



City of Needles, California Request for Council Action

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

Meeting Date: October 10, 2023

Title: Approve Resolution 2023-54 Renaming the Lillyhill Booster Station to the William "Bill" M. Claypool III Booster Station

Background: On June 28, 2022, City Council adopted Resolution No. 2022-52 which established a policy for naming city-owned land, buildings and facilities. William (Bill) Claypool III was a long time Needles Utility Board Member (27 + years) and is responsible for many accomplishments for the City of Needles Utilities. Mr. Claypool meets the requirements for naming city-owned facilities. Below is a highlight of his accomplishments:

Lower Colorado River Land Use Plan – After the Davis Dam was built, land was going to go to waste, and Mr. Claypool pushed for Bureau of Reclamation to develop a plan to use it for public use. The land use plan was just the beginning of recreation on the Colorado River as it resulted in Lake Havasu City, Parker Strip and City of Bullhead area.

Water Rights – Mr. Claypool was on the land use committee and the 1964 water rights decree. Mr. Claypool realized that an individual could have a lease to land use but without water rights the lease was not worth anything.

Lower Colorado River Water Supply Project – BOR installs and pumps Colorado River back into the All-American Canal, Coachella Valley received the water and the City of Needles received legal water rights. Mr. Claypool was the major force in getting the project up and running, the idea of lining the All-American Canal and

In honor of Mr. Claypool's years of service to community, its citizens and the Board of Public Utilities Authority and his commitment to securing water right entitlements for Needles the Lillyhill Booster Station is to be renamed the William "Bill" Claypool Booster Station.

Recommended Action: Approve Resolution 2023-54 Renaming the Lillyhill Booster Station to the William "Bill" M. Claypool III Booster Station

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Management Review: Rick

Date: 10/2/23

Approved: ☐

Not Approved: ☐

Tabled: ☐

Other: ☐

Agenda Item: 13

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES,
CALIFORNIA, RENAMING THE LILLYHILL BOOSTER STATION
TO THE WILLIAM "BILL" M. CLAYPOOL BOOSTER STATION

WHEREAS, William "Bill" M. Claypool has been actively involved in Board of Public Utilities for over five decades; and

WHEREAS, Bill's public involvement has included service on the Needles Unified School District Board of Trustees, Needles Board of Public Utilities, the San Bernardino Valley Community College Board, Lower Colorado River Industrial Foundation, Lower Colorado Land Use Commission, and in addition, Bill has been honored by the Colorado River Association and the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation for his involvement in Colorado River water issues; and

WHEREAS, Bill, with political contacts from San Bernardino County to Sacramento to Washington D.C., pushed ahead to protect the City's Colorado River water allocation by working closely with Congressman Jerry Lewis so that the United States Congress ultimately authorized the Lower Colorado Water Supply Project, a program that guarantees the City and area residents sufficient water for the future; and

WHEREAS, Bill donated volumes and volumes of books, papers, and other personal information on water, water rights, the laws of the Colorado River, and other historical records and maps pertaining to the Colorado River, information that he collected during his many years in fighting for the City's water future, to the University of California at San Bernardino and such information is now available for public access in the William M. Claypool III Library on-site at the University; and

WHEREAS, Bill, with his insight and far-thinking idealism, was an instrumental and integral part of the City's purchase of the electric utility company from CP National in the early 1980's, a purchase that saved a substantial rate increase to the Needles electric customers due to CPN's eminent loss of hydropower; and

WHEREAS, were it not for Bill and his steadfast commitment to Needles and those who live here, Interstate 40 would have by-passed our community during construction in the 1970's, an