



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☒ NPUA

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: October 28, 2025

Title: Authorize Reliable Pump Inc. to rebuild the Hydromatic Pump for the Wastewater Pump, not to exceed \$18,081.96, including sales tax in the amount of \$1,114.43 for a total project cost of \$19,196.39 to be funded by the Wastewater Asset Replacement Fund

Background: The treatment plant is equipped with 2 Sequencing Batch Reactors (SBRs) that require a mixing pump in each SBR. One of those pumps failed and requires rebuilding or replacement. Staff has installed the spare pump and repair/replacement of this pump will allow us to maintain a spare pump for redundancy.

The failed pump was sent to the authorized service provider for evaluation and a repair estimate. The cost to rebuild the pump is \$19,196.39. The authorized service representative provided the cost of a replacement pump along with their repair estimate. Staff also contacted two other pump suppliers and requested quotes so we could better evaluate our options. Staff obtained three competitive quotes for a new pump, ranging in cost from \$54,680.92 to \$83,646.13, with estimated delivery times between 10 and 26 weeks, depending on the vendor. In comparison, the cost to rebuild the existing pump is \$19,196.39, and the repair is expected to be completed within four weeks. Based on the significant cost savings and shorter turnaround time, staff recommends proceeding with the rebuild of the existing pump.

The Board of Public Utilities approved the recommended action on October 21, 2025.

Fiscal Impact: Reliable Pump cost is \$18,081.96, sales tax on parts (excluding labor) is \$1,114.43 for a total project cost of \$19,196.39. The Wastewater Asset Replacement fund has a balance of \$193K as of September 30, 2025

Environmental Impact: None

Recommended Action: Authorize Reliable Pump Inc. to rebuild the Hydromatic Pump for the Wastewater Pump, not to exceed \$18,081.96, including sales tax in the amount of \$1,114.43 for a total project cost of \$19,196.39 to be funded by the Wastewater Asset Replacement Fund

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 10/23/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): Jill Tabara, Interim Finance Director

Date: 10/23/2025