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AGENDA

ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, MAY 08, 2024 AT 4:00 PM
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

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

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

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

PUBLIC HEARING

- [1.](#) Approve Resolution 05-08-2024-PC, finding that the abandonment of the road right-of-way consisting of an unused portion of right-of-way along "O" Street, South of Market Street, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 0185-046-13 and 0185-085-29, is in compliance with the General Plan. (ACT)

REGULAR ITEMS

- [2.](#) Approve the Minutes of January 3, 2024 (ACT)
- [3.](#) Recommend the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for City Council Approval (ACT)

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

CITY MANAGER REPORT

Manager Reports

ADJOURNMENT

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Posted: May 3, 2024

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If a decision is made at this hearing and you later disagree with the decision, only issues raised at the public hearing or in written form at or before the public hearing can be considered.

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

Dated this 3rd day of May 2024

/s/ Candace Clark, Assistant City Clerk



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ PLANNING COMMISSION

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: May 8, 2024

Title: Planning Commission Resolution No. 05-08-2024-PC. A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Needles, California. Finding that Abandonment of an Unused Portion of Right-of-Way along "O" Street, South of Market Street, Adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 0185-046-13-0000 and 0185-085-29-0000, is in Compliance with the General Plan

Background: "O" Street south of Market Street is a road that previously provided transportation through the City of Needles, which was separated into two sections with the construction of the I-40, with the highway in-between each section, making the section of "O" Street, South of Market Street and terminating at the I-40, an area of right-of-way that serves no purpose.

Before the City Council may vacate the right-of-way, pursuant to Section 65402 of the Government Code, the Planning Commission must first consider and determine whether the vacation of the easement conforms to the General Plan and forward that determination to the City Council.

Public Notification: A public hearing notice was published in the Needles Desert Star newspaper on April 17, 2024, sent to each property owner within three hundred feet (300') of the property being considered for vacation, and posted in two conspicuous locations within the City.

Fiscal Impact: N/A

Environmental Impact: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the City's local CEQA Guidelines, City Staff determined that the project is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. City Staff found that there is no possible significant effect directly related to the Project, therefore no further action is required under CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR § 15061(b)(3)), and independently, the Project is categorically exempt (class 5) pursuant to Section 15305 of the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR § 15305).

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 05-08-2024-PC, finding that the abandonment of the road right-of-way consisting of an unused portion of right-of-way along "O" Street, South of Market Street, adjacent to Assessor's Parcel Numbers 0185-046-13-0000 and 0185-085-29-0000, is in compliance with the General Plan.

Submitted By: Kathy Raasch, Interim Development Services Director

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/2/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____

RESOLUTION NO. 05-08-2024-PC

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, FINDING THAT AN ABANDONMENT
OF AN UNUSED PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG “O” STREET, SOUTH OF
MARKET STREET ADJACENT TO ASSESSOR’S PARCEL NUMBERS 0185-046-13-0000
AND 0185-085-29-0000, AND IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City wishes to assist property owners in their efforts to build in the City in a reasonable manner that does not create a hazard to health, safety and welfare or incompatibility with surrounding uses; and

WHEREAS, the City believes that the original purpose of the road was made obsolete with the installation of the I-40 Interstate, which caused the road to serve no purpose now or in the foreseeable future; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing was published in the Needles Desert Star Newspaper on April 17, 2024, sent to each property owner within three hundred feet (300') of the property being considered for vacation, and posted within the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Needles City Code, a public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on May 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, a new Public Utility Easement (PUE) will be created, 10' wide, along the west side of “O” Street and 10' wide crossing “O” Street adjacent to the I-40 right-of-way to the pole located behind the existing church building.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Planning Commission of the City of Needles, California, hereby finds that abandonment of the road right-of-way is in compliance with the City of Needles General Plan.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Needles, California, held on the 8th day of May, 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Bob Rath, Chairperson
Needles Planning Commission

Kathy Raasch
Interim Development Services Director



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Hampton site

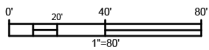
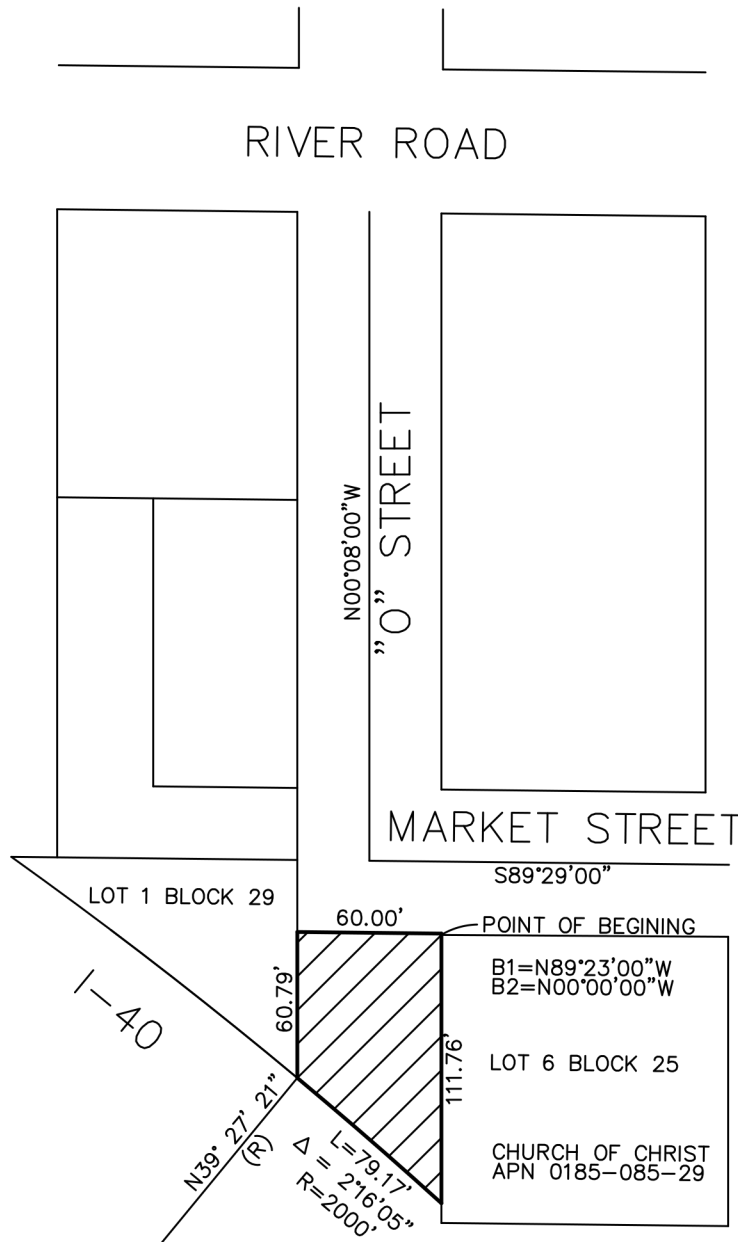
River Valley Inn

Church of Christ

Vacant Land

Agenda Item 1.

MARKET STREET ABANDONMENT EXHIBIT



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 03, 2024 AT 4:00 PM

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

1111 BAILEY AVENUE, NEEDLES

CALL TO ORDER - Vice Chair Wright called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Michael Wright
Barbara Beard
Bob Rath
Kevin Ostby
Charles Dressler
Will Bosboom

ABSENT

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Led by Chair Wright

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Beard moved, second by Commissioner Rath to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Wright, Beard, Rath, Ostby, Dressler, and Bosboom

Noes: None

Absent: None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST - None

CORRESPONDENCE - None

INTRODUCTIONS - Vice Chair Wright acknowledged Council Member Pogue, City staff member Kathy Raasch, and Former Council Member Shawn Gudmundson in attendance.

PRESENTATION

1. Selection of Chair and Vice Chair for the ensuing year of 2024

Commissioner Ostby moved, second by Commissioner Wright, to appoint Commissioner Rath as Chairman for the ensuing year of 2024. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Wright, Beard, Rath, Ostby, Dressler, and Bosboom

Noes: None

Absent: None

Commissioner Dressler moved, second by Commissioner Beard, to re-appoint Commissioner Wright as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year of 2024. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Wright, Beard, Rath, Ostby, Dressler, and Bosboom

Noes: None

Absent: None

PUBLIC APPEARANCE -None

PUBLIC HEARING

2. Public hearing noticed to consider all evidence and testimony for or against Planning Commission Resolution No. 01-03-2024-PC Recommending to the City Council approval of Special Use Permit, proposing a new 160-foot-high wireless telecommunication facility (monopole) for Verizon Wireless located on APN: 0660-162-07-0000 on National Old Trails Highway (Zoning Designation C-3 Highway Commercial).

City Manager Patrick Martinez reported.

Commissioners asked questions of staff and raised concern regarding lighting at the top of the tower. Considerable discussion ensued.

Applicant, Jeremy Siegel, spoke in response to questions raised by Commissioners, stating that the FAA regulates whether a light is necessary. He indicated that he would be willing to install lighting whether or not FAA requires it.

Chair Rath opened the public hearing at 4:40 pm

Public Comment - None

Applicant Comments - None

Comments in Favor - None

Comments Opposed - None

Applicant Rebuttal - None

Chair Rath closed the public hearing at 4:41 pm

Commissioners discussed lighting the tower and requested staff to add this requirement to the resolution.

Commissioner Ostby moved, second by Commissioner Beard, to approve Planning Commission Resolution No. 01-03-2024-PC approving a Special Use Permit for a new 160-foot-high wireless telecommunication facility (monopole) for Verizon Wireless located on APN: 0660-162-07-0000 on National Old Trails Highway (Zoning Designation C-3 Highway Commercial), adding the condition that lights be installed at the top of the tower. Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Wright, Beard, Rath, Ostby, Dressler, and Bosboom

Noes: None

Absent: None

REGULAR ITEMS

3. Approve the Minutes of December 6, 2023.

Commissioner Beard moved, second by Commissioner Ostby, to approve the minutes of December 6, 2023 Motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Commissioners Wright, Beard, Rath, Ostby, Dressler, and Bosboom

Noes: None

Absent: None

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Commissioner Wright - No requests

Commissioner Beard - Requested update on BNSF road and the status of the new Lilly Hill Booster Station. City Manager Patrick Martinez responded.

Commissioner Ostby reported the location of the road damage on Needles Highway and asked about the status of the Rt. 66 Destination project downtown. City Manager Patrick Martinez responded.

Commissioner Dressler asked about the status of installing speed limit signs on Clary Drive; and asked for an update on the Denny's building. City Manager Patrick Martinez responded.

Commissioner Bosboom reported off road vehicle tracks on the beach at Jack Smith Park and requested something be put in place where the slope is gradual at the far end of the parking lot to dissuade off road vehicle access; requested a paved wheel chair ramp for beach access.

