

ATTACHMENT 1
RESOLUTION 2025-44

RESOLUTION 2025-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF NEEDLES LOCAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN (LHMP)

WHEREAS, the City of Needles recognizes that it is subject to a variety of natural and human-caused hazards such as drought, extreme heat, flooding, wildfires, seismic activity, and infrastructure failures that pose a risk to life, property, and community well-being; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (Public Law 106-390) requires local governments to develop and adopt a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) as a condition of receiving certain types of federal disaster assistance, including hazard mitigation grant funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Needles, with the assistance of Atlas Planning Solutions, has prepared a comprehensive LHMP that identifies hazards, assesses community vulnerabilities, and establishes mitigation strategies and actions to reduce long-term risks; and

WHEREAS, the LHMP was developed through a collaborative process involving multiple City departments, regional partners, and the public, including online surveys, outreach meetings, and opportunities for community review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 9 has reviewed the City's LHMP and determined that it is Approvable Pending Adoption, contingent upon formal adoption by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the LHMP demonstrates the City's commitment to hazard mitigation and makes the City of Needles eligible to apply for federal funding under FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP); and

WHEREAS, the LHMP will align with the City's future General Plan Safety Element and supports the City's goals of enhancing community resilience, protecting public safety, and safeguarding public and private investments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Needles, California, as follows:

1. The City of Needles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP), dated 2025, is hereby adopted as the official hazard mitigation plan of the City of Needles.
2. The City Manager, or designee, is authorized and directed to submit the signed resolution and adopted LHMP to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Region 9 for final approval.
3. The City Manager, or designee, is further authorized to implement and maintain the LHMP, and to pursue funding opportunities consistent with its goals and mitigation strategies.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 28th day of October, 2025, by the City Council of the City of Needles, California.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Janet Jernigan, Mayor

ATTEST:

Candace Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Lena Wade, Deputy City Attorney