



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

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Meeting Date: July 14, 2026

Title: Reject all Bids for the Animal Control Restroom Addition Project Rebid; and Authorize Staff to Revise the Plans to Include the Purchase of a Modular or Prefabbed Building and Resolicit Bids for Installation of the Preferred Alternative

Background: The City budgeted funds to construct a new restroom(s) and utility room for the Needles Animal Control site which currently has no restrooms. The original concept was to add the proposed addition to the existing building by removing a portion of an exterior wall and installing a block structure to match the design and architecture of the existing building.

On April 1, 2026, the Animal Control Restroom Project was advertised for bid with a bid opening date of April 22, 2026. One (1) bid was received in the amount of \$348,293. This bid was rejected at the May 12, 2026 City Council meeting due to the mobilization bid item unit cost exceeding the maximum allowable amount in the bid specifications. In addition, the sole bid was over the City budgeted amount for the project.

On June 3, 2026, staff went out to bid for a 2nd time and received four (4) bids with the lowest bid at \$236,937.78. Again, the mobilization bid item exceeded the allowable 5% maximum cost of the base bid and the total was over the City budgeted amount for the project.

Recently, Engineering and Animal Control staff met to discuss alternatives to reduce costs further and still achieve the goal of providing restroom facilities for the existing site. The alternatives discussed were mobile restrooms, prefabbed restrooms, modular buildings, and converted shipping containers.

Staff will present a PowerPoint presentation of available options with construction estimates for the purchase of a standalone structure/unit to provide restrooms with options for office space, storage, and a washroom.

Fiscal Impact: The City will incur minimal costs related to rejecting bids for the Animal Control Restroom Addition project and estimate \$1500 to modify plans and rebid the project.

Recommendation: Reject all Bids for the Animal Control Restroom Addition Project Rebid; and Authorize Staff to Revise the Plans to Include the Purchase of a Modular or Prefabbed Building and Resolicit Bids for Installation of the Preferred Alternative

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Date: 7/8/2026

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Date: 07/08/26