



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

☒ CITY COUNCIL ☒ NPUA

☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: October 14, 2025

Title: Award bid to WEKA, Inc. for the Phase V Water Service Replacement Project

Background: In preparation for the Pavement Management Program, Phase V Street Improvements, staff prepared the bid package for the Water Service Replacement project for streets associated with the FY26 paving project. 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 Street), Parkway Street (LillyHill Drive to Rio Vista Street), Coronado Street (LillyHill Drive to Cortez Street), and Balboa Street (Desoto Street to Rio Vista Street).

Due to long lead times for the contractor to procure fittings needed to replace existing service laterals, staff will be issuing two Notice to Proceed's (NTP) for this project: the 1st NTP for procurement of pipe and fittings and the 2nd NTP for construction. The work is anticipated to start no later than January 2026 and be completed in approximately 90 calendar days.

The advertisement for bids was published on August 20, 2025, and bids were opened on September 10, 2025. The following six bids were received:

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| • WEKA, Inc. | \$ 388,939.00 |
| • Pyramid Building & Engineering, Inc. | \$ 389,088.00 |
| • Christensen Brothers General Engineering | \$ 412,755.97 |
| • Capo A General Contracting | \$ 414,228.00 |
| • Phillips Excavating, Inc. | \$ 420,048.00 |
| • Big Ben Engineering | \$ 554,648.00 |

Staff has completed a bid evaluation and determined WEKA, Inc., as the successful low bidder.

Fiscal Impact: The fiscal year 2026 adopted budget for the Water Capital Replacement Fund (Fund 582) included \$500,000 for the lateral replacement project, funded from Water Asset Replacement reserves. No additional budgetary appropriations are necessary.

Recommended Action: Award bid to WEKA, Inc. for the Phase V Water Service Replacement Project in the amount of \$388,939 plus 10% contingency for a total project cost of \$427,832.90 and authorize staff to execute a Public Works Agreement with WEKA, Inc. and move forward with the Notice of Award and Notice to Proceed.

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

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 10/9/2025

Other Department Approval (when required): Jill Paura

Date: 10/10/2025