

BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

April 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 7th day of April, 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 CAIRNS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALTERS, to grant an excused absence to COMMISSIONER BROWN. 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 COMMISSIONER CAIRNS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER  
AGENDA POWELL, 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: COMMISSIONER WALTERS requested to pull agenda item #5 (authorize the City Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement with SMH Electrical Construction to complete the XIO Installation at L Street Booster Station and Well #15, at a cost not to exceed \$43,533, utilizing Water Asset Replacement Funds).

COMMISSIONER CAIRNS MOVED, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, to pull agenda item #5 and approve agenda items 1 through 4.

1. Approval of the minutes of the regular meeting held March 3, 2026
2. Authorize an increase in electrical engineering fees to Brooks Consulting, not to exceed \$20,000, utilizing the adopted FY26 electric operations & maintenance budget
3. Accept and file the approval of Calendar Year 2026 Colorado River Water Diversion for the City of Needles

4. Authorize the Voluntary Parker Davis Reduction for April, May, and June 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

PROF SVCS Utility Manager Torrance briefly explained that XIO is the SCADA (Supervisory  
AGREE W/ Control and Data Acquisition) equipment for the water system, equipment that is  
SMH ELCT needed to reduce manpower, overtime, etc. as the information will be obtained  
CONSTR over the employee's phone once installed.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL noted that a water and wastewater master plan report was done about five years ago and the new Board Members should be provided a copy.

COMMISSIONER CAIRNS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WALTERS, to authorize the City Manager to execute a professional services agreement with SMH Electrical Construction to complete the XIO installation at the L Street Booster Station and Well #15, at a cost not to exceed \$43,533, utilizing water asset replacement funds. 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: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL spoke on the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) change in ruling to the greenhouse gas mobile sources. He suggested the Ad-Hoc Committee draft a letter to be sent to all elected representatives  
GHG AD- that stationary sources be included because of the positive impact that could have  
HOC COMM on our rates. After a brief discussion, COMMISSIONERS CAIRNS, WALTERS AND JONES volunteered to serve on the Ad-Hoc Committee.

COMMISSIONER POWELL MOVED, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL, to appoint COMMISSIONERS CAIRNS, WALTERS AND JONES to the Greenhouse Gas Ad-Hoc Committee. Motion carried by the following vote:

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

COMMISSIONER McNEIL entered the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

FY 2026  
MID-YR  
BUDGET  
REVISNS

After a brief explanation and review of the mid-year budget revisions for each department and the changes proposed, City Manager Martinez recommended Board approval as submitted.

In preparation for next year’s budget, CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL requested a report at the next meeting on: 1) streetlights (who pays) which is a city, not utility, function as it is a public safety issue; 2) explanation of the due to/due from between the city and utilities; and 3) enlighten the Board on the purchase agreement, what it is, and the annual cost.

COMMISSIONER CAIRNS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER POWELL, to approve the revised budget for fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 for Needles Public Utility Authority, Water, Wastewater, Electric and All American Canal. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

REPORTS: CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL acknowledged the Present Perfected Rights Report February 2026.

MGR’S RPT: Utility Manager Torrance explained that in midyear budgets, revenues were adjusted as the city has been providing water to the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe. A portion of a 12” line owned and operated by the Tribe that runs along the side of the California/Arizona bridge collapsed into the river. The Tribe is currently supplying water to its own customers off a well that has a citation for iron and manganese. The Tribe will be installing a highline to feed the Arizona side while they make permanent repairs as they cannot continue to supply water off their well. The Tribe will go back on city water until these permanent repairs can be completed.

City Manager Martinez reported on various grants received by the city and other matters of community interest.

BRD RQSTS: COMMISSIONER JONES noted that he may not be at the July meeting.

CHAIRMAN CAMPBELL declared the regular meeting of the Board of Public Utilities held on the 7th day of April, 2026, adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

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Secretary