



CITY OF NEEDLES, CALIFORNIA STAFF REPORT

MEETING TYPE: Regular

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2024

TITLE: Needles Aquatic Center Update

BACKGROUND: In July 2023 staff conducted an Aquatic Center audit of the Needles Aquatic swimming pools, water features, systems, and equipment. The report provided a summary of existing conditions, code violations, deficiencies, and proposed improvements for the rehabilitation of the Needles Aquatic Center. The report provided a cost estimate based on the recommendations of approximately \$5 million. City Councils recommended action directed staff to utilize the audit report to determine potential funding opportunities.

The Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) released round 1 of funding through the Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program. Staff have reviewed the notice of funding opportunity released and participated in several workshops to determine that the Needles Aquatic Center rehabilitation project meets the requirements of a large implementation grant. The full application is due by April 23, 2024, and award notice is anticipated for late 2024.

The Needles Aquatic Center was drained in early October to evaluate the current condition and make necessary repairs. Several repairs have been made during the off-season at the site including maintenance to the slide and slide pool, equipment repairs, light fixture replacement, and swimming features repaired.

Staff have completed many repairs to the Needles Aquatic Center to get it operational for the upcoming season. The main pool's damaged and cracked tile was replaced, cracks filled, and new grout installed. High spots in the main pool had been grounded down, patched all major holes and painted patched areas. The main pool lights are still to be installed and the pool decking is being sanded and will be painted with acrylic non-slip paint.

FISCAL IMPACT: The budget for repairs of \$15,000 was funded by general fund reserves and included in the FY 24 budget for the Needles Aquatic Center

**ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT:** None

**RECOMMENDED
ACTION:** Information Only
Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

SUBMITTED BY:

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez Date: 3/7/2024
Other Department Approval (when required): _____ Date: _____