



## City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☒ NPUA

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** June 24, 2025

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

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

The Board of Public Utilities approved the recommended action on June 17, 2025.

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

**Environmental Impact:** N/A

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

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

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

**Date:** 6/20/2025

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

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

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