



City of Needles

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City Manager Patrick J. Martinez

MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 31, 2025

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1. The **Spring Cleaning Community Cleanup Event** was a **huge success**, with residents disposing of trash and bulky items at **four designated locations** throughout the city. This initiative led to the collection of **14 tons (28,000 lbs.)** of material, highlighting our community's commitment to keeping **Needles clean and welcoming**. With support from **Public Works and Code Enforcement**, the event fostered a **sense of pride and collaboration**, bringing the community together to maintain **safe and attractive neighborhoods**. The **Needles Pride Program** continues this mission by promoting **property upkeep, code compliance, and organized cleanups**. Our city's beautification efforts extend beyond residential cleanups. **A special thank you to our city crews** for their hard work in preparing **Jack Smith Park** for spring. Crews **cut weeds and grass, cleaned the playground area, dragged the beaches, painted the canopies, and began improvements on the parking lot**. These enhancements ensure that our public spaces remain **inviting, safe, and enjoyable** for residents and visitors alike. If you missed the cleanup event, you can still participate by scheduling **three free bulky item pick-ups annually**. Simply call **1-800-364-3754** to arrange a pick-up. Let's **build on this success** and continue making Needles a cleaner, more beautiful place! Stay informed about upcoming events by downloading the **Needles Connect app** from the [Google Play Store](#) (for Android) or the [Apple Store](#) (for iOS devices). **Thank you to everyone who participated and to our city crews for their dedication!** *Check out the attached images to see these improvements in action.*
 2. City officials and staff attended the **League of California Cities Mayor and Council Members Academy** from **January 29-31, 2025**. This organization plays a vital role in **supporting local control and advancing our legislative priorities**, serving as a key resource for advocacy efforts in Sacramento. Through the League, we receive **legislative advocacy support, assistance with grant applications, letters of support, and proactive engagement on state-level issues** impacting Needles. As part of the **League's Desert Mountain Region**, Needles benefits from this strong network, a key point of

contact for our advocacy efforts. Attending this academy is essential for **building relationships, exchanging policy ideas, and ensuring our city remains engaged in critical discussions** affecting local governance. ***Refer to the attached photo of our City Council officials with League of Cities President Lin Kennedy and various council members from across California.***

3. The City Council is taking decisive action to meet our community's **housing needs** by adopting a comprehensive **housing demand study**. This pivotal initiative underscores our commitment to **economic growth** and **community development**. The study projects a demand for **55 new housing units** annually over the next decade, spanning both **for-sale and rental** options across multiple income levels. This forward-thinking strategy is in lockstep with our broader goals: enhancing **infrastructure**, stimulating **business development**, and fostering a **family-friendly environment**. With an **expanding workforce, aging housing stock**, and Needles' strategic position in the **tri-state River Region**, our city is exceptionally well-positioned for residential investment. In addition, as a **Prohousing-designated** city within an **Opportunity Zone**, Needles offers attractive incentives such as **state funding** access, **expedited permitting**, and potential **tax benefits** to support development. We are dedicated to partnering with **developers, investors, and builders**, and we are streamlining the permitting process while maintaining proactive engagement with project applicants to ensure Needles remains a **business-friendly destination** for housing development. Now is the ideal time to invest in Needles. With **rising housing demand** and robust **city-backed incentives**, we invite developers to explore the numerous opportunities available. Please contact the City of Needles for more information on our housing initiatives and investment potential. Together, we can shape a thriving future for our **community**. ***Refer to the attached housing study for additional insights.***
4. The **Needles Animal Shelter** is pleased to announce its upcoming **Spay/Neuter Clinics** on **April 24, 2025**, continuing our efforts to promote **animal welfare and responsible pet ownership** in the community. These bi-annual clinics, led by **Dr. Angelina Beeks of Angel's Touch Mobile Veterinary Clinic**, have been a vital resource since our partnership began in **April 2022**. With **limited availability**, residents are encouraged to **RSVP as soon as possible** to secure an appointment before both clinics reach full capacity. The program requires pet owners to **complete an application and provide proof of residency**, while **dogs must have valid rabies vaccinations and a city license**. To make this service more accessible, the **Needles Animal Shelter covers a portion of the cost**, reducing the financial burden on pet owners. Residents seeking more information or wishing to schedule an appointment can call the shelter at **(760) 326-4952**. ***Refer to the attached flyer for more details.***
5. The City of Needles offers a variety of rental opportunities for residents and visitors, including El Garces, the Recreation Center, city parks, and sports fields. These well-maintained facilities support public and private events, ensuring

better utilization of community assets while generating revenue for ongoing improvements. To rent a facility, residents can contact **Jennifer Valenzuela directly at (760) 326-2814 or by email at jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com**. Additionally, the **Jack Smith Park Boat Launch facility** will reopen in **March** for **weekend use only**, further expanding recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. Beyond facility rentals, the City offers a range of **seasonal recreational programs**, including youth sports leagues, as well as **Dance Trax 51**, which provides a variety of dance activities. Signature events such as the **Fall Festival** and the upcoming **18th Annual Spring Classic** continue to promote sports tourism and community engagement. These activities attract visitors, support local businesses, and offer residents diverse recreational experiences. The City's commitment to enhancing parks and recreation strengthens Needles' identity as a **family-friendly destination**, improving the quality of life while fostering a more connected and active community. **5**

6. City staff is excited to share that the **Well No. 11 Treatment Plant Project**, which broke ground on **May 31, 2023**, is now in its **final stages of system calibration for startup**. This **\$8.9 million project** represents a significant milestone in enhancing Needles' water infrastructure, ensuring a **reliable supply of high-quality drinking water** for generations. A **ribbon-cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for March**, with representatives from key agencies expected to attend. We sincerely thank the **State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and California Climate Investments** for their crucial grant funding, which made these essential improvements possible. Additionally, this plant will **treat Well No. 11 and support Wells No. 12 and No. 15**, significantly improving water quality by addressing **natural iron and manganese contamination** that has affected our groundwater for decades. This project is one of many, as Needles will see **over \$16 million in water infrastructure improvements in the coming years**, all designed to benefit our community well into the future. We look forward to celebrating this achievement with the community and stakeholders at the upcoming ribbon-cutting event.
7. This week, **Caltrans continued their fire prevention and beautification efforts along Interstate 40**, including tree removal, shrub trimming, and landscaping enhancements. **The Caltrans Tree Crew, specialists in cutting trees along interstate highways, completed multiple tasks at J Street, the pedestrian undercrossing on California, and behind River City Pizza**. We appreciate their ongoing commitment to maintaining **the entire I-40 corridor, including off-ramps within the city, ensuring safety and a welcoming environment for residents and visitors**. Residents can report concerns or maintenance needs for **the California State Highway System directly to Caltrans at <https://csr.dot.ca.gov/>**. For issues within the city, please contact **(760) 326-2115** or use the **Needles Connect app** which can be **downloaded** from the **[Google Play Store](#)** (for Android) or the **[Apple Store](#)** (for iOS devices). Thank you to **Caltrans for their continued support in keeping**

our community clean and safe! —Check out the attached images for a glimpse of their hard work.