Chair Rath asked about the status of Cannabis businesses being behind on utilities. City Manager Patrick Martinez responded.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

4. City Manager Patrick Martinez gave the City Manager's Report

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rath asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Ostby moved, second by Commissioner Beard, and carried by unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Bob Rath
Chair

Candace Clark, CPMC
Assistant City Clerk



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ PLANNING COMMISSION

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: May 8, 2024

Title: Development Services Department proposed budget for FY 2025 recommending approval for the Proposed Budget for the fiscal year ending 06/30/25.

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

Attached is the proposed budget summary (v.1) for fiscal year 2025. Also included is a summary of changes for each of the budgets to highlight the differences between the FY 25 budget and the approved FY 24 mid-year budget.

Fiscal Impact: See budget summaries attached.

Environmental Impact:

Recommended Action: Recommend the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 for City Council Approval

Submitted By: Kathy Raasch, Acting Director of Development Services

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/2/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____

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V.1 05/02/24			Development Division				
			FY 2024 / 2025				
			FY 2024	FY 2025			Comments
	2022	2023	Revised	Proposed	Percent		
	Actuals	Actuals	Budget	Budget	Change		
<u>REVENUE</u>							
Planning / Zoning	\$ 34,260	\$ 38,775	\$ 95,150	\$ 91,650	-3.7%	Decrease in Environmental Fees	
Engineering	\$ 18,176	\$ 35,828	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	0.0%	No change	
Building & Safety	\$ 210,805	\$ 333,600	\$ 205,500	\$ 206,500	0.5%	Added CA Fee on Bldg Permits	
Code Enforcement	\$ 339,853	\$ 274,362	\$ 385,000	\$ 355,900	-7.6%	Decrease in Abatement Lien Collections	
Total Group Revenue	\$ 603,094	\$ 682,565	\$ 715,150	\$ 683,550			
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>							
Planning / Zoning	\$ 203,026	\$ 265,077	\$ 406,601	\$ 356,356	-12.4%	Decrease in General Plan update, Engineering services, Other Professional Services, and Unemployment	
Engineering	\$ 185,760	\$ 306,441	\$ 443,083	\$ 419,998	-5.2%	Salary & benefits lower due to changes in personnel.	
Building & Safety	\$ 445,397	\$ 341,823	\$ 477,671	\$ 407,500	-14.7%	Salary & benefits lower due to changes in personnel and \$20,000 reduction in Consulting fees	
Code Enforcement	\$ 605,292	\$ 702,720	\$ 756,188	\$ 837,483	10.8%	Increase in legal fees. FY 24 budget for legal fees had been reduced at mid-year.	
Total Group Expenditures	\$ 1,439,475	\$ 1,616,061	\$ 2,083,543	\$ 2,021,337			

DEVELOPMENT REVENUE										
							2 yrs. ago	Last yr's.	FY 24	FY 25
							ACTUAL	ACTUAL	ADJUSTED	PROPOSED BUDGET
Planning										
101	0000	321	02	00	Fireworks Applications	PL	50	50	50	50
101	0000	322	02	00	Site Plan Dev Review	PL	21,445	27,925	50,000	50,000
101	0000	322	03	00	Conditional Use Permit	PL	6,978	6,053	15,000	15,000
101	0000	322	09	00	General Plan App	PL	52	0	500	0
101	0000	322	10	00	Subdivision/Parcel Map	PL	(1,146)	0	14,000	14,000
101	0000	322	11	00	Environment. Fees Misc	PL	720	2,192	5,000	2,000
101	0000	322	12	00	Misc. Planning	PL			0	0
101	0000	322	13	00	Sign Permit App.	PL	341	674	600	600
101	0000	392	05	00	Land Sales	PL	5,820	1,881	10,000	10,000
							34,260	38,775	95,150	91,650
Engineering										
101	0000	323	01	00	Encroachment Permit	EN	15,888	32,560	25,000	25,000
101	0000	324	02	00	Outside Review Svs.	EN	812	0	0	0
101	0000	324	04	00	Lot Line Adj / Merger	EN	1,236	628	3,000	3,000
101	0000	325	01	00	Transportation Permits	EN	240	2,640	1,500	1,500
							18,176	35,828	29,500	29,500
Building & Safety										
101	0000	323	02	00	Plan Check Fees	B&S	62,302	87,487	50,000	50,000
101	0000	323	03	00	Bldg. Permit Fees	B&S	143,016	237,133	150,000	150,000
101	0000	323	06	00	Strong Motion Fees	B&S	2,880	4,873	3,000	3,000
101	0000	323	07	00	CA Fee on Bldg Permits	B&S	0	0	0	1,000
101	0000	324	14	00	Blueprt Plotting Chgs.	B&S	2,607	4,107	2,500	2,500
							210,805	333,600	205,500	206,500
Code Enforcement										
101	0000	326	01	00	Abatement Liens Coll	CE	71,188	46,474	100,000	55,000
101	0000	351	01	00	Court Fines	CE	19,752	15,074	20,000	15,000
101	0000	351	03	00	City Code Fines	CE	80,876	8,303	30,000	30,000
101	0000	351	05	00	Cannablis Compliance	CE	144,127	162,883	200,000	220,000
101	0000	351	06	00	Parking Violations	CE	23,482	26,175	28,000	25,000
101	0000	351	08	00	Aband. Resid. Prop. Fee	CE	428	1,285	1,000	900
101	0000	362	01	04	Short Term Rental Insp	CE	0	14,168	6,000	10,000
							339,853	274,362	385,000	355,900



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Councilmember Jamie McCorkle
Councilmember JoAnne Pogue
Councilmember Henry Longbrake

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: April 26, 2024

1. **This past weekend**, in honor of Earth Day, the City held a Community Cleanup event. The two cleanup sites included Jack Smith Park (1001 River Road) and J Street/Nikki Bunch Fields. Additionally, a roll-off dumpster was placed at four locations for residents to dispose of their bulky items at no cost. City Staff is happy to report that **12 tons of material** was collected from the cleanup event, making it a very successful event.
2. On **April 24, 2024**, the Chamber of Commerce hosted the grand opening and ribbon-cutting ceremony for The Painted Butterfly, Needles' newest business. City officials, Chamber members, and community residents gathered to celebrate the vibrant addition to our local economy.
3. Congratulations to the City of Needles and the Needles Public Utility Authority on the successful ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renamed William "Bill" M. Claypool III Booster Station, a pivotal \$2.3 million project. We thank the State Water Resources Control Board, the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and California Climate Investments for their grant funding, which was crucial for these essential water system improvements.

This project was made possible through the dedicated leadership of the Needles City Council, the Board of Public Utilities, and city staff, who attended the ribbon-cutting on **April 25, 2024**, to mark this momentous occasion. Refer to attached images for reference.

4. Each Community Water System (CWS) issues an annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) to its customers, detailing the drinking water source, monitored contaminants, and compliance with state and federal standards. The CCR serves as a communication tool to educate customers about their water source and empower them to make informed health decisions.

The 2023 CCR for the City of Needles is now available online. It meets California's reporting and sampling standards, ensuring all contaminants are within the state's maximum contaminant levels (MCLs). Access the report at City of [Needles Water Department](#) or refer to the attached 2023 CCR.

On **April 17, 2024**, the City of Needles received Citation No. 06-13-24C-011 from the State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water for failing to collect nitrate samples in 2023. Despite this, city staff completed the required annual sampling for nitrates (NO₃) and disinfection by-products (DBP₂) on **April 25, 2024**, ensuring compliance with state standards. Historical records, including those from 2022, show consistent compliance with state maximum contaminant levels (MCLs), with ongoing adherence expected. Details of the 2024 findings and the 2023 citation will be included in the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). Utility customers will be notified of these developments in the May utility bills, and further information can be found in the attached citation.

5. On **April 29 and 30, 2024, from 4 PM to 6 PM**, the Sand Sharks swim team will host tryouts at the Needles Aquatics Center, located at 1101 Civic Center Drive, Needles, CA 92363. For more details, please refer to the attached flyer. The City Council has allocated \$15,000 for immediate enhancements to the facility, including a new pool vacuum. Check the attached images for a preview of the pool improvements. Starting **June 1, 2024**, the Aquatics Center will offer lap swimming, water aerobics, swim lessons, and open swimming. Visit the City of Needles [website](#) for the full pool schedule and pricing.

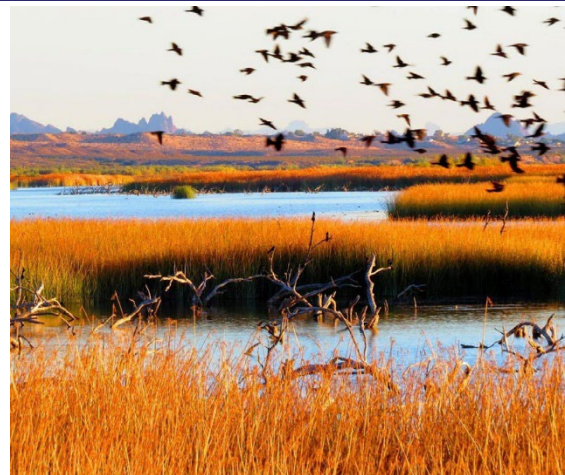
6. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **The JSP dedication ceremony** for the newly named Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews Trail at Jack Smith Park (JSP) is scheduled for **April 30, 2024, at 9:30 AM**. This event will take place at 1000 River Rd, Needles, CA 92363. The City Council has honored Marilyn Hohstadt Mathews by dedicating the new walking trail at JSP in her name. Join us to celebrate this special occasion!
- **Run for the Wall (RFTW)** is scheduled for **May 15, 2024, at noon**. RFTW is an annual procession of motorcyclists to honor Vietnam Veterans and call for an accounting of POW and MIA that starts in LA and crosses the country, gaining motorcyclists along the way, eventually gathering hundreds of thousands of participants as they enter Washington, D.C. City Staff, Chamber of Commerce, and Military Moms are working together to put on this annual event. The group will arrive at Needles around noon for lunch. Military moms will be serving approximately 350 lunches to RFTW participants.
- **Grand opening** of the long-awaited second bridge connecting Laughlin and Bullhead City, Arizona is scheduled for **Friday June 7, 2024**. Full details will be released once finalized in May.

1. CONSUMER REPORT



Annual Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report 2023



An Overview of Your 2023 Consumer Confidence Report

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

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

Within this Consumer Confidence Report, we have provided data tables that show what we test for, if there was a detection, and if so, at what level. It's important to remember that if there is a detection, that doesn't mean the water is not safe to drink. Many naturally occurring elements found in water are detected at low levels but are only known to have an adverse health affect at very high levels, over a long period of time. Ensuring water quality is a complex process and the information we provide may seem complicated. We want to make sure to answer any questions or concerns you may have. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Needles at 760-326-5700.



Do you know where your water comes from?

