



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular Special

Meeting Date: May 5, 2025

Title: California Municipal Utilities Association Comment Letter on Advanced Clean Fleet Regulations

Background: California Air Resources Board established Advanced Clean Fleets and Low Carbon Fuel Standard Regulations established a target of a **zero-emissions fleet by 2045**. CMUA submitted the enclosed comment letter requesting CARB to reevaluate the regulations before 2030.

The City of Needles has submitted comments to CMUA that this is an unfunded mandate set by CARB and would negatively impact the City and Utilities by the following;

- 1) There are no zero-emission electric fleets for bucket trucks and other electric vehicles needed for employees to complete their jobs.
- 2) The City of Needles has approximately 35-40 non-electric standard vehicles for various departments that lack the funding to purchase brand-new EV vehicles at \$45,000 - \$60,000 + each.
- 3) The City does not have the area or EV charging equipment to charge 35-40 vehicles each night.

Fiscal Impact: To be determined.

Environmental Impact: Zero-emission vehicles by 2045.

Recommended Action: Provide direction to staff to continue to monitor CARB's Advanced Clean Fleet Regulations and submit opposition letters as needed

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager
GHG Ad Hoc Committee; Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Cairns

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 4/29/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____