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AGENDA

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

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

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 June 2, 2026
2. Approve the Annual Depository Statement and authorize the Director of Finance to make monthly transfers from NPUA to City accounts to reimburse for the fiscal year 2026-2027 payments for bond debt service, contract services, purchase payments, and reimbursement of non-utility sanitation revenues deposited with the Authority according to the approved budget
3. Authorize the Purchase of one Pole/Reel/Dump Trailer from Brooks Brothers Trailers not to exceed \$55,060 utilizing the Electric Asset Replacement Fund

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

- 4. Authorize the City Manager to execute the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Site Access and Use Memorandum of Understanding between the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, San Diego, and the City of Needles, dated July 14, 2026, providing for the installation of an ALERT California camera on the upper tanks, a public safety program (ACT)

REPORTS (INF)

- 5. EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system May 2026
- 6. Present Perfected Rights Report for April and May 2026

MANAGER'S REPORT

- 7. Manager's Report June 19 and 26, 2026

BOARD REQUESTS

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: July 2, 2026

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BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

June 2, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 2nd day of June, 2026, was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

COMMISSIONERS JONES, WALTERS, CAIRNS AND POWELL

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

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

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

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

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

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

CNST CAL: Utility Manager Torrance requested to pull agenda item 4 (accept and file the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board, City of Needles Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Inspection dated March 30, 2026).

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POWELL, to pull agenda item 4 and approve agenda items 1-3.

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held May 5, 2026
2. Approve a Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and Citizen Utilities Rural Company DBA Frontier Communications for telecommunications attachment to city poles
3. Ratify the Utility Manager's signature dated May 12, 2026 for the California Energy Commission 2025 Power Source Disclosure Annual Report

Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

WWTP
COMPLNC
INSPECTN

Kris Hendricks, chief plant operator/EUSI, provided highlights of the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board compliance inspection dated March 30, 2026, and the findings of no action items or items or concerns to be addressed.

COMMISSIONER JONES MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CAIRNS, to accept and file the Colorado River Basin Regional Water Quality Control Board, City of Needles Wastewater Treatment Plant Compliance Inspection dated March 30, 2026. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REG ITEMS:
2026-2027
BUDGET

City Manager Martinez provided a brief review of the individual budgets for the Needles Public Utility Authority including water, wastewater, electric and All American Canal noting that grant funding continues to be utilized as it becomes available. He spoke on current projects underway and those recently completed. Discussion followed on the electric budget and upcoming cost-of-living (COLA) noting that COLA has been built into water and wastewater for the next few years.

COMMISSIONER CAIRNS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POWELL, to approve of the Needles Public Utility Authority proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 (water, wastewater, electric and All American Canal). Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS:

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged: 1) Western Area Power Administration FY27 Q1 Term Purchase; 2) EUSI, LLC operational support services relating to the wastewater treatment facility and collection system February, March and April 2026

MGR'S RPT:

Utility Manager Torrance reported on: 1) L Street booster almost up and running; 2) SCADA on well 15 is on but has control issues; 3) changes made to rounds for water dept personnel which will reduce costs; 4) hope to have both electric and water SCADA up by August; 5) preparing for the heat and heat training for the crews.

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City Manager Martinez reported on upcoming community events.

BRD RQSTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL made reference to the electric CPI cost-of-living that will be coming up August/September. He also explained there's an El Nino alert for the summer which means there is a possibility of microbursts but electric is prepared.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 2nd day of June, 2026, adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Chairman

Secretary



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA

Regular Special

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Title: Approve the Annual Depository Statement for fiscal year 2026–2027 for bond debt service, contract services, purchase payments, and reimbursement of non-utility sanitation revenues deposited with the Authority.

Background: The Authority has established a Utility Fund with Wells Fargo Bank, into which all Electric, Water, Wastewater, and Sanitation revenues are deposited. Monthly transfers (see attached schedule) between the Utility Fund and the City account are necessary in order to reimburse for the payments made by the City on behalf of the NPUA according to the annual budget.

Fiscal Impact: The monthly transfers are in accordance with the approved budget for the 2026-2027 fiscal year adjusting for over/under reimbursements from prior years and adjusting for the advance purchases of power.

Environmental Impact: None.

Recommended Action: Approve the Annual Depository Statement and authorize the Director of Finance to make monthly transfers from NPUA to City accounts to reimburse for the fiscal year 2026-2027 payments for bond debt service, contract services, purchase payments, and reimbursement of non-utility sanitation revenues deposited with the Authority, according to the approved budget.

Submitted By: Mark C. DeMay, NPUA Director of Finance

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 6/30/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

**ANNUAL DEPOSITORY STATEMENT
FOR FISCAL YEAR
2026 - 2027**

DEBT SERVICE

PAYMENT DATE July 15, 2026

1. \$ 721,200 Bi-Annual Debt Service on the Bonds due 08/01/26

PAYMENT DATE January 15, 2027

2. \$ 721,200 Bi-Annual Debt Service on the Bonds due 02/01/27

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

PAYMENT DATE July 31, 2026

1.	\$ 1,903,710	for the period	July 1 - 31, 2022	for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
2.	\$ 44,619	for the period	July 1 - 31, 2022	for Purchase Payments;
3.	\$ 182,702	for the period	July 1 - 31, 2022	for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

PAYMENT DATE August 31, 2026

1.	\$ 1,713,339	for the period	August 1 - 31, 2022	for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
2.	\$ 44,619	for the period	August 1 - 31, 2022	for Purchase Payments;
3.	\$ 164,431	for the period	August 1 - 31, 2022	for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

PAYMENT DATE September 30, 2026

1.	\$ 1,903,710	for the period	September 1 - 30, 2022	for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
2.	\$ 44,619	for the period	September 1 - 30, 2022	for Purchase Payments;
3.	\$ 182,702	for the period	September 1 - 30, 2022	for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

PAYMENT DATE October 31, 2026

1.	\$ 1,903,710	for the period	October 1 - 31, 2022	for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
2.	\$ 44,619	for the period	October 1 - 31, 2022	for Purchase Payments;
3.	\$ 182,702	for the period	October 1 - 31, 2022	for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

PAYMENT DATE **November 30, 2026**

- 1. \$ 1,522,968 for the period November 1 - 30, 2022 for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
- 2. \$ 44,618 for the period November 1 - 30, 2022 for Purchase Payments;
- 3. \$ 146,161 for the period November 1 - 30, 2022 for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

PAYMENT DATE **December 31, 2026**

- 1. \$ 1,713,339 for the period December 1 - 31, 2022 for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
- 2. \$ 44,618 for the period December 1 - 31, 2022 for Purchase Payments;
- 3. \$ 164,431 for the period December 1 - 31, 2022 for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

PAYMENT DATE **January 31, 2027**

- 1. \$ 1,332,597 for the period January 1 - 31, 2023 for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
- 2. \$ 44,618 for the period January 1 - 31, 2023 for Purchase Payments;
- 3. \$ 127,891 for the period January 1 - 31, 2023 for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

PAYMENT DATE **February 28, 2027**

- 1. \$ 1,142,225 for the period February 1 - 28, 2023 for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
- 2. \$ 44,618 for the period February 1 - 28, 2023 for Purchase Payments;
- 3. \$ 109,621 for the period February 1 - 28, 2023 for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

PAYMENT DATE **March 31, 2027**

- 1. \$ 1,332,597 for the period March 1 - 31, 2023 for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
- 2. \$ 44,618 for the period March 1 - 31, 2023 for Purchase Payments;
- 3. \$ 127,891 for the period March 1 - 31, 2023 for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

PAYMENT DATE **April 30, 2027**

- 1. \$ 1,332,597 for the period April 1 - 30, 2023 for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2);
- 2. \$ 44,618 for the period April 1 - 30, 2023 for Purchase Payments;
- 3. \$ 127,891 for the period April 1 - 30, 2023 for reimbursement of non-utility Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

PAYMENT DATE **May 31, 2027**

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| 1. | \$ 1,332,597 | for the period | May 1 - 31, 2023 | for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2); |
| 2. | \$ 44,618 | for the period | May 1 - 31, 2023 | for Purchase Payments; |
| 3. | \$ 127,891 | for the period | May 1 - 31, 2023 | for reimbursement of non-utility |
- Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

PAYMENT DATE **June 30, 2027**

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| 1. | \$ 1,903,710 | for the period | June 1 - 30, 2023 | for Utility Operations and Maintenance (See Note 2); |
| 2. | \$ 44,618 | for the period | June 1 - 30, 2023 | for Purchase Payments; |
| 3. | \$ 182,702 | for the period | June 1 - 30, 2023 | for reimbursement of non-utility |
- Sanitation Revenues deposited within the Authority (See Note 1.)

Note 1 Sanitation charges are included in the customer's bills for utility, and therefore, the non-utility Sanitation revenues are included in the utility revenue deposits made to the Depository, on behalf of the Authority. This payment transfers Sanitation revenues back to the City.

Note 2 The Utility Operations and Maintenance figures are based on history of fiscal year expenses, as reflected in the current year budget.

NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

President

CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA

Mayor



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular Special

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Title: Authorize the Purchase of one (1) Pole/Reel/Dump Trailer from Brooks Brothers Trailers not to exceed \$55,060, utilizing the Electric Asset Replacement Fund

Background: The City of Needles Electric Department is requesting funding to purchase a new combination wire and pole trailer and a new dump trailer to support emergency response and routine utility maintenance operations. The department currently relies on separate wire and pole trailers that were purchased in the early 1970s. Both trailers have exceeded their useful life, are in poor condition, and are becoming increasingly unreliable and costly to maintain.

During emergency situations, the existing equipment requires two separate vehicles and additional staff to transport utility poles and wire reels to repair sites. This process is inefficient and delays response times during power outages and other critical incidents. The proposed combination trailer will allow utility poles and wire reels to be transported simultaneously, reducing the number of vehicles and personnel needed while significantly improving operational efficiency and emergency response capabilities.

The new trailers are specifically designed for utility operations and will streamline the transportation of materials to job sites, reducing setup time and allowing crews to focus on completing repairs more effectively. Additionally, the trailers include enhanced safety features such as self-locking winches and stabilizing jacks, which improve safety during loading, unloading, and transport. These features minimize the risk of accidents and ensure that materials are securely handled and transported.

The purchase of this equipment will improve the reliability, efficiency, and safety of the City of Needles Electric Department's operations and will enhance the department's ability to respond quickly to emergencies and maintain critical electrical infrastructure for the community.

Fiscal Impact: The total cost, including freight and shipping, is \$51,100; sales tax of 7.75% is \$3,960.25 for a total price of \$55,060 to be funded by the Electric Asset Replacement Fund, which has a balance of approximately \$3M. The vehicle registration for the trailer will be funded by the adopted FY2027 electric O&M budget.

