65 foot rise and force air rating of 9.3MVA.

The second substation, Bush Street Substation, has a base rating of 10MVA and a 65 foot rise with a forced air rating of 12MVA. The Bush Substation serves the west end of town.

The existing substations can handle current peak load requirements of 15,200 kilowatts. From the substations approximately 86 miles of distribution circuits deliver power at 12,000 volts to distribution transformers where the power is reduced to the voltages required by the individual customer's needs. The City electric department provides single phase, 60 Hertz, at one standard voltage (120/240 or 120/208 as may be selected by customers subject to availability at the premises).

While the NPUA makes improvements to the system annually, the main focus for the utility is ground clearance.

NPUA recognizes that climate change is forecasted to increase the frequency and severity of catastrophic wildfires in California. Accordingly, NPUA has reviewed relevant sources of data showing wildfire-related climate change impacts in California and specifically in San Bernardino County through the Cal-Adapt enterprise collaboration. This review included data on forecasted acres burned and wildfire probability,⁴ as well as extreme heat days,⁵ and extended

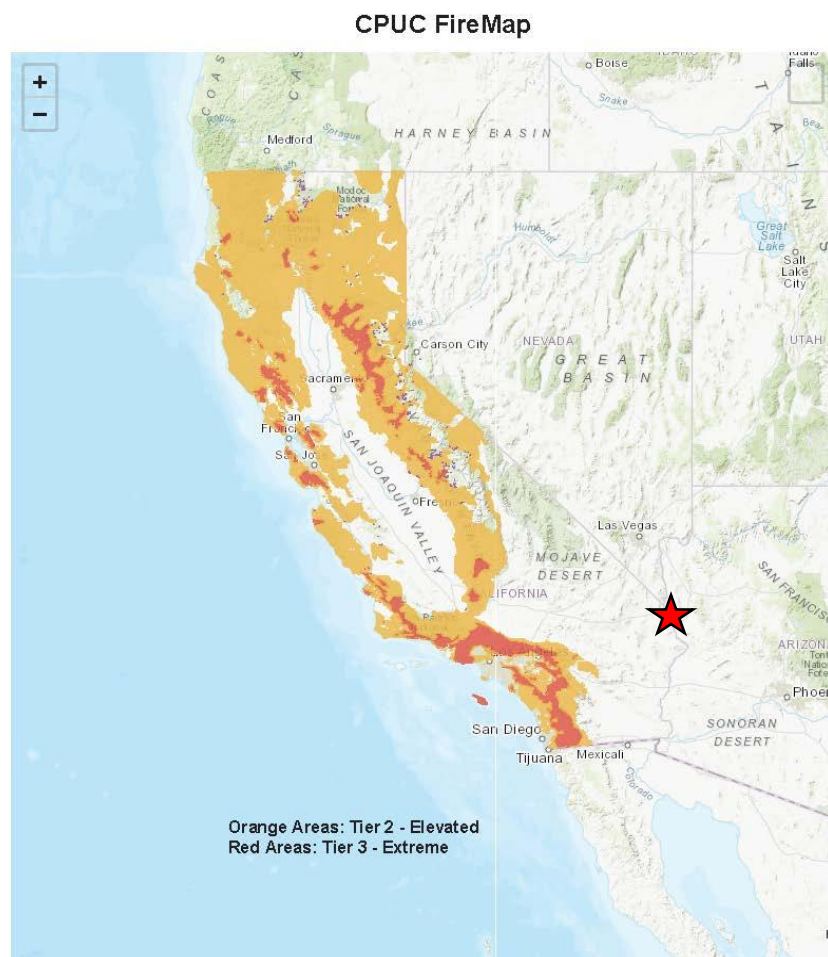
⁴ The CalAdapt Wildfire Tool is available at <https://cal-adapt.org/tools/wildfire>.

⁵ The CalAdapt Extreme Heat Days Tool is available at <https://cal-adapt.org/tools/extreme-heat>.

drought.⁶ As described below, NPUA has determined that NPUA's service territory will remain a low risk for wildfires even when considering changes associated with wildfire risk. Further, no part of NPUA's service territory will be disproportionately impacted by wildfire risks associated with climate changes in comparison to the other areas of NPUA's service territory. Therefore, NPUA will continue to pursue the wildfire mitigation strategies described in the Wildfire Mitigation Plan, but will continue to monitor these risks as new information becomes available.

C. CPUC FIRE THREAT MAP

The NPUA is not located within the CPUC Fire Threat Map and therefor is not located within an elevated hazard for the ignition of potential wildfires.



D. HIGH FIRE THREAT DISTRICT

⁶ The CalAdapt Extended Drought Tool is available at <https://cal-adapt.org/tools/extended-drought>.

NPUA directly participated in the development of the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) Fire-Threat Map,⁷ which designates a High-Fire Threat District. In the map development process, NPUA served as a territory lead, and worked with utility staff and local fire & government officials to identify the areas of NPUA's service territory that are at an elevated or extreme risk of power line ignited wildfire. NPUA has incorporated the High Fire Threat District into its construction, inspection, maintenance, repair, and clearance practices, where applicable.

E. WEATHER MONITORING

NPUA monitors current and forecasted weather data from a variety of sources including:

- United States National Weather Service
- United States Forest Service Wildland Fire Assessment System
- National Fire Danger Rating System
- National Interagency Fire Center – Predictive Services for Northern and Southern California.

NPUA assigns one of four operating conditions based on the relevant weather data and knowledge of local conditions:

- (1) Normal:** During normal conditions, no changes are made to operations or work policy.
- (2) Elevated:** During elevated fire-risk conditions; it must be determined by the Fire Coordinator and/or meteorologist that the burn environment has become conducive for wildfires within the NPUA service territory.
- (3) Extreme:** During extreme fire-risk conditions, it must be determined by the Fire Coordinator and/or meteorologist that due to the conditions of high winds, low relative humidity, and the burn environment will create critical fire weather conditions;
- (4) Red Flag:** If the National Weather Service declares a Red Flag Warning for any portion of the NPUA's Service.

F. DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS

NPUA's electric facilities are designed and constructed to meet or exceed the relevant federal, state, or industry standard. The NPUA treats CPUC General Order (GO) 95 as a key industry standard for design and construction standards for overhead electrical facilities. NPUA meets or exceeds all standards in GO 95. Additionally, NPUA monitors and follows as appropriate the National Electric Safety Code.

G. VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

NPUA meets or exceeds the minimum industry standard vegetation management practices. For transmission-level facilities, NPUA complies with NERC FAC-003-4, where applicable. For both

⁷ Adopted by CPUC Decision 17-12-024.

transmission and distribution level facilities, NPUA meets: (1) Public Resources Code section 4292; (2) Public Resources Code section 4293; (3) GO 95 Rule 35; and (4) the GO 95 Appendix E Guidelines to Rule 35. These standards require significantly increased clearances in the High Fire Threat District. However, as noted above, no part of NPUA's service territory includes any part of the High Fire Threat District. The recommended time-of-trim guidelines do not establish a mandatory standard, but instead provide useful guidance to utilities. NPUA uses specific knowledge of growing conditions and tree species to determine the appropriate time of trim clearance in each circumstance.

GO 95, Rule 35, Table 1					
Case	Type of Clearance	Trolley Contact, Feeder and Span Wires, 0-5kv	Supply Conductors and Supply Cables, 750 - 22,500 Volts	Supply Conductors and Supply Cables, 22.5 - 300 kV	Supply Conductors and Supply Cables, 300 - 550 kV (mm)
13	Radial clearance of bare line conductors from tree branches or foliage	18 inches	18 inches	¼ Pin Spacing	½ Pin Spacing
14	Radial clearance of bare line conductors from vegetation in the Fire-Threat District	18 inches	48 inches	48 inches	120 inches

Appendix E Guidelines to Rule 35		
<p>The radial clearances shown below are recommended minimum clearances that should be established, at time of trimming, between the vegetation and the energized conductors and associated live parts where practicable. Reasonable vegetation management practices may make it advantageous for the purposes of public safety or service reliability to obtain greater clearances than those listed below to ensure compliance until the next scheduled maintenance. Each utility may determine and apply additional appropriate clearances beyond clearances listed below, which take into consideration various factors, including: line operating voltage, length of span, line sag, planned maintenance cycles, location of vegetation within the span, species type, experience with particular species, vegetation growth rate and characteristics, vegetation management standards and best practices, local climate, elevation, fire risk, and vegetation trimming requirements that are applicable to State Responsibility Area lands pursuant to Public Resource Code Sections 4102 and 4293.</p>		
Voltage of Lines	Case 13	Case 14
Radial clearances for any conductor of a line operating at 2,400 or more volts, but less than 72,000 volts	4 feet	12 feet

Radial clearances for any conductor of a line operating at 72,000 or more volts, but less than 110,000 volts	6 feet	20 feet
Radial clearances for any conductor of a line operating at 110,000 or more volts, but less than 300,000 volts	10 feet	30 feet
Radial clearances for any conductor of a line operating at 300,000 or more volts	15 feet	30 feet

H. INSPECTIONS

The NPUA meets or exceeds the minimum inspection requirements provided in CPUC GO 165 and CPUC GO 95, Rule 18. Pursuant to these rules, NPUA inspects electric facilities in the High Fire Threat District more frequently than the other areas of its service territory. Additionally, NPUA staff uses their knowledge of the specific environmental and geographical conditions to determine when areas outside of the High Fire Threat District require more frequent inspections.

If NPUA staff discovers a facility in need of repair that is owned by an entity other than NPUA, NPUA will issue a notice to repair to the facility owner and work to ensure that necessary repairs are completed promptly.

NPUA monitors drought conditions and other relevant factors throughout the year to determine if inspections should be completed on a shorter timeframe.

I. WORKFORCE TRAINING

NPUA has implemented work rules and complementary training programs for its workforce to help reduce the likelihood of the ignition of wildfires. The NPUA inspects power lines and other electrical equipment during potential risk times.