8. City staff is pleased to **congratulate the owners of Jolted Coffee Arcade on their new addition to the family!** We're also excited to share that **Jolted Coffee Arcade is back in action**, now open **Monday through Friday from 5 AM to 10 AM at 109 F Street**. Offering a whole coffee shop experience—from **rich espressos and refreshing Frappuccino's to iced coffees and customized energy drinks**—this beloved local spot is back and better than ever! Visit their website for more details, and check out the attached image for a glimpse. Let's continue to **support local businesses** and enjoy some fantastic beverages at **Jolted Coffee Arcade!** Additionally, the intersection of **J Street and Third Street** will soon be revitalized by reopening **two businesses**—the **gas station at 301 J Street** and a **cannabis retail store at 300 J Street**. These reopening's will bring renewed activity to the area, helping to generate **additional sales tax revenue** for our community. The **City Council remains committed to fostering economic growth and supporting business development** by enhancing public relations and positioning Needles as a **business-friendly community**. This includes **streamlining the permitting process** to encourage investment and maintaining **proactive communication with current applicants** to ensure their projects move forward efficiently at the **City and County levels**. These business developments reflect the City's dedication to **supporting local entrepreneurs and cultivating a thriving business environment in Needles**. We look forward to continuing our collaboration with business owners to make Needles a **welcoming and prosperous hub for growth and opportunity**.
9. **Council Member Tona Belt** extends our gratitude on behalf of **Western Arizona Regional Medical Center (WARMC)** to the **San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department Colorado River Station** and the **California Highway Patrol Needles Station** for their outstanding contributions to the **City of Needles community**. This past **December**, at **Vista Colorado Elementary**, these organizations assisted **Santa** in making a **grand entrance via CareFlight helicopter** for the **third annual event**. Their participation created a **magical experience** for students, bringing joy and excitement while reinforcing the importance of community partnerships. This initiative directly supports the **City Council's goal to develop and improve a family-friendly environment** by fostering **community engagement**, promoting **safety and health**, and strengthening partnerships with **local organizations and first responders**. By working together, we continue to create **safe, welcoming spaces** that enhance the quality of life for residents. These efforts underscore our commitment to building a **thriving, connected, and community-supported Needles**, where **public safety, family-oriented programs, and strong partnerships** remain at the heart of our city's progress. *Refer to the attached image from the award recognition event celebrating this impactful community partnership.*

10. IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:

- **February 8, 2025 – The Women’s Club Golf Tournament**
The tournament is being held on February 8. [Registration is open. Sign up today!](#)
- **March 1, 2025 – Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**
The event will occur at the **Needles City Public Works Yard** (112 Robuffa Street, Needles, CA 92363) from **7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Residents are encouraged to responsibly dispose of **used motor oil, batteries, paint products, and household cleaners**. If you have any questions, contact the **Household Hazardous Waste Program** at **909-382-5401** or **1-800-OILY-CAT** if you have any questions.
- **March 15, 2025 – Lucky Greens Annual Golf Tournament**
Mark your calendars for this much-anticipated event at **River Edge**! Gather your friends, colleagues, or fellow Chamber members to form a team of four and enjoy a day of **friendly competition, networking, and fun** on the course—all while **supporting the local community**. Whether you’re a seasoned golfer or just out for a good time, everyone is welcome to join in!
- **March 19, 2025 – 3rd Annual Job and Resource Fair**
San Bernardino County Supervisor Dawn Rowe will host this event at the **El Garces Historic Train Depot** (950 Front Street, Needles, CA) from **10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** It’s a valuable opportunity for residents, city staff, and public officials to connect with **agencies and organizations offering essential services**.
- **April 21-27, 2025 – Route 66 Bike Week**
Experience the adventure of a lifetime by riding the historic stretch of **Route 66** from Needles to Seligman. This **weeklong event** celebrates the **freedom of the open road** and the vibrant culture of Route 66.
- **May 14, 2025 – Run for the Wall (RFTW)**
This annual event honoring **Vietnam Veterans** will welcome over **300 motorcyclists** as they journey across the country. This meaningful tribute will take place at the historic **El Garces**, with the riders expected to arrive at **noon**.

1. SPRING CLEANING COMMUNITY CLEANUP



1. JACK SMITH PARK CLEANUP



2. MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONFERENCE



3. HOUSING DEMAND STUDY

Accepted by the Council on 1/28/2025



Summary of Housing Market Demand Assessment for Needles, California

Needles City Council Meeting
January 28, 2025



Background and Objectives

- Responding to a Request for Proposals from the City of Needles, The Concord Group (“TCG”) completed a housing market demand assessment for the City in November 2024
- TCG’s scope of work included an assessment of key housing trends and demand drivers (including employment and demographic trends) for the City as well as for the broader River District region
- Based on the findings of our analyses, we provided an assessment of the current housing market, projected demand for rental and for-sale housing in the City over the next 10 years, and provided a menu of potential product types that would meet the forecasted demand across a range of income levels and housing preferences
- This presentation summarizes our key findings.

