



## City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL  BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

Regular  Special

**Meeting Date:** May 5, 2026

**Title:** Approve a Second Amendment to the Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Telecommunications Inc. for seven (7) new connections along E Broadway Street

**Background:** In December 2024, the City entered into a Joint Use of Poles between the Fort Mojave Telecommunications Inc. The original request was for 4 attachments along Needles Highway and across BNSF right-of-way. The First Amendment was approved in July, 2025 for an additional 9 attachments along Erin, Bailey and Washington Ave.

The Fort Mojave Telecommunications Inc. is requesting seven (7) joint-use attachments along E Broadway to avoid boring near a 12-inch water main and major gas transmission lines.

The recommended action is to authorize Amendment #2 the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Telecommunications Inc. to Joint Pole Agreement for only the additional seven (7) attachment. The original agreement also only permits the applicant to apply for the power poles by an anchor and does not authorize drilling into the poles, which may impact the integrity of the pole.

**Fiscal Impact:** Increase in annual Joint-Use Pole Fees to the Needles Public Utility Authority.

**Environmental Impact:** N/A

**Recommended Action:** Approve a Second Amendment to the Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Telecommunications Inc. for seven (7) new connections along E Broadway Street.

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

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

**Date:** 04/29/2026

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

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