



FEMA

September 25, 2025

Kathy Raasch
Director of Development Services/Capital Projects
City of Needles
817 Third Street
Needles, CA 92363

Reference: Hazard Mitigation Plan Approvable Pending Adoption
City of Needles, CA

Dear Kathy Raasch:

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has completed its review of the 2025 City of Needles Hazard Mitigation Plan and has determined that the plan is eligible for final approval, pending its formal adoption by the City of Needles.

Formal adoption documentation must be submitted to FEMA Region 9 within one calendar year from the date of this letter. If the adoption is not received within that timeframe, the plan must be updated and resubmitted for review.

FEMA will issue formal approval of the plan upon receipt of the adoption documentation. Adoption of the plan is required to maintain eligibility for funding under FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) programs. All funding requests will be evaluated individually based on the specific eligibility criteria and requirements of the applicable HMA program.

Please note that while local hazard mitigation plans may include additional content to meet Element H: Additional State Requirements or other local objectives, FEMA's Approvable Pending Adoption (APA) status does not constitute review or approval of any content exceeding FEMA's standard mitigation planning requirements.

If you have any questions regarding the planning or review processes, please contact the FEMA Region 9 Hazard Mitigation Planning Team at fema-r9-mitigation-planning@fema.dhs.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Kearns".

Alison Kearns
Planning and Implementation Branch Chief
Mitigation Division
FEMA Region 9

Enclosure (1)

City of Needles Plan Review Tool, dated September 25, 2025

cc: Robyn Fennig, State Hazard Mitigation Officer, California Governor's Office of
Emergency Services
Victoria LaMar-Haas, Hazard Mitigation Planning Chief, California Governor's Office of
Emergency Services