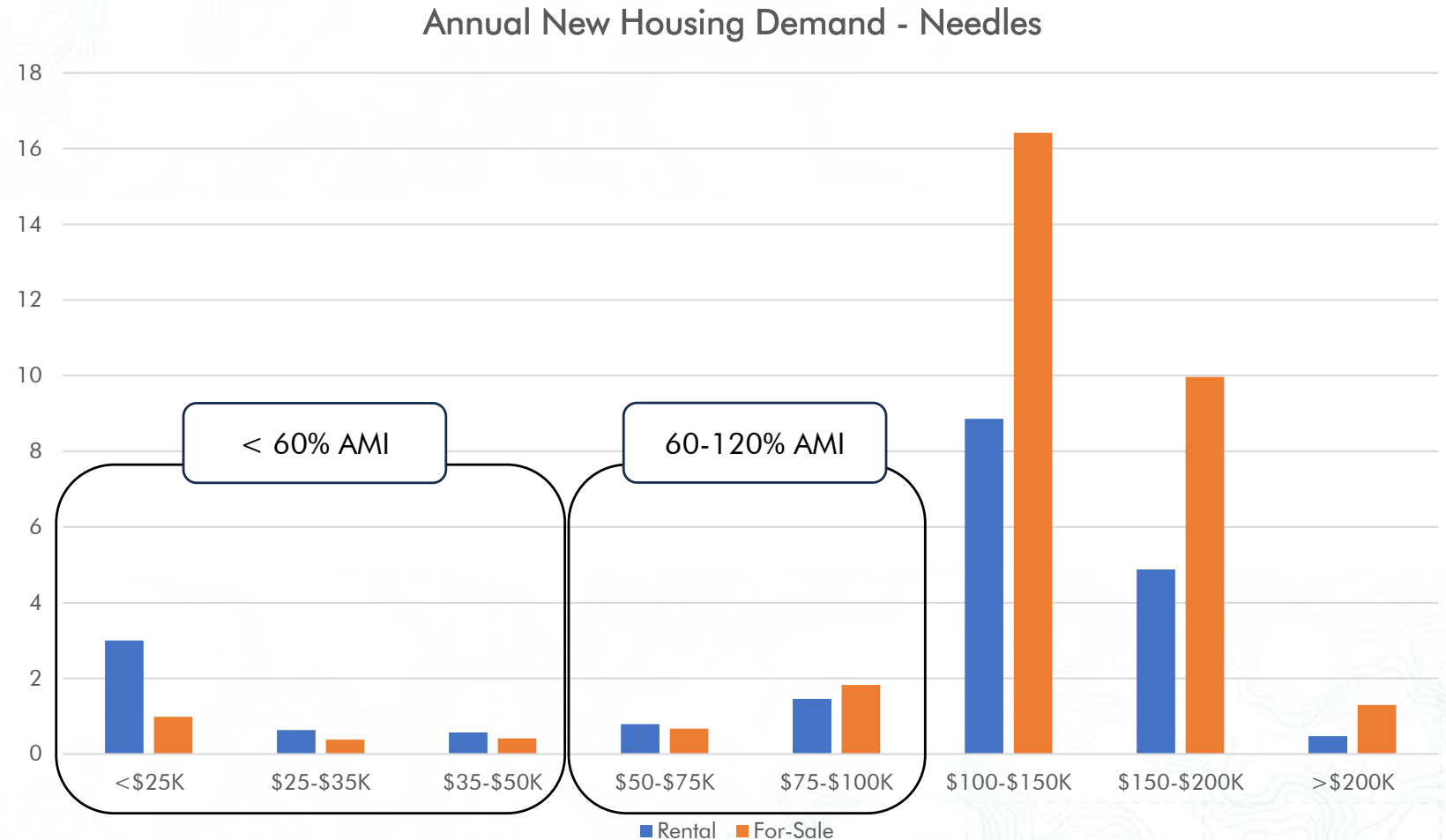
The Concord Group

- Real estate advisory firm founded in 1995 focusing on market, financial and valuation analyses across residential and commercial sectors.
 - Offices in Newport Beach, San Francisco, Portland, Atlanta, Austin, New York
 - Deep experience across U.S. Metro Markets
 - 800+ projects per year
 - Senior team comprised of recognized industry thought leaders
 - 40+ full time staff (Professional + Operations) and access to contract teams nationwide
- Diverse client/relationship base across real estate sectors
 - Developers (Multi-family REITs/Land)
 - Homebuilders (Public/Private)
 - Public Sector
 - Private Equity
 - Financial Institutions

Key Findings

Demand

- The Concord Group projects demand for +/- **55 new housing units per year** in Needles over the next 10 years
 - Based on expected renter/owner splits, this comes out to demand for approximately 15-20 new rental units and 35-40 new for-sale/ownership units per year
- Demand projected across various household income and AMI ranges as seen in graph to the right



Demand Drivers

- Demand for new housing driven primarily by the following factors:
 - **New households.** Mix of new in-migrants to the region as well as new household formation (i.e. kids leaving home). Households new to the market are being driven by a combination of job growth, cost of living/quality of life considerations, and work-from-anywhere trends. Includes those seeking vacation/second homes.
 - **Demand for newer housing product from current households.** Nearly 60% of the City's housing stock was built before 1980, offering few modern/updated floorplans.
 - **Job and wage growth.** The cannabis industry has developed into the City's dominant industry, and wages have seen strong growth the past three years – leading to a mismatch in the housing stock offered and what some residents can afford.
 - **Continued growth of the River District.** As the tri-state area continues to see job growth, Needles has an opportunity to capture its 'fair share' of regional housing demand.

