



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☒ NPUA

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Meeting Date: September 9, 2025

Title: Accept the proposal of and authorize Lincus Incorporated to complete the 2025-2027 AB 32 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Third Party Verification Services for a total cost not to exceed \$26,014

Background: California Air Resources Board (CARB) has established and implemented a verification program to support mandatory greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting. Two primary components are an accreditation program for GHG verification bodies and individual verifiers, and a verifier performance oversight program. CARB is responsible for evaluating the verification services provided by CARB-accredited verification bodies and verifiers to ensure California's high-quality standards are achieved.

Only CARB-accredited verification bodies may provide verification services to reporting entities. Staff requested proposals from several verification bodies provided by CARB. The city received two responses: from Lincus Incorporated and Carbon Verification Services, LLC.

	2025	2026	2027		Total
Lincus	8,640.00	8,214.00	9,160.00	\$	26,014
Carb Verification	9,850.00	9,850.00	9,850.00	\$	29,550

WZI Inc. has completed the verification services for the past 5 years. CARB established a term limit and requires third-party verification providers to be switched every 5 years. The Board of Public Utilities approved the recommended action on September 2, 2025.

Fiscal Impact: Lincus Incorporated fiscal impact for FY 26 is \$8,640, FY 27 is \$8,214 and FY 28 is \$9,160 to be funded by the adopted electric operations and maintenance budget.

Environmental Impact: Verification of greenhouse gases emitted.

Recommendation: Accept the proposal of and authorize Lincus Incorporated to complete the 2025-2027 AB 32 Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Third Party Verification Services for a total cost not to exceed \$26,014

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: _____

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____