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

Water Saving Tips



Find and Fix Leaks

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



Take Shorter Showers

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



Wash Full Loads (Clothes & Dishes)

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



Avoid Watering Mid-Day

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



Choose the Right Plants

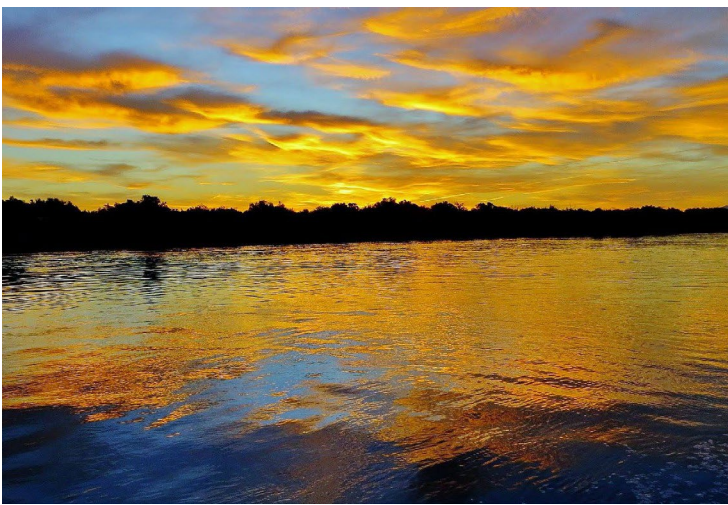
Replace a portion of your lawn with native and CA Friendly plants that use less water.



Install Smart Sprinklers

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

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Message from the United States Environmental Protection Agency

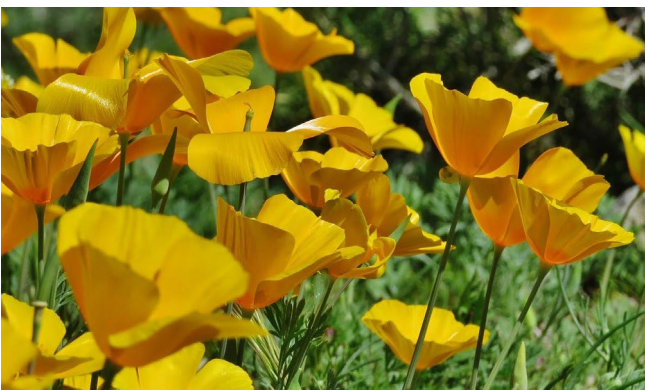
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals (and, in some cases, radioactive material) and can pick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

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

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

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

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





2023 Water Quality Test Results

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

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



DETECTED CONSTITUENTS

YEAR'S TESTED 2022

INORGANIC CONSTITUENTS- 2022-2023

Chemical Constituent	Unit of Measure	State MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Needles Range	Needles Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Hardness	mg/L	NA	NA	290 - 590	413.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Calcium	mg/L	NA	NA	71 - 140	98.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sulfate	mg/L	500	NA	259-570	396.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Chloride	mg/L	600	NA	130-310	226.66	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrate (NO3)	mg/L	10	<10	0.478-1.1	0.859	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrite (NO2)	mg/L	1	<1	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Fluoride	mg/L	2	1	ND-0.622	0.207	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Specific Conductance	Umho/cm	1600	NA	1300 - 2500	1900	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1000	NA	1100-1700	1433.33	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Turbidity	NTU	5	NA	0.29 - 2.2	1.04	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Iron	ug/L	300	100	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits

Metals- Other – 2022-2023

Chemical Constituent	Unit of Measure	State MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Needles Range	Needles Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Arsenic	mg/L	10	0.004	0.0036-0.0057	0.0044	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Manganese	mg/L	50	nl=500	0.016 - 0.65	0.066	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	NA	28 - 59	41	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sodium	mg/L	NA	NA	160 - 310	240	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Chromium	mg/L	50	100	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Bicarbonate	mg/L	NA	NA	180 - 220	200	Erosion of Natural Deposits
pH	units	NA	NA	7.63 - 7.73	7.68	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Barium	mg/L	1000	2000	ND - 0.029	0.017	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Selenium	mg/L	50	30	ND - 0	ND	Erosion of Natural Deposits
MTBE	mg/L	13	13	ND-0	ND	Leaking Underground Tanks

RADIOACTIVE CONSTITUENTS – 2022

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

.. On November 3rd 2020 the City of Needles received a notice from the California water boards to initiate quarterly monitoring on 3 of the city's water wells #8, #11 and #12 due to secondary maximum contaminant level exceedances of Iron and Manganese on well #8, and Manganese on wells #11 and #12. Well #8 and #11 have been offline for several years and are only run for sampling purposes to waste, well #12 is solely used to irrigate the golf course.

LEAD & COPPER-2022

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

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER QUALITY-2023

Microbiological Contaminants (units)	PRIMARY MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Value	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Constituent
Total Coliform Bacteria (% of monthly positive samples)	More than 5% of monthly samples are positive	(0)	0	No	2023	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. coli Bacteria (number of monthly positive samples)	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also Fecal Coliform or E.coli positive	(0)	0	No	2023	Human and animal fecal waste

Water Quality Terms

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



List of Acronyms

DLR: Detection Limit for Purposes of Reporting **GWUI:** Ground Water Under the Influence of Surface Water
mg/L: Milligrams per Liter or Parts Per Million (PPM) - Equivalent to 1 second in 11.5 days
ng/L: Nanograms per liter or Parts Per Trillion (PPT) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32,000 years
NA: Not Applicable **NC:** Not Collected **ND:** Not Detected
NL: Notification Level **NS:** Not Sampled
NTU: Nephelometric Turbidity Units (Suspended Material)
pCi/L: Pico Curies per Liter
pg/L: Picograms per liter or Parts Per Quadrillion (PPQ) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32,000,000 years
Sequestration: Phosphates Used in Water Treatment to Control Metal Releases
uS/cm: MicroSeimen per Centimeter
µg/L: Micrograms per Liter or Pa **Agenda Item 4. B)**
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City of Needles Water Department
City Utility Services Office
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363
Phone: 760-326-5700

Coupon for \$100 Toilet Rebate

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



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1. CONSUMER REPORT



State Water Resources Control Board Division of Drinking Water

April 17, 2024

System No. 3610032

Bryan Hickstein, Chief Water Operator
City of Needles
3401 Parker Dam Road
Earp, CA 92242
bhickstein@cityofneedles.com

CITATION NO. 06-13-24C-011 NITRATE MONITORING VIOLATION FOR THE CITY OF NEEDLES (3610032) 2023 OPERATING YEAR

Enclosed is Citation No. 06-13-23C-006 (hereinafter "Citation"), issued to the City of Needles (hereinafter "City"), public water system. Please note there are legally enforceable deadlines associated with this Citation.

The City will be billed at the State Water Resources Control Board's (hereinafter "State Water Board") hourly rate for the time spent on issuing this Citation. California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC") Section 116577 provides that a public water system must reimburse the State Water Board for actual costs incurred by the State Water Board for specified enforcement actions, including preparing, issuing, and monitoring compliance with a citation. The City will receive a bill, sent from the State Water Board, in August of the next fiscal year. This bill will contain fees for any time spent on enforcement activities for the City over the current fiscal year.

A process exists by which a public water system can petition the State Water Board for reconsideration of this citation. Petitions sent to the State Water Board "shall include the name and address of the petitioner, a copy of the order or decision for which the petitioner seeks reconsideration, identification of the reason the petitioner alleges the issuance of the order or decision was inappropriate or improper, the specific action the Citation No. 06-13-24C-011, petitioner requests, and other information as the state board may prescribe. The petition shall be accompanied by a statement of points and authorities of the legal issues raised by the petition." (Health & Saf. Code, § 116701, subd. (b).)

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

464 W. 4th Street, #437, San Bernardino, CA 92401 | www.waterboards.ca.gov

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Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the issuance of this citation by the State Water Board. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day by 5:00 p.m. Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

Drinking Water Petitions for Reconsideration:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/instructions.html.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Jonathan Parker of my staff at 909-383-4315 or me at 909-383-4328.

Sincerely,

**Wei H.
Chang**

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Date: 2024.04.17
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Wei H. Chang, P.E.
District Engineer
San Bernardino District

Enclosures:

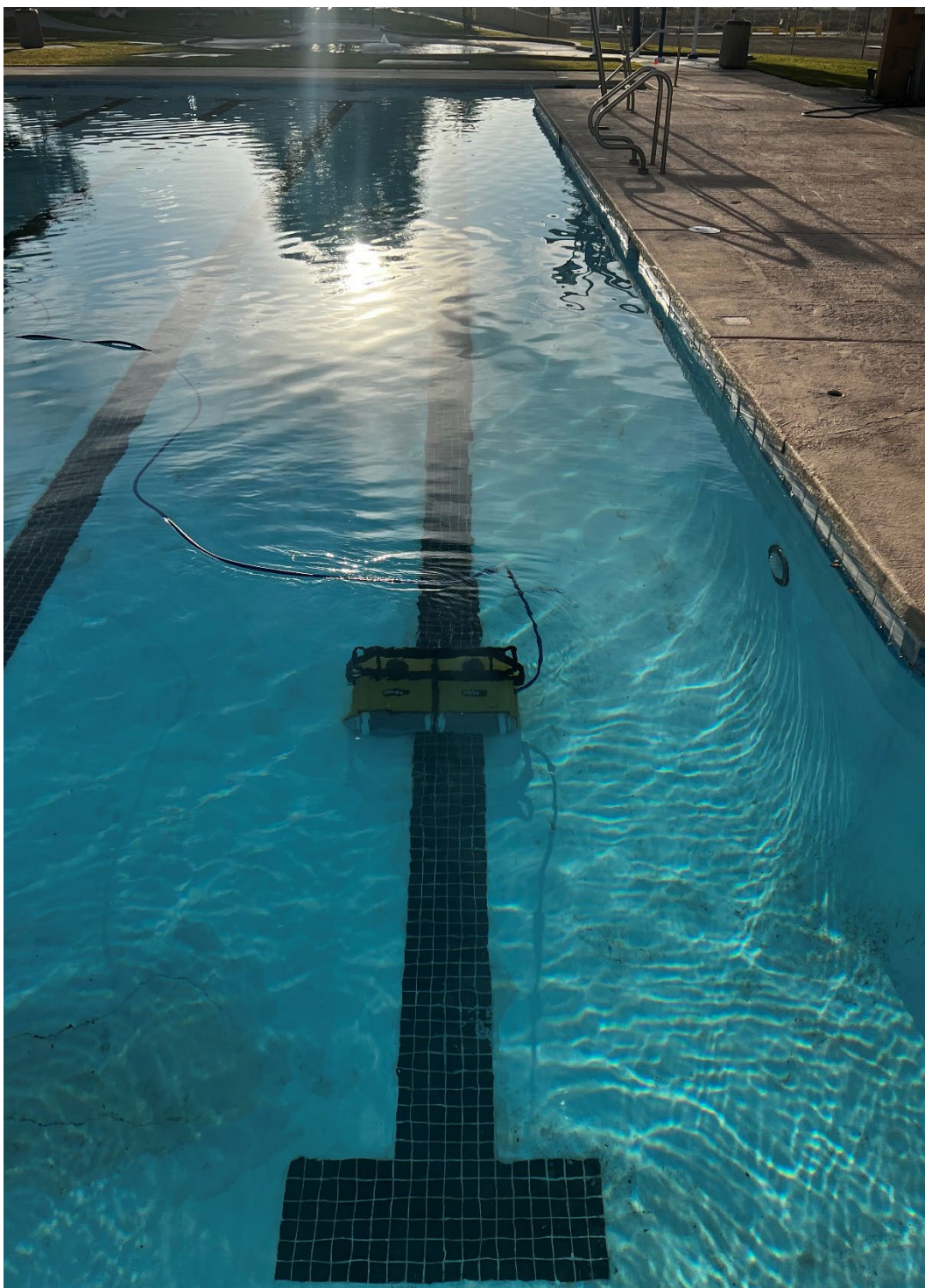
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Citation 06-13-24C-011