Environmental Impact: None

Recommended Action: Authorize the Purchase of one (1) Pole/Reel/Dump Trailer from Brooks Brothers Trailers not to exceed \$55,060, utilizing the Electric Asset Replacement Fund

Submitted By: Justin Scott, Linecrew Supervisor

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 6/30/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Estimate

141 Francis Drive
 Troy, MO 63379
 (636) 462-1407

Date	Estimate #
5/12/2026	744485

Name / Address
City of Needles Justin Scott

Electric

Rep	Project	Days Valid
JS		30

Item	Description	Qty	Rate	U/M	Total
Billed Freight	Freight and Shipping Costs and all Associated Charges	1	4,900.00	ea	4,900.00
Trailer	PRD 122 - 8KE - Self contained Pole/Reel/Dump Current lead time is 10 months. CAPACITY: 18,800# GVWR-Calculated at 15% Weight Transfer to Tow Vehicle 13,300# Load Capacity DIMENSIONS: Length Adjustments: 25'/32'/40' Cargo Bed: 136" L x 70"W x 15"H Overall Width: 100" Bolster Height: 45" AXLES: 8,000# Tandem Torsion Dexter Axles 12-1/4" x 3-3/8" Electric Brakes on All Wheels (4) Four 215/75R17.5 LR-H Tires (4) Four 17.5" x 6.75" Single Wheels (8 Hole on 6 1/2" Bolt Circle) (1) Pair Mud Flaps Pair Wheel Chock Holders and Chacks POLE BOLSTERS: Front Bolster: 89" W Removable Double 3" C-Channel with 21" Stanchions Center Bolster: 70"W Fixed Double 3" C-Channel	1	46,200.00		46,200.00

Subtotal				
Sales Tax (0.00)				
Total				

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	with 21" Stanchions Rear Bolster: 70" W Removable 3" Double C-Channel with 21" Stanchions (4) Four Heavy Duty Ratchet Type Winch Binders with Breaker Bar (4) Four 15'L x 4" W x 12,000# Nylon Straps HYDRAULIC POWER PACK: 14 hp Kohler Gas Engine with Electric Start and Recoil Back Up 20 Gallon Hydraulic Fluid Reservoir Spin On 10 Micron Return Filter 2,250 psi Continuous 8 GPM (2) Two 48" x 4" Tie Rod Lift Cylinders Single Lever Valve for Dump Operations (1) HD Removable Reel Rack 2 7/8" Reel bar with crossarm and locking collar. Tensioning Brake Assembly: 16" x 3/4" Bronze on Aluminum Brake Disc. Hub, Shaft and Disc Machined as One Unit M100 Series Hayes Brake Caliper, 10,000 lbs. of Clamping Force Easy Replacement Non Asbestos Brake Pads Available 4,100 ft. lbs. Torque Heavy Duty Bearings				
			Subtotal		
			Sales Tax (0.00)		
			Total		

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Item	Description	Qty	Rate	U/M	Total
	<p>TONGUE & HITCH: 8" x 4" x 1/4" Wall Extendable Tongue with UHMW-PE Replaceable Wear Pads and Roller 6-Position Adjustable Hitch Plate 2 1/2" Lunette Eye 3/8" x 36"L Galvanized Safety Chains with Safety Hooks and Anchor Shackles</p> <p>A-FRAME & JACK: 6" x 3" Tubular Steel A-Frame 12,000 Heavy Duty dropleg jack assembly</p> <p>MAIN FRAME: 6" x 3" Tubular Steel Main Frame 10" x 6" Receiver Tube</p> <p>CARGO BED: Interior Dimensions: 136" L x 70"W x 15"H Floor: 1/8" Smooth Steel Construction Sidewalls: 12 Gauge Formed in Brake for Added Strength Tailgate: Tubular Construction, w/Offset Hinges so Debris is Easily Cleared (4) Four - 5/8" D-Rings, 19,000# Capacity Each, Floor Mounted (1) One Each Corner</p> <p>FENDERS & CATWALK: Fabricated 1/8" Steel Diamond Tread Plate Fender Construction</p>				
			Subtotal		
			Sales Tax (0.00)		
			Total		

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Item	Description	Qty	Rate	U/M	Total
	(4) Four Roll-Off Fender Guards, Prevents Damage to Fenders when "Wrecking" TOOL BOX: Tool Box Dimensions: 66" Wide x 18" Deep x 15" Tall Fabricated from 1/8" Smooth Steel Integrated Construction (2) Two Side Entry Doors Key Locked with Twist Latches Weather Tight Rubber Gaskets 12 VOLT WIRING SYSTEM: ICC & DOT Approved L.E.D. Lights Sealed Beam Rubber Mounted Stop, Turn, Tail and Marker Lights S.O. Cable Wiring Loom, Clamped on 16" Centers with Rubber Lined Clamps Wiring Loom Terminated in Junction Boxes Connections Soldered & Sealed with Heat Shrink Tubing All Wiring is Ran Internally Inside Extendable Tongue 36" Pigtail w/Electrical Plug Terminated at Junction Box 6-Way Aluminum Die Cast Plug (Truck Side) in Rear Butt Tube for Light Bar Hook-Up Breakaway Kit with Sealed Lead Acid Battery & Trickle Charger				
			Subtotal		
			Sales Tax (0.00)		
			Total		

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Item	Description	Qty	Rate	U/M	Total
	PAINT: Trailer is Completely Sandblasted Seams are Sealed with Paintable Caulk Rust Prohibitive Two-Part Epoxy Polyamide Primer Two-Part Acrylic Polyurethane Topcoats - White All Attachments Painted before Assembly & Installed with Serviceable Fasteners				
			Subtotal		\$51,100.00
			Sales Tax (0.00)		\$0.00
			Total		\$51,100.00





City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular Special

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Title: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Site Access and Use Memorandum of Understanding between the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, San Diego, and the City of Needles, dated July 14, 2026, providing for the installation of an ALERT California camera on the upper tanks, a public safety program

Background: UC San Diego reached out to the City of Needles requesting a partnership to install an ALERTCalifornia Camera on the Upper Tanks. ALERTCalifornia is a UC San Diego public safety program working to understand wildfire and other natural disasters to determine short- and long-term impacts on people and the environment. UC San Diego installs cameras that are livestreamed throughout California to detect and alert officials of wildfires to provide quicker responses. The link to view all cameras installed:

<https://cameras.alertcalifornia.org/?pos=37.2391 -119.0039 6>

The proposed equipment will be installed on "pipe-to-pipe " fittings to existing railings, or a metal pipe as a standoff. Enclosed are images of recent installations. There will be no drilling on the city's tanks or equipment. The City of Needles Emergency Response Coordinator and San Bernardino County Fire will have access to the camera network installed on the upper tanks.

Fiscal Impact: The information gathered through the cameras will be monitored and maintained by UC San Diego, and there are no costs to the city.

Environmental Impact: ALERTCalifornia provides emergency managers with access to the camera network, the AI, and the latest technology that provides real-time data to inform responses.

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Site Access and Use Memorandum of Understanding between the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, San Diego and the City of Needles dated July 14, 2026 providing for the installation of an ALERT California camera on the upper tanks, a public safety program

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 6/30/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Examples of equipment mounting: Pipe to pipe fittings to existing railings on Upper Tanks



**Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Site Access and Use Memorandum of Understanding**

Between

*The Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of
California, San Diego and the City of Needles*

This Site Access and Use Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) is entered into as of **July 14, 2026** (the “**Effective Date**”) by and between The Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, San Diego, for the benefit of its Scripps Institution of Oceanography (collectively, “**Scripps**”), and City of Needles, a California charter city, (hereinafter “**Owner**”), for the purposes of: installing, monitoring, and maintaining a network of cameras and related equipment (“**Camera Network**”). Scripps and Owner may be referred to individually as “**Party**” and collectively as “**Parties.**” This MOU has been created to clearly define the respective roles, rights, duties and obligations for Scripps and Owner. For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

I. Purpose

In collaboration with various corporate entities and public agencies, Scripps has established camera networks throughout the state of California and now intends to establish a Camera station at the site known as “**Upper Tanks,**” which is located in the city of Needles, California (hereinafter, the “**Site**”)

Owner hereby represents and warrants that it is the legal owner or authorized agent of the legal owner of the Site and has the right to grant to Scripps the rights to access the Site and conduct other activities thereon, as further described herein. Owner further represents and warrants that the permission of no third party is required to grant the rights granted hereunder.

The Parties agree that Scripps will install a Camera Network at the Site. “**First Responders**” (defined as San Bernadino County Fire Department, Mohave Valley Fire Department, and such other public safety agencies and organizations as may be mutually agreed to in writing by the Parties) would have priority in the use and manipulation of the Camera Network within their respective jurisdictions. Scripps will also have control to manipulate the Camera Network (e.g., real-time camera data acquisition), but will defer priority to San Bernadino County Fire Department and First Responders. Control of the Camera Network and priority will be addressed at camera training workshops provided by Scripps. The footage created by the Camera Network will be broadcast publicly online, and any recordings made of such footage will be saved and maintained by Scripps.

II. Roles and Responsibilities

Scripps and Owner each agree to use good faith efforts to be direct and proactive with each other in raising any concerns relating to this MOU. The respective obligations of the Parties, individually and jointly, are specified below:

- A. Throughout the term of this MOU, Scripps agrees to perform the following tasks (at no out of pocket costs or expense to Owner):
1. Provide the Camera Network and all related installation equipment.
 2. Provide and update all software necessary for the full function of the Camera Network. This includes all firmware updates and patches from the camera vendor. Updates must be installed within sixty (60) days of release, subject to availability to Scripps.
 3. Provide access to First Responders of any recordings or copies of recordings, in whatever format made or kept, resulting from Scripps' use of the Camera Network.
 4. Use good faith efforts to ensure that First Responders have priority in the use and manipulation of the Camera Network on the Site. Access to the Camera Network by any entity other than First Responders or Scripps must first be authorized in writing by both Owner and Scripps. Owner and Scripps shall have the ability to add or remove users as needed and set forth above.
 5. Provide audit logs to Owner that identify individuals that access the Camera Network.
 6. Take reasonable and appropriate steps to secure access to the Camera Network.
 7. Cooperatively work with Owner representatives to resolve any identified security vulnerabilities or configuration issues on the Camera Network that could present any health or safety risk to Owner.
 8. Camera Network will be installed by Scripps such that the Camera Network can be operated in accordance with this MOU.
 9. Comply with any and all responsibilities and obligations assigned to Scripps.
 10. Perform maintenance on the Camera Network to ensure that the Camera Network remains in good working order. Maintenance will be conducted

by Scripps using commercially reasonable methods and Scripps makes no promise or guarantees regarding any repair or maintenance timelines. All hardware replacements shall be provided by Scripps or its authorized vendor/supplier.

11. Scripps and its agents shall obtain and comply with all governmental permits, approvals and authorizations required by applicable governmental or quasi-governmental agencies for Scripps' use of and access to the Site, as well as all Owner rules and regulations which may be provided in writing to Scripps from time to time.
12. Use good faith efforts to ensure that the Camera Network is not positioned or otherwise used in a manner at the Site which may constitute an invasion of privacy of Owner.
13. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Parties expressly acknowledge and agree that Scripps shall not be responsible or held liable for any acts or omissions committed by a third party not specifically engaged by Scripps.

B. In addition to all other obligations set forth herein, throughout the term of this MOU, Owner agrees to:

1. Provide Scripps with unfettered access to the Site throughout the term of this MOU.
2. Provide adequate structure for Camera Network installation (the Camera Network's hardware and maintenance of the Camera Network will be at no cost to Owner).
3. Promptly notify Scripps of any issue (or potential issue) of any kind or nature which might impact Scripps' use of the Site, the Camera Network or any other rights granted to Scripps hereunder.
4. Comply with any and all responsibilities and obligations assigned to Owner.
5. Ensure that no objects, apparatuses, equipment, buildings, structures (temporary or permanent) or activities of any kind or nature, are placed, erected or conducted (as applicable) at the Site in a manner which might damage, disrupt or otherwise interfere with the Camera Network, the

footage derived therefrom or any other activities that Scripps may conducted as provided hereunder. In the event any construction or structure is proposed or erected at the Site that may reasonably be expected to obstruct, impair, or interfere with the Camera Network or its operation, Scripps shall have the right, at its discretion, to relocate the camera or related equipment to another suitable location on the Site in order to maintain proper functionality and unobstructed operation of the Camera Network.

