



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☒ NPUA ☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: May 6, 2025

Title: Authorize the City Manager to Execute the U.S. Department of Interior U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement No. 22ZGJFA60101110- Amendment 1 to extend the period of performance end date from April 30, 2025, to April 30, 2028, to allow additional time to conduct the cooperative study entitled: "Groundwater Flow and Estimation of Total Dissolved Solids Concentrations near the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project, Imperial County, California"

Background: The City of Needles, Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) entered into an agreement no. 06-XX-30-W0452 in 2007 for the delivery of the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project Water (LCWSP). The city sells excess water from the LCWSP to MWD annually. The average water diverted to MWD is around 8,500 acre-feet annually. MWD pays the city monthly for the operation and maintenance of the project and funds a trust account. The trust account was established by all parties to conduct well monitoring of the LCWSP well field and develop potential alternatives to the project in the event there is no water to pump into the All-American Canal. In 2025, the contributions to the trust fund paused to allow USGS to complete the required study outlined in this agreement.

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the period of performance end date from April 30, 2025, to April 30, 2028, to conduct the cooperative study referenced in the agreement.

The Board of Public Utilities approved the recommended action on May 6, 2025.

Fiscal Impact: No increase

Environmental Impact: No significant environmental impact anticipated

Recommended Action: Authorize the City Manager to execute the U.S. Department of Interior U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resources Investigations Number 22ZGJFA60101110 – Amendment 1 to extend the period of performance end date from April 30, 2025, to April 30, 2028, to conduct the cooperative study entitled: "Groundwater Flow and Estimation of Total Dissolved Solids Concentrations near the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project, Imperial County, California."

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City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/9/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