J. RECLOSING POLICY

The NPUA does not have SCADA controlled reclosers, two qualified linemen reclose or close the distribution system. Lockout, tagout safety procedures are followed.

K. DEENERGIZATION

The NPUA has the authority to preemptively shut off power due to fire-threat conditions; however, this option will only be used in extraordinary circumstances. The NPUA will make a case-by-case decision to shut off power based on the following considerations:

- Red Flag Warnings issued by the National Weather Service for fire weather zones that contain NPUA circuits;
- NPUA staff assessments of local conditions, including wind speed (sustained and gust), humidity and temperature, fuel moisture, fuel loading and data from weather stations;
- Real-time information from staff located in areas identified as at risk of being subject to extreme weather conditions;

- Input from San Bernardino County fire experts and vegetation experts;
- Input from local and state fire authorities regarding the potential consequences of wildfires in select locations;
- Alternative ways to reroute power to affected areas;
- Awareness of mandatory or voluntary evacuation orders in place;
- Expected impact of de-energizing circuits on essential services;
- Other operational considerations to minimize potential wildfire ignitions, including the blocking of reclosers on the identified circuit(s);
- On-going fire activity throughout NPUA's territory and California;
- Ability to notify customers;
- Notifications to local governments and public officials; and
- Potential impacts to communities and customers

1. IMPACTS TO PUBLIC SAFETY

The following is a listing of facilities which are special considerations of the public safety during a power outage;

- Hospitals and Emergency Medical Facilities (Colorado River Medical Center);
- Emergency Shelters and Cooling Centers (Colorado River Medical Center, Needles Senior Center);
- Fire, Police, Paramedics and Rescue Facilities;
- Emergency Management Offices (CalOES);
- Water and Wastewater Facilities;
- Critical Utility and Communication Facilities (Frontier, Route 66 Broadband, Z Fiver, Fort Mojave Telecommunications Inc. etc.);
- Mass Transit (BNSF, Airport, Needles Area Transit);
- Critical Flood Control Structures; and
- Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Hazardous Mitigation Facility.

In the event of a wildfire and potential outages those accounts, the Priority Restoration Group will be notified of a potential impact first.

2. CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION PROTOCOLS

The NPUA takes priority in providing notification to all customers who are affected by a power outage. The NPUA will establish a dispatch center at City Hall offices to provide real time information to the customers such as;

- Effective area(s); and
- Estimated restoration time.

V. COMMUNITY OUTREACH AND PUBLIC AWARENESS

When a wildfire is mobilized, the City Manager/Utilities Manager branches to provide public awareness through the following;

- Issuing a wildfire press release;
- Arranging media interviews and press conferences, as necessary.
- Issuing a CodeRed Alert
- Issuing an alert through the City of Needles “Needles Connects” mobile app

VI. RESTORATION OF SERVICE

Restoring power after a major storm or wildfire is a complex task that must be completed quickly and safely. A speedy restoration requires significant communication, along with skilled line workers. The process for restoration is:

1. The electric department establishes a command post at the nearest substation to the affected area
2. An inspection is conducted from the substation out to the affected area
3. Crews inspect the affected area and create a damage assessment
4. The restoration team ensures the line is deenergized and grounded
5. Replacement of damaged material such as conductors, transformers, insulators in the damaged area
6. The effected circuit is re-energized
7. Households in isolated are re-energized
8. Crews will remain at the command post for one-hour following the full restoration to ensure all circuits are on
9. Dispatch will call the crew is calls are reported for no power
10. Crews may be dispatched to individual homes to reset the breaker

11. EVALUATING OF THE PLAN

A. METRICS AND ASSUMPTIONS FOR MEASURING PLAN PERFORMANCE

NPUA tracks external risk metrics, performance metrics, and outcome metrics to measure the effectiveness of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan. The external risk factors that NPUA tracks provides context regarding the relative risks that impact the utility that are outside of NPUA's control, such as red flag days and high wind events. The performance metrics that NPUA tracks are leading indicators that describe actions that are intended to reduce the risk of utility caused wildfires, such as inspections and routine vegetation management. The outcome metrics tracked by NPUA are lagging indicators that measure outcomes that may be associated with an increased risk of utility-caused wildfires. These outcome metrics include outages, ignitions, and level 1 safety hazards.

B. METRICS FOR 2023 PLAN

Performance Metrics								
Metric type	Progress Metric	(Actual) 2021	(Actual) 2022	(Forecast) 2023	(Forecast) 2024	(Forecast) 2025	Unit(s)	Comments
1. Substation Interconnection (above-ground system components)	Routine Inspections	4	4	4	4	4	# inspections	Inspections are conducted quarterly
Outcome Metrics								
Event Category	Cause category	(Actual) 2019	(Actual) 2020	(Actual) 2021	(Actual) 2022	(To Date) 2023	Unit(s)	Comments
Outage Event	Distribution	8	5	7	9	2	# outages	Storm Related
Ignitions*	Distribution	0	0	0	0	0	# ignitions	
Level 1 Safety Hazards**	Distribution	0	0	0	0	0	# hazards discovered	
Notes: * An "ignition" is deemed to occur if each of the following conditions is met: (1) an IPU owned or controlled facility was associated with the fire; (2) the fire was self-propagating and of a material other than electrical and/or communication facilities; (3) the resulting fire traveled greater than one linear meter from the ignition point; and (4) IPU has knowledge that the fire occurred. ** A Level 1 Safety Hazard is defined as an immediate risk with a high potential impact to public or worker safety or to system reliability, where IPU will take corrective action immediately, either by fully repairing or by temporarily repairing and reclassifying to a lower priority.								

C. IMPACT OF METRICS ON PLAN

NPUA reviews these metrics to identify areas of its operations and service territory that are disproportionately impacted by outages, ignitions, or level 1 safety hazards. NPUA will then evaluate potential improvements to the plan or additional mitigation measures to address any such disproportionately affected areas.

D. MONITORING AND AUDITING THE PLAN

This Wildfire Mitigation Plan will be presented to the Board of Public Utilities (BPU), Needles Public Utilities Authority (NPUA) and the City Council. BPU will present this plan to Needles Public Utility Authority on an annual basis. All presented plans will include recommendation for improvement as applicable to the NPUA from WSAB.

The NPUA will perform an annual audit which will review all parts of the Wildfire Mitigation Plan, as well as a review of both pending and completed maintenance work identified within the NPUA's service territory. As well as verifying overhead and underground facilities that were inspected in the previous year.

E. IDENTIFYING AND CORRECTING DEFICIENCIES IN THE PLAN

Upon finding any deficiencies in performance against the plan or need for improvement in the Plan itself, the NPUA will be responsible for correcting the deficiencies.

F. MONITORING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF INSPECTIONS

NPUA's third party verifier will review various aspects of the risk reduction measure of party of this Wildfire Mitigation Plan. Depending on the quality of performance and value received from the third-party entity, the process may be expanded further to additional potential risk reduction measures.

Appendix 1:

DRAFT RESOLUTION 2024-XX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN VERSION 4.0.

WHEREAS, the City of Needles/Needles Public Utility Authority is a general law municipality governed by elected city council members; and

WHEREAS, City of Needles owns and operates a retail electrical energy distribution system which serves load to end-use customers in an assigned area of service (Needles Public Utility Authority); and

WHEREAS, SB 901, amending California Public Utilities Code ("CPUC") Section 8387, requires all POU's to prepare a wildfire mitigation plan before January 1, 2020, and annually thereafter; and

WHEREAS, SB 1054, amending CPUC Section 8387, requires each POU to submit its wildfire mitigation plan to the California Wildfire Safety Advisory Board (WSAB") by July 1, 2020 and every annually thereafter; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Public Utilities Code Section 326.2, WSAB will review City of Needles/Needles Public Utility Authority's Electric Utility's Wildfire Mitigation Plan and will provide comments and advisory opinions on the content and sufficiency of each plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Needles, California, declares, determines, and orders as follows:

SECTION 1. Adopt Resolution, adopting City of Needles/Needles Public Utility Authority Electric Utility's Wildfire Mitigation Plan ("WMP") dated June 2023 and authorize the City Manager and his designees to implement the mitigation measures documented in the plan.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall cause a certified resolution to be filed in the book for original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 13th day of June 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____ City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____ City Attorney



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

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

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Title: Selection of a Vice Chairman for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year

Background: With the resignation of Phil LeJeune last month, the Board needs to select a new Vice Chairman for the remainder of this year.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Move to appoint _____ as Vice Chairman for the remainder of the 2025 calendar year.

Submitted By: Cheryl Sallis

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 6/11/2025
Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____

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

Agenda Item: _____



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

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

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Title: Approve **Tasks No. 7, 8, 9** under the Electric Circuit Reliability Program to complete Electric System Improvements by Petrelli Electric. With total work not to exceed \$507,19

Background: On March 10, 2021, an invitation to bid was published in the Needles Desert Star, for a 4-person electrical line crew, including equipment and electrical tools.

Petrelli Electric Co. was awarded a 3-year contract beginning November 2021 and expiring April 2028. From 2021 to 2023, 6 tasks have been completed of the pole changeouts. No poles were changed in 2024. Staff are requesting the approval of three tasks to be completed during FY26.

Task No. 7 – Lilly Hill Dr. – Replace 1 – 60 ft Pole (this pole is not accessible by utility equipment/crews) with two new transformers, install 2 60 ft poles

Task No. 8 – Bailey Dr. – Replace 5 deteriorated poles in the alley

Task No. 9 – Valley at D Street – Replace 6 deteriorated poles

Fiscal Impact: The Electric System Improvement Fund has a balance of \$1,414,370.06 as of 6/11/2025.

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Approve **Tasks No. 7, 8, 9** under the Electric Circuit Reliability Program to complete Electric System Improvements by Petrelli Electric. With total work not to exceed \$507,198 from Electric System Improvement Fund

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 6/11/2025
Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____

Approved: <input type="checkbox"/>	Not Approved: <input type="checkbox"/>	Tabled: <input type="checkbox"/>	Other: <input type="checkbox"/>
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11615 Davenport Road
Agua Dulce, CA 91390
(661) 268-7312

May 28, 2025

Mr. Justin Scott
City of Needles (Utility)
817 3rd Street
Needles, CA 92363

RE: Utility Estimates

Dear Mr. Scott,

Thank you for the opportunity of providing the following estimates for upcoming projects in the City of Needles, CA.