C. The Parties mutually agree to:

1. Use good faith efforts to work in a collaborative and timely manner to support each other in carrying out the goals and purposes of this MOU.
2. Comply with any and all responsibilities and obligations assigned to the Parties as further described in Paragraph IV hereinbelow.

III. **Term of MOU**

This MOU shall be effective as of **July 14, 2026** and shall remain in effect through **December 30, 2030**, unless sooner terminated as provided hereunder, or extended by a separate, subsequent mutual written agreement signed by both Parties. Except as expressly provided herein, either Party may terminate this MOU with or without cause at any time by providing not less than thirty (30) days' advance written notice to the other Party.

IV. **Miscellaneous Terms and Conditions**

1. **Project Specifications:** All equipment and fabrications will be provided by Scripps after a Site survey is completed.

A. **Operational Requirements and Specifications:**

1. Scripps will provide 10Mbps symmetric connectivity to cameras installed at the Site.
2. Scripps must use good faith and commercially reasonable efforts to restrict the Camera Network from capturing or recording any images within the non-public areas of any personal residences located in the immediate vicinity of any camera which is part of the Camera Network.
3. Scripps must ensure that the exact tower locations of the Camera Network are not shared publicly by Scripps (or its employees, agents or representatives). Any geo-coordinates shared publicly by Scripps must be at least one-half (1/2) mile away from the actual location of the applicable tower and vary in direction for each such tower. Notwithstanding the foregoing,

Scripps may share exact tower locations with First Responders.

B. Jurisdiction and Venue

This MOU shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California and the Parties hereto agree that venue shall be in the State or Federal Courts within San Bernardino County, California.

D. Confidentiality

1. Maintenance of Confidential Information.

Confidential information may consist of information that is either oral or written or both. Any confidential information disclosed in writing shall be clearly marked by the disclosing party as "Confidential Information." Any confidential information orally disclosed shall be reduced to writing by the Disclosing Party with a copy marked "Confidential Information" provided to the Receiving Party within thirty (30) days. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any confidential information which is not marked as "Confidential" shall be deemed "Confidential Information" if such information would be considered by a reasonable person in the relevant field to be confidential given its content and the circumstances of its disclosure.

2. The Receiving Party hereby agrees:

- a. not to use the Confidential Information for any purpose whatsoever except as may be required in the performance of any of the Receiving Party's obligations hereunder,
- b. to safeguard Confidential Information against disclosure to others with the same degree of care as it exercises with its own confidential information of a similar nature; and
- c. not to disclose Confidential Information to others (except to its employees, agents, or consultants who are on a need-to-know basis and bound to by an obligation of confidentiality consistent with the terms of this MOU) without the express written permission of the Disclosing Party.

3. Except that the Receiving Party shall not be prevented from using or disclosing any Confidential Information:

- a. which the Receiving Party can demonstrate by written records was previously known to it;
- b. which is now, or becomes in the future, public knowledge other than through the acts or omissions of the Receiving Party; or

- c. which is lawfully obtained by the Receiving Party from sources independent of the Disclosing Party;
- d. which the Receiving Party can demonstrate was independently developed by employees of the Receiving Party;
- e. which is required by law (including, but not limited to, the California Public Records Act or the order of a court of competent jurisdiction) to be disclosed.

4. It is further agreed that the furnishing of Confidential Information by the Disclosing Party shall not constitute any grant or license to the Receiving Party under any legal rights now or hereinafter held by the Disclosing Party.

5. The Parties agree to abide by all applicable United States export control regulations. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no export-controlled materials or information/data shall be transferred from one Party to the other under this MOU.

E. Access to Records/Retention

For the purposes of auditing and compliance with the California Public Records Act (Govt. Code § 6250, *et seq.*), Owner shall have access to any records created or maintained by Scripps as a result of the installation and use of Camera Network, and any request therefor shall be made by Owner in accordance with the requirements and procedures set forth in the California Public Records Act. Except where longer retention is required by any applicable federal or state law, Scripps shall maintain all required records for at least three (3) years after expiration or other termination of this MOU.

F. Mutual Indemnification

Owner agrees to defend, indemnify and hold Scripps (including its officers, agents, employees and representatives) harmless from and against any and all claims, liability, loss, expense, reasonable attorneys' fees, including any claims for personal injury or property damages, which may be asserted by a third party (collectively, "Third Party Claim") arising out of Owner's performance of this MOU, but only in proportion to and to the extent such Third Party Claim is caused by or results from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Owner, its officers, agents or employees.

Scripps agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Owner and Owner's officers, agents, employees, and representatives from and against any and all Third Party claims arising out of Scripps' performance of this MOU, but only in proportion to and to the extent such Third Party Claim is caused by or results from the negligent or intentional acts or omissions of Scripps, its officers, agents or employees.

This Section F shall survive the expiration or earlier termination of this MOU.

G. Limitation of Liability

EXCEPT AS EXPRESSLY PROVIDED IN THIS MOU, NEITHER PARTY MAKES ANY WARRANTIES, WHETHER EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, AND EXPRESSLY DISCLAIMS THE IMPLIED WARRANTIES OF MERCHANTABILITY AND FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED HEREUNDER OR AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY APPLICABLE LAW, OWNER SHALL HAVE NO DUTY TO INSPECT THE SITE AND SHALL HAVE NO DUTY TO WARN ANY PERSON OF ANY LATENT OR PATENT DEFECT, CONDITION OR RISK THAT MAY EXIST IN OR ON THE SITE, OR THAT MIGHT BE INCURRED IN THE EXERCISE OF THE RIGHTS GRANTED HEREIN. OWNER SHALL HAVE NO DUTY NOR RIGHT TO MAINTAIN NOR OPERATE THE CAMERA NETWORK.

Except with respect to any indemnification obligations which may arise hereunder and any claims asserting fraud, willful misconduct or breach of confidentiality obligations, neither Party shall have any liability to the other Party (nor to any third party) for any and all claims under any legal theory whatsoever (including, but not limited to, claims for negligence and breach of contract) arising from or related to this MOU, except that, if the claim arises from a fire deliberately started by Scripps during the operation, installation or maintenance of the Camera Network, and/or arising out of the gross negligence or willful misconduct committed by Scripps during its access to the Site, the limitation of liability in this sentence will not apply. In addition, if any claim arises from the Owner's gross negligence or willful misconduct, this limitation of liability shall not apply. Scripps shall be liable for any damage caused by its equipment, whether occurring before installation, during installation, or after installation, and the limitation of liability in this sentence shall not apply to such damage.

H. MOU and License Not Assignable; No Third Party Beneficiary.

The license and all rights and permissions granted under this MOU is personal to Scripps and shall not be assigned to any third party without the prior written consent of Owner, which consent may not be unreasonably withheld. Any attempt to assign the MOU or license without such written consent shall result in automatic termination of this MOU. No legal title or leasehold interest in the Site is created or vested in Scripps by the grant of access nor any other provision of this MOU, nor shall this MOU be construed as a dedication to the public of any portion of the Site. This MOU is not intended to create, nor shall it be construed to create, any

third party beneficiary of any kind nor confer any rights in any person or entity which is not an express Party hereto.

I. Insurance.

Scripps shall maintain, throughout the term of this MOU, the Regents of the University of California's program of self-insurance, providing coverage comparable to and for commercial general liability coverage with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per occurrence and Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000) in the aggregate; automobile liability coverage with limits of not less than One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) per accident; and workers' compensation coverage providing statutory benefits as required by California law.

Upon request, Scripps will provide evidence of self-insurance coverage (Certificate of Self-Insurance Coverage) issued pursuant to the program of self-insurance maintained by the Regents of the University of California.

If requested by Scripps, Owner shall provide valid evidence sufficient to prove its ownership interests in and to the Site, including its right to enter into this MOU and grant the rights herein granted.

J. Entire Agreement; Counterparts.

This MOU represents the entire agreement between the Parties and shall supersede all prior understandings or commitments, written or oral, with respect to the subject matter set forth herein. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, each Party enters into this MOU with the intent to be bound by all of the terms and conditions set forth herein. This MOU shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the Parties' respective successors and permitted assigns. In addition, this MOU may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument.

K. Scripps shall perform the services in Scripps' own way as an independent contractor, and in pursuit of Scripps' independent calling, and not as an employee of Owner. Scripps agrees that it is not entitled to the rights and benefits afforded to Owner's employees, including disability or unemployment insurance, Workers' Compensation, retirement, CalPERS, medical insurance, sick leave, or any other employment benefit. Scripps is responsible for providing, at its own expense, disability, unemployment, Workers' Compensation and other insurance, training, permits, and licenses for itself and its employees and subcontractors.

L. Scripps shall keep itself informed concerning and shall render all services hereunder in accordance with all ordinances, resolutions, statutes, rules, and regulations of the Owner and any federal, state or local governmental entity having jurisdiction in effect at the time service is rendered.

M. If any portion, section, sentence, provision or paragraph of this MOU is declared invalid, illegal, or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the entire balance of this MOU not so affected shall remain in full force and effect.

O. The terms of this MOU shall be construed in accordance with the meaning of the language used and shall not be construed for or against either party by reason of the authorship of this MOU or any other rule of construction which might otherwise apply.

P. Both parties agree to use reasonable care and diligence to perform their respective obligations under this MOU. Both parties agree to act in good faith to execute all instruments, prepare all documents and take all actions as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the purposes of this MOU. Unless hereafter specified neither party shall be responsible for the service of the other.

Acknowledged and agreed:

For Scripps:

Signature

Date

Print Name and Title

For Owner:

Signature

Date

Patrick Martinez | City Manager

City of Needles

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

PROOF OF SELF-INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Regents of the University of California are often requested by outside parties to provide evidence of the University's self-insurance coverage in conjunction with agreements and contracts negotiated by its employees on UC campuses and medical centers. Examples of situations where the University may be required to provide evidence of insurance include:

- Using an off-campus location to host an event, ceremony, athletic event, theatre production, practice space, job fair, educational outreach event, etc.
- Leasing or renting equipment, motor vehicle(s), or real estate
- Research grant sub-awards
- Affiliation (non-healthcare/medical related) and Professional Services Agreements

The University of California self-funds its liability exposures, so does not issue individual certificates of insurance. The UC Office of Risk Services has developed a Certificate of Self-Insurance Coverage document (COC) to illustrate the self-funded retention levels maintained for each liability program.

The COC is available on-line for use by entities conducting business with the university as evidence of the self-funded retention levels, coverage terms, and limits routinely requested. The self-insurance limits accepted in each specific written agreement or contract shall be the limits that apply should a loss arise, regardless of the limits provided in the on-line Certificate of Self-Insurance Coverage document.

The UC COC Site is solely for the use and benefit of the vendors and organizations which contract with the University of California and not for resale or other transfer to or use by or for the benefit of any other person or entity. You may print copies for use within your organization, provided that you do not modify the COC in any way, nor distribute any copies outside your organization. You may not use any of the University of California's names or marks in any manner that creates the impression such names or marks belong to or are associated with you or imply any endorsement by the University of California, and you acknowledge that you have no ownership rights in and to any of these names or marks. You will not use the Site, the information contained therein or any of the University's names or marks in unsolicited mailings or spam material. You may not link directly to the COC ("deep link") or bring up or present the COC or other content of this site within another web site ("frame").