CC:

1. Rainie Torrance, Needles Administrative Contact, rtorrance@cityofneedles.com

5. AQUATICS CENTER IMPROVEMENTS



NEEDLES SANDSHARKS Swim Team



Swimmers will be required to swim the length of the pool unassisted

SWIM TRY OUTS

**MON. APRIL 29 & TUES. APRIL 30
4-6PM**

Swimmers may tryout any Monday-Friday @ 4pm

NEEDLES AQUATIC CENTER

We will see all RETURNING swimmers on Wed. 5/1

Contact us on our facebook or website for more
Information.

www.teamunify.com/team/reonszzoa/page/home



SWIM TEAM TRYOUTS

Monday, April 29th & Tuesday, April 30th

4-6pm @ Needles Aquatic Center

All NEW swimmers MUST tryout.

(If you can't make this tryout you can come @ 3:45 before any Mon-Fri practice)

Tryout consists of: swimming across the pool unassisted.

Our experienced coaches will teach technique & strokes during the season.

Monthly Fee: \$40 plus one time insurance fee of \$5

Season runs May, June, July

full season & multiple sibling discounts available



Returning Sandsharks: Practice will begin Wednesday, May 1st @ your designated practice time (4pm or 5pm)

If you have any questions, please contact: Head Coach Ashley DeLeon

or visit our website <https://www.teamunify.com/Home.jsp?team=recnszzca>

Coaches

Head Coach: Ashley DeLeon (760)672-0039

Asst. Coach: Caela Tsosie

2024 Board Members

President: Manuela Harris
Treasurer: Meagan Goetz (760)217-1661

Vice President: Amy Seraboli
Media Coordinator: Tim Hoyt (928)551-3623

Secretary: Krystal Pallotto
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Councilmember Henry Longbrake
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: April 19, 2024

1. **Tomorrow a Community Cleanup event** is scheduled for **April 20, 2024, at 7 am**, in honor of Earth Day. Owing to its success over the years, we've expanded the initiative to include two cleanup sites this year: Jack Smith Park (1001 River Road) and J Street/Nikki Bunch Fields. There's no need to register; everyone is invited to join the effort. The City will supply bags, pickers, and gloves for participants. Please find the attached flyer for additional information. Additionally, neighborhood clean-up event at 4 locations; Gates (Safari Drive), North K St, Vista (Nikki Bunch Ball Fields), and Cibola (112 Robuffa St) from 8-12 p.m. or until the containers are full. This is a great opportunity for residents to dispose of their bulky items for FREE. No household hazardous waste items will be accepted.
2. On Thursday, **April 18, 2024**, City Staff attended the Coachella Valley Business Conference and Economic Forecast, where they gained important insights into current economic trends and potential growth opportunities for our region. Following the 2020 redistricting by the California Citizens Redistricting Commission, the City of Needles is now represented in [Assembly District 36 by Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia](#), in [Senate District 18 by State Senator Steve Padilla](#), and in Congressional District 25 by Congressman [Dr. Raul Ruiz](#), with all representatives maintaining offices in the Coachella Valley. During the conference, City Staff met with each of these offices to discuss pressing issues in Needles, including our critical housing shortage, the urgent need for a local grocery store, and the necessity for funding to pave additional roads.
3. On Thursday, **April 18, 2024**, Councilmembers Tona Belt and Ellen Campbell attended the Inland Empire Tourism Regional Summit 2024. This significant event convened Discover IE members, travel industry professionals, hoteliers, and leaders from federal, state, and regional communities. The summit focused on several key topics, including the current state of tourism in the Inland Empire, the Route 66 Centennial Celebration, and exploring collaborative opportunities to

harness international tourism development for local businesses. Attached are photos showcasing our booth at the conference.

4. This week, from **April 17-19, 2024**, Mayor Jan Jernigan and Councilmember Pogue attended the California League of Cities City Leaders Summit. This event gave our city officials a valuable platform to meet with legislators and advocate for our city's top priorities, including housing, safeguarding local revenues, bolstering economic development, and enhancing public safety. The summit also featured in-depth sessions on various topics, from leadership to emerging issues facing cities, offering rich opportunities for peer-to-peer discussions and knowledge sharing.
5. On Tuesday, March 9, 2024, at approximately 12:14 p.m., deputies from the Colorado River Station/Needles Police Department responded to a reported burglary at 1500 Hospitality Lane, where donated clothing and shoes were stolen. On **April 12, 2024**, deputies arrested William Kingsland at Duke Watkins Park, finding him selling items identified as stolen. Kingsland was booked into the Colorado River Station jail on a \$30,000 bail, awaiting a court hearing. For information or to report anonymously, contact Deputies M. Bush at (760) 326-9200 or the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-CRIME or www.wetip.com. Find attached the press release for additional information.
6. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**

- **Transit Agencies Promoting Public Transit With Free Bus Rides:** The Needles Area Transit will be offering free bus rides **Saturday April 20, 2024 (TOMORROW) and Monday April 22, 2024**. [Click on this link](#) to be directed to the Needles Area Transit website for a schedule.
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SPRING INTO ACTION

TWO LOCATIONS

Community Cleanup Day

Jack Smith Park | 1001 River Rd.

&

J Street | Nikki Bunch Fields

Saturday, April 20, 2024

7 AM - 8 AM

Join your friends and neighbors as we work together to clean our community. No registration required.

The City will provide bags, pickers and gloves!



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Neighborhood Clean Up

Needles



The City of Needles will be providing *bulky trash collection containers for the FREE disposal of accumulated trash and bulk items*. Please bring your bulky items and trash to the designated container at the location listed below. This program is limited to the residents of Needles. We **cannot** accept commercial or industrial waste from businesses. Please remember to safely secure and properly cover your loads prior to traveling to the event. **PLEASE NOTE: If you have oversized, loose, or hard-to-handle loads, you may be turned away to dispose of your waste material at your own expense.**

THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD:

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

8:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

(Event will end earlier if equipment is full)

at the following locations:

**Gates (Safari Drive), North K (Near Underpass), Vista
(Nikki Bunch Ball Field), and Cibola (Robuffa)
Subdivisions**

NO HAZARDOUS WASTE WILL BE ACCEPTED

If you have any questions regarding this event, please call

Code Enforcement Officer Adrian Chavez (760) 326-5740 ext. 123 **THE**

FOLLOWING MATERIALS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

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

3. THE REGIONAL SUMMIT 2024



INLAND EMPIRE TOURISM **The Regional Summit 2024**

April 18, 2024

9:00am - 5:30pm

Marriott Riverside at the Convention Center
3400 Market St, Riverside, CA 92501



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3. THE REGIONAL SUMMIT 2024



5. RECREATION CENTER

Monday April 15, 2024, 8:56 AM



SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department

Advisory: Glendale Man Arrested While Selling Items Stolen from Needles Parks and Recreation

Dear patrick martinez,

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at approximately 12:14 p.m.

INCIDENT: PC 459 Burglary

LOCATION: 1500 Block of Hospitality Lane, Needles, CA

SUSPECT(S): William Kingsland, 43-Years-Old, Resident of Glendale, CA

VICTIM(S): Confidential

SUMMARY: On Tuesday, March 9, 2024, at approximately 12:14 p.m., deputies from the Colorado River Station/Needles Police Department responded to the area of 1500 Hospitality Lane reference a report of a burglary. Sometime between April 8, 2024, 6:00 p.m. and April 9, 2024, 8:30 a.m., unknown suspect(s) entered the business and removed clothing and shoes which had been donated to the City of Needles, Parks and Recreation.

On Friday, April 12, 2024, deputies contacted William Kingsland in the area of Duke Watkins Park. Kingsland was conducting a sale and had several items of clothing and shoes which were identified as the items taken in the burglary.

William Kingsland was consequently arrested and transported to the Colorado River Station jail for booking on the above charges. Kingsland remains in the custody of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department with a bail amount of \$30,000.00, awaiting a court hearing.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is urged to contact Deputy M. Bush or Deputy J. Ramirez of the Colorado River Station / Needles Police Department at (760) 326-9200. Those wishing to remain anonymous are urged to call the We-Tip Hotline at 1-800-CRIME (27463) or you may leave information online at www.wetip.com.

For press releases, news, and information, follow the Colorado River Station on Twitter/X at: @CORiverStation or Facebook and Instagram at

SBCSDColoradoRiverStation.

Refer: Deputy M. Bush / Deputy J. Ramirez

Station: Colorado River Station / Needles Police Department

Phone No. (760) 326-9200

Case No. 212400302 / 212400310

SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff-Coroner
San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department

For full details, [view this message on the web.](#)

Sent by **SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department**
1111 Bailey Ave, Needles, CA 92363

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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 12, 2024

1. This past weekend marked a landmark celebration for the Needles Rodeo Association with its 46th Annual Colorado River Round Up. Capturing the essence of the Tri-State region's spirit and heritage, the event set a new attendance record with 3,000 guests and enhanced the festivities by introducing food trucks for the first time. We were thrilled to feature local culinary favorites, Foodini's and River Sippin, enriching the experience for everyone involved. The steadfast support from our volunteers, supporters, and the entire Tri-State community continues to be the backbone of this event's success. More than just a rodeo, the Round-Up is a dynamic hub for the community to come together and celebrate our shared heritage and values. Please refer to the attached photos for a closer look at the festivities
2. On Thursday, April 11, 2024, the Housing Authority of the City of Needles (HACN) successfully convened a kick-off meeting with VA Loma Linda and key stakeholders to introduce the new HUD-VASH program, which will begin in May. Representatives from San Bernardino County Aging and Adult Services, VA Loma Linda, Nations Finest, and Billet Health discussed the implementation of this important initiative.

HACN is collaborating closely with Nations Finest, a dedicated organization that supports low-income veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This partnership focuses on helping veterans secure and maintain sustainable, permanent housing through comprehensive case management and temporary financial assistance.