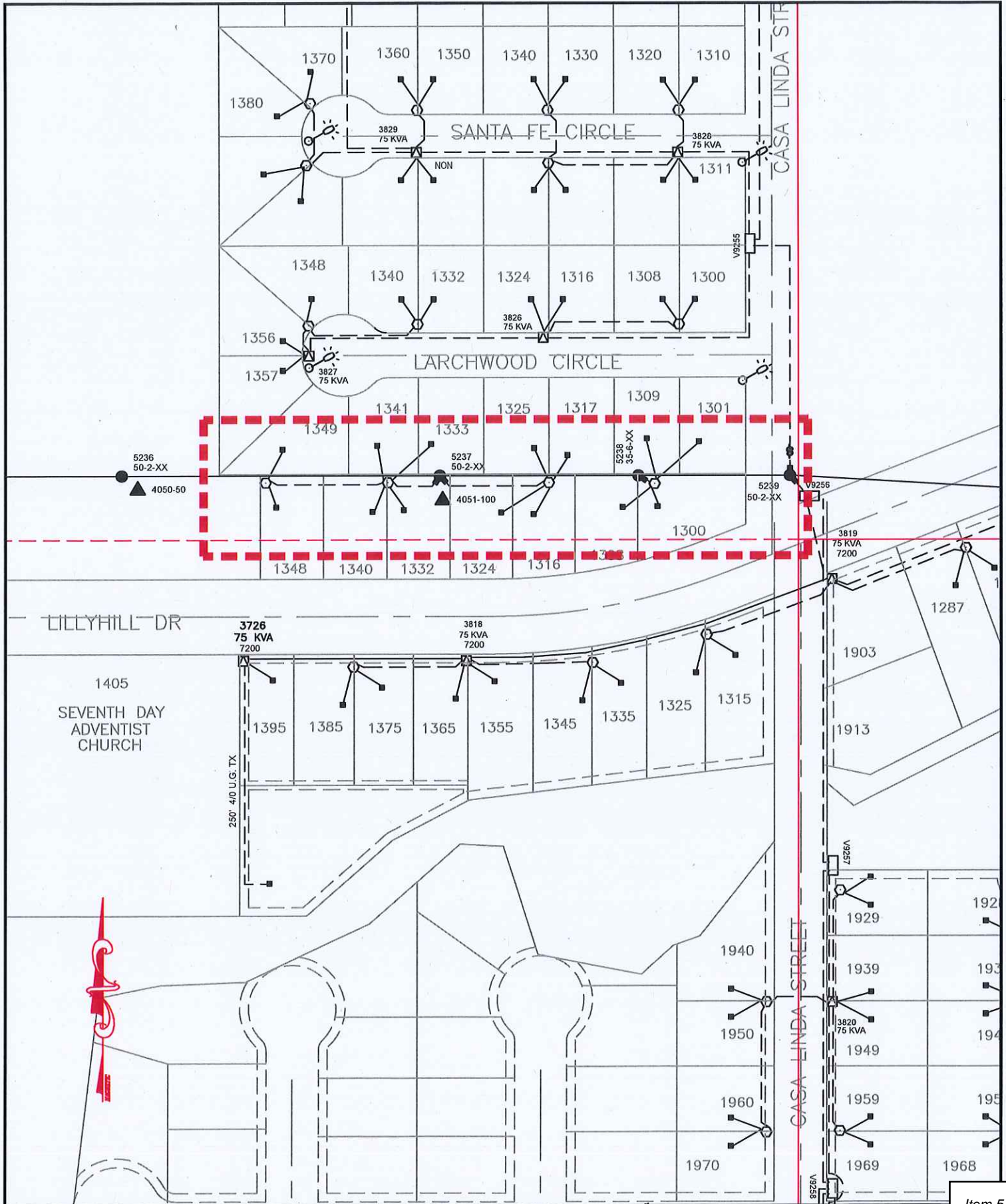
The following price is good until December 31st, 2025.

- | | | |
|---|--|---------------------|
| - | Bureau of Reclamation | \$153,801.50 |
| | Remove 30 Powers Poles and Approx. 1.5Miles of Overhead Conductor | |
| 1 | - Lilly Hill Dr | \$158,920.25 |
| | Install 2 - 60ft Intermediate Poles btw long spans w/ 2 new Transformers | |
| | Replace 1 - 60ft Power Pole | |
| 3 | - Bailey Dr. | \$174,138.75 |
| | Replace 5 Deteriorated poles in Alley | |
| 2 | - Valley @ D Street | \$174,138.75 |
| | Replace 6 Deteriorated poles and R & R Open Air w/ Triplex | |

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Ryan Ordelleide
General Foreman
(661) 810-2478

EXHIBIT - LILLYHILL DR & LARCHWOOD CIR



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EXHIBIT - BAILEY AVE

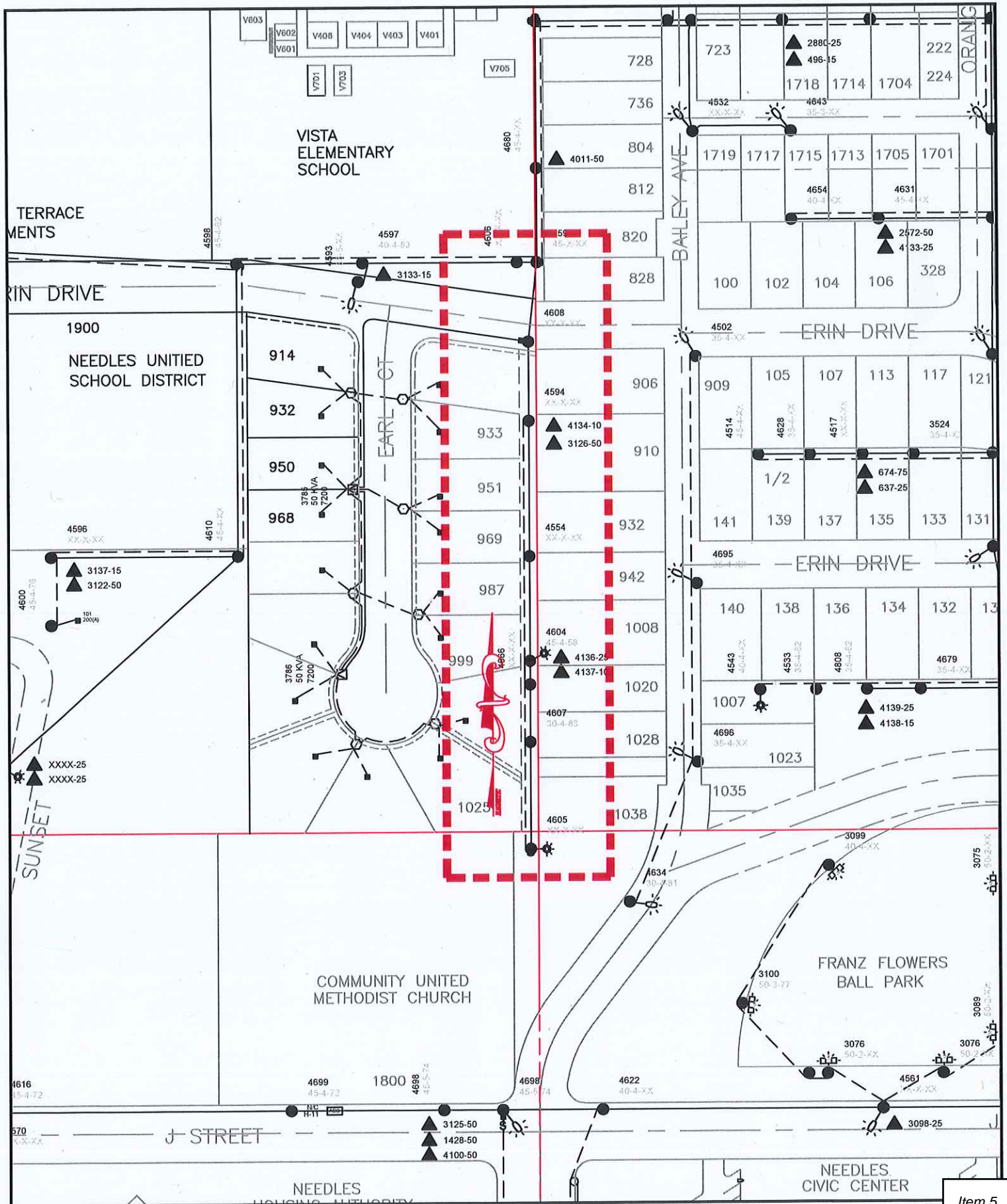


EXHIBIT - VALLEY AVE & D STREET



Item 5.



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

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

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Title: 2024 Consumer Confidence Report

Background: A Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is an annual report that community public water systems must provide to their customers about the quality of their drinking water. The CCRs are required by the Safe Drinking Water Act. They summarize information about the water source, contaminants found, compliance with drinking water rules, and some educational materials.

CCRs typically include information on the water source, levels of contaminants found, compliance with drinking water rules, and educational materials about water quality and protection.

Community public water systems must deliver CCRs to their customers annually, typically by July 1st.

The EPA has also worked to make CCRs more accessible to consumers, such as by providing tools to help water systems create user-friendly reports.

In essence, a CCR is a valuable resource for consumers to stay informed about the quality of their drinking water and the efforts of their water system to ensure it is safe.

