



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: September 2, 2025

Title: Accept the proposal of and authorize Lincus Incorporated to complete the 2025-2027 AB 32 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Third Party Verification Services for a total cost not to exceed \$26,014

Background: California Air Resources Board (CARB) has established and implemented a verification program to support mandatory greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting. Two primary components are an accreditation program for GHG verification bodies and individual verifiers, and a verifier performance oversight program. CARB is responsible for evaluating the verification services provided by CARB-accredited verification bodies and verifiers to ensure California's high-quality standards are achieved.

Only CARB-accredited verification bodies may provide verification services to reporting entities. Staff requested proposals from several verification bodies provided by CARB. The city received two responses; one from Lincus Incorporated and Carbon Verification Services, LLC.

	2025	2026	2027	Total
Lincus	8,640.00	8,214.00	9,160.00	\$ 26,014
Carb Verification	9,850.00	9,850.00	9,850.00	\$ 29,550

WZI Inc. has completed the verification services for the past 5 years. CARB established a term limit and requires third-party verification providers be switched every 5 years.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal impact of contracting with Lincus Incorporated is \$8,640 in FY 2025–26, \$8,214 in FY 2026–27, and \$9,160 in FY 2027–28, funded by the adopted electric operations and maintenance budget.

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Accept the proposal of and authorize Lincus Incorporated to complete the 2025–2027 AB 32 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Third Party Verification Services for a total cost not to exceed \$26,014

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 8/26/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____