Official Correspondence must be sent via postal mail to:

Chief Risk Officer
Office of Risk Services
Office of the President
University of California
1111 Franklin St., 6th Floor
Oakland, CA 94607-5200
510-987-9832
RiskServices@ucop.edu

Please contact the local Risk Manager at the specific University of California location where you are contracting if you have insurance coverage questions:

- [Campus Risk Managers Directory](#)
- [Hospital Risk Managers Directory](#)

CERTIFICATE OF SELF-INSURANCE COVERAGE

Date: June 5, 2025

PRODUCER/INSURED The Regents of the University of California Office of the President Office of Risk Services 1111 Franklin St., 6 th Floor Oakland, CA 94607-5200 510-987-9832	This Certificate is issued as a matter of information only to authorized viewers for their internal use only and confers no rights upon any viewer of this Certificate. The Certificate does not amend, extend or alter the coverage described below. This Certificate may only be copied, printed and distributed by an authorized viewer for its internal use. Any other use, duplication or distribution of the Certificate without the written consent of the Regents of the University of California is prohibited.
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PARTICIPATION	
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COVERAGES
 THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IS A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY THAT HAS A SELF-FUNDED RETENTION FOR LIABILITIES DESCRIBED BELOW, NOTWITHSTANDING ANY REQUIREMENT, TERM OR CONDITION OF ANY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR OTHER DOCUMENT WITH RESPECT TO WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE MAY PERTAIN. THIS SELF-FUNDED PROGRAM IS SUBJECT TO ALL PROVISIONS OF THE BYLAWS AND STANDING ORDERS OF THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, WHICH DOES NOT PERMIT ANY ASSUMPTION OF LIABILITY WHICH DOES NOT RESULT FROM THE NEGLIGENT ACTS OR OMISSIONS OF ITS OFFICERS, AGENTS OR EMPLOYEES.

CO LTR	TYPE OF INSURANCE	POLICY NUMBER	POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE	POLICY EXPIRATION DATE	LIMITS	
A	GENERAL LIABILITY	Self-Insured	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026	GENERAL AGGREGATE	\$ Not applicable
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL GENERAL LIABILITY				PRODUCTS-COMP/OP AGG	\$ 5,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> CLAIMS MADE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCURRENCE				PERSONAL & ADV INJURY	\$ 5,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/>				CONTRACTUAL LIABILITY	\$ 5,000,000
	<input type="checkbox"/>				EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 5,000,000
A	AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY	Self-Insured	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026	COMBINED SINGLE LIMIT	\$ Not applicable
	<input type="checkbox"/> ANY AUTO				BODILY INJURY (PER PERSON)	\$ 2,500,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALL OWNED AUTOS				BODILY INJURY (PER ACCIDENT)	\$ 2,500,000
	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHEDULED AUTOS				PROPERTY DAMAGE	\$ 2,500,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HIRED AUTOS					
A	PROPERTY	Self-Insured	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026	EACH OCCURRENCE	\$ 10,000,000
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FIRE & EXTENDED PERILS				AGGREGATE	\$ Not applicable
A	WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYERS LIABILITY	Self-Insured	July 1, 2025	July 1, 2026	STATUTORY LIMITS	YES
					EACH ACCIDENT	\$ As required by California Law
					DISEASE - POLICY LIMIT	\$ As required by California Law
DISEASE - EACH EMPLOYEE						\$ As required by California Law

DESCRIPTION OF OPERATIONS/LOCATIONS/VEHICLES/SPECIAL ITEMS

ADDITIONAL COVERED PARTY- AS REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO GENERAL LIABILITY AND AUTOMOBILE LIABILITY

LOSS PAYEE - AS REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO PROPERTY COVERAGE

CERTIFICATE HOLDER APPLICABLE PARTY AS REQUIRED BY WRITTEN CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT	CANCELLATION SHOULD THE REGENTS ELECT TO DISCONTINUE SELF-INSURING ITS LIABILITIES, THE REGENTS WILL UPDATE PROOF OF SELF-INSURANCE ON ITS WEBSITE. THE REGENTS SHALL NOT BE OBLIGATED TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL NOTICE TO VENDORS OR OTHERS. By: 
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KEVIN CONFETTI, AVP & CHIEF RISK OFFICER



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Regular Special

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

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

Background: See attached report

Fiscal Impact:

Environmental Impact:

Recommended Action: No action needed - information only

Submitted By: Kris Hendricks, EUSI LLC

City Manager Approval: *Rainie Torrance* Acting City Manager

Date: 6/30/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

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

Mrs. Rainie Torrance,

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

- The daily average flow for the month of May 2026 was 0.461 MGD.
- Updated and submitted the April 2026 monthly monitoring report and compiled information for the report and submitted the report to the State.
- Conducted in-house process control testing for the 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.
- Drained digester to drying beds 2, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11,13, 14, and 15 in preparation for SBR #1 draining and cleaning.
- Completed routine monthly inspection of the Kubota tractor, the 4" trash pump, and the jetter.
- Preventive Maintenance Program is ongoing per operating hours of the various plant components.
- Completed the bar screen service and inspections throughout the month.
- Completed weekly inspection of the emergency generator prior to and during its weekly test runs.
- Ongoing communication with City staff regarding items associated with the overall wastewater system.
- Conduct daily morning meetings with entire team.
- Wastewater team, mainly City staff, continues efforts to keep up on the dig alerts and locations of the sewer due to the construction and Terracom activities.
- Sent updated clarification on the video of the influent gravity line that fees the plant to the engineers. This line is corroding and requires rehabilitation or replacement. The engineers will be providing some recommendations and this is expected to be an upcoming capital project.

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

- May 4, 2026 wastewater team performed confined space entry in SBR #2 and recoated the fiberglass piping for the motive mixing header and decanter and routed the air hose for the pressure measurement of the motive discharge pump. 8 man hours no charge for this activity.
- May 5, 2026 City on-call staff was called out at ~2100 hrs for a high water alarm in the dry well for the River Road lift station. Pump #1 tripped the breaker, staff reset the breaker for pump #1 and placed pump #2 in the lead, the team will assess the issue during normal working hours.
- May 6, 2026 operations staff performed a routine service of the River Road lift station following the tripped breaker for pump #1 yesterday. Staff was called at around 1530 hours for a dry well high water at the River Road lift station. The line under the road was obstructed and staff was able to clear the line. The wastewater team cleaned up the golf course bathrooms. 2.5 man hours no charge for this activity.
- May 7, 2026 operations staff returned to River Road to remove the pumps from the lift station for inspection due to issues on the 5th and 6th. 4 man hours no charge for this activity.
- May 11, 2026 wastewater team located manholes and direction of the 6" sewer line near the Subway for a possible truck stop, 4.0 man hours no charge for this activity.
- May 12, 2026 there was a power outage at the plant that caused a fault with the PLC and power supply for the control system for the plant. Staff replaced and installed a new PLC and staff coordinated with integrator to try to get the system back on-line. The communication between the desktop computer and the PLC that is used to make changes to the

operational settings was not functioning, staff coordinated with the integrator to try to restore this functionality. Further correspondence and coordination will be necessary. 8 man hours associated with addressing this issue.

- May 13, 2026 operations staff arrived and found the plant in an extended decant. This was due to failed communication between the desktop and the PLC. The program did not accept the set point entries when the new PLC was installed. Staff was able to restore the communication and system functions.
- May 13, 2026 operations staff was called out at ~1530 hours for Safari St. where Terracom hit a customer lateral, the contractor was able to repair the lateral and restore service. 1 hour no charge for this work activity.
- May 14, 2026 operations staff picked up the rebuilt motive pump from RPM. The pump will be installed later in the month following final coating of the fiberglass pipe.
- May 18, 2026 team finished coating the fiberglass piping in SBR #2, 4.0 man hours no charge for this work activity.
- May 28, 2026 wastewater team installed the rebuilt motive pump in SBR #2. Plan is to activate SBR #2 in early June so the team can inspect and clean SBR #1. Following this work effort we will plan to transition to a modified single tank mode of operation.

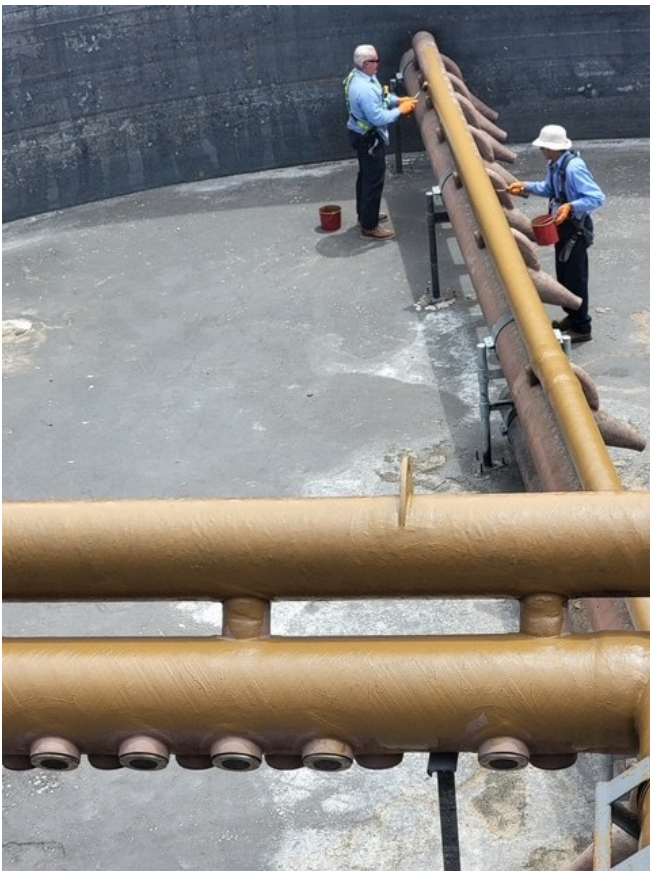
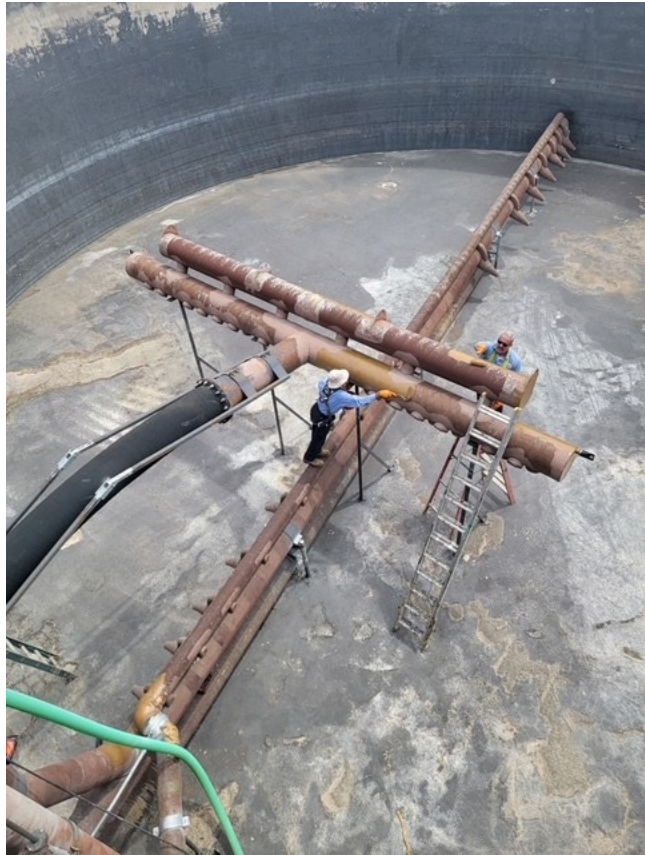
Should you have any questions regarding the monthly activity please feel free to contact me at 602-300-7946.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kris Hendricks".