Fiscal Impact: None

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Information Only

Submitted By: Bryan Hickstein, Chief Water Operator

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez **Date:** 6/11/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____ **Date:** _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

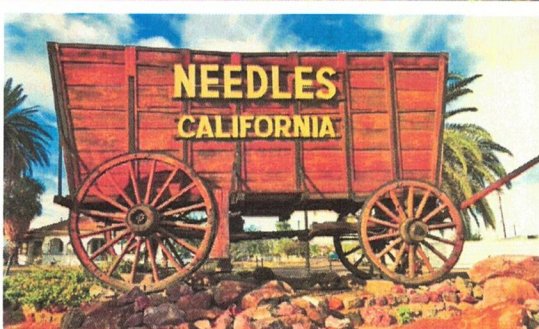
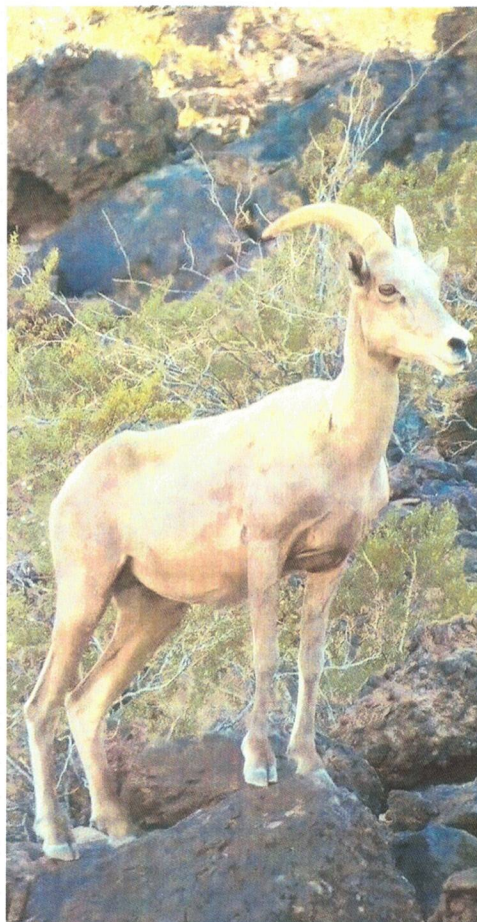
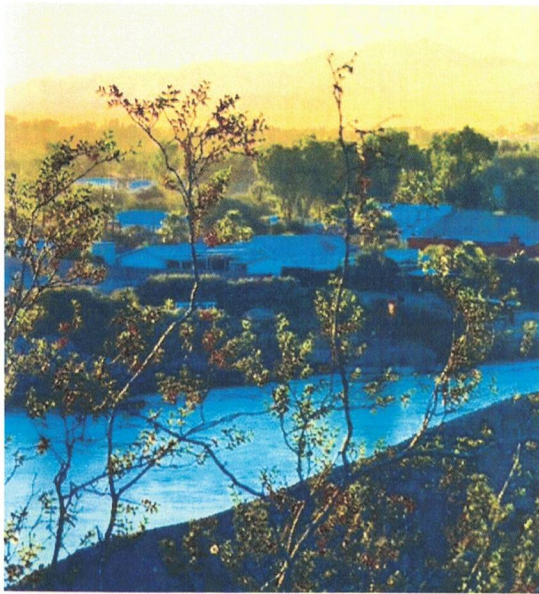
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Annual Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report 2024

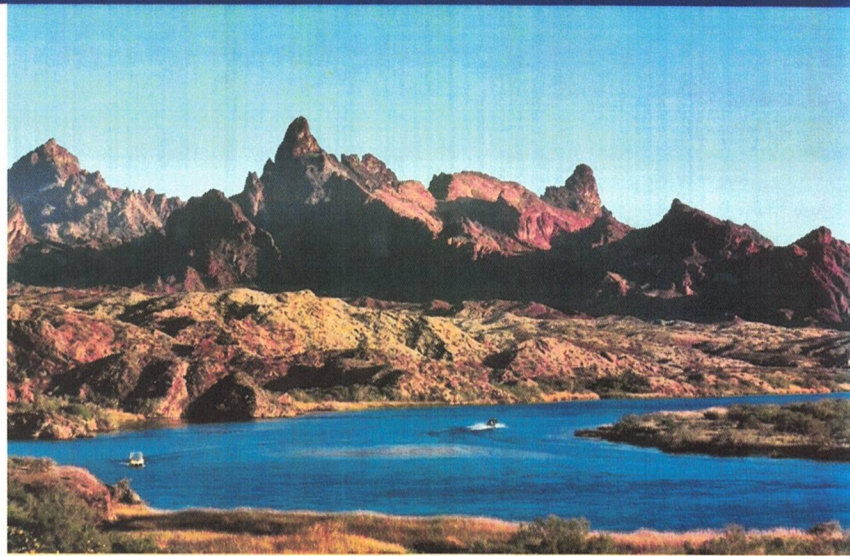


An Overview of Your 2024 Consumer Confidence Report

Each year, the City of Needles Water Department prepares our annual Consumer Confidence Report. This report identifies what we test our water for, what was present and provides a snapshot of the water quality requirements set by the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

To ensure our water meets all State and Federal regulatory standards, we sample and test our water system regularly and send these samples to an independent lab for processing. We test for a variety of contaminants on a regular basis. Contaminants are things that might be present in the water and could compromise its safety. Many contaminants that we test for are naturally occurring, but depending on the amount, could cause health concerns.

Within this Consumer Confidence Report, we have provided data tables that show what we test for, if there was a detection, and if so, at what level. It's important to remember that if there is a detection, that doesn't mean the water is not safe to drink. Many naturally occurring elements found in water are detected at low levels but are only known to have an adverse health affect at very high levels, over a long period of time. Ensuring water quality is a complex process and the information we provide may seem complicated. We want to make sure to answer any questions or concerns you may have. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Needles at 760-326-5740.



Do you know where your water comes from?

*One hundred percent of our water supply in
the City of Needles comes from groundwater!*

Water Saving Tips



Find and Fix Leaks

Check toilets and faucets for leaks, and repair them promptly.



Take Shorter Showers

Shortening your shower by 1-2 mins. can save up to 700 gallons per year!



Wash Full Loads (Clothes & Dishes)

Only run your dishwasher and clothes washer when they're full.



Avoid Watering Mid-Day

Water only in the early mornings or late evenings to minimize evaporation and wind.



Choose the Right Plants

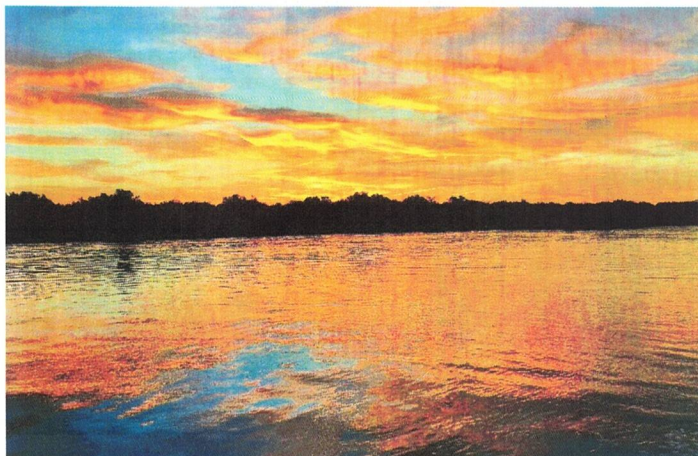
Replace a portion of your lawn with native and CA Friendly plants that use less water.



Install Smart Sprinklers

Use water efficient technology like drip irrigation, rotating sprinkler nozzles, and

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Message from the United States Environmental Protection Agency

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals (and, in some cases, radioactive material) and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water meets all Federal and State parameters, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, please call the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).



YEAR'S TESTED 2022&2024

INORGANIC CONSTITUENTS- 2022-2024

Chemical Constituent	Unit of Measure	State MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Needles Range	Needles Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Hardness	mg/L	NA	NA	290 - 590	413.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Calcium	mg/L	NA	NA	71 - 140	98.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sulfate	mg/L	500	NA	259-570	396.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Chloride	mg/L	600	NA	130-310	226.66	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrate (NO3)	mg/L	10	<10	ND-1.2	1.2	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrite (NO2)	mg/L	1	<1	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Fluoride	mg/L	2	1	ND-0.622	0.207	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Specific Conductance	Umho/cm	1600	NA	1300 - 2500	1300	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1000	NA	1100-1700	1433.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Turbidity	NTU	5	NA	0.29 - 2.2	0.38	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Iron	ug/L	300	100	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits

Metals- Other – 2022-2024

Chemical Constituent	Unit of Measure	State MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Needles Range	Needles Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Arsenic	mg/L	10	0.004	0.0036-0.0057	0.0044	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Manganese	mg/L	50	nl=500	0.027-0.60	0.39	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	NA	28 - 59	41	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sodium	mg/L	NA	NA	160 - 310	240	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Chromium	mg/L	50	100	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Bicarbonate	mg/L	NA	NA	180 - 220	200	Erosion of Natural Deposits
pH	units	NA	NA	7.63 - 7.73	7.68	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Barium	mg/L	1000	2000	ND - 0.029	0.017	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Selenium	mg/L	50	30	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits
MTBE	mg/L	13	13	ND-0	ND	Leaking Underground Tanks

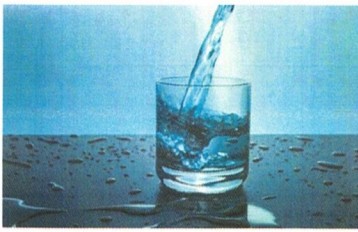
RADIOACTIVE CONSTITUENTS – 2022

Radioactive	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Range	Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha	PCI/L	15	0	6.84-11.2	9.31	Erosion of Natural Deposits

LEAD & COPPER-2022

(units)	ACTION LEVEL	PHG (MCLG)	Range of Detection	90 th % Level	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Constituent
Copper (mg/L)	1.3	0.3	ND - 0.150	0.150	No	2022	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. No samples collected exceeded the action level.
Lead (mg/L)	15	0.2	ND-0.0048	0.0048	No	2022	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers, erosion of natural deposits. No samples collected exceeded the action level.

