



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA

Regular Special

Meeting Date: January 27, 2026

Title: Approve Change Order No.1 to the Public Works Agreement with WEKA, Inc. for the Phase V Water Service Lateral Replacement Project

Background: In preparation for the upcoming Pavement Management Program, Phase V Street Improvements scheduled for FY26, staff advertised for bids for the Water Service Lateral Replacement project for streets associated with the paving. Streets for this project include the following: LillyHill Drive (Parkway Street to Coronado Street), Peru Street (Desoto Street to Balboa Street), Cortez Street (Desoto Street to Balboa), Parkway Street (LillyHill Drive to Rio Vista Street), Coronado Street (LillyHill Drive to Cortez Street), and Balboa Street (Desoto Street to Rio Vista Street). The contract was awarded to WEKA, Inc on October 14, 2025, and work commenced in November 2025. The original bid awarded was \$388,939 and \$28,141.54 additional work was added during construction that was funded by the project contingency.

During construction, water crews found that several valves in the construction area were broken, creating a risk to service continuity and the City’s ability to isolate the system in an emergency water main break. Therefore, four (4) insert valves were added to this water zone to be able to isolate a water shut down if such emergency were to exist. This additional work was added to this contract as recommended by the City Contract Engineer and Chief Water Operator to install these valves prior to installing new pavement in this area. The cost associated with this work is \$138,853.27 as it is specialized work from an out-of-area vendor. Insert valves require specialized installation and equipment; due to project sequencing and the paving schedule, it is not practical to rebid this work without delaying Phase V improvements.

Fiscal Impact: The FY 2026 adopted budget for the Water Capital Replacement Fund (Fund 582) includes \$500,000 for the lateral replacement project, funded from Water Asset Replacement Reserves. Approval of this change order will require an additional \$55,933.81 in appropriations from Water Asset Replacement Reserves.

Recommendation: Approve Change Order No.1 to the Public Works Agreement with WEKA, Inc. for the Phase V Water Service Lateral Replacement Project resulting in an increase to the contract in the amount of \$166,994.81 for a total contract amount of \$555,933.81 and authorize staff to execute said Change Order.

Submitted By: Kathy Raasch, Director of Development Services/Capital Projects

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 1/22/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): Mark C. DeMay, CGFM

Date: 01/22/2026