Kris Hendricks, EUSI, LLC; Managing Member

SBR #2 Motive fiberglass pipe coating May 2026





SBR #2 Motive pump discharge line pressure gauge installed





City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES Regular Special

Meeting Date: July 7, 2026

Title: Present Perfected Rights Report – April and May 2026

Background:

CURRENT YEAR:
May 2026

	Current	YTD	% change prior year to current year YTD
Net Diversion	183.83	637.67	3%
Measured Returns	42.54	200.63	
Unmeasured Returns	25.09	108.89	

Consumptive Use

116.20 328.15

(based on consumptive use)

PRIOR YEAR:
March 2025

Net Diversion	170.94	617.43
Measured Returns	40.51	194.18
Unmeasured Returns	16.37	105.95

% of PPR Remaining

74%

*Based on CY26 Water Order of 2,528 diversion

Consumptive Use

114.06 317.30

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

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

Recommended Action: No action needed - information only

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 6/30/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved:

Not Approved:

Tabled:

Other:

Agenda Item: _____

CITY OF NEEDLES
 WATER ACCOUNTING
 MONTHLY CALCULATION SHEET
 CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Diversions - Pumped from Wells	Pumped (Acre-Feet)												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Well #8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00									0.00
Well # 15 (formerly #10)	9.10	0.00	0.00	0.00									9.10
Well #11	103.51	106.14	130.92	112.72									453.29
Well #12	10.22	27.97	44.32	47.59									130.10
Sub-Total	122.83	134.11	175.24	160.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	592.49
Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (AZ)	27.42	21.33	22.31	11.25									82.31
Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (CA)	2.30	46.94	2.53	4.57									56.34
Sub-Total	29.72	68.27	24.84	15.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.65
City of Needles' Net Diversion	93.11	65.84	150.40	144.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	453.84
Uses of Water													
Commercial Accounts	36.46	22.07	51.33	41.99									151.85
Residential Accounts	42.78	14.81	50.01	41.39									148.99
Golf Course	10.22	27.97	44.32	47.59									130.10
Parks, Ballparks, Cemetery	3.66	0.99	4.74	13.52									22.91
Total	93.12	65.84	150.40	144.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	453.85

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

	Mean Flow	# Days	A/F	A/F Return
Jan	0.438	31	41.67	40.42
Feb	0.443	28	38.07	36.93
Mar	0.450	31	42.81	41.53
Apr	0.439	30	40.42	39.21
May		31	0.00	0.00
Jun		30	0.00	0.00
Jul		31	0.00	0.00
Aug		31	0.00	0.00
Sep		30	0.00	0.00
Oct		31	0.00	0.00
Nov		30	0.00	0.00
Dec		31	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	1.770	365	162.98	158.09

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

CITY OF NEEDLES
WATER ACCOUNTING
MONTHLY CALCULATION SHEET
CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Item 6.

	Diversions												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Pumped from Wells													
Well #8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Well # 15 (FKA #10)	9.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.10
Well #11	103.51	106.14	130.92	112.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	453.29
Well #12	10.22	27.97	44.32	47.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	130.10
Sub-Total	122.83	134.11	175.24	160.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	592.49
Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (AZ)	27.42	21.33	22.31	11.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	82.31
Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (CA)	2.30	46.94	2.53	4.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	56.34
Sub-Total	29.72	68.27	24.84	15.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	138.65
City of Needles' Net Diversion	93.11	65.84	150.40	144.49	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	453.84

Return and Other Credits													
Measured Returns													
Sewer Plant's Rapid Infiltration Ponds ¹	40.42	36.93	41.53	39.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	158.09
Unmeasured Returns													
Percolation from Golf Course ²	0.00	9.63	17.74	27.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	54.40
Percolation from Parks ³	1.46	0.40	1.90	5.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	9.16
Percolation from Large Commercial Users ⁴	0.88	0.53	1.23	1.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.64
System Losses ⁵	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Septic Tank Returns ⁶	4.12	3.84	4.41	4.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	16.60
Total Unmeasured Returns	6.46	14.40	25.28	37.66	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	83.81
Total Returns	46.88	51.33	66.81	76.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	241.90

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CITY OF NEEDLES
 WATER ACCOUNTING
 MONTHLY CALCULATION SHEET
 CALENDAR YEAR 2026

Diversions - Pumped from Wells	Pumped (Acre-Feet)												Total
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Well #8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								0.00
Well # 15 (formerly #10)	9.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00								9.10
Well #11	103.51	106.14	130.92	112.72	128.79								582.08
Well #12	10.22	27.97	44.32	47.59	59.33								189.43
Sub-Total	122.83	134.11	175.24	160.31	188.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	780.61
Delivered to Ft. Mojave Indian Tribe (AZ)	27.42	21.33	22.31	11.25	0.00								82.31
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City of Needles' Net Diversion	93.11	65.84	150.40	144.49	183.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	637.67
Uses of Water													
Commercial Accounts	36.46	22.07	51.33	41.99	75.29								227.14
Residential Accounts	42.78	14.81	50.01	41.39	37.50								186.49
Golf Course	10.22	27.97	44.32	47.59	59.33								189.43
Parks, Ballparks, Cemetery	3.66	0.99	4.74	13.52	11.71								34.62
Total	93.12	65.84	150.40	144.49	183.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	637.68

CALENDAR YEAR 2026
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

	Mean Flow	# Days	A/F	A/F Return
Jan	0.438	31	41.67	40.42
Feb	0.443	28	38.07	36.93
Mar	0.450	31	42.81	41.53
Apr	0.439	30	40.42	39.21
May	0.461	31	43.86	42.54
Jun		30	0.00	0.00
Jul		31	0.00	0.00
Aug		31	0.00	0.00
Sep		30	0.00	0.00
Oct		31	0.00	0.00
Nov		30	0.00	0.00
Dec		31	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	2.231	365	206.84	200.63

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

**CITY OF NEEDLES
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Percolation from Large Commercial Users ⁴	0.88	0.53	1.23	1.01	1.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.45
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Total Returns	46.88	51.33	66.81	76.87	67.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	309.52

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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 19, 2026

1. **Route 66 Centennial Receives National Recognition**

The Los Angeles Times recently featured the Route 66 Centennial Caravan, a cross-country journey commemorating the 100th anniversary of the historic Mother Road. The article highlighted Needles as a featured stop along the caravan route, providing national exposure for the community and its ongoing Route 66 initiatives. This recognition supports the City's efforts to promote tourism, celebrate Route 66 heritage, and position Needles as a premier destination along one of America's most iconic highways.

2. **PublicCEO Features Needles OHMV Pilot Program**

PublicCEO, a statewide publication covering local government news, recently featured the City of Needles' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program and upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony. The article highlighted Needles as the only city in California with a designated OHMV route network connecting riders directly to surrounding Bureau of Land Management trail systems. The program is designed to expand recreational opportunities, support local businesses, attract tourism, and strengthen the local economy. This recognition provides valuable statewide exposure and reinforces Needles' leadership in outdoor recreation and economic development. The article may be viewed [at this link](#).

3. **OHMV Pilot Program Media Outreach and Ribbon Cutting Reminder:**

The City recently distributed a press release announcing the official launch of the Needles Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program and upcoming ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for Wednesday, June 24, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at 100 G Street. The press release highlighted Needles as the only city in California with a designated OHMV route network connecting riders directly to surrounding Bureau of Land Management trail systems and emphasized the program's anticipated benefits for recreation, tourism, and economic development. The release was distributed to regional media outlets, government organizations, and community partners as part of the City's ongoing public outreach efforts. Residents, businesses, OHMV enthusiasts, and community

stakeholders are encouraged to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony and celebrate this historic milestone for the City of Needles.

4. **Needles Behavioral Health Center Expansion Underway:** In March 2024, City staff was notified by Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz's Office that the San Bernardino County Needles Behavioral Health Outpatient Clinic and Recovery Clubhouse Project had been awarded \$1 million in federal earmark funding. The funding was intended to support the expansion and renovation of the existing behavioral health facility located at 1600 Bailey Avenue to improve access to mental health and substance use disorder services in the Needles community. The City is pleased to report that construction is now underway. The project includes facility-wide renovations, infrastructure improvements, expanded service areas, and additional space to support increased staffing and service capacity. Construction is currently anticipated to be completed in late November 2026. Additional information regarding a grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony will be shared as the project progresses.

5. **Interstate 40 Gateway Signage Improvements:** The City would like to recognize the collaborative efforts of the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 8 and San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe in supporting improvements to interstate wayfinding signage serving the Needles community. As the eastern gateway to California and San Bernardino County, Needles serves as the first impression for millions of visitors entering the state and county from the east. Approximately 8.4 million vehicles travel Interstate 40 through Needles annually, making the community one of the most heavily traveled gateways into California and San Bernardino County. Updated highway signage helps strengthen community visibility, promote tourism, and reinforce Needles' important role as a transportation, tourism, and economic gateway for the region. The City appreciates the continued partnership of Caltrans and Supervisor Rowe in supporting improvements that enhance the visitor experience and showcase San Bernardino County to travelers from across the nation.

6. **Route 66 Centennial Tourism Brings International Visitors to Needles**
This week, Needles welcomed approximately 40 motorcycle riders from Quebec, Canada, traveling Historic Route 66 as part of the Route 66 Centennial Celebration. The group began its journey in Chicago and stopped in Needles before continuing west to Barstow. During their visit, the riders toured the Needles Regional Museum and Santa Fe Park. Their stop highlights the international appeal of Route 66 and the growing interest surrounding the Centennial. Visits such as these support local businesses and reinforce Needles' position as a premier destination along the Mother Road.

7. **Colorado River Station Monument Sign Installation:** In October 2025, the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department celebrated the completion of the newly renovated Colorado River Station, marking the facility's first major upgrade in more than 35 years. As a final component of that project, installation of a new monument sign at the Colorado River Station and City Council Chambers campus is scheduled to begin next week. The sign, funded through the Sheriff's Department, will provide improved identification for the Colorado

River Station, Needles Police Department, and City Council Chambers. The City appreciates the continued partnership and investment by San Bernardino County, Sheriff Shannon Dicus, and Supervisor Dawn Rowe in supporting public safety services and civic facilities in Needles.

8. **SUN Bucks Summer Food Assistance Program:** The California Department of Social Services has announced the return of the SUN Bucks Summer Food Assistance Program for June through August. The program helps families purchase nutritious food during the summer months when children may have limited access to school meals. Eligible children may receive \$120 in food benefits to purchase fruits, vegetables, meat, dairy products, whole grains, and other qualifying food items at participating grocery stores, farmers markets, and retailers that accept CalFresh EBT. Many children receiving CalFresh, CalWORKs, or Medi-Cal benefits may automatically qualify for the program. Residents seeking additional information or eligibility requirements may visit the California Department of Social Services [SUN Bucks website](#).
9. **IEHP Rural Area Support Collaborative Meeting:** Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) recently hosted its quarterly Rural Area Support Collaborative meeting in Needles. During the meeting, local healthcare providers and community partners discussed efforts to address food insecurity and improve access to healthy food options for residents. Presenters highlighted the connection between nutrition and overall health outcomes, noting that increased access to healthy foods can help prevent chronic disease and reduce healthcare costs. The meeting provided an opportunity for stakeholders to explore collaborative strategies aimed at improving the health and well-being of the Needles community. The meeting also highlighted innovative healthcare-based nutrition programs designed to improve health outcomes while reducing long-term healthcare costs.
10. **Needles Chamber “Good Morning Needles” Coffee:** The Needles Chamber of Commerce recently hosted its monthly Good Morning Needles Coffee at El Garces. The featured guest speaker was Captain J. Gault of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Colorado River Station, who provided attendees with updates on public safety issues and law enforcement activities affecting the Needles community. The event provided an opportunity for residents, business owners, and community leaders to engage directly with local law enforcement and discuss matters of community interest. The City appreciates the Chamber's continued efforts to foster community engagement and collaboration through programs such as Good Morning Needles.
11. **Needles Library Summer Reading Program Performance – California Joe:** Needles Branch Library will host a free magic show featuring California Joe on Tuesday, June 23, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. as part of the Library's Summer Reading Program. The performance is open to the public, and registration in the Summer Reading Program is not required to attend. The City encourages residents and families to take advantage of this free educational and family-friendly community event and to explore the many programs and resources offered by the Needles Branch Library.