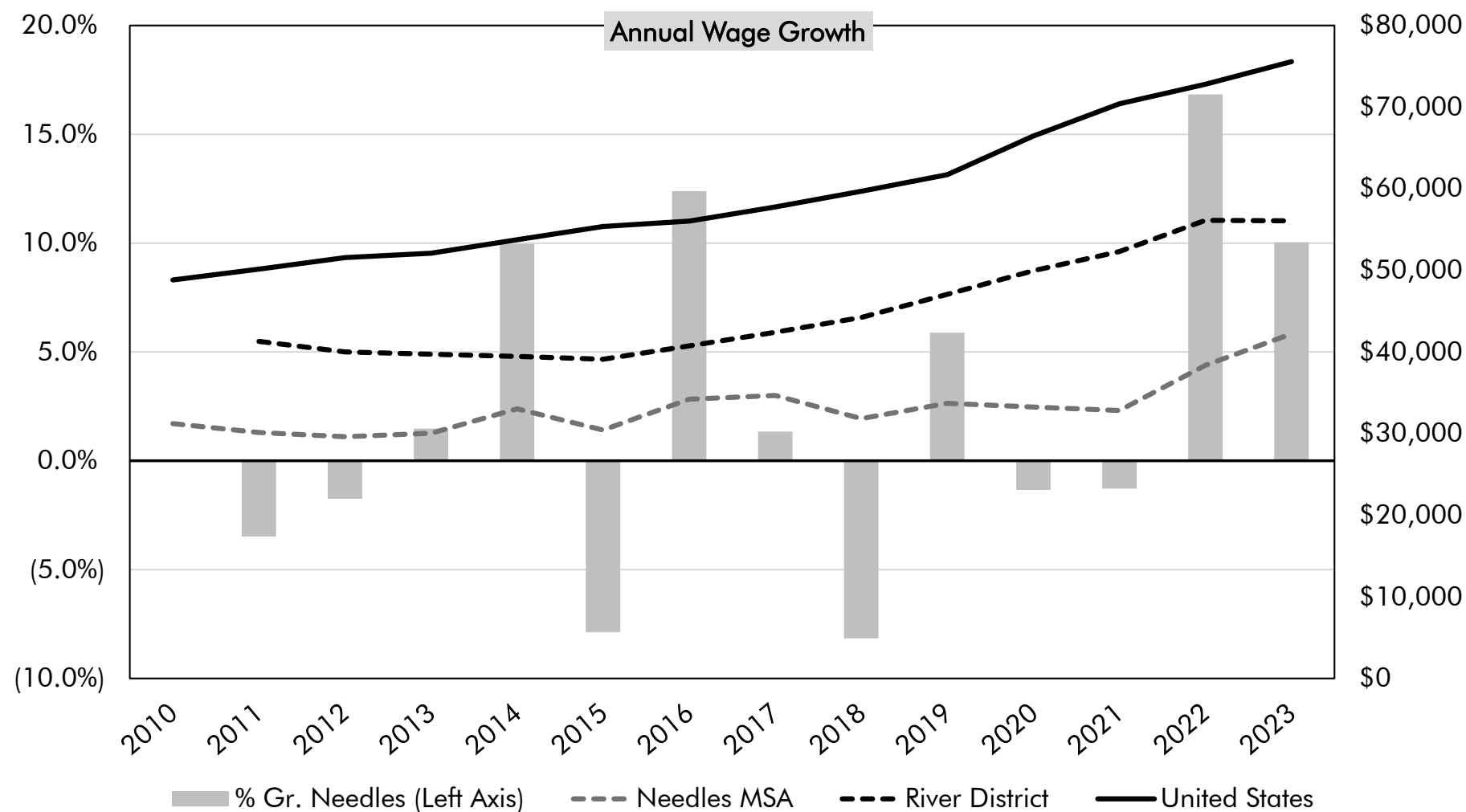
Projected Household Growth

- ESRI projects no household growth for Needles through 2028, and growth of over 2,000 households in the River District in this timeframe.
- Projected growth is notably varied by income range, with losses in lower income ranges and gains in households earning over \$75,000 in annual income:

Household Income Range	Needles				River District			
	Total Households		Projected Change '23-'28		Total Households		Projected Change '23-'28	
	2023	2028			2023	2028		
\$0 - \$25,000	701	629	(72)	-10%	17,191	14,590	(2,601)	-15%
\$25,000 - \$35,000	207	165	(42)	-20%	6,748	6,099	(649)	-10%
\$35,000 - \$50,000	201	179	(22)	-11%	8,579	7,990	(589)	-7%
\$50,000 - \$75,000	342	250	(92)	-27%	11,791	11,616	(175)	-1%
\$75,000 - \$100,000	147	160	13	9%	8,365	9,499	1,134	14%
\$100,000 - \$150,000	200	322	122	61%	8,356	10,833	2,477	30%
\$150,000 - \$200,000	157	228	71	45%	3,295	4,930	1,635	50%
\$200,000 +	43	51	8	19%	2,520	3,368	848	34%
	1,998	1,984	(14)	-1%	66,845	68,925	2,080	3%

Wages

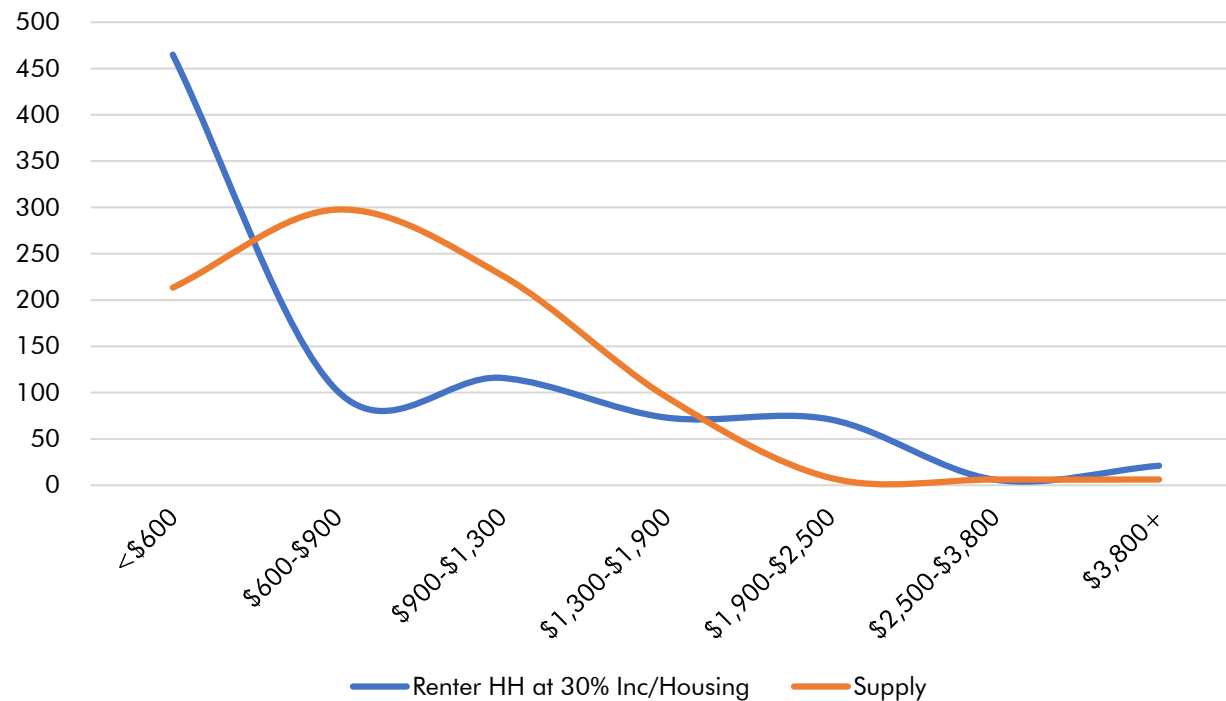
- Nearly 6% annual growth in wages in Needles last 5 years