The city of Needles is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the calendar year 2023, we did not monitor for Nitrate and Nitrite from Well #15 as well as Nitrate from well's #11 and #12 therefore we cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water during that time. Additionally, "From the 4th Quarter of 2023 to the 3rd Quarter of 2024 we did not conduct source water sampling for well's #8, #11 and #12. As of 4/25/2024 All source and Nitrate/Nitrite sampling have been completed, and all previous and current sampling meet current Health Standards. Note at no point during this timeframe Were Wells #8, #11 or #12 used to supply drinking water to the City of Needles.



2024 Water Quality Test Results

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. EPA and State drinking water health standards. The City of Needles vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again, we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This brochure is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to State standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies.

The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.



DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER QUALITY-2024

Microbiological Contaminants (units)	PRIMARY MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Value	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Constituent
Total Coliform Bacteria (% of monthly positive samples)	More than 5% of monthly samples are positive	(0)	0	No	2024	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. coli Bacteria (number of monthly positive samples)	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also Fecal Coliform or E.coli positive	(0)	0	No	2024	Human and animal fecal waste

Water Quality Terms

Inorganic Chemicals Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Public Health Goal (PHG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known/expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the CA Environmental Protection Agency.

Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS): MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring, reporting, and water treatment requirements.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

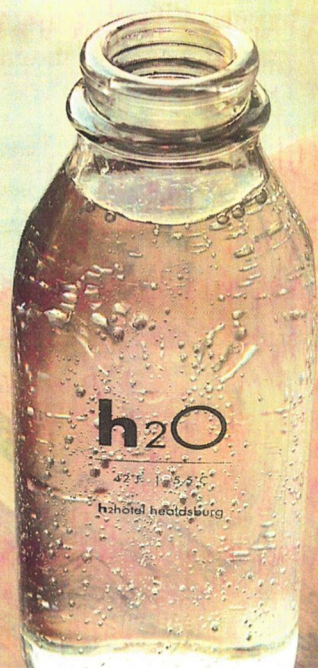
Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Regulatory Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

List of Acronyms

DLR: Detection Limit for Purposes of Reporting
GWUI: Ground Water Under the Influence of Surface Water
mg/L: Milligrams per Liter or Parts Per Million (PPM) - Equivalent to 1 second in 11.5 days
ng/L: Nanograms per liter or Parts Per Trillion (PPT) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32,000 years
NA: Not Applicable **NC:** Not Collected **ND:** Not Detected
NL: Notification Level **NS:** Not Sampled
NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units (Suspended Material)
pCi/L: Pico Curies per Liter
pg/L: Picograms per liter or Parts Per Quadrillion (PPQ) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32,000,000 years
Sequestration: Phosphates Used in Water Treatment to Control Metal Releases
uS/cm: MicroSeimen per Centimeter
µg/L: Micrograms per Liter or Parts Per Billion (PB) - Equivalent to 1 second in n

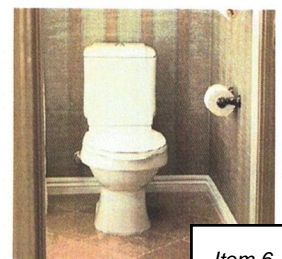




City of Needles Water Department
City Utility Services Office
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363
Phone: 760-326-5700

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.



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City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

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

Meeting Date: June 17, 2025

Title: EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system April 2025

Background: See attached report

Fiscal Impact:

Environmental Impact:

Recommended Action: No action needed - information only

Submitted By: Kris Hendricks, EUSI LLC

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 6/11/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____

**EUSI, LLC Operational Support Services Relating
To the
Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System
April 2025**

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 April 2025.

- The daily average flow for the month of April 2025 was 0.457 MGD.
- Completed the March 2025 weekly and monthly monitoring report for the state.
- Conducted in-house process control testing for the SBRs.
- 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 3rd 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 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, and 21. Staff filled a roll off container for future removal for disposal at the land fill.
- Completed routine monthly inspection of the Kubota tractor, the 4" trash pump, and the jetter.
- The sewer jetting machine needed new tires, City mechanic is ordering new tires for this equipment.
- Staff ripped percolation pond #3 in preparation for the quarterly rotation.
- Preventive Maintenance Program is ongoing per operating hours of the various plant components.
- Completed the bar screen service and inspections throughout the month.
- Operations staff completed the service of all three effluent EQ pumps.
- Worked on updating the capital project list for the near future to help facilitate the rate study and next fiscal year budget.
- Staff continued coordination with TJ to get scrap metal picked up from the old plant.
- 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.

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

- April 20, 2025 City on-call staff was called out for 3 different control panel alarms today, 2 were for a wasting pump failure and one was for a digester blower and effluent EQ pump failure. The wasting pump was turned off so that the issue could be addressed during normal business hours and the Digester blower and EQ pump were in a normal state and no further issues were noted. No charge for this call out as City staff responded.
- April 22, 2025 operations staff troubleshooted the sludge wasting pump and found a large rag/remnant piece of rope that had fallen into the basin and got into the pump. The obstruction was removed and the pump was returned to normal operation. No charge for this call out.

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



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City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 30, 2025

1. On **May 30, 2025**, **Mayor Jernigan** and **City Manager Patrick Martinez** appeared on [KNTR's Speak Out 2.0](#) to highlight the City of Needles' continued growth and public investment. They discussed over **\$20 million in active capital improvements**, including road paving, water infrastructure, and park upgrades. The City's expanding **recreation program** was also featured, with emphasis on youth engagement, community events, and enhanced amenities like the Duke Watkins Park project. The segment highlighted the city's **Prohousing designation**, growing **tourism economy**, and active **economic development**, all aligning with the City Manager's view of Needles as a place "where quality of life meets affordability."
2. As a **reminder**, the **grand opening celebration** for **Krispy Krunchy Chicken** at **West Side Chevron (2321 Needles Highway)** is happening this **Tuesday, June 3, 2025**. This exciting addition to our community was reported last week and represents another step forward in supporting **local business growth** and expanding **dining options** in Needles. We encourage everyone to stop by, show support, and enjoy the **special grand opening deals—two-piece chicken with two sides for just \$3.99 and fountain drinks for only 99 cents**. Let's come together and give a **warm welcome** to one of our **newest small businesses**. Refer to the **attached flyer** for more details, and we look forward to seeing you there!
3. Starting **June 2**, the **Needles Recreation Center** is launching a full lineup of **summer programs** for local youth and families. **Summer Day Camp** will run from **June 2 through August 1, Monday through Thursday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM**, and is open to children **ages 5–12**. The camp provides a **safe, engaging environment** filled with **hands-on activities** to keep kids **active and learning** throughout the summer. Also kicking off in June is the **Jr. and Pee Wee Basketball Program** for children **ages 3–8 (1st and 2nd grade)**, with games scheduled throughout **June and July**. **Registration closes June 2**, so be sure to **sign up soon**. In addition, **swim lessons** begin **June 9**—an

excellent opportunity for kids to build **confidence** and stay **safe in the water**. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time to **reserve a spot**. Don't miss out on a summer filled with **fun, fitness, and community spirit**. Contact the **Recreation Center** for more details and **registration information**. For more details, including **registration, pricing, and session times**, please refer to the **attached flyer** or contact the Recreation Center at **760-326-3866**.

4. Over Memorial Day weekend, the City's **Utility Department** responded swiftly to a **6-inch water main break** along **River Road**, restoring service within two hours. Affected areas included **Rio Buena Vista, Chesney's, Verde Shores, and Jack Smith Park**. Some residents experienced **temporary water discoloration or reduced pressure**. This location is already scheduled for **full infrastructure replacement**. On **May 13, 2025**, the **City Council** awarded a **\$1.24 million contract** to **Pyramid Building and Engineering, Inc.** to replace the River Road main, upgrade deteriorating service laterals, and reconstruct the manifold near the golf course maintenance yard. The project is fully funded through the **State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)**. Please refer to the **attached map** for a detailed view of the upcoming improvements along River Road. Residents are encouraged to report water leaks by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on the [Google Play Store](#) and the [Apple Store](#). Refer to the attached image for a look at the emergency response in action and the progress of the maintenance work.
5. On **Friday, May 23, 2025**, the **lift station at Jack Smith Park** experienced a mechanical failure. In response, our **Wastewater Department** worked diligently over the **holiday weekend**, manually pumping the station to ensure the **public restrooms remained open** during the high-traffic period. By **Monday evening**, the restrooms were temporarily closed to allow staff to begin necessary repairs. **Two brand-new pumps** were immediately ordered to restore full functionality. We extend our sincere thanks to the **Fort Mojave Tribal Utilities Authority (FMTUA)** for their **swift mutual aid response**, which played a key role in our emergency operations. As of **Thursday, May 29, 2025**, the **lift station is fully operational**, and the system is running smoothly. The new pumps will be installed in the coming weeks upon delivery to further enhance system reliability.
6. On **May 26, 2025**, **Memorial Day services** were held at the **Needles Riverview Cemetery**, where **dozens gathered to honor the brave men and women** who gave their lives in defense of our nation and its freedoms. The **annual ceremony**, organized by **Natalie Johnson Services**, featured contributions from over **two dozen participants** and highlighted the strong sense of community and gratitude that defines Needles. Among the attendees were **Mayor Jan Jernigan**, representatives from the **Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, California Highway Patrol, San Bernardino County Sheriff's and Fire Departments, Pastor Lam**, and members of the **American Legion**. Please refer to the **attached photo** for a glimpse into this meaningful event.
7. On **May 29, 2025**, **Palo Verde College** hosted its **graduation ceremony** at the **Needles Educational Center**, drawing over **100 attendees** to celebrate the

accomplishments of **15 graduates**, supported by their families and friends. The keynote address was delivered by the **PVC Needles Center phlebotomy instructor**, offering words of encouragement and inspiration. The graduating class included **8 phlebotomy program graduates**, **3 GED recipients**, and **4 Associate of Arts (AA) degree graduates**. This event highlights Palo Verde College's continued investment in the Needles community by providing **accessible educational pathways** that strengthen the **local workforce** and contribute to **long-term economic development**.

