

RESOLUTION NO. 11-12-25-1 BPU

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF
OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING
RESOLUTION NO. 10-6-20-1 BPU AND ESTABLISHING AND
RECOMMENDING RATES FOR WASTEWATER SERVICE
EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2026; AND RESCINDING ALL PRIOR
RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF
WASTEWATER RATES SUBJECT TO ADOPTION OF
NEW RATES BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND
NEEDLES PUBLIC UTILITY AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Board of Public Utilities (“Board”) to establish and recommend wastewater rates sufficient to cover all costs of the operations and maintenance of the wastewater department, including but not limited to purchase payments, debt service and asset replacement; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of such rates is subject to approval by the City Council and the Needles Public Utility Authority (“NPUA”); and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that rates for wastewater service be sufficient to cover the City’s cost to provide such service, now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, on October 15, 2024, the Board accepted a proposal from Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. to prepare a cost of service study for the three utilities; and

WHEREAS, on September 2, 2025, the Board voted to accept the Raftelis Water and Wastewater Cost of Service Ratemaking Study dated August 2025; and

WHEREAS, Section 6 of Article XIID of the California Constitution (commonly known as “Proposition 218”) sets forth notice, hearing and protest requirements applicable to the increase of wastewater service rates; and

WHEREAS, on September 19, 2025, a notice of public hearing was mailed to all property owners regarding the recommended rate increases; and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2025, the Board, in joint session with the Needles Public Utility Authority and City Council, conducted and concluded a duly noticed public hearing concerning the recommended rate increases and considered all written and oral comments present; and

WHEREAS, at the close of such joint public hearing, no majority written protest to the recommended increases was presented under Proposition 218.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Needles, California, hereby recommends and approves the rate increases, to be effective February 1, 2026, as established, including cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), for wastewater services as follows:

That, subject to approval of the City Council and NPUA, the Board of Public Utilities hereby rescinds Resolution No. 10-6-20-1 BPU in its entirety and all prior resolutions relating to establishment of wastewater rates and recommends the establishment of wastewater rates, including cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), for wastewater service according to Attachment 'A' - Schedule of Rates - including annual cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) as provided below.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rates for wastewater service shall take effect as set forth herein, and a cost of living adjustment (COLA) shall be added to all rates on October 1st of each year beginning October 1, 2026 through October 1, 2029.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a special meeting of the Board of Public Utilities of the City of Needles, California, held on the 12th day of November, 2025 by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Chairman

ATTEST: _____
Secretary

ATTACHMENT 'A'

SCHEDULE OF RATES.

Rate Components	Current Rates \$/EDU	Proposed Rates/ <i>Effective Date</i> – \$ per EDU				
		<i>Feb. 1, 2026</i>	<i>Oct. 1, 2026</i>	<i>Oct. 1, 2027</i>	<i>Oct. 1, 2028</i>	<i>Oct. 1, 2029</i>
Customer Class	\$52.85	\$56.03	\$59.40	\$62.97	\$66.75	\$70.76

Customer	EDU RADIO	Units
Single Family Residential	1.00	Per account
Hotel	0.70	Per room
Hospitals	0.75	Per bed
Multi-Family	1.00	Per account
Garden & Nurseries	1.00	Per account
Schools	0.23	Per student
General Commercial	1.65	Per account
Beauty Salon & Barber Shop	0.50	Per sink
Needles Marina	0.55	Custom
Religious Organizations	0.02	Per seat
Seventh Day Adventist	0.01	Custom
Food Establishments	0.18	Per seat
Government	1.65	Per employee
Gas Stations	2.90	Per pump (side)
Shell/Dairy Queen	0.74	Custom
Native Village	109	Per account