

RESOLUTION NO. 11-12-25 BPU

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES OF
OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING
RESOLUTION NO. 10-6-20 BPU AND ESTABLISHING AND
RECOMMENDING RATES FOR WATER SERVICE EFFECTIVE
FEBRUARY 1, 2026; AND RESCINDING ALL PRIOR RESOLUTIONS
RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF WATER 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 water rates sufficient to cover all costs of the operations and maintenance of the water 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 water 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 water 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 presented; 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 water 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 BPU in its entirety and all prior resolutions relating to establishment of water rates and recommends the establishment of water rates, including cost-of-living adjustments (COLA), for water 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 water service shall take effect as set forth herein, which includes a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) to all rates on October 1st of each year beginning October 1, 2026 up through and including 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 - WATER

RATE SCHEDULE	CURRENT RATES & CHARGES	PROPOSED RATES / EFFECTIVE DATE				
		FEB. 1, 2026	OCT. 1, 2026	OCT. 1, 2027	OCT. 1, 2028	OCT. 1, 2029
MONTHLY BASIC SERVICE CHARGE						
5/8" X 3/4"	\$48.86	\$48.78	\$50.25	\$51.76	\$53.32	\$54.92
1"	\$79.10	\$75.75	\$78.03	\$80.38	\$82.80	\$85.29
1 1/2"	\$177.30	\$143.17	\$147.47	\$151.90	\$156.46	\$161.16
2"	\$225.36	\$ 224.07	\$230.80	\$237.73	\$244.87	\$252.22
3"	\$611.58	\$439.82	\$453.02	\$466.62	\$480.62	\$495.04
4"	\$801.89	\$ 682.54	\$703.02	\$724.12	\$745.85	\$768.23
6"	\$1,437.60	\$1,356.76	\$1,397.47	\$1,439.40	\$1,482.59	\$1,527.07
8"	\$2,259.31	\$2,165.82	\$2,230.80	\$2,297.73	\$2,366.67	\$2,437.68
10"	\$1,977.70	\$5,671.75	\$5,841.91	\$6,017.17	\$6,197.69	\$6,383.63
VOLUMETRIC RATE						
USAGE RATE (PER HCF*)	\$3.07	\$3.37	\$3.48	\$3.59	\$3.70	\$3.82