8. The **City of Needles** is pleased to announce that **Ordinance No. 668-AC** has been **formally accepted by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)**. The **Planning Department** worked **diligently** to ensure the ordinance aligns with **current State Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Law**, and HCD's **Housing Policy Analyst from the Accountability and Enforcement Unit** confirmed the ordinance is **substantially compliant**. This formal acceptance demonstrates the City's ongoing commitment to **state-compliant housing policy**, expands access to **affordable housing options**, and strengthens Needles' position for **future housing-related funding and incentives**. We appreciate HCD's collaboration and constructive engagement throughout this process.
9. The City of Needles is committed to providing **ongoing professional development opportunities** for our staff, and we are proud to congratulate members of our **Animal Control and Code Enforcement teams** for earning their **pepper spray training certifications**. This training is especially important for frontline personnel who regularly interact with the public in unpredictable or potentially confrontational situations. Ensuring our team is **properly trained and equipped** helps enhance **staff safety**, improve **incident response**, and support **effective community enforcement**.
10. The **City of Needles** had a **successful Memorial Day weekend**, aligning with **Council goals** to boost **tourism** and enhance **recreational use** of the **Colorado River**. **Jack Smith Park** was busy with residents and visitors enjoying the river, and **City staff** worked diligently to keep **boat launch operations safe and efficient**. The **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Colorado River Station** conducted its annual **Marine Enforcement Operation** from **May 23 to May 26**, deploying **11 patrol vessels**, an **OHV team**, **dive team**, and **two helicopters**. The operation resulted in **129 enforcement stops**, **four arrests for boating under the influence**, **55 citations**, and **two boating accident investigations**. We thank the **Sheriff's Department** for helping ensure a **safe and enjoyable holiday weekend** for our community and visitors.
11. Congratulations to **Needles High School** for their outstanding recognition at the **2025 ACES Awards**, presented by **Tri-State Athletics Community and Education Stars**. **Sandy Chandler**, Head Coach of the **Girls Softball Team**, was named **Coach of the Year** for her leadership and impact on student-athletes. The **Girls Varsity Basketball Team** earned the prestigious title of **Team of the Year**, and senior **Emmy Powell** was honored as the **Female**

Scholar Athlete of the Year. These recognitions highlight the strength of **Needles' student-athletes** and the importance of **youth programs** in building **community pride** and attracting **families** to our city.

12. The **Needles Unified School District** will hold its **2025 Graduation Ceremony** on **Friday, June 6, 2025**, at **8:00 PM** at **Branigan Field**.

This annual event marks a significant milestone for our **local students and families**, reflecting the **hard work, dedication**, and **community support** that defines Needles. I encourage **all** to attend and help recognize the **accomplishments of the graduating class**. **Congratulations** to all the students—your city celebrates this **achievement** with you.

13. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

City staff have **carefully curated a comprehensive community events calendar** to inform residents about **Needles' diverse activities and happenings**. The community events calendar can now **be found on the Needles Connect App!** Organizations are encouraged to **collaborate with the City Clerk's Office** to add or update events, ensuring a vibrant and inclusive calendar. For contributions or modifications, please get in touch with Candace Clark at **cclark@cityofneedles.com**. Your **active participation** helps strengthen our community and enrich local experiences. **Check the attached calendar for the remaining 2025 events** and stay engaged with all Needles offers!

2. GRAND OPENING KRUNCHY CHICKEN



TWO PIECE CHICKEN
with one side and a biscuit

\$3.99

+ 20 OZ
FOUNTAIN
DRINK
99¢

GRAND OPENING DAY ONLY
JUNE 3, 2025

**2321 NEEDLES HWY NEEDLES,
CA 92363**

INSIDE THE CHEVRON GAS STATION



**YOU EITHER KNOW HOW GOOD
IT IS OR YOU HAVEN'T TRIED IT.**

HAND BREADED CHICKEN

2-pc / 3-pc / 4-pc

Krunch Box

Includes Regular Side + Biscuit

Chicken + Biscuit Option Available



HAND BREADED TENDERS

3-pc / 4-pc / 6-pc

Krunch Box

Includes Regular Side + Biscuit

Tenders + Biscuit Option Available



1st Sauce
FREE with
Tenders
& Nuggets!

Original, Sweet & Sour, Barbecue,
Honey Mustard, Ranch, Buffalo

CHICKEN NUGGETS

6-pc / 10-pc

Krunch Box

Includes Regular Side + Biscuit

Nuggets + Biscuit Option Available



CAJUN CHICKEN SANDWICH



WINGS

Krispy, Buffalo
or Sweet & Sour

5-pc / 10-pc / 20-pc



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3. RECREATION CENTER

CITY OF NEEDLES PEE WEE BASKETBALL

Registration: May 1st–June 2nd



Players: Boys & Girls

Ages: 3yr–5yr old Jr Pee Wee

6yr–7/8yr old Pee Wee
1st/2nd grade

Game Nights: Monday – Thursday

Season: June – July

Cost: Resident–35 Non-Resident–40

**JR. PEEWEE 3-5YR OLD
PEEWEE 6-8YRS OLD**

(1ST AND 2ND GRADE ENTERING 3RD GRADE IN FALL)

Please call the Needles Recreation Center
@ 760–326–2814 with any questions

NEEDLES AQUATIC CENTER

1161 J STREET, NEEDLES CA

LEARN TO SWIM THIS SUMMER

SESSION 1: JUNE 9 ~ JUNE 19

SESSION 2: JUNE 23 ~ JULY 3

SESSION 3: JULY 7 ~ JULY 17

SESSION 4: JULY 21 ~ JULY 31

****10 AM / 11 AM / 6:30 PM****

GROUP RATE: \$30 FOR (8) 1/2 HOUR
(MON-THURS)

PRIVATE RATES: \$11 FOR EACH 1/2 HOUR
(MIN 4 LESSONS)



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CALL (760) 326- 3866 (326-2814 BEFORE JUNE 7TH)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

3. RECREATION CENTER

NEEDLES MUNICIPAL AQUATICS CENTER

Opening Day - Saturday, June 7, 2025

1661 J Street Needles, California 760 326-3866 (FUNN)

TIMES	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:30- 8:00 am	LAP SWIM				<i>Aquatic Center is available for Private Rentals Fri - Sun after 6pm</i>		
8:00- 9:15 am	MORNING EXERCISE						
9:00-10:00 am	STAFF INSERVICE						
10:00-10:30 am	S W I M L E S S O N S						
10:30-11:00 am	PRIVATE LESSONS						
11:00-11:30 am	S W I M L E S S O N S						
11:30-12:00 pm	PRIVATE LESSONS						
12:00-4:00 pm	OPEN SWIM		Sat/Sun Open Swim is 2pm-6pm for the month of June				
4:00-6:30 pm	NEEDLES SANDSHARKS SWIM TEAM PRACTICE						
6:30-7:00 pm	S W I M L E S S O N S						
7:00-9:00 pm	OPEN SWIM						
9:00- 10:00 pm	LAP SWIM						

ADMISSION PRICES

DAYTIME: \$3.00 (3 & Under is free)

NIGHT: Child \$1.75 Adult \$2.25

PASS SALES

Adult/Child/Senior - Open Swim

10 Visit Pass	\$20.00 (Save 25%)
30 Visit Pass	\$50.00 (Save 33%)
Season	\$80.00 (Save 50%)

*Family of Four \$125.00

*Plus \$15.00 for each additional

Life Jacket & Mat Rentals:
\$1.00 per day

Exercise & Lap Swim

10 Visit Pass	\$15.00
30 Visit Pass	\$40.00
Season	\$60.00

(Daily rate without a pass: \$2.00)

Exercise & Lap Swim runs thru end of September

SWIM LESSONS

Session 1 June 9 - June 19

Session 2 June 23 - July 3

Session 3 July 7 - July 17

Session 4 July 21- July 31

Group Rates: \$30.00 for eight 1/2 hour sessions

Monday through Thursday for 2 weeks

Private Rates: \$11.00 for each 1/2 hour session

Minimum of 4 lessons. Dates & times to be arranged with instructor

* Evening Lessons are taught during Session 1 - 3

** Parent-Tot Lessons are taught during Session 2

Pool Parties \$90.00

Up to 4 hours of swim fun for
14 children and 2 adults:

~PLUS~

2 Large Pizzas
24 Cupcakes
2 Gallons Lemonade
Cups, plates, forks & napkins

Private Rental Rates

\$80.00 per Hour

Groups renting the facility must
provide proof of insurance, or
purchase insurance from the City
of Needles for an additional
minimal charge of \$207.05)

July 4th Celebrate Freedom

Join us for great family fun.

Lots of games and prizes! We have once
again partnered with the Needles Elks
Lodge to make this event

FREE ADMISSION FOR ALL AGES!!