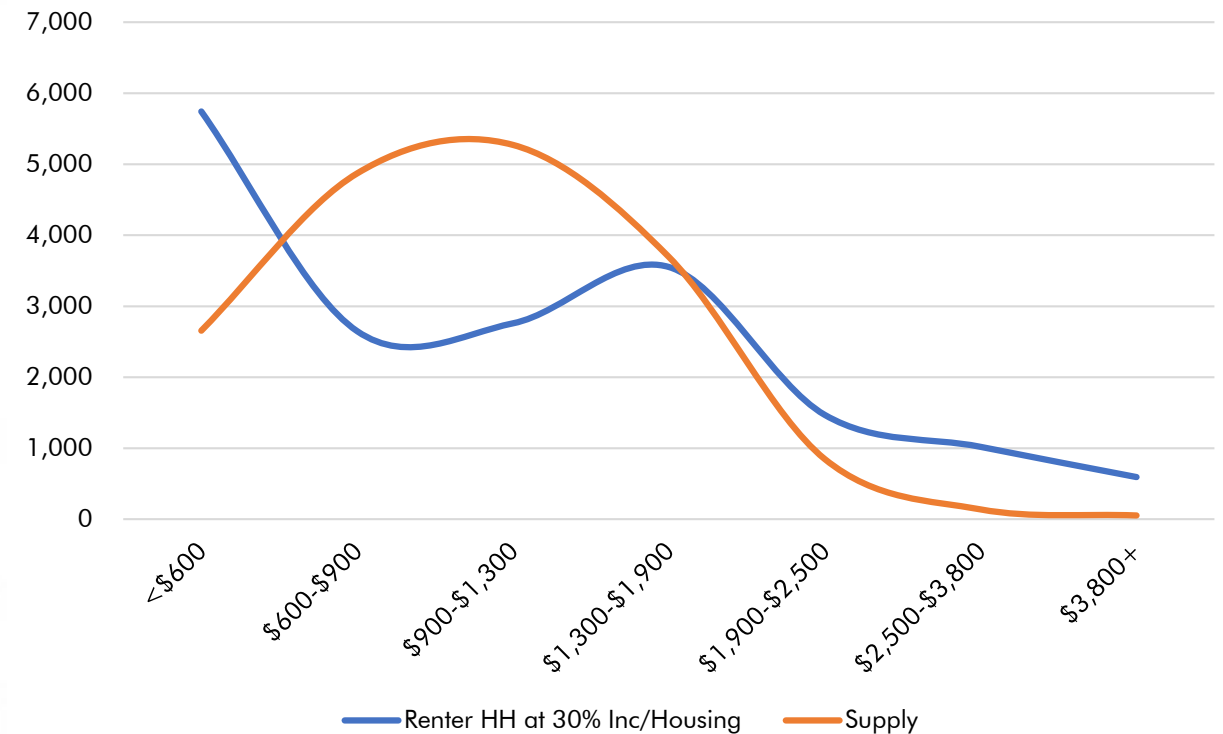
Housing Costs versus Spending Potential: Rental

- Per Census estimates, there is a mismatch between housing supply and potential demand given household incomes. Broadly speaking, there is a lack of supply at higher rent and sales price points versus what households in the region can theoretically afford.

Current Rental Supply vs HH Affordability - Needles



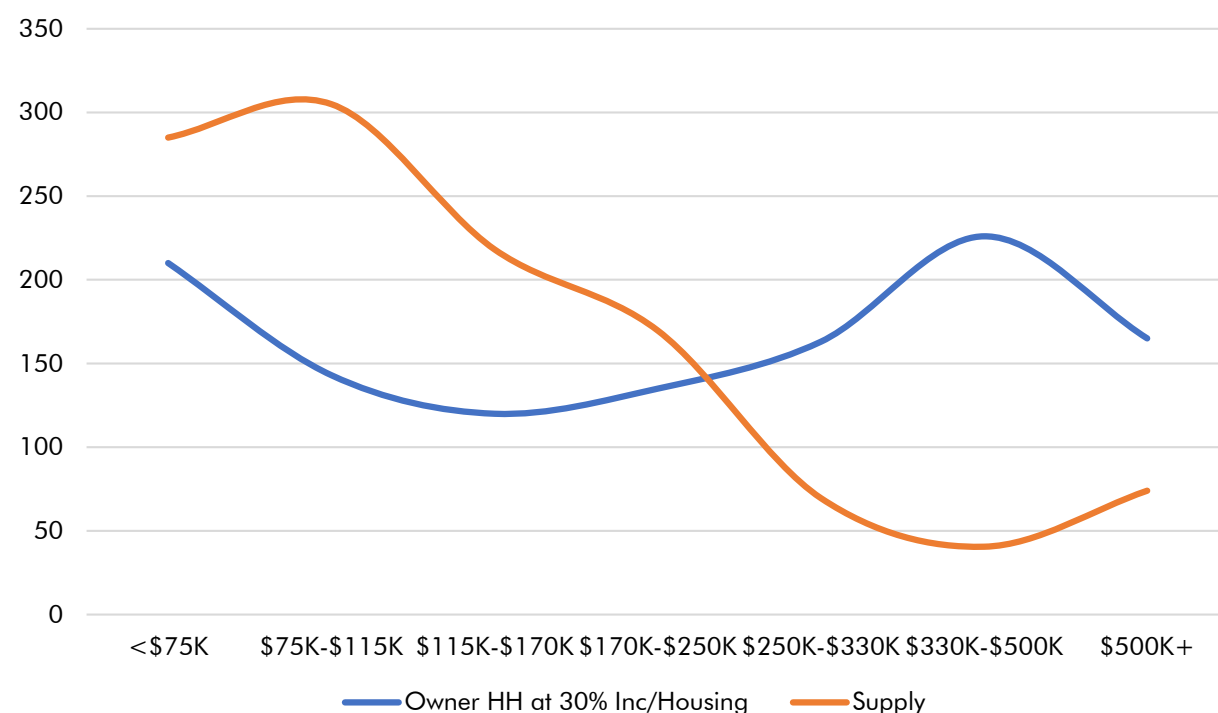
Current Rental Supply vs HH Affordability – River District