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

13. **Behavioral Health Community Meeting Follow-Up:** On **May 19, 2026**, the San Bernardino County Department of Behavioral Health hosted a community meeting in Needles to discuss implementation of the Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA), which replaced the Mental Health Services Act following voter approval of Proposition 1. The new framework expands the focus of behavioral health funding to include both mental health and substance use disorder services, while placing greater emphasis on housing stability, homelessness prevention, and services for vulnerable populations. County staff also highlighted suicide prevention and overdose prevention as key countywide priorities. In addition, the County reported it is working with Pacific Clinics to identify opportunities to increase and expand Clubhouse services available to Needles residents. Expanded Clubhouse services could provide additional peer support, wellness activities, and recovery-focused resources for local residents.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RECOGNITION

- I. **Needles Eagles Aerie 2599 Sponsors Free Swim Admission for Children:** Needles Eagles Aerie 2599 will host the Swim With an Eagle event on Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Needles City Aquatics Center. Through the generosity of Needles Eagles Aerie 2599, admission for children will be free. Residents are encouraged to attend this family-friendly community event.

1. ROUTE 66 NATIONAL RECOGNITION

Route 66 still beckons at 100 as a caravan takes off from Santa Monica - Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles Times

TRAVEL & EXPERIENCES

At 100, Route 66 still beckons as a cross-country caravan takes off from Santa Monica



By Christopher Reynolds

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National Recognition for Route 66

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2. PUBLICCEO FEATURE

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"This project represents a major accomplishment for the City of Needles and our community," said Janet Jernigan, Mayor of the City of Needles. "The OHMV Pilot Program creates new recreational opportunities while supporting tourism and economic development. We are excited to officially launch this program and showcase Needles as a premier destination for outdoor adventure."

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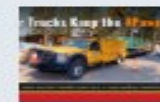
City of Riverside names James Johnson as city attorney
June 18, 2026



City of Arroyo Grande appoints Krystin Rice as director of community development
June 18, 2026



Diamond Bar City Council selects Ryan McLean as new city manager
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CARB'S latest ACF rules add confusion and cost, reduce public safety
June 17, 2026



Staff Report of the Month: Emergency support for communities
June 16, 2026



3. OHMV PILOT PROGRAM PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Needles to Launch Historic Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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The City has recently completed installation of the adopted OHMV wayfinding and educational signage network throughout the designated route system. The signage provides route guidance, safety information, and educational resources to help ensure responsible and lawful use of the program.

The event will include:

- Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
- Remarks from City Officials and Community Partners
- Overview of the Needles OHMV Pilot Program
- Recognition of Project Partners
- Photo Opportunities

Members of the public, OHMV enthusiasts, local businesses, community organizations, and regional partners are encouraged to attend and participate in this historic event. Additional information regarding the Needles OHMV Pilot Program, including route maps, FAQs, and program requirements, is available on the [City's website](#).

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You're Invited!
— CITY OF NEEDLES —
OHMV
PILOT PROGRAM
RIBBON CUTTING Ceremony

Join us as we celebrate the official launch of the *Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program!*

Experience one of California's most unique OHMV destinations, where riders can connect directly from the community to the trail system while enjoying scenic desert vistas, spectacular Colorado River views, and world-class outdoor recreation.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- OFFICIAL RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY
- REMARKS FROM CITY OFFICIALS AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS
- OVERVIEW OF THE OHMV PILOT PROGRAM
- CELEBRATION OF A MAJOR COMMUNITY MILESTONE
- PHOTO OPPORTUNITIES

DATE
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2026

TIME
10:00 A.M.

LOCATION
**100 G STREET
NEEDLES, CA 92363**

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Needles is one of the few communities in California with a designated OHMV route network connecting riders from town to trail. From breathtaking desert landscapes to spectacular views of the Colorado River, the Needles OHMV experience offers a unique opportunity to explore the outdoors while supporting local businesses, recreation, tourism, and economic development.

SCAN HERE for more INFORMATION!

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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4. NEEDLES BEHAVIORAL EXPANSION



5. INTERSTATE 40 GATEWAY SIGNAGE

Jun 12, 2026 at 10:16:21 AM

I-40 W

Needles CA 92363

United States



6. INTERNATIONAL ROUTE 66 TOURISM



7. COLORADO RIVER STATION SIGN



8.SUN BUCKS SUMMER FOOD ASSISTANCE

Free summer meal program ensures children have adequate nutrition

May 28, 2026

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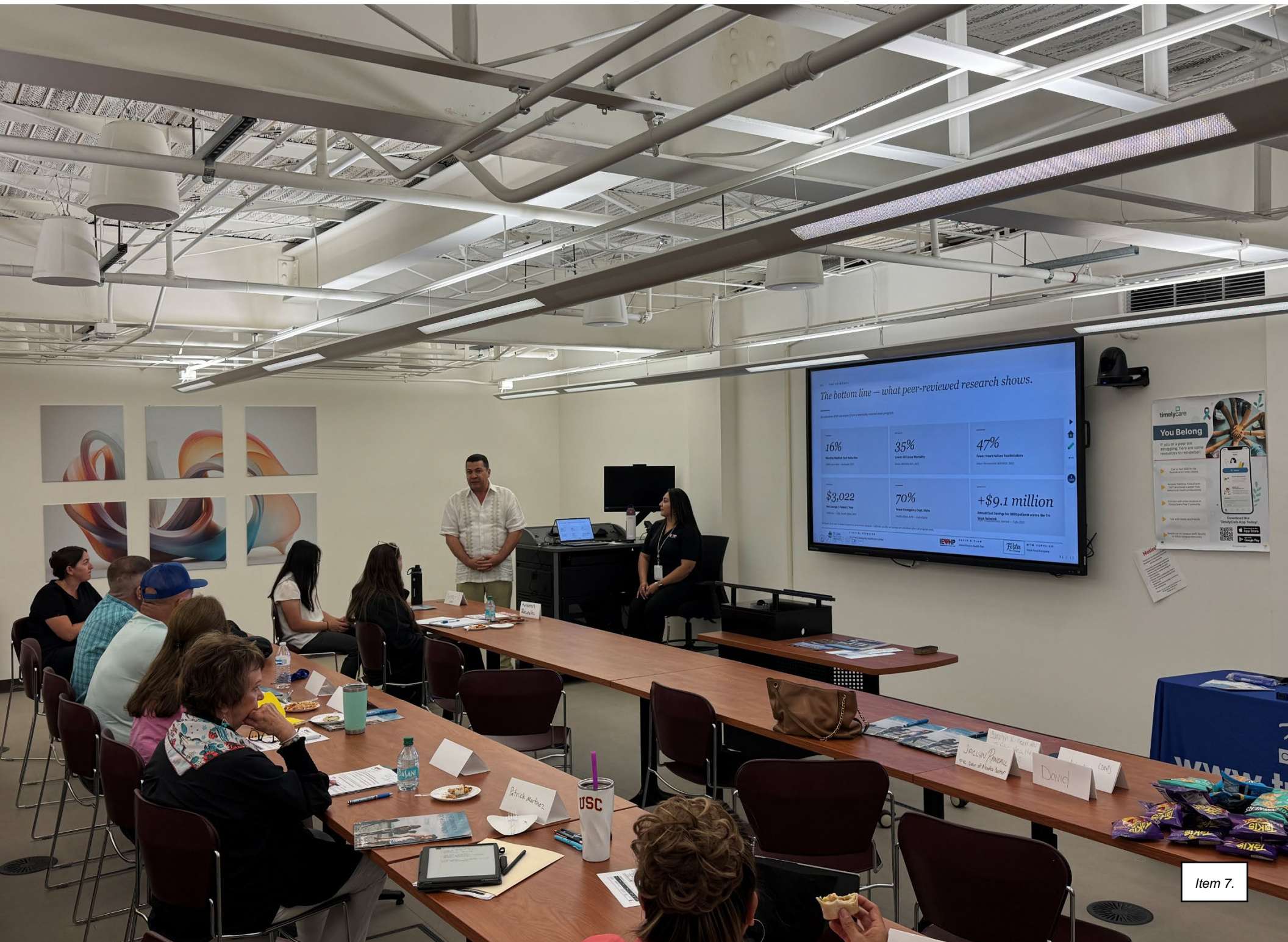
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The SUN Bucks program is back, helping families keep children fed and healthy with access to nutritious food while school is out.

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9. IEHP RURAL AREA SUPPORT COLLABORATIVE



10. GOOD MORNING NEEDLES



11. NEEDLES LIBRARY SUMMER PROGRAM

NEEDLES BRANCH LIBRARY

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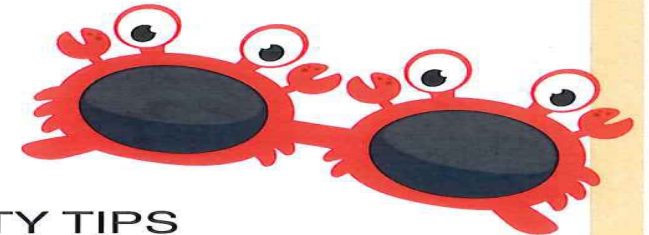
SUMMER READING PROGRAM June 8 - August 2

Wednesdays • 2:30pm
Storytime
Stories, songs, and crafts for all-ages.



PERFORMERS • Tuesdays • 1:00pm

- June 9 • MOBILE ZOO OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
- June 16 • PALO VERDE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
- June 23 • CALIFORNIA JOE
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I. EAGLES POOL PARTY

SWIM WITH AN EAGLE

Join Us for a Unique and Fun Event!



**AT THE
NEEDLES
CITY POOL!**

**WHEN: Saturday, June 27, 2026
2:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M.**

FREE FOR CHILDREN



City of Needles

817 Third Street, Needles, California 92363
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*Mayor, Janet Jernigan
Vice Mayor Ellen Campbell
Councilmember Tona Belt
Councilmember Jamie McCorkle
Councilmember JoAnne Pogue
Councilmember Henry Longbrake
Councilmember Larry Ford*

City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM
DATE: June 26, 2026

Major Accomplishments This Week

Economic Development

- Officially launched California's first Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program connecting downtown to Bureau of Land Management trail systems.
- Released the first installment of the City's Live • Work • Play economic development campaign.

Federal & State Partnerships

- Hosted a federal partnership visit with the Office of U.S. Senator Adam Schiff to discuss infrastructure, healthcare, housing, and economic development priorities.
- Received legislative recognition from Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez highlighting the OHMV Pilot Program and AB 1756.

Tourism & Community Branding

- Featured in the official Visit California Passport to California Route 66 Centennial publication.
- Advanced improvements to the City's Route 66 gateway signage and branding.
- Received regional and national media recognition promoting Needles as a premier outdoor recreation and tourism destination.

Community & Quality of Life

- Continued expanding recreation programming through the Morning Water Exercise program.
- Strengthened community partnerships, including the Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Fundraiser, Summer Meal Program, and Fourth of July community events.