We will also crown:

Miss Freedom & Mr. Firecracker

(4-5 yr olds eligible)

4. WATER MAIN BREAK



4. WATER MAIN BREAK



6. MEMORIAL DAY



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7. PALO VERDE COLLEGE



10. MEMORIAL DAY



11. 2025 ACES AWARDS



11. 2025 ACES AWARDS



12. NUSD GRADUATION

NEEDLES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Graduation Ceremony



Friday, June 6, 2025

8:00PM

BRANIGAN FIELD



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13. EVENT CALENDAR

June 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2  SUMMER CAMP JUNE 2 - AUGUST 1 M-TH 1PM-5PM NEEDLES REC CENTER	3  BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES 4 PM	4  PLANNING COMMISSION 4 PM	5  HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING 10AM-12PM & 1PM - 3PM EL GARCES	6	7  POOL OPENS 2PM - 6PM
8	9 AQUATIC CENTER SWIM LESSONS START 	10 WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH  CITY COUNCIL 6 PM	11  RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE SUMMER GOLF CAMP STARTS	12	13	14
15	16  PARKS & RECREATION 4 PM	17	18	19  GOOD MORNING NEEDLES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER BREAKFAST 7:30AM EL GARCES 950 FRONT ST., STE A 9-11	20	21
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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2025

1. On **June 3, 2025**, **Krispy Krunchy Chicken** opened at **West Side Chevron (2321 Needles Highway)**, adding a new dining option and contributing to the continued growth of Needles' small business community. The opening aligns with Council's goals to support business development and enhance local amenities. The event saw a **line out the door** and **over 450 meals served the first two days**, reflecting strong community interest. **Councilmember Longbrake** and the **City Manager** attended to show support for the new business. A **ribbon-cutting ceremony** is being planned to formally welcome Krispy Krunchy Chicken, with invitations to the **City Council, Chamber of Commerce, and community** to join in the celebration. Photos from the event are attached.
2. The City is proud to share a video showcasing the transformation of **Duke Watkins Park**, a \$3.96 million investment funded through the **Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program**. This revitalized community space now features a **splash pad, pump track, small dog park, modern restrooms, resurfaced basketball court, lighting upgrades, a colorful expression wall, landscaping, shade structures**, and enhanced **playground equipment**. The project reflects the City Council's commitment to enhancing recreational spaces for families, youth, and visitors. It also highlights the dedication of **City staff across multiple departments**, whose coordination and hard work helped bring this project to life. **Watch the video [here](#).**
3. The City of Needles Recreation Center is excited to announce two major additions that support City Council's priorities to promote health, community engagement, and active use of public facilities. **Indoor Pickleball** is now available **Monday through Thursday, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM** during open gym hours. Equipment is provided on-site, and children must be accompanied by an adult. The pickleball program complements our existing **open gym basketball**, offering residents more indoor recreation options within the same space. The **Needles Pool opens for the season this Saturday, June 7**, with a community kickoff event from **2:00 PM to 6:00 PM**. Residents are invited to come out and

celebrate the start of summer. In addition, summer programs begin **Monday, June 9**, including **Summer Day Camp** (ages 5–12), **Swim Lessons**, and the **Jr. & Pee Wee Basketball Program** (ages 3–8), be sure to sign up today to reserve your spot. These efforts continue to enhance Needles' reputation as a family-oriented city committed to accessible and engaging recreation. Flyers are attached.

4. **Save the Date:** The City of Needles will host its **second annual Community Fall Festival** on **Saturday, November 1, 2025**, at **950 Front Street (El Garces)**. This **free, family-friendly event** reflects the **City Council's ongoing commitment to fostering community engagement, supporting local schools, and encouraging sustainable economic growth**. In partnership with **Vista Elementary School**, the festival will include **games, a cake walk, the annual kiddie parade, bounce houses, food and craft vendors, and live entertainment** from **DJ Southwest**. With **continued support from local vendors**, the event remains **low-cost to the City** while delivering **strong community impact**. We're proud to carry this tradition forward under the **Council's leadership**. Please see the **attached flyer** for details and feel free to share with your networks. For questions or vendor applications, contact **Jennifer Valenzuela** at jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com or **760-326-2814**.
5. **Save the Date!** On **August 12, 2025**, from **10 AM to Noon**, the **City of Needles**, in partnership with **Peanuts Worldwide**, the **Foundation for Hospital Art, CRMC**, and local organizations, will host the **Peanuts PaintFest** at **Colorado River Medical Center**. This event celebrates the **75th Anniversary of Peanuts** and the **50th Anniversary of Spike's first comic strip appearance**. CRMC was the **only hospital in the country selected to receive a custom mural** honoring the City of Needles. Community members are invited to help paint the mural featuring **Snoopy and Spike**—no experience needed. Once completed, the mural will be permanently displayed at CRMC to create a more welcoming and uplifting environment. This unique event reflects Needles' community pride and its special connection to the Peanuts legacy.
6. The **Needles Pride Program** continues to encourage residents to take pride in their neighborhoods, reinforcing the City's commitment to **community upkeep and quality of life**. This week, **Public Works crews** focused on improving roadway safety by conducting **pothole repairs along Lillyhill Drive** between Coronado, Bailey, and Rio Vista. As resources allow, crews will continue **citywide maintenance efforts** to keep public spaces in top condition. At the **Rivers Edge Golf Course**, aeration supports turf health, drainage, and root growth. Though briefly disruptive, it's critical to maintaining course quality and preparing for overseeding this fall. **Check out the attached photos** to see their hard work in action! Residents can report road or vegetation concerns by calling **760-326-2115 (press #9)** or using the **Needles Connect app** on [Google Play Store](#) (Android) and [Apple Store](#) (iOS). **Together, we're building a safer, stronger Needles!**

7. The **restored 1938 Needles Fire Truck** was seen around town this week as it underwent its **first test drive since recent repairs—including a new clutch—were completed**, marking an exciting step forward in preserving this historic community asset. Over the past year, critical components such as the **radiator, water pump, and clutch** were installed to make the vehicle operational. With just a few finishing touches remaining, approximately **\$15,000** is still needed to complete the restoration. This project reflects years of community support and volunteer dedication. **Donations are welcome** to help bring this effort across the finish line. To contribute, please contact **Jesse Fragoso** at jfragoso@cityofneedles.com.
8. On **June 5, 2025**, the **City of Needles** conducted **State-mandated Sexual Harassment Prevention Training** at **El Garces**, led by the **City Attorney**. The training was attended by **City staff, elected officials, and commissioners** to ensure compliance with state law and reinforce the City's policies and expectations. This training reflects the City's **zero tolerance policy toward harassment and discrimination** and demonstrates a continued commitment to fostering a **safe, respectful, and inclusive workplace**. It also supports the City's broader goals of **professionalism, accountability, and ethical public service** across all levels of the organization.
9. The **City of Needles** extends its appreciation to **Tri-State Community Healthcare** and community partners—especially **Bienestar Wellbeing, Make Bullhead Better, and IEHP**—for hosting a **fresh produce giveaway at 820 W. Broadway, where over 80,000 pounds of food were distributed**. This marks their **second distribution event in two weeks**, directly supporting the **City Council's goals of improving health equity and food access**. In a city where the nearest grocery store is over 20 miles away, these efforts have had a measurable impact by providing **fresh, nutritious food**, promoting **community engagement**, and demonstrating a strong model of **collaborative, mission-driven service**. The City looks forward to continuing this partnership to serve the residents of Needles. Refer to the attached image for a glimpse of the event.
10. Palo Verde College's Needles Educational Center is now accepting registration for **Summer and Fall 2025 classes. Summer classes begin next week on June 9, and Fall classes start August 11**. PVC has been proudly serving the educational needs of Needles residents since **1998**, offering a wide range of affordable courses that support **transfer to four-year institutions**, develop **entry-level job skills**, enhance **vocational training**, and provide **non-credit community education opportunities**. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these accessible local resources to begin or continue their **educational and career journey**. For more information, call **760-326-5033** or visit www.paloverde.edu. Refer to the attached flyer for details.
11. The City of Needles has been selected as one of only six municipalities to participate in the prestigious **Urban Land Institute (ULI) California-Nevada Technical Assistance Exchange**, a fully grant-funded program focused on advancing housing, land use, and sustainable community development. This

opportunity aligns with Council goals to attract investment, expand housing, and improve quality of life. As part of the program, **City Planner Irene Romero** attended the **2025 ULI Spring Meeting** in Denver, gaining valuable insights into best practices, emerging trends, and innovative urban solutions. Special thanks to **Kendra L. Chandler** and **ULI Orange County/Inland Empire** for recognizing Needles' commitment to smart, sustainable growth.

12. **Rivers Edge Golf Course** has implemented its **summer hours and rates**, now open **daily from dawn to 11:00 a.m.**, with all carts due back by **1:00 p.m.** Updated pricing is in effect — see the attached flyer for complete details. Starting **next Wednesday, June 11**, the **Annual Summer Youth Golf Camp** kicks off and runs through **August 6**. Open to youth ages **5–17**, the camp costs **\$60** and offers an excellent opportunity to learn the game, build skills, and enjoy the outdoors. Children **ages 5–11** meet from **7:00–8:00 a.m.**, and **ages 12–17** from **8:00–9:00 a.m.** To register, contact **JJ DeLeon** at **jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com** or call **(760) 326-3931**. **Spots are limited, so early registration is encouraged.** This is a great way to keep kids active this summer — and maybe even inspire the next **Needles High School Boys State Champion**.
13. The **San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD)** successfully conducted the **semi-annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection event** in **March 2025**, resulting in the collection of **2,704 pounds** of hazardous and electronic waste from **50 participants**. This marks a significant increase from the **October 2024** event, which collected **960 pounds** from just **2 participants**, demonstrating improved community engagement and awareness of safe disposal practices. The HHW Collection event is held **twice a year—in March and October**. Residents are encouraged to take advantage of the next opportunity this fall. Full event data is attached for reference.
14. On June 6, 2025, the Needles underpass was closed to allow juniors from Needles High School to participate in their annual painting tradition, a cherished rite of passage. Juniors gathered with **family and friends** to leave their mark and celebrate this unique milestone. It was **great to see the community come out in support**, including a few **City employees whose children will be seniors next year**. Please refer to the **attached pictures** for highlights of this **cherished community tradition**.
15. The **Needles Unified School District Graduation Ceremony** will be held **tonight, Friday, June 6, 2025, at 8:00 PM** at **Branigan Field**. This event celebrates the **hard work and achievements** of our students, highlighting the **strong partnership** between families and schools that drives academic success. **NUSD offers a safe, supportive, and enriching learning environment with dedicated staff, small class sizes, and strong community values.** Families choose NUSD for its **commitment to student growth, personalized support, and opportunities for parent involvement** through campus events, committees, and volunteer programs. **Registration is now**

open for the **2025–26 school year**—children who turn **four (4)** on or before **September 1, 2025**, are eligible for **Transitional Kindergarten**.

