



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

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Meeting Date: October 28, 2025

Title: Resolution 2025-44 City of Needles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)

Background: The City of Needles, in coordination with Atlas Planning Solutions and multiple City departments, has prepared a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) as part of a five-year strategic initiative to enhance community resilience and preparedness against natural and human-caused hazards.

The LHMP identifies potential hazards that could affect the community—such as extreme heat, drought, flooding, wildfires, seismic activity, and infrastructure failures—and outlines mitigation strategies and projects to reduce future risks to life, property, and critical infrastructure.

Preparation of the LHMP was funded through a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), administered under the Hazard Mitigation Assistance program.

The LHMP was developed between Summer 2024 and Spring 2025 and involved extensive coordination with City departments, regional partners, and public input through surveys, community meetings, and online outreach.

Following public review and submission to Cal OES and FEMA, the City received an “Approvable Pending Adoption” letter from the FEMA Region 9 Office, indicating that the plan meets all federal requirements subject to formal adoption by the City Council.

Upon adoption, City staff will transmit the signed adoption resolution and final plan to FEMA Region 9 to complete the approval process. Once approved, the City of Needles will be eligible to apply for FEMA’s Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC), Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA), and Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funding opportunities.

The LHMP also complements the Safety Element of the City’s General Plan and supports alignment with future capital projects and emergency preparedness initiatives.

Next Steps:

1. City Council adopts the LHMP by resolution.
2. Staff submits the signed resolution and plan to FEMA Region 9 for final approval.
3. Upon final FEMA approval, the LHMP will be formally in effect for a five-year period (2025–2030).

Fiscal Impact: No General Fund impact. The LHMP was prepared using FEMA grant funding.

Recommended Action: Adopt Resolution 2025-44 City of Needles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) to maintain eligibility for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) hazard mitigation grant funding.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution No. 2025-44. Adoption of the City of Needles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP)
2. FEMA “Approvable Pending Adoption” Letter
3. City of Needles Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez Date: 10/23/2025
Jill T. Torres, Interim Finance Director

Other Department Approval (when required): _____ Date: 10/23/2025