



## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ PLANNING COMMISSION

☒ Regular ☐ Special

**Meeting Date:** July 10, 2024

**Title:** Planning Commission Resolution No. 07-10-2024-PC. A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the City of Needles, California. Finding that Abandonment of an 8' wide Sewer Easement Located along the South Property Line of Parcel A of Parcel Map 14798 is in Compliance with the General Plan.

**Background:** An 8' wide, 162.59 linear feet, sewer easement shown on Parcel Map 14798 was dedicated to the City of Needles for the construction and maintenance of a sewer lateral to serve the property at 2701 Columbus Drive.

The property owner now desires to purchase the said easement and assume responsibility for the maintenance, repair and replacement of the sewer line within the existing sewer easement.

Before the City Council may abandon the sewer easement, 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 June 26, 2024, sent to each property owner within three hundred feet (300') of the easement being considered for abandonment, 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 07-10-2024-PC, finding that the abandonment of the 8' wide sewer easement located along the south property line of Parcel A of Parcel Map 14798, is in compliance with the General Plan.

**Submitted By:** Kathy Raasch, Interim Development Services Director

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

**Date:** 7/3/2024

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

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

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

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Other: ☐

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