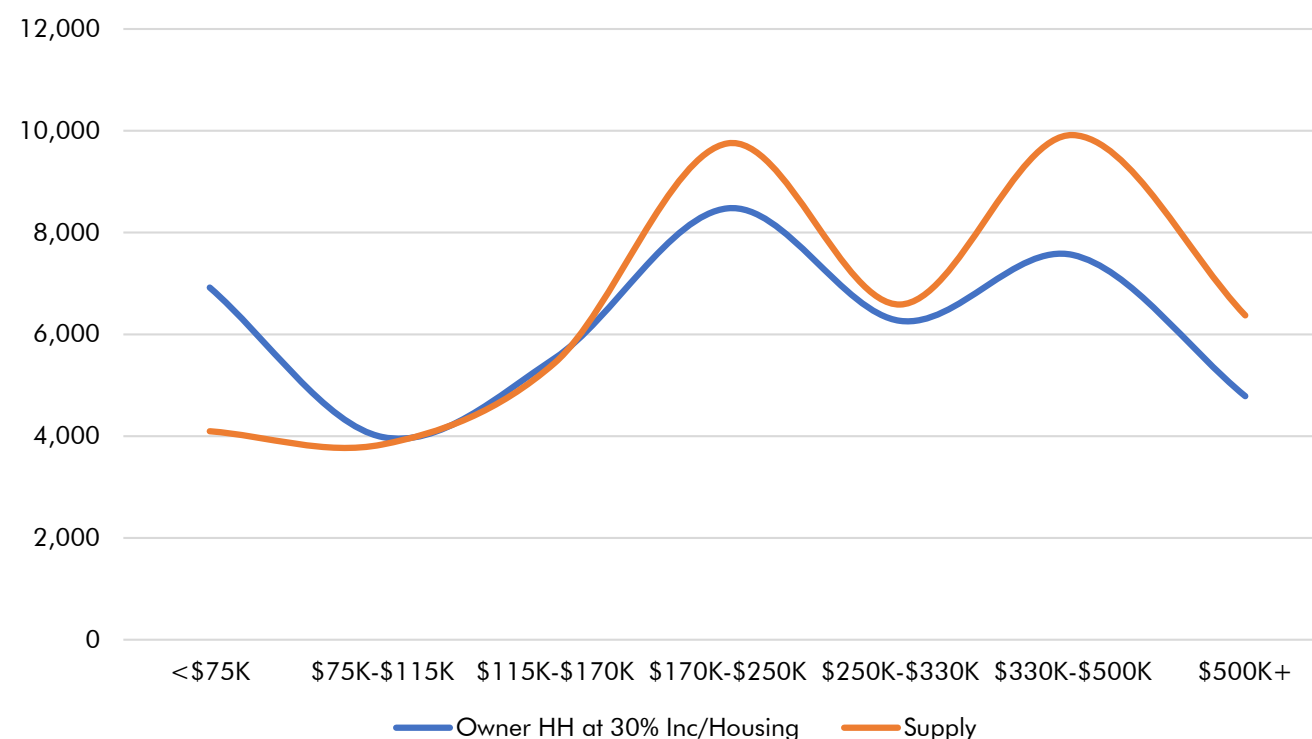
Housing Costs versus Spending Potential: For-Sale

- Per Census estimates, there is a mismatch between housing supply and potential demand given household incomes. Notably in Needles the mismatch is most acute at the upper end of the region's home prices, where there is very limited supply.

Current Ownership Supply vs HH Affordability - Needles



Current Ownership Supply vs HH Affordability – River District



Key Findings

- Newer housing stock should help to free up housing units for households earning under +/- \$50,000 per year.
- Much of the rental and for-sale housing market in the City is priced in a relatively narrow range, and there is a mismatch between prices and household incomes. Many households that could afford to pay more don't have product that meets their needs and "settle" for lower-priced housing.
- Newer housing stock can also help to force rehabilitation and upgrades to the existing housing stock and offerings in order to stay competitive.

Key Findings

- We anticipate demand for future housing to generally follow historic preferences seen in the market, but also see opportunities for product types not commonly seen in the City or region, such as townhomes, micro units, ADUs, and purpose-built single-family rentals.
- However, development cost realities will likely limit certain types of housing development in the near-term. Given construction material and labor costs, we would expect certain building types, especially higher-density typologies (i.e. podium) to be difficult to develop given current rent and price levels.

Key Findings

Pricing Range	Likely Resident Types	Avg. Unit Size Range	Potential Housing Types	10-Year Demand Pool (New)
Rental Residential		SF		
Under \$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singles and couples • <\$35K 	300 - 1,200	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Affordable housing (LIHTC) • Micro units (studios, small one-beds, converted hotel rooms) 	35
\$1,000 - \$1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singles and couples, empty nesters, young families • \$35K-\$75K 	600 - 1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden style/walk-up • Mobile home/prefab 	60
\$1,500 - \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples, families • \$50K-\$100K • New in-migrants 	750 - 1,750	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garden style/walk-up • Single-family/townhome rentals 	40
Over \$2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families, empty nesters • \$75K-\$150K+ • New in-migrants 	1,000 - 2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large single family • River-adjacent housing 	25
Subtotal Rental Products:				160
For-Sale Residential				
Under \$200K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singles and couples, empty nesters, young families • <\$50K 	700 - 1,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mobile homes • Low-income ownership programs (if available) • ADU/Micro-units 	20
\$200K-\$250K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples and families • \$50K-\$75K 	1,200 - 2,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Townhomes/duplexes • Small-lot single family 	50
\$250K-\$300K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples and families • \$50K-\$100K • New in-migrants 	1,500 - 2,250	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single family 	100
Over \$300K	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Couples and families, empty nesters • \$75K-\$150K+ • New in-migrants • Vacation/second home 	2,000 - 3,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large-lot single family • River-adjacent housing • SFD with ADU/casitas (that could be rented out) 	200
Subtotal Ownership Products:				370
Total All Products:				530

4. ANIMAL SHELTER CLINIC

SPRING SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC

THE NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER IS SPONSORING A SPAY/NEUTER CLINIC FOR NEEDLES RESIDENTS. PET OWNER PAYS DEPOSIT AND NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER PAYS REMAINING COST
MUST FILL OUT APPLICATION AND PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY

APRIL 24TH, 2025
SERVICES PROVIDED BY:
ANGEL'S TOUCH MOBILE VETERINARY CLINIC
DR. ANGELINA BEEKS DVM



NEEDLES ANIMAL SHELTER
1662 FLIP MENDEZ PKWY
(760)326-4952



BY APPOINTMENT ONLY



APPLICATIONS
AVAILABLE AT SHELTER



LIMITED AVAILABILITY



DOGS MUST HAVE VALID
RABIES AND CITY
LICENSE





5. REC. RENTALS

CITY OF NEEDLES

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT RENTAL APPLICATION

Department: _____

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Recreation

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Aquatics

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Parks

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Animal Control

Facility / Equipment Requested: _____

Event Date: _____

Event Time: _____

Type of Function: _____

Estimated Attendance: _____

Requesting Organization: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Will admission be charged? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Proceeds go to? _____

List equipment / arrangements needed to facilitate your event: _____

Harmless Clause:

The sponsoring organization, individual member(s) of the sponsoring organization, and any and all participants and attendees for themselves, their spouses, heirs, administrators, executors and assignees, release and hold harmless the Governing Board, City and its officers and employees from any claim or demand, including those based on the negligence of the Governing Board, City and its officers and employees, arising from participation or attendance at this activity or function held on City property or utilizing City equipment.