For immediate assistance or to start the intake process, the public can contact Khristina at Nations Finest at (928) 615-4965 or HACN staff at (760) 326-3222. See attached flyer for additional information.

3. The recent rainfall in Needles has exacerbated the condition of our aging roadways, increasing potholes throughout the area. City Staff has quickly **mobilized this**

week, implementing temporary repairs to address these new challenges. These measures will ensure road safety until permanent repairs can be made. We encourage residents to report any potholes by contacting the City of Needles billing office at 760-326-2115, pressing #9, or using the convenient Needles Connect app. Please reach out with any concerns or to report issues as we work together to enhance our community's roads. The attached photos show the ongoing work, showcasing our commitment to maintaining and improving our infrastructure.

4. On **Friday, April 12, 2024**, City Staff has commissioned a company to rekey the historic El Garces Train Depot, initially built in 1908. The City purchased the building in 1999 and reopened it as the El Garces Intermodal Transportation Facility in 2014. This is the first time the building has been rekeyed since the City opened its doors in 2014. Named after Francisco Garces, a Spanish missionary who surveyed the area in the 1770s, this structure served as both a Harvey House and an ATSF station. Known as the "Crown Jewel" of the Harvey House network, El Garces was among the first train stations constructed from concrete. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 2002. El Garces houses the Needles Area Transit, Needles Desert Star, the Needles Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center, and an Amtrak station today. Please see the attached photos for a view of the work being completed.
5. The Animal Shelter City Staff is thrilled to announce two upcoming Spay/Neuter Clinic events **on April 12-13, 2024**. We are deeply grateful to honor the memory of the late Kippy Poulson, a devoted Needles resident whose generous legacy donation makes the April 12th clinic accessible free of charge to all Needles residents. Regrettably, both clinics are now fully booked. These clinics will be expertly led by Dr. Angelina Beeks, DVM of Angel's Touch Mobile Veterinary Unit, who has been a cherished collaborator since April 2022. Our bi-annual spay/neuter clinics are integral to our ongoing commitment to promoting animal welfare in the community. For more information, please visit the city's [website](#) or call us at (760) 326-4952 press #9. See attached photos and flyers for further information.
6. Vandalism, including graffiti and damage to public property, costs the City of Needles thousands of dollars annually. To address this, the City promptly repairs any damage and reports incidents to law enforcement for prosecution. In 2019, the City Council strengthened our commitment to protecting public and private properties by passing Ordinance No. 624-AC, which amended the Municipal Code to enhance enforcement against vandalism and defacement. This includes graffiti on both privately and publicly owned walls and structures. If you witness vandalism, please report it to the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office by calling (909) 387-8313**. Additionally, contact (760) 326-2115 for graffiti removal or use the convenient Needles Connect app, available for Android and Apple devices (see attached Needles Connect download instructions for more details).
7. The Needles Animal Shelter is home to many loving pets eager to become a cherished part of your family. We are dedicated to enhancing the quality of life for all animals in our community through our adoption program. If you're considering

adding a furry friend to your home, the adoption fee is just \$60. We invite you to contact the Needles Animal Shelter at 760-326-4952 from 8 AM to 2 PM, Monday through Friday, to learn more about our adoption process or to schedule a visit. Please see the attached photos of a delightful new batch of puppies awaiting their forever homes.

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2. VASH PROGRAM



Hours of Operation Monday Through Friday

8:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M

Located at 1343 Hancock Rd. Bullhead City, AZ 86442

WHAT OUR SSVF PROGRAM DOES:

Our program assists low-income veterans that are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, obtain and/or keep sustainable permanent housing through case management and temporary financial assistance.

WHERE WE SERVE:

We assist those in Kingman, Lake Havasu, Bullhead City, and any other surrounding areas in Mohave County, as well as those in Laughlin, NV.

HOW YOU CAN REACH US:

Please call the Case Manager located in your area to make an appointment*

OR stop by our office at 1343 Hancock Rd. Bullhead City, AZ.

*For appointments Monday through Thursday in the **Kingman area** please call:
(928) 440-6408; ask for Jessica or (928) 216-5208; ask for Mack

*For appointments on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday in the **Lake Havasu area** please call:
(928) 615-4965; ask for Khristina

*For appointments Monday through Thursday in the **Laughlin, NV & Bullhead City area** please call:
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3. POTHOLE REPAIRS



4. EL GARCES REKEY



5. ANIMAL SHELTER





SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC FOR TRI-STATE AREA

SATURDAY, April 13th, 2024

NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER
1662 FLIP MENDEZ PKWY
NEEDLES, CA 92363
(760)326-4952

SERVICES PROVIDED BY:

ANGEL'S TOUCH MOBILE VETERINARY UNIT
DR. ANGELINA BEEKS DVM

Must have an appointment and fill out an application

*MUST FILL OUT A SPAY/NEUTER APPLICATION (available at the Needles Animal Shelter) and turn in on or before 03/29/2024.

*\$50.00 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT TIME APPLICATION IS RECEIVED AND APPOINTMENT IS SCHEDULED

-NON-REFUNDABLE IF CANCEL OR NO SHOW

-\$50.00 DEPOSIT WILL GO TOWARDS SPAY/NEUTER ON DAY OF SERVICES

PLEASE CALL THE SHELTER FOR PRICES AND ALL QUESTIONS



FREE SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC



April 12th 2024

Needles Animal Shelter

1662 Flip Mendez Parkway

Needles, CA 92363

(760)326-4952

Services provided by:

Angel's Touch Mobile

Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Angelina Beeks

!THIS FREE CLINIC IS FOR NEEDLES RESIDENTS ONLY!

The City of Needles Animal Shelter received a generous donation from a longtime Needles resident Kippy Poulson. The donation will be used to cover the costs of the spay/neuter of cats and dogs in the city of Needles.

Must have an appointment and fill out an application.

*MUST FILL OUT A SPAY/NEUTER APPLICATION (available at the Needles Animal Shelter) and turn in on or before 03/29/2024.

*MUST ATTACH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TO PROVE RESIDENCY WITHIN THE CITY OF NEEDLES (utility bill, drivers license, or government issued photo ID)

*DOGS MUST HAVE VALID CITY LICENSE

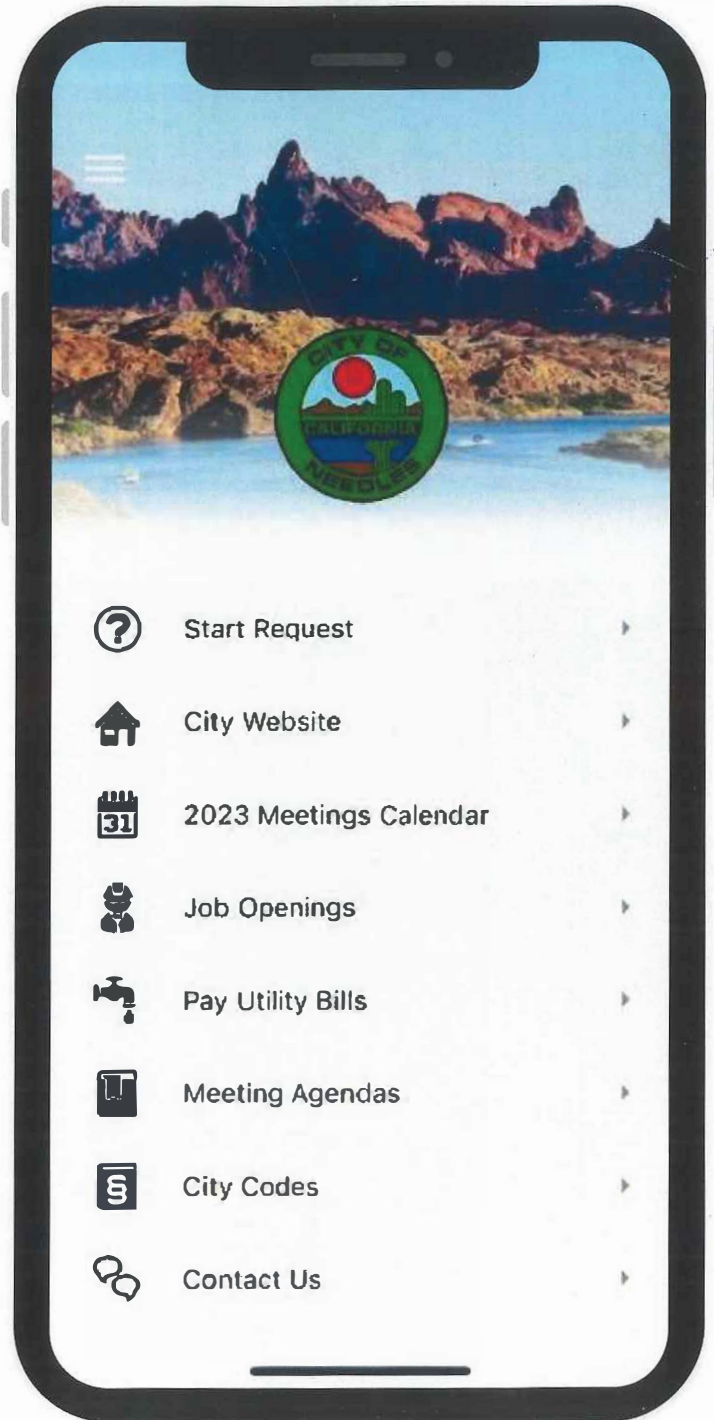
*NOT ELIGIBLE TO NEEDLES RESIDENTS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN PREVIOUS FREE SPAY/NEUTER CLINICS

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7. ADOPTION





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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 5, 2024

1. The Needles Rodeo Association is thrilled to invite you to the 46th Annual Colorado River Round Up, a cornerstone event that embodies the spirit and heritage of the Tri-State region. Celebrated as the oldest local rodeo, this event is endorsed by the Grand Canyon Professional Rodeo Association, ensuring a showcase of skill, courage, and cowboy tradition. Scheduled **for Friday (TONIGHT) and Saturday, April 5-6, 2024, starting at 6 pm** at the iconic Needles Rodeo Grounds at 1001 San Clemente, this weekend promises an unforgettable rodeo experience.

But the excitement continues after the rodeo; attendees can also relish culinary delights from food trucks, local vendors, and delectable BBQ offerings. Tickets can be purchased at the door for this event.

Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the excitement and community spirit of the Colorado River Round Up. This event is not just about the rodeo; it's about coming together as a community to celebrate our shared heritage and values. For more details, please refer to the attached flyer. We look forward to seeing you at this celebration of rodeo excellence and community camaraderie, which is sure to be a highlight of your year.

