



City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

☐ CITY COUNCIL ☒ BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES ☒ Regular ☐ Special

Meeting Date: April 2, 2024

Title: Authorize Chairman Campbell to Execute AB 2221 Opposition Letter

Background: CMUA recently took an opposing position on AB 2221 (J. Carrillo) and is also asking our members to send in letters of opposition. This bill is up for a hearing in the Assembly Utilities and Energy Committee on April 3.

As a way of background, AB 2221 would do the following:

- Establish a series of shot clocks for POU's to approve or deny a broadband provider's power design application for telecommunications infrastructure on POU utility poles.
- Specifically, this bill would create a 45-day shot clock for POU's to approve or deny a completed power design application from a broadband provider, or the application will be deemed approved, and a 10-day shot clock for the POU to determine if the applicant's application is incomplete.
- Lay out a series of additional shot clocks for the POU to create various things for the broadband provider applicant, such as cost estimates and notices of incompleteness.
- Require the POU to adopt, publish, and make easily accessible to the public, including broadband provider applicants, all rules, requirements, and standards applicable to applications submitted to the electric utility 12 months in advance of the submission of the application.

Fiscal Impact: If approved would it increase operations and maintenance costs of the NPUA.

Environmental Impact:

Recommended Action: Authorize Charman Campbell to Execute AB 2221 Opposition Letter

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 3/28/2024

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: _____