Damage Clause:

I/We hereby certify that I/we shall be personally responsible on behalf of our organization for any damage sustained to City furniture, or equipment because of the occupancy of said use of equipment by our organization. I/We agree to abide by, and to enforce courtesy while using the City equipment.

Animal Trap Rental:

This is to certify that on the above date, I rented a small / large trap in working condition from the Needles Animal Control Department. I accept all responsibilities to return the trap in the same condition as when it was loaned out. (The trap is to be returned clean and clear of any cans, dishes, strings, etc.)

I further agree to reimburse the City of Needles for said trap if it is lost, stolen, destroyed or damaged. See Fee Schedule for trap replacement charge.

Applicants Signature: _____

Dated: _____

----- OFFICIAL USE ONLY -----

Priority Class: _____

Fee: _____

Deposit Amount: _____

CA / CK / MO

Insurance information (if applicable): _____

~~ Include copy of insurance rider for this event with your application ~~

Approved by City Council on: _____

Sec. 15A-6 - "No person shall possess or use any alcoholic beverages on the premises of any recreational area without the express written approval of the city council".

RECREATION & PARKS FEE SCHEDULE

Effective. January 2023

Recreation Center

Facility/Equipment Request	Cost per Hour
Contract Instructor Classes	1-24 students: 12% 25 -50 students: 15% 26-75 students: 18% 76 or more students: 20%
Recreation Facility	\$50 p/hour + Cost of Insurance
Gym Only	\$30 p/hour + Cost of Insurance
Back Class Room	\$20 p/hour
Front Class Room	\$20 p/hour

Parks

Jack Smith Park - Cabana Rental	\$20 p/hour
Duke Watkins Park - Cabana Rental	\$20 p/hour
Manny Morris Park - Cabana Rental	\$20 p/hour
Small Park Rental (Santa Fe)	\$20 hr for 4 hrs or less/\$200 a day
Large Park Rental (JSP)	\$25 hr for 4 hrs or less/\$300 a day
Franz Flower Field	\$10 p/hour
3 Pete's Field	\$10 p/hour
Nikki Bunch Field	\$10 p/hour

Jack Smith Park Boat Launch

Daily	\$20.00
Annual Pass	\$180.00

El Garces

Main Room	\$350 (cleaning dep of \$150)
West End	\$150.00
Amtrak Room	\$75.00

NEEDLES RECREATION

**1705 J STREET
NEEDLES, CA 92363
(760)326-2814**



With several programs offered to Youth from Sports Programs to Summer Camp & Dance. The recreation center hosts Sport Tournaments and has programs though out the year.



After School Program

Open everyday that school is in session.

Monday - Friday 2:30 - 6:00PM

Wednesday 12:30 - 6:00PM

K - 8th Grade

Summer Day Camp

Monday - Thursday

1:00 - 5:00PM

\$4.00 / Day per child

Ages 5-12 yrs. old

Aquatic Center

Opens June 7, 2025

Open Swim

Monday - Thursday 12-4PM & 7-9PM

Sat & Sun (June only) 2-6PM

Swim Lessons & Lap Swim available

Seasonal Sports

Volleyball, Flag Football, Basketball, Peewee Basketball, & Peewee Soccer

Dance Trax 51

Tap, Ballet, Jazz, HipHop, Yoga

Seasonal Activities

Santas Workshop

Route 66 Pee Wee Derby

Lynnes Little Ladies Tea Party

Fall Festival

If you have any questions please contact the recreation center (760)326-2814

Facilities are available for private rentals, call recreation center for prices and available dates.

NEEDLES PARKS AND FIELDS



We believe that attractive public open spaces and well-maintained parks help to make Needles a better place to live, and encourages civic pride. The City has approximately 40 acres of grass and parkland.



If you have any questions please contact the recreation center (760)326-2814

Parks / Facilities

Jack Smith, Santa Fe, Manny Morris,
Duke Watkins, Bob Belt Beach
& El Garces

Fields

Nikki Bunch, Franz Flowers, 3 Petes,
Ed Perry & Phillips Field

Available for private rentals

Jack Smith Boat Launch Facility

March & October

Weekends only

9:00AM - 4:00PM

April / May / September

Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00PM

Friday - Sunday 7:00AM - 6:00PM

June / July / August

7 Days a week 7:00AM - 6:00PM

*Subject to change due to inclement weather

Boat Launch Area

\$20.00 Day Use

\$180.00 Annual Launch Pass

Additional Parking

\$5.00 Vehicle Day Use

NEEDLES PARK AND RECREATION

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**IF YOU HAVE ANY
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CONTACT THE
RECREATION CENTER
(760)326-2814**



The Parks & Recreation Services Department manages all of the recreation, parks and services offered by the City of Needles. Recreational Services also provides social, recreational, and cultural opportunities, which stimulate and enhance the quality of life for Needles residents by offering interesting programs and social services that ensure a variety of leisure opportunities accessible to all citizens.