2. In July of last year, Palo Verde College (PVC) initiated the process to find a new Superintendent/President. PVC has organized [open forums](#) for **April 10, 2024**, to introduce the finalists for this pivotal role. These forums, taking place between **1 pm and 4 pm in room CL 101 at the Blythe Campus**, offer a unique opportunity for the community to hear directly from the candidates. For wider accessibility, the event will be live-streamed on the Palo Verde College [YouTube channel](#), with recordings subsequently made available on the [PVC website's homepage](#).

PVC, which has been catering to the educational needs of Needles residents since 1998 from its [Needles Center](#) located at 725 W. Broadway (previously Claypool's),

offers a comprehensive range of classes. These are designed to facilitate student transfers to four-year institutions and provide essential entry-level job skills, enhance vocational competencies, and offer diverse non-credit courses suitable for community learning and development. Notably, the governance of PVC includes representation from the community, with two of the seven [PVC Board of Trustees](#) elected from San Bernardino County, underscoring the college's commitment to serving the educational aspirations of the Needles area.

3. 2022 AB-2152 was enacted by the California legislature, updating the California Vehicle Code to launch a pilot program in Needles, slated to run until January 1, 2028. The initiative is designed to integrate off-highway motor vehicles (OHMV) into the city's transportation framework by permitting use on specific road segments in and surrounding Needles. The program's foundational meeting took place on **March 28, 2024**, orchestrated by the Needles City Council's OHMV Subcommittee in collaboration with city personnel and law enforcement representatives from the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Land Management, and the California Highway Patrol. Minagar & Associates has been hired by the City to develop an Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Master Plan and listen to stakeholders and received feedback. **Members of the public can provide feedback directly by emailing minagarf@minagarinc.com or directly at 949-707-1199 ext. 2#.** This session marked the start of the planning phase, focusing on soliciting and incorporating feedback from various stakeholders. For further information, please consult the provided document.

This pilot project permits Needles to establish shared-use routes on city roads, extending up to 10 miles. These routes will connect existing OHMV trails and trailheads on lands managed by the federal Bureau of Land Management or the United States Forest Service and OHMV recreational areas to essential services and accommodations. The goal is to offer a unified trail system for OHMVs while ensuring traffic safety, enhancing natural resource conservation, preventing OHMV trespassing on private properties, and mitigating the impact on residents.

Residents cannot currently utilize OHMV on City roads, but City Staff is working diligently to obtain the proper approvals to implement the plan. As the OHMV Subcommittee progresses, the public will be informed of the status of the plan's implementation.

4. The City Staff is excited to announce a Community Cleanup event on **April 20, 2024, at 7 am**, in honor of Earth Day. Owing to its success over the years, we've expanded the initiative to include two cleanup sites this year: Jack Smith Park (1001 River Road) and J Street/Nikki Bunch Fields. There's no need to register; everyone is invited to join the effort. The City will supply bags, pickers, and gloves for participants. We encourage all community organizations and members to take part. For more details, please refer to the attached flyer or stay updated via our Needles Connect app.
5. Thrilling advancements are in progress at Bob Belt's Beach Park, previously recognized as First and Second Beach. The City has triumphantly obtained a

\$2,179,702 Clean California Grant, dedicating these funds to creating this innovative park along the scenic Colorado River, facing the Rivers Edge Golf Course. This past Wednesday, we celebrated a significant milestone by delivering and setting up a prefabricated restroom, soon to be connected to an advanced septic treatment system.

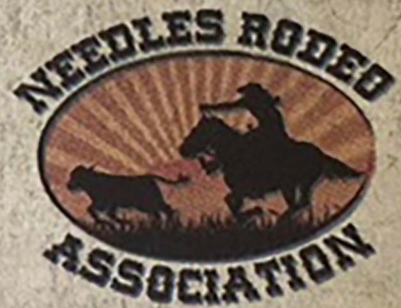
We invite you to observe the current developments, including constructing a new parking area and placing benches and tables, through the attached image. This project signifies a promising riverfront enhancement, transforming it into a vibrant community engagement and enjoyment area.

6. We're excited to bring you the latest developments at Jack Smith Park, a testament to our community's progress and dedication to enhancing public spaces. The City Council has enthusiastically embraced a grant awarded by the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, amounting to \$181,116. This generous funding has been directed towards the thoughtful design and meticulous construction of significant enhancements within the park. Notable improvements include introducing approximately 1300 linear feet of walking and biking trails, further enriched with seven state-of-the-art outdoor exercise equipment thoughtfully positioned along the trail to encourage health and fitness.

The construction journey, which began in November 2023, concluded successfully in March 2024, marking a new chapter in the park's history. For an immersive glimpse into these enhancements, we invite you to view the attached images that highlight the newly installed exercise equipment. Moreover, a captivating video showcasing the comprehensive improvements was presented at the March Council meeting and is easily accessible through the [provided link](#). This initiative not only revitalizes Jack Smith Park but also underscores our commitment to fostering health and wellness across our community.

★ ★ ★ 1. 46th Colorado River ★ ★ ★

ROUND UP



**APRIL 5 -
6, 2024**

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Grand Canyon Professional
Rodeo Association
sanctioned rodeo

*"Oldest local rodeo in the
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Needles Rodeo Grounds
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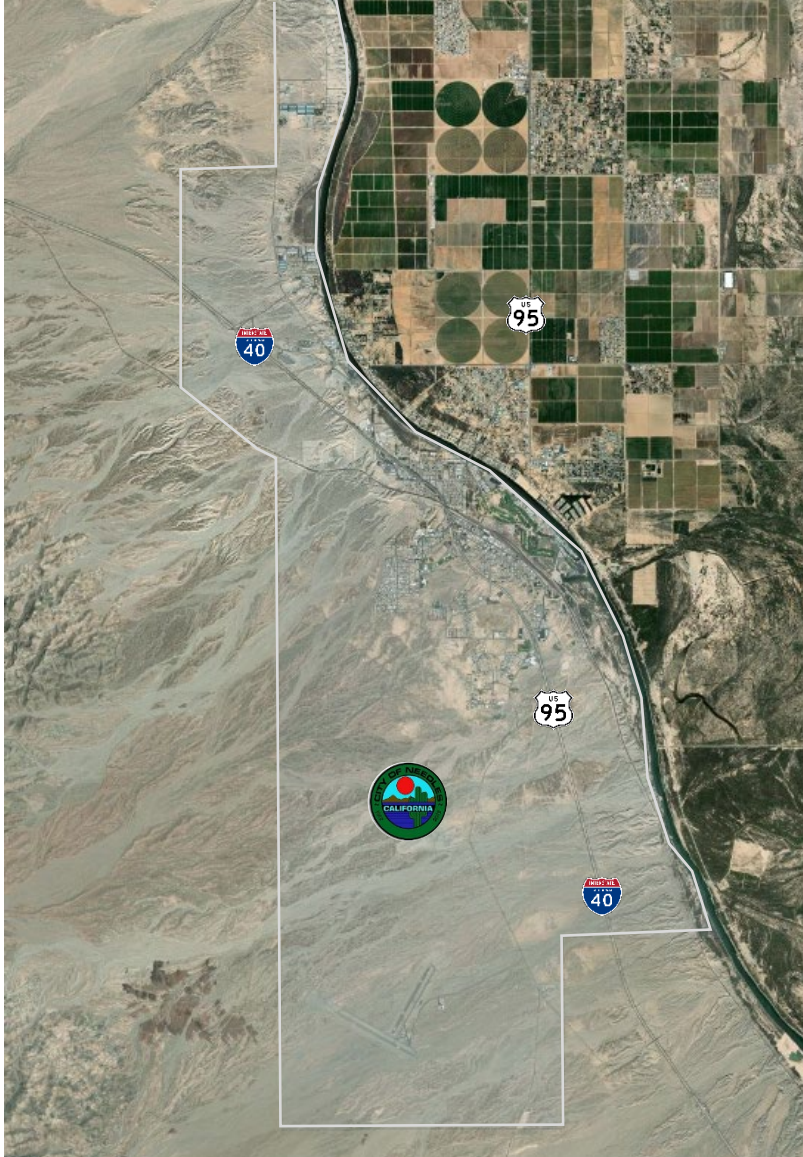


3. Off-Highway Motor Vehicles (OHMV) Master Plan and Routes – Pilot Project Technical Memorandum

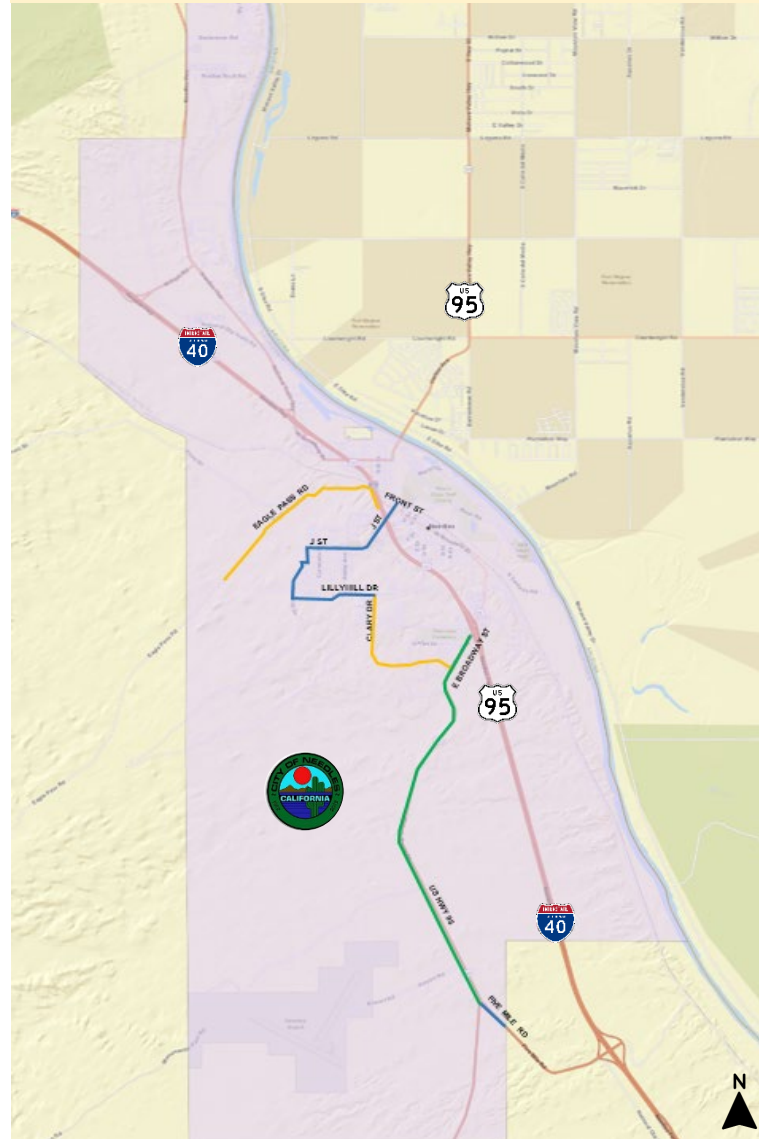
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City of Needles Terrain Map



Functional Classification of Proposed OHMV Routes in the City of Needles



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February 16, 2024

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MINAGAR & ASSOCIATES, INC.