1. **OHMV Pilot Program Ribbon Cutting:** This week, the City of Needles officially launched its Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by City officials, project partners, community members, and local businesses. The event marked the culmination of years of planning, public outreach, partner coordination, and implementation. The event also celebrated Needles as the only city in California with a designated OHMV route network connecting riders directly to surrounding Bureau of Land Management trail systems. The program supports the City Council's goals of promoting economic development, expanding recreational opportunities, strengthening tourism, and enhancing partnerships that benefit the community.
2. **Legislative Update:** Assemblymember Jeff Gonzalez featured the City of Needles' OHMV Pilot Program in this week's official legislative newsletter. The newsletter highlights the City's launch of the pilot program and notes Assemblymember Gonzalez's AB 1756, which would extend the pilot program. This is another example of the positive regional and statewide recognition the City is receiving for its economic development and recreation initiatives.
3. **OHMV Program Media Recognition:** The launch of the City's Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program generated regional and national media coverage. Following the ribbon cutting, Mayor Janet Jernigan participated in an interview with **FOX26 News** discussing the program's anticipated economic impact and benefits to the community. The story is scheduled to air during the station's **Sunday 10:00 p.m.** newscast and will be published earlier that day on the FOX26 News [website](#). In addition, the program was featured by **UTV Guide**, a national off-road industry publication, which recognized Needles as the **first city in California** to establish a designated OHMV route network connecting the community directly to surrounding Bureau of Land Management trail systems. This earned media coverage advances the City Council's strategic goals of promoting economic development, strengthening tourism, and increasing statewide and national awareness of Needles as a premier outdoor recreation destination.
4. **Federal Partnership Visit:** On June 26, the City of Needles welcomed **James DeLoera, Jr., from the Office of U.S. Senator Adam Schiff** for a federal partnership briefing and community tour. City staff highlighted recent accomplishments, strategic priorities, and federal funding opportunities while showcasing key community assets, including Colorado River Medical Center, the Housing Authority, Historic Route 66, the Colorado River waterfront, the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program, and major economic development sites. Discussions focused on rural healthcare, workforce housing, infrastructure investment, water reliability, tourism, and strengthening federal partnerships. The visit reinforced the City's commitment to building relationships that support long-term investment and economic growth.
5. **Live • Work • Play Campaign:** The City has launched the first installment of its Live • Work • Play economic development campaign, developed in partnership with Tripepi Smith. The inaugural ["Play" video](#) highlights Needles' outdoor recreation, the Colorado River, Historic Route 66, and the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program, reinforcing the City Council's commitment to

tourism and economic development. The three-part campaign is designed to promote Needles as a destination to play, live, and work, supporting tourism, attracting new residents, and encouraging private investment. The City appreciates the employees and community partners who helped showcase Needles and its many opportunities.

6. **Route 66 Centennial Passport Feature:** The City of Needles has been featured in the official Visit California *Passport to California Route 66*, a statewide visitor guide developed to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Mother Road. The guide highlights Needles as a gateway community along Historic Route 66 and showcases local lodging and tourism assets for travelers exploring California's Route 66 corridor. This statewide recognition supports the City Council's ongoing efforts to promote tourism, celebrate the Route 66 Centennial, and position Needles as a premier destination for visitors traveling the historic Mother Road.
7. **Gateway Signage Improvements:** Staff is advancing enhancements to the City's gateway signage as part of the City Council's ongoing commitment to community branding, tourism, and economic development. The proposed improvements will strengthen the City's identity as the Gateway to California while creating a more welcoming first impression for residents and visitors traveling along Historic Route 66. These enhancements complement the Council's broader investments in Route 66 Centennial initiatives, community beautification, and destination marketing.
8. **Needles Featured for Quality of Life and Homeownership:** The City of Needles was recently featured in an online travel and lifestyle publication highlighting the community's unique combination of outdoor recreation, historic character, and attainable homeownership opportunities. The article recognized Needles for its median home sale price of approximately \$156,000 and showcased many of the community's signature assets, including the Colorado River, Historic Route 66, El Garces, the Needles Regional Museum, Rivers Edge Golf Course, and access to surrounding public lands. This positive third-party recognition supports the City Council's ongoing economic development, tourism, and community branding efforts by increasing awareness of Needles as an attractive place to **live, work, play, and invest**.
9. **Tourism Promotion Initiative:** As the City Council continues to prioritize tourism and economic development, the City appreciates the collaborative efforts of **Mayor Janet Jernigan** and **Wagon Wheel Restaurant** in developing an updated visitor brochure showcasing Needles' lodging, restaurants, recreational opportunities, attractions, and community amenities. The brochure serves as a valuable resource for visitors while encouraging them to explore the community, extend their stay, and support local businesses. This collaborative effort reflects the strong partnership between the City and the local business community to promote Needles as a premier destination along Historic Route 66 and the Colorado River.

10. **Recreation Feature of the Week – Morning Water Exercise:** The Needles Municipal Aquatics Center's Morning Water Exercise program is a popular recreational offering, providing residents with a low-impact workout that promotes cardiovascular health, strength, flexibility, and overall wellness. Classes are offered Monday through Friday from **8:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.** The program is designed for participants of all fitness levels. Morning Water Exercise reflects the City's ongoing commitment to providing quality recreational opportunities that enhance the health and well-being of the community.
11. **Chamber of Commerce Fireworks Fundraiser:** The Needles Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center has launched its annual TNT Fireworks fundraiser, with the stand operating June 28 through July 6 at the Shell Gas Station. **The fundraiser will officially open with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Monday, June 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., marking the beginning of the Independence Day season and another year of community partnership.** Proceeds from the fundraiser support the Chamber's year-round business advocacy, tourism promotion, visitor services, and community events. The City appreciates the Chamber's continued partnership and the many volunteers whose dedication helps make this longstanding community tradition a success.
12. **Summer Meal Program:** Needles Unified School District has launched its **Summer Meal Program**, providing free weekly meal distributions every Wednesday through **July 29, 2026**. Parents, guardians, and children may pick up meal bags containing five breakfasts and five lunches at seven locations throughout the community. Staff is sharing this information to help connect residents with available community resources, consistent with the City Council's goal of supporting community partnerships and enhancing quality of life for Needles families.
13. **Mosquito and Vector Control Awareness:** As summer temperatures increase, the City is reminding residents to take proactive steps to reduce mosquito breeding by eliminating standing water around their homes, maintaining swimming pools and ornamental ponds, and properly storing containers that can collect water. Residents who observe neglected green pools or other mosquito concerns are encouraged to contact the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health's Mosquito and Vector Control Program for courtesy inspections and assistance. The program also provides free mosquito fish for ornamental ponds and conducts disease surveillance to help protect public health. The informational brochure is available on the City's website and social media channels.
14. **Community Events Calendar Now Live:** The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a centralized location for community events, civic meetings, and community programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to help keep the calendar current and inclusive. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed and engaged.

COMMUNITY EVENTS & RECOGNITION

- I. **Needles Eagles Aerie 2599 Sponsors Free Swim Admission for Children:** Needles Eagles Aerie 2599 will host the Swim With an Eagle event on Saturday, June 27, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Needles City Aquatics Center. Through the generosity of Needles Eagles Aerie 2599, admission for children will be free. Residents are encouraged to attend this family-friendly community event.
- II. **City Hall Closed for Independence Day:** City Hall will be closed on **Friday, July 3, 2026**, in observance of the **Independence Day** holiday. Regular business hours will resume on **Monday, July 6, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.** During the closure, residents with urgent matters may call **760-326-5700**, where the City's after-hours answering service will route calls to the appropriate City personnel. A public notice has been posted at the entrance to City Hall informing residents of the holiday closure.
- III. **Fourth of July Community Celebration:** The City's Parks and Recreation Department, in partnership with **Needles Elks Lodge #1608**, will host the annual **Celebrate Freedom 4th of July Pool Party** on **Saturday, July 4, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at the Needles Aquatics Center. The free, family-friendly event will feature open swim, relay races, games, contests, food, the return of the **Miss Freedom** and **Mr. Firecracker** contests, and the annual treasure dive. Staff encourages residents and visitors to join the community in celebrating Independence Day. This event supports the City Council's goals of enhancing quality of life, fostering community engagement, and expanding recreational opportunities through strong community partnerships.
- IV. **RCC Community Rummage Sale Donations:** The River Communities Coalition (RCC) is currently accepting donations for its upcoming Community Rummage Sale, with proceeds supporting programs and services that benefit communities throughout the Colorado River region. RCC is seeking donations of furniture, household items, clothing, books, toys, electronics, tools, and medical equipment, with pickup and drop-off options available for community members. The City appreciates RCC's continued commitment to serving local residents and encourages those with gently used items to consider supporting this community initiative.

1. OHMV RIBBON CUTTING



2. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DISTRICT?

Team Gonzalez joined the City of Needles to celebrate the kickoff of the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Pilot Program! Needles launched this initiative to create designated routes, signage and educational information for Off-Highway Vehicles to operate on city streets. Assemblyman Gonzalez's bill, [AB 1756](#) would extend this program for residents and visitors to enjoy the program for years to come!



3. OHMV MEDIA RECOGNITION

INDUSTRY NEWS LAND USE & ACCESS

NEEDLES BECOMES CALIFORNIA'S FIRST CITY TO CONNECT DOWNTOWN DIRECTLY TO BLM OHV TRAILS

Posted on June 25, 2026

NEEDLES MAKES HISTORY

California's First City to Connect Downtown to BLM OHV Trails

The City of Needles has officially launched the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Pilot Program, creating a designated network of routes that connects riders to businesses and BLM trails — all without trailering.

- FUEL, FOOD & LODGING WITHOUT THE TRAILER
- 9.2 MILES OF DESIGNATED OHV ROUTES
- SAFE, LEGAL, RESPONSIBLE. A NEW MODEL FOR CALIFORNIA
- SUPPORTING TOURISM & RURAL COMMUNITIES