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JACK SMITH PARK

BOAT LAUNCH FACILITY

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4:00PM
Friday - Sunday 7:00AM - 6:00PM
June / July / August
7 Days a week 7:00AM - 6:00PM

*Subject to change due to inclement weather

Boat Launch Facility
\$20.00 Day Launch Pass

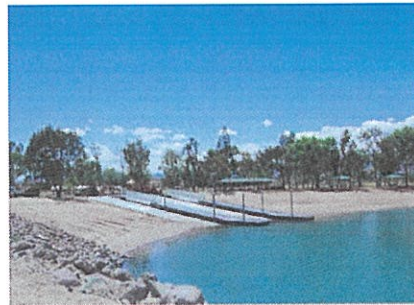
\$180.00 Annual Launch Pass

\$5.00 Vehicle Day Parking Pass

All passes are purchased at the Kiosk
located at Jack Smith Park. We accept
cash, checks, and credit cards.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS
PLEASE CONTACT THE RECREATION CENTER
(760)326-2814

1001 RIVER ROAD
NEEDLES, CA 92363
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Jack Smith Park Day use fee
Every launch facility user entering Jack
Smith Memorial Park boat launch
facility shall be charged and the City
shall collect a per vehicle day use or
annual pass use fee established by
Resolution of the City Council. Every
Vehicle parking in the attentional
parking area adjacent to the boat
launch shall be charged a per vehicle
day use fee established by resolution of
the city council

(ord. 458-AC; ord #478-AC, Sept 2005; Ord #479-
AC April 2006. Ord # 505-AC, March 2009
Ord#514-AC January 2010 Ord. #554-AC August
2013



ALL vehicles that enter ahead into the Jack Smith
Memorial Park Boat Launch Facility must have a Day
use or Annual Use Launch Pass or will be given a
citation. All vehicles that entered the launch prior to
posted business hours and wish to remain in the
facility must return to kiosk immediately at the
beginning of that days operating hours to purchase
the required pass to avoid citation.

City of Needles
Rules and Regulations Governing City-Owned El Garces Facilities and Rooms
Application for Use

Contact: Jennifer Valenzuela

Phone: 760-326-2814 Email: jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com

3% surcharge will be added when processing payment with a credit card

Facility or Room Requested: _____ Today's Date/Time: _____

Date Requested: _____ Time Reserved: Begin: _____ End: _____
(set-up and take down time must be included)

Event Contact Person: _____ Group/Organization: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

City/State: _____

Name(s) and Telephone Number(s) of Chaperone(s) if applicable (adult must be present at all times): _____

Type of Activity: _____ Number of People Expected: _____

Name of Band or DJ: _____ Name of Caterer: _____

Beer: _____ Wine: _____ Champagne: _____ Spirituous Liquor: _____ Permit# _____
(include copy of permit with application)

Set up Configuration: _____

List of Equipment being used for event: _____

Security Deposit: _____ Room Rental Fee: _____ Rent Total: _____

Rent Paid: _____ Balance Due: _____ (14 days before use): _____

Smoking anywhere inside the building is prohibited.

I hereby certify that I am the authorized and responsible representative of the petitioning group. The above statements are true to the best of my knowledge. I have read a copy of the policies governing the use of the facility, and agree that our group will comply with the rules and regulations, policies and fee schedule governing the use of the facility. I also agree that all rent and fees shall be paid by the above due date (14 days before scheduled event) or confirmed reservation shall become void.

Date: _____ Name (Print): _____

Signed _____ (Identification Required)

Address: _____ City/State: _____ Phone: _____

Approval of City Staff/Management: _____

Date: Security Deposit Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Payment Type: _____

Date: Room Rental Received: _____ Amount Received: _____ Payment Type: _____

Date: Security Deposit Refunded: _____ Amount Received: _____ Payment Type: _____

EL GARCES

HISTORIC TRAIN DEPOT

**EL GARCES TOURS ARE
AVAILABLE 7 DAYS A WEEK BY
APPOINTMENT ONLY
CONTACT (760) 333-5255 FOR
MORE INFORMATION**

The historic El Garces Transportation Depot has recently completed a substantial restoration/rehabilitation. One of the key features of the building itself is a Community Room (historically known as the Luggage Room) that is now available for special events. The main room can hold a maximum of 140 persons and is envisioned to be used for meetings, parties, membership gatherings and other special events. The room is available on a first-come first serve basis.

**950 FRONT STREET
NEEDLES, CA 92363
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The El Garces Harvey House was part of the Fred Harvey Company's chain of hotels, restaurants, and hospitality services designed to serve passengers on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway (Santa Fe Railway). Named after Father Francisco Garces, an 18th-century Franciscan missionary and explorer, El Garces was envisioned as a luxury stop for travelers.



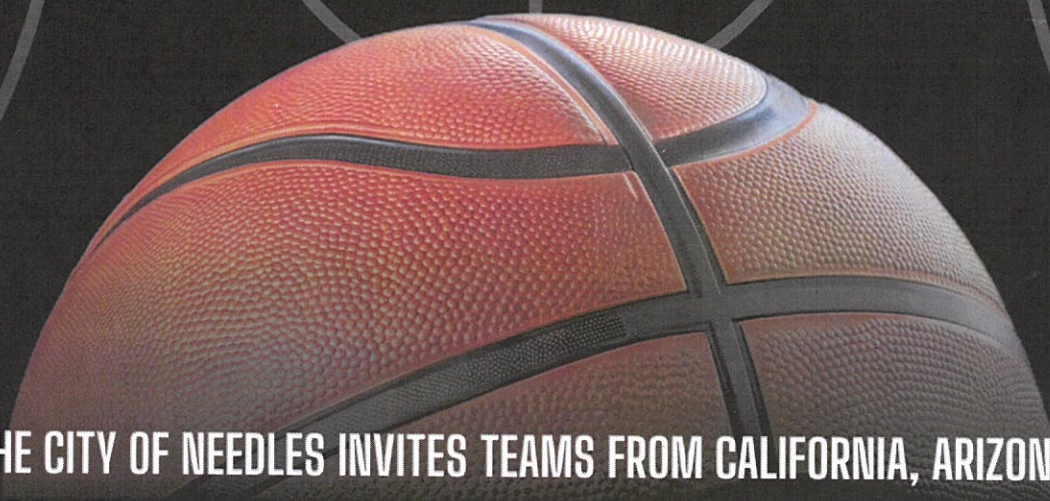
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CITY OF NEEDLES 18TH ANNUAL SPRING CLASSIC BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

GRADES
3RD-8TH

MARCH
1ST & 2ND

ENTRY FEE
\$175



THE CITY OF NEEDLES INVITES TEAMS FROM CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA AND NEVADA. INDIVIDUAL TROPHIES, MVP & ALL-TOURNEYS WILL BE AWARDED TO FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD PLACE IN ALL DIVISIONS. ALL TEAMS ARE GUARANTEED THREE GAMES.

For registration and tournament details please call the Needles
Recreation Center 760-326-2814 or email
parksandrecreation@cityofneedles.com



7. CALTRANS CLEANUP EFFORTS



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