Traffic/Civil/Electrical Engineering – ITS – Transportation Planning & CEM



February 18, 2024

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

Re: **Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Master Plan & Routes**
Technical Memo Per the New California Vehicle Code Section 38026.2 – Pilot Project

Dear Mr. Martinez,

Minagar & Associates, Inc. has completed the investigation of roadway characteristics of the City's proposed Off-Highway Motor Vehicle routes, including factors such as the presence of street lighting, number of lanes, and presence of curvatures or other special conditions, and subsequently decided on a total of 9.50 miles of roadway to be proposed Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) routes subject to the final approval of the stakeholders and ultimately the City Council of Needles.

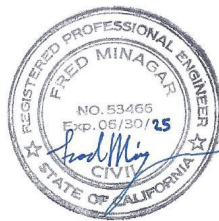
In the following pages, please find the summary tables of Minagar's findings regarding the characteristics and conditions of the proposed OHMV routes, accompanied by additional justifications, information, and supporting materials and figures. A table of contents has been provided on the following page for convenience in locating and referencing the tables and figures.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any additional questions you might have at (949) 707-1199 ext. 2# or via e-mail at minagarf@minagarinc.com.

Sincerely,

MINAGAR & ASSOCIATES, INC.
(A California Corporation)

Fred Minagar, MS, RCE, PE, FITE
President/Senior Project Manager



CC: Kathy Raasch

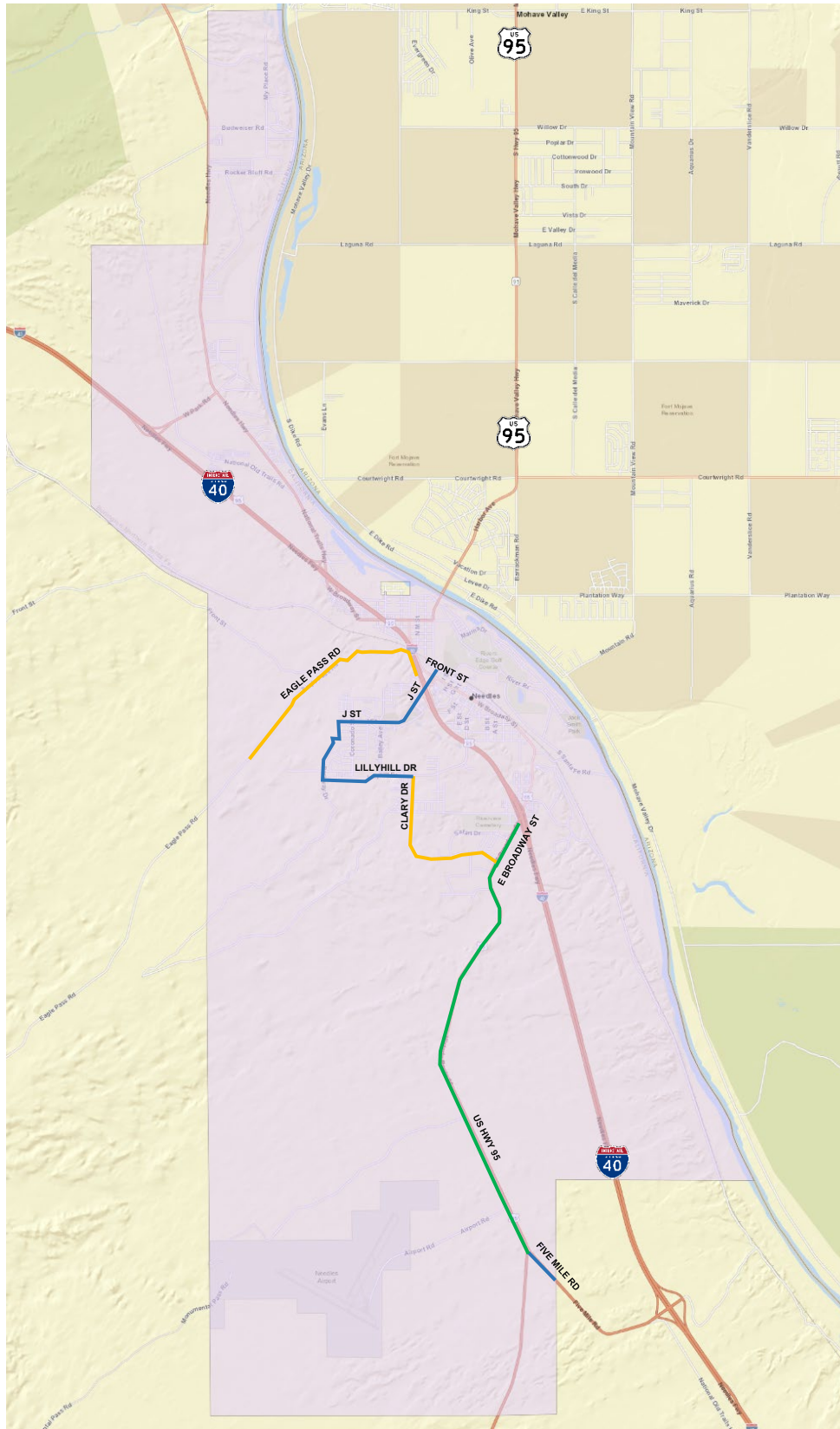




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LEGEND
Functional Classification

- Minor Arterial
- Major Collector
- Local

Figure 1: Potential Off-Highway Motor Vehicle (OHMV) Routes Functional Classification Map





Table 1: Proposed OHMV Routes Roadway Characteristics Summary

Street Name	From	To	Distance (mi)	Posted Speed Limit Sign	Designated Bike Lane	Street Lighting	Sight Distance	Other Roadway Characteristics
Eagle Pass Rd*	Slightly Past El Monte Dr	S L St	1.88	None	No	None	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Lane in each direction - No clear roadway markings/stripping or shoulder - Topography: Flat - Adjacent Infrastructure: Little to none - Unpaved
J St	Parkway Dr	Front St	1.08	30 MPH	No	Yes	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Lane in each direction - Partial striping, sidewalks, and shoulder east of Balboa St - Clear striping, sidewalks, and shoulder west of Balboa St - Presence of driveways - Topography: Flat - Adjacent Infrastructure: residential, civic & institutional, park
Lillyhill Dr	Parkway Dr	Clary Dr	0.77	30 MPH	No	Yes	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Partial striping and sidewalks, no shoulder - Wider roadway with on-street parking on both sides of the road between Bailey Ave and Clary Dr - Presence of driveways - Topography: moderate horizontal curves, occasional vertical dips - Adjacent Infrastructure: residential on Lillyhill
Clary Dr & Victory Dr	Lillyhill Dr	E Broadway St	1.38	None (within these limits)	No	Partial	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Lane in each direction - No clear striping, shoulder or sidewalks on Victory Dr - Partial sidewalks, wider unmarked lanes north of Calle Hernandez Rd - Presence of driveways - Topography: flat, moderate horizontal curves - Adjacent Infrastructure: sparse residential, civic & institutional
E Broadway St/US Hwy 95	Five Mile Rd	Needles Fwy	4.04	40 MPH	No	None	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Lane in each direction - Clear striping, sufficient dirt shoulders - Moderate horizontal curves - Topography: Mostly flat with occasional dips - Adjacent Infrastructure: Little to none south of E Spikes Rd, some industrial & residential north of E Spikes Rd
Five Mile Rd	E Broadway St/US Hwy 95	West City Limits	0.35	None (within these limits)	No	None	Good	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 1 Lane in each direction - No clear roadway markings/stripping or shoulder - Topography: Mostly flat with one slight dip - Adjacent Infrastructure: None
Total Distance of Proposed OHMV Routes: <u>9.50 Miles</u>								

*Limited Findings

Roadway Classification

	Minor Arterial
	Major Collector
	Local Roadway





Table 2: Additional Justification & Details of Proposed Segments

Street Name	From	To	Posted Speed Limit Sign	Justification/Benefits	Additional Considerations/Requirements
Eagle Pass Rd	Slightly Past El Monte Dr	S L St	None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides connectivity to all three existing OHMV routes in the City of Needles (See Table 3 for existing OHMV routes in the City)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will require an additional posted speed limit sign of 35 MPH specific to OHMV vehicles (As per Cal. Veh. Code § 38026.2 (5), provided in Attachment A.)
J St	Parkway Dr	Front St	30 MPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides connectivity to all three existing OHMV routes in the City of Needles 	None
Lillyhill Dr	Parkway Dr	Clary Dr	30 MPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides connectivity from residences and lodging facilities to OHMV routes #1, #2, and #3 	None
Clary Dr & Victory Dr	Lillyhill Dr	E Broadway St	None (within these limits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides connectivity from residences and lodging facilities to OHMV route #3 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will require an additional posted speed limit sign of 35 MPH, specific to OHMV vehicles (As per Cal. Veh. Code § 38026.2 (5))
E Broadway St/US Hwy 95	Five Mile Rd	Needles Fwy	40 MPH	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides connectivity to the Eagle Pass OHMV route in the City of Needles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will require an additional posted speed limit sign of 35 MPH, specific to OHMV vehicles (As per Cal. Veh. Code § 38026.2 (5))
Five Mile Rd	E Broadway St/US Hwy 95	West City Limits	None (within these limits)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides connectivity to the Eagle Pass OHMV route in the City of Needles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will require an additional posted speed limit sign of 35 MPH, specific to OHMV vehicles (As per Cal. Veh. Code § 38026.2 (5))

See the subsequent pages for supporting tables, figures, and attachments referenced in the above table.