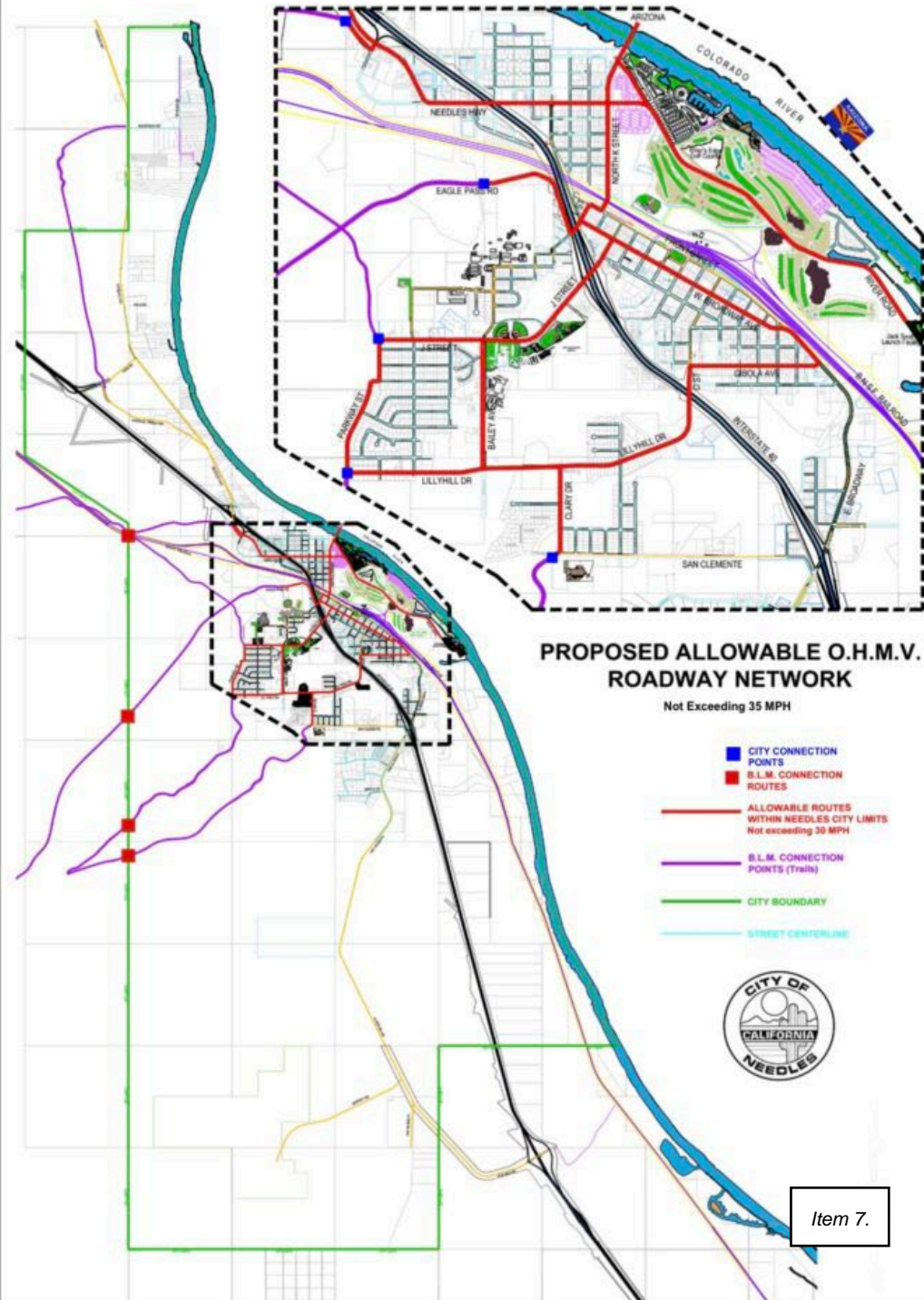


- REQUIREMENTS APPLY PER CA LAW**
Registration, insurance & licensed drivers required.
- HELMET REQUIRED UNDER 1,000cc**
Helmets required for all OHVs under 1,000cc.
- 35 MPH SPEED LIMIT ON DESIGNATED ROUTES**
Obey all posted signs and stay on the routes.
- PILOT PROGRAM THROUGH 2033**
AB 1756 seeks to extend the program to 1/1/2033.

RIDE RESPONSIBLY. RESPECT OUR COMMUNITY. PROTECT OUR ACCESS.



OFF-HIGHWAY MOTOR VEHICLE (O.H.M.V) MASTER PLAN City of Needles Pilot Program



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Historic pilot program lets riders legally travel from town to surrounding public lands while lawmakers work to extend the program through 2033

4. FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP VISIT



6. CENTENNIAL PASSPORT FEATURE

➔ 1926-2026

YOUR PASSPORT TO



7. NEEDLES GATEWAY SIGNAGE



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8. QUALITY OF LIFE



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This California River Town Feels Like The Last Affordable Escape With Homes Under \$200,000

By Isla Davenport • June 25, 2026



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9. TOURISM PROMOTION

El Garces



Fred Harvey Hotel
950 Front St

Built in 1908 for Santa Fe Railroad.
Call For Tour • 760-799-2279
7 days a weeks at your convenience.

Churches

Calvary Church of Needles
1800 J Street • 760-326-2904

Faith Chapel Church of God
1510 Highland St • 760-590-1262

Firehouse Ministries
809 Bush St • 760-443-4342

Needles Assembly of God Church
610 E Broadway • 760-326-2751

Needles Christian Church
1409 Balboa Street • 760-326-2781

Needles Church of Christ
417 Market Street • 760-326-2441

Set Free Church of Needles
404 F Street • 760-326-2941

St. Ann's Catholic Church
218 D Street • 760-326-2721

St. John the Evangelist Episcopal Church
2020 J Street • 760-326-3522

**The Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter Day Saints**
2001 El Monte St • 760-326-3363

Regional Museum Mural



Colorado River • Fishing • Boating
Scenic Desert Area • Off-Roading

Rivers Edge Golf Course

Jack Smith Park

Bob Belt Beach Park

Manny Morris Park

Needles Skate Park

Duke Watkins Park

Spike's Dog Park

Nikki Bunch Field

Jo Jo Garcia Sports Complex

Franz Flowers Field

Phillips Field of Dreams

Needles Rec Center

Needles Aquatic Center

Fort Mojave Indian Tribe

Needles Eagles Aerie #2599(members/guests)

Needles Elks lodge #1608 (members/guests)

Oatman, AZ • Laughlin, NV • Mystic Maze

Grapevine Canyon Petroglyphs

London Bridge at Lake Havasu City, AZ

Welcome To



ATTRACTIONS

El Garces

Santa Fe Park

Needles Regional Museum

Wayside Rest Stop

BNSF Train Park

Murals

Historic Buildings

Needles Visitor Center

CELEBRATING

100TH
ANNIVERSARY

1926-2026



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10. MORNING WATER EXERCISE



11. CHAMBER FIREWORKS FUNDRAISER

NEEDLES AREA CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER

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COMMERCE & VISITOR CENTER



RIBBON CUTTING



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE!

MONDAY
JUNE 29
2:00 PM



SHELL GAS STATION
2451 W Broadway St.,
Needles, CA



STAND

JUNE



28

12PM-8PM

29

10AM-8PM

30

10AM-8PM



JULY



1

10AM-9PM

2

10AM-9PM

3

10AM-10PM

4

10AM-10PM

5

10AM-6PM



**SHELL GAS
STATION**

2451 W Broadway St.,
Needles, CA

6

10AM-6PM

760.326.2050

JOIN



DEALS - COUPONS
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12. SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

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Free Weekly Meal Distribution

June 24, 2026 – July 29, 2026

Every Wednesday, a refrigerated delivery van will visit community locations.

Meals may be picked up by:

- Parents
- Guardians
- Children

Each meal bag includes:

- 5 Breakfasts
- 5 Lunches

DISTRIBUTION LOCATIONS & TIMES

1	Colorado River Market 2100 Needles Hwy.	9:00 AM – 9:15 AM
2	Needles Utility Office 817 Third St.	9:20 AM – 9:35 AM
3	Katie Hohstadt 600 Cibola	9:40 AM – 9:55 AM
4	Terrace View Apartments 1501 Lillyhill Dr.	10:00 AM – 10:15 AM
5	River Garden Apartments 1970 Clary Dr.	10:20 AM – 10:35 AM
6	Mormon Church 2001 El Monte St.	10:40 AM – 10:55 AM
7	Buy Rite 1932 J St.	11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

13. MOSQUITO AWARENESS

Disease Surveillance

We use traps to identify, test, and check for diseases that are:

- Mosquito-borne
- Rodent-borne
- Tick-borne

We place traps in our service areas that attract and trap mosquitoes. Once they are trapped, we send them for testing. If you see a trap in your neighborhood, don't worry! We will pick up the traps in the next few days.



Report Dead Birds

Reporting dead birds allows us to test them for West Nile virus. If you notice a dead bird, call the California West Nile Virus Hotline at (877) 968-2473 or scan the QR code.



Report Green Pools



Unmaintained pools often turn green and can become the ideal habitat for mosquito breeding. If you notice a green pool around your home give us a call or text!

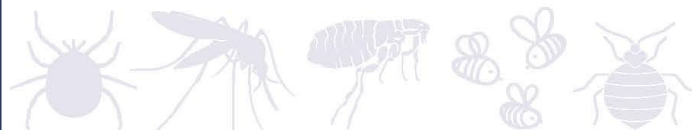
Courtesy Inspections and Consultations for:

- Mosquitoes
- Rodents
- Bed Bugs
- Fleas
- Ticks
- Flies
- Cockroaches
- Bees/Wasps



Scan the QR code to submit a courtesy mosquito/vector inspection request, or to submit a complaint.

Call or Text MVCP
(800) 442-2283
ehs.sbcounty.gov



Public Health
Environmental Health Services

Mosquito and Vector Control Program (MVCP)



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II. CITYHALL CLOSURE



**THIS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY JULY 3, 2026, FOR THE
FOURTH OF JULY.**

WE WILL REOPEN ON

MONDAY JULY 6, 2026, AT 8:30 A.M.

III. FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

CITY OF NEEDLES

WELCOMES YOU TO CELEBRATE WITH US FOR
AMERICA'S 250TH YEAR CELEBRATION

4TH OF JULY SWIM PARTY

GET READY FOR A DAY FULL OF
SWIMMING, RELAYS, CHERRY PIE &
WATERMELON EATING CONTESTS,
GAMES WITH PRIZES, YUMMY FOOD,
AND DON'T FORGET OUR ALL TIME
FAVORITE...PIE THE LIFEGUARDS!

SAURDAY, JULY 4TH 12:00PM ~ 4:00PM

BRING YOUR FRIENDS,
YOUR APPETITE, AND
YOUR PATRIOTIC SPIRIT!

- HOT DOGS & CHILI DOGS
- ICE CREAM & FLOATS
- COOL TREATS

MAKE SURE TO SIGN UP UPON ENTRY
FOR THE CROWNING OF OUR MISS
FREEDOM & MR FIRECRACKER AND
MAKE SURE TO STAY UNTIL 3:45PM
TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR ANNUAL
TREASURE DIVE \$\$\$\$ FOR COINS
AND THERE WILL BE ONE WINNER
PER DIVISION FOR A LARGER PRIZE!!!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

PARKSANDRECREATION@CITYOFNEEDLES.COM

CALL 760-326-3866(FUNN)

ADMISSION IS FREE
FOR ALL THANKS TO
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LODGE #1608

IV. RUMMAGE SALE RCC



RIVER
COMMUNITIES
COALITION

*Neighbors
Helping
Neighbors* 

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Building a Stronger Community... One Donation at a Time

River Communities Coalition (RCC)
is collecting donations for our
upcoming Community Rummage Sale!



Your donated items help fund
community programs and services
that benefit our **Colorado River
communities.**



WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

-  Furniture
 -  Household Items
 -  Kitchen Items
 -  Clothing & Shoes
 -  Books
 -  Toys
 -  Electronics
 -  Home Décor
 -  Tools
 -  Holiday Decorations
- ...and much more!*



WE WELCOME MEDICAL EQUIPMENT!

We especially welcome donations of:

- Walkers
- Wheelchairs
- Canes
- Crutches
- Rollators
- Shower Chairs
- Lift Chairs
- Hospital Beds
- Bedside Commodes
- And other medical equipment



WE PICK UP BIG OR SMALL!

Whether it's a single item, a bag of
clothing, or an entire household of
furniture, we'll gladly arrange a pickup.

*We'll pick up ANYTHING
big or small!*

All donated items should be
clean and in good,
usable condition.

SCHEDULE A PICKUP OR DROP-OFF

Call or Text Any of Our RCC Volunteers

-  Roxanne (928) 706-8323
-  Wayne (760) 903-3939
-  Nancy (562) 900-4808

..... Or Contact the RCC Office

-  **RCC Office: 760-801-4076**
-  **NeedlesRCC@gmail.com**

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE



*July 31 &
August 1, 2025*



7:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Palo Verde College – Needles Center
(Historic Claypool Building)
Needles, California

DONATION RECIPIENT



All donations are gratefully accepted
on behalf of the

RIVER COMMUNITIES COALITION (RCC)
a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

*Building a Stronger Community...
One Donation at a Time*



RECEIPTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

A receipt will be provided
for your tax records.

*Thank
You!* 

Every donation makes a difference!
Thank you for helping RCC continue
building a stronger community...
one donation at a time.

VISIT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE!



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