16. The **Needles Women's Club** will host a **Pork Loin Luncheon** on **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**, at their clubhouse located at **305 W. Broadway Street**. This fundraiser supports the club's ongoing efforts to promote **women's empowerment, youth activities, educational scholarships, and civic responsibility**. For just **\$10**, each meal includes **pork loin, pasta with Tuscan cream sauce, and a side of glazed carrots**. **Delivery is available** for orders of **three or more within the Needles area**. **Orders must be placed online by 5:30 PM on Monday, June 9** by clicking this [link](#). For assistance, residents can contact **Karrie at (928) 201-1836**. This monthly effort highlights the important role local service organizations play in supporting Needles residents and strengthening our community.

17. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

City staff have **carefully curated a comprehensive community events calendar** to inform residents about **Needles' diverse activities and happenings**. The community events calendar can now **be found on the Needles Connect App!** Organizations are encouraged to **collaborate with the City Clerk's Office** to add or update events, ensuring a vibrant and inclusive calendar. For contributions or modifications, please get in touch with Candace Clark at cclark@cityofneedles.com. Your **active participation** helps strengthen our community and enrich local experiences. **Check the attached calendar for the remaining 2025 events** and stay engaged with all Needles offers!

1. GRAND OPENING



2. DUKE WATKINS VIDEO



3. SUMMER REC. PROGRAMS



CITY OF NEEDLES

**EXCITING NEWS!!!
THE RECREATION
CENTER NOW HAS
INDOOR PICKLEBALL
AVAILABLE.**

Children must
be
accompanied
by an adult



Court availability during open
gym hours 9:30am - 12:00pm
Monday - Thursday



Equipment Available

Call the Recreation Center
for more information

760-326-2814



CITY OF NEEDLES RECREATION CENTER

**JUNE 9TH -
JULY 31ST**



**SUMMER
DAY CAMP**

**FOR BOYS & GIRLS
5-12 YEARS OLD
MONDAY - THURSDAY
1-5PM
\$4 PER DAY**



- Closed June 19th
- Every Tuesday 1 - 2pm meet at Library

ACTIVITIES:

- June 09 - 12 TEAM Building
- June 16 - 19 AMONG Us Games
- June 23 - 26 Family FEUD
- June 30 - July 3 FEAR Factor
- July 7 - 10 Deal or NO Deal
- July 14 - 17 Food WARS
- July 21 - 24 TOP Chef
- July 28 - 31 Let's LUAU



1705 J Street, Needles CA



Info (760) 326 2814

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5. RECREATION CENTER

CITY OF NEEDLES PEE WEE BASKETBALL

Registration: May 1st–June 2nd



Players: Boys & Girls

Ages: 3yr–5yr old Jr Pee Wee

6yr–7/8yr old Pee Wee
1st/2nd grade

Game Nights: Monday – Thursday

Season: June – July

Cost: Resident–35 Non-Resident–40

**JR. PEEWEE 3-5YR OLD
PEEWEE 6-8YRS OLD**

(1ST AND 2ND GRADE ENTERING 3RD GRADE IN FALL)

Please call the Needles Recreation Center
@ 760–326–2814 with any questions

NEEDLES AQUATIC CENTER

1161 J STREET, NEEDLES CA

LEARN TO SWIM THIS SUMMER

SESSION 1: JUNE 9 ~ JUNE 19

SESSION 2: JUNE 23 ~ JULY 3

SESSION 3: JULY 7 ~ JULY 17

SESSION 4: JULY 21 ~ JULY 31

****10 AM / 11 AM / 6:30 PM****

GROUP RATE: \$30 FOR (8) 1/2 HOUR
(MON-THURS)

PRIVATE RATES: \$11 FOR EACH 1/2 HOUR
(MIN 4 LESSONS)



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CALL (760) 326- 3866 (326-2814 BEFORE JUNE 7TH)
FOR MORE INFORMATION

4. NUSD GRADUATION



SAVE THE DATE

The City of Needles Community Fall Festival

SATURDAY ~ NOVEMBER 1ST

**COME BE A PART OF THIS
COMMUNITY EVENT**

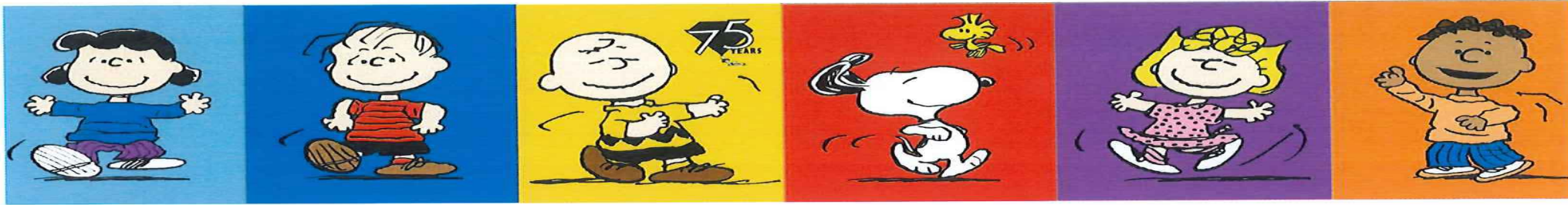


PARTNERING THIS YEAR
WITH VISTA ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL TO INCLUDE GAMES,
CAKE WALK, ANNUAL KIDDIE
PARADE, BOUNCE HOUSE AND
MORE!! THERE WILL ALSO BE A
VARIETY OF FOOD, CRAFT
BOOTHS AND DJ SOUTHWEST

**950 Front Street,
Needles, CA**

**FOR VENDER APPLICATION OR QUESTIONS EMAIL
PARKSANDRECREATION@CITYOFNEEDLES.COM**

5. PEANUTS WORLDWIDE PAINTFEST



Peanuts Worldwide PaintFest

We are partnering with Peanuts and FFHA to bring the joy of Snoopy, Spike and the Peanuts Gang to the hospital and celebrate Peanuts' 75th Anniversary.

Come paint with us!

Follow the paint-by-color design. Artistic talent is not required. The mural will be donated to our hospital.

Foundation for Hospital Art is a non-profit organization whose mission is to lift patient spirits and brighten walls.

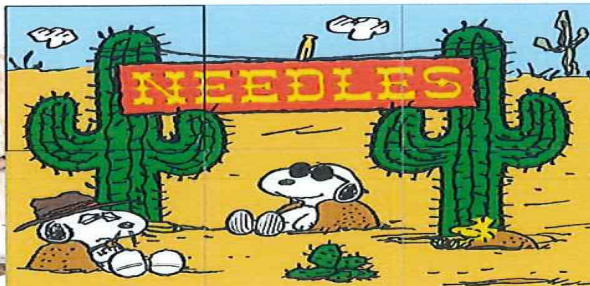


August 12, 2025

Front Lobby of CRMC

10am-Noon

More Community Events to Follow



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6. NEEDLES PRIDE PROGRAM



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7. 1938 NEEDLES FIRE TRUCK



9. TRI-STATE COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE



10. PALO VERDE SUMMER CLASSES

**PALO VERDE
COLLEGE
NEEDLES
EDUCATIONAL
CENTER**

**REGISTER
FOR CLASSES!**

SUMMER & FALL 2025

Summer classes begin June 9th
Fall classes begin August 11th

Empower your future with
excellence and growth in
every learning experience.



For More Information
www.paloverde.edu

725 W. Broadway St., Needles, CA 92363



**APPLY
HERE**



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11. ULI CALIFORNIA-NEVADA TA



12. RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE

RIVERS EDGE
GOLF COURSE PRESENTS



R I V E R S E D G E

SUMMER HOURS '25

BEGIN Monday, June 2nd 2025

OPEN DAILY FROM DAWN - 11:00AM

All Carts in by 1:00PM

All Golfers will be offered the following
Rates beginning Monday, June 2nd 2025

18 Holes w/ Cart \$34
9 Holes w/ Cart \$22

CALL TODAY! (760) 326.3931 www.golfneedlesca.com



SUMMER GOLF CAMP

RIVERS EDGE GOLF COURSE



**JJ DeLeon, Golf
Instructor**

- ✓ Ages 5-11 from 7-8:00am
Ages 12-17 from 8-9:00am
- ✓ Excels at All Ages

**Begins June 11th
8 Week Camp - \$60**



jjdeleon@golfneedlesca.com | 760.32
144 Marina Dr. Needles, CA 92363

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13. HHWC SBCFIRE



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Office of the Fire Marshal
Household Hazardous Waste Section
sbcfire.org

Daniel R. Munsey
Fire Chief/Fire Warden

Monica S. Ronchetti
Fire Marshal

April 21, 2025

Rainie Torrance, Finance Assistant
City of Needles
817 3rd St.
Needles, CA 92363

Dear Rainie,

Subject: Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The data listed below can be used to fulfill the reporting requirements of the city's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Element of the city's Solid Waste Management Plan. During fiscal year 2024, 51 Needles residents used the HHW collection facilities and 1 Very Small Quantity Generator. Residents of Needles visited the following permanent household hazardous waste facilities:

Sites Visited	Total Participants
NEEDLES	50
ONTARIO	1
Total	51

The following table lists the calculated waste averages collected. The amounts of waste per individual participant are not tracked.

Waste	Amounts (lbs.)	Waste	Amounts (lbs.)
Latex Paint	292.03	Household Batteries	97.34
Oil Base Paints	86.53	NiCad Batteries	40.56
Flammable Liquids/Solids	73.01	Motor Oil/Oil Products	935.04
Bulked Flammable Liquids	10.82	Oil Filters	375.04
Poison (excluding aerosols)	18.93	Cathode Ray Tubes (CRT)	316.37
Corrosive Acids	8.11	Electronic Waste	292.03
Corrosive Bases	5.41	Fluorescent Tubes	21.63
Oxidizers	8.11	Compressed Gas Cylinders	5.41
Aerosols	10.82	Cooking Oil	8.11
Home Generated Sharps	4.06	Pharmaceuticals	18.93
Antifreeze	13.52	Waste Exchange Materials	8.11
Lead/Acid Batteries	51.38	Other	2.70
TOTAL: 2,704.00			

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Second District

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14. NUSD UNDERPASS TRADITION



June 2025

15. EVENT CALENDAR

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