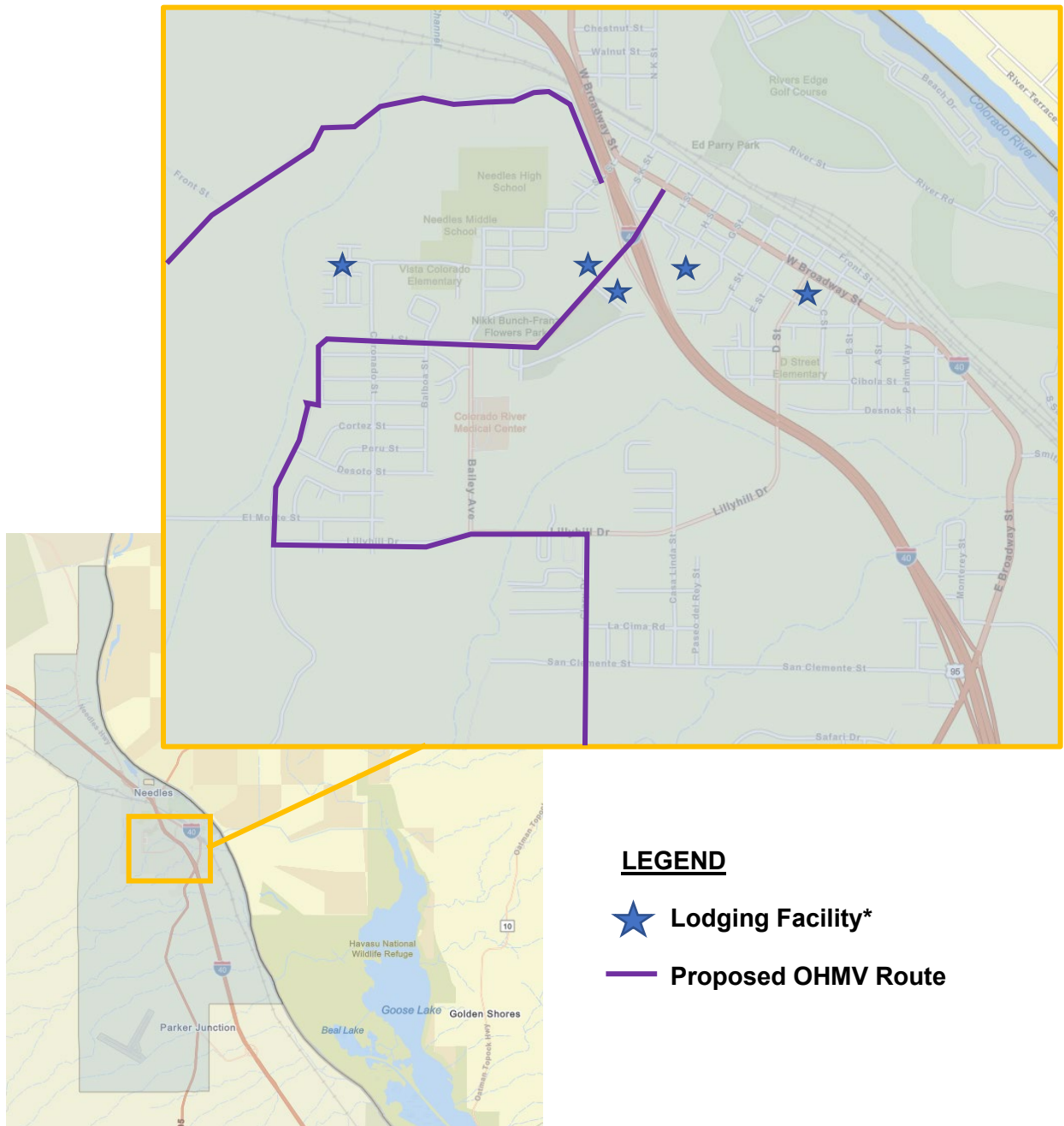


Figure 2: Existing Lodging Facilities in the Vicinity of Proposed OHMV Routes

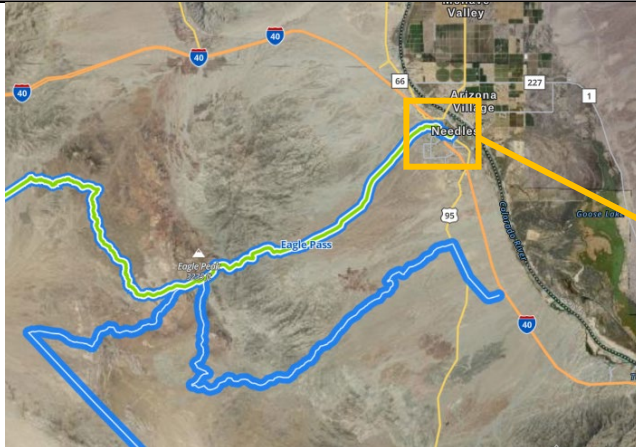
* Includes Motel 6, Days Inn & Suites, Econo Lodge, Santiago Coronado Village, and Quality Inn





Table 3: Existing OHMV Routes in the City of Needles

1. EMHT Segment 1: Needles to Ivanpah



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High
Clearance
4x4

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2. EHTM Segment 4: Fenner to Needles



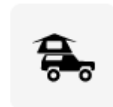
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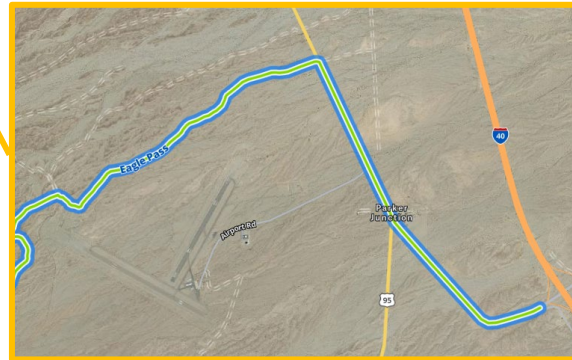
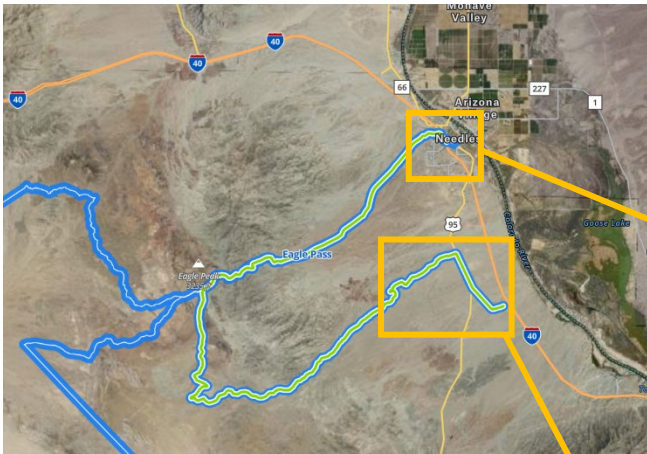
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3. Eagle Pass



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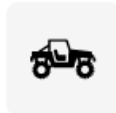
Dirt Bike



ATV



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High
Clearance
4x4

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Attachment A: **California Vehicle Code - § 38026.2**





- (a) Except as provided in subdivision (e), the City of Needles may establish a pilot project to designate combined-use highways on roads in the city for no more than 10 miles so that the combined-use highways can be used to link existing off-highway motor vehicle trails and trailheads on federal Bureau of Land Management or United States Forest Service lands, and to link off-highway motor vehicle recreational-use areas with necessary service and lodging facilities, in order to provide a unified system of trails for off-highway motor vehicles, preserve traffic safety, improve natural resource protection, reduce off-highway vehicle trespass on private land, and minimize impacts on city residents.
- (b) A pilot project established pursuant to this section shall do all of the following:
- 1) Prescribe a procedure for highway, road, or route selection and designation. The procedure shall be approved by a vote of a majority of the city council.
 - 2) Prescribe a procedure for the city to remove a combined-use designation, including a designation that is removed as a result of the conclusion of the pilot program.
 - 3) In cooperation with the Department of Transportation, establish uniform specifications and symbols for signs, markers, and traffic control devices to control off-highway motor vehicles, including, but not limited to, all of the following:
 - a) Devices to warn of dangerous conditions, obstacles, or hazards.
 - b) Designations of the right-of-way for regular vehicular traffic and off-highway motor vehicles.
 - c) A description of the nature and destination of the off-highway motor vehicle trail.
 - d) Warning signs for pedestrians and motorists of the presence of off-highway motor vehicle traffic.
 - 4) Require that off-highway motor vehicles subject to the pilot project meet the safety requirements of federal and state law regarding proper drivers' licensing, helmet usage, and the requirements specified in Section 38026.5.
 - 5) Prohibit off-highway motor vehicles from traveling faster than 35 miles per hour on highways designated under this section.
 - 6)
 - a) Prohibit a combined-use highway road segment designated under this section from exceeding 10 miles.
 - b) Notwithstanding subparagraph (A), two or more combined-use highway road segments may share a common starting point or ending point and may partially overlap as long as the resulting network of the highway road segments does not include more than three distinct locations of shared starting or ending points, or both.
 - 7) Include an opportunity for public comment at a public hearing held by the city in order to evaluate the pilot project.
- (c) A pilot project established pursuant to this section may include use of a state highway, subject to the approval of the Department of Transportation, or any crossing of a highway designated pursuant to Section 38025.
- (d)
- 1) By selecting and designating a highway for combined use pursuant to this section, the city agrees to defend and indemnify the state against any and all claims, including legal



defense and liability arising from a claim, for any safety-related losses or injuries arising or resulting from use by off-highway motor vehicles of a highway designated as a combined-use highway by the city council pursuant to this section.

2) This subdivision does not alter the requirements of subdivision (e).

(e) The city shall not designate a highway for combined use pursuant to this section unless the Commissioner of the Department of the California Highway Patrol finds that designating the highway for combined use would not create a potential traffic safety hazard.

(f)

1) Not later than January 1, 2027, the City of Needles, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Parks and Recreation, shall prepare and submit to the Legislature a report evaluating the pilot project, and containing all of the following:

a) A description of the road segments designated to allow combined use for over three miles, as approved or adopted by a majority vote of the members of the City of Needles city council.

b) An evaluation of the overall safety and effectiveness of the pilot project, including its impact on traffic flows, safety, off-highway vehicle usage on existing trails, incursions into areas not designated for off-highway vehicle usage, and nonmotorized recreation.

c) A description of the public comments received at a public hearing held by the city in regards to an evaluation of the pilot project.

2) On or before January 1, 2027, the City of Needles, in consultation with the entities listed in paragraph (1), shall prepare and submit a report to the Legislature that includes the information specified in paragraph (1).

(g) On or before January 1, 2027, the City of Needles, in consultation with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District, shall prepare and submit a report to the Legislature on the operation and impacts of the combined-use highways designated pursuant to this section, and the portions of any adjoining trails in close proximity to those highways, including impacts to neighboring lands affected by the system, if any. The report shall include the latest available information, including, but not limited to, impacts on cultural resources and archaeological sites, streambed modifications and water quality impacts, impacts on protections for wildlife and aquatic habitat, native plants, and wildlife, traffic, particulate pollution, and noise.

(h)

1) The reports submitted pursuant to subdivisions (f) and (g) shall be submitted in compliance with Section 9795 of the Government Code.

2) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2028, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2028, deletes or extends that date.

Ca. Veh. Code § 38026.2

Added by Stats 2022 ch 185 (AB 2152), s 4, eff. 1/1/2023.



4. EARTH DAY COMMUNITY CLEAN UP

SPRING INTO ACTION

TWO LOCATIONS

Community Cleanup Day

Jack Smith Park | 1001 River Rd.

&

J Street | Nikki Bunch Fields

Saturday, April 20, 2024

7 AM - 8 AM

Join your friends and neighbors as we work together to clean our community. No registration required.

The City will provide bags, pickers and gloves!



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5. BOB BELT'S BEACH PARK



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6. JACK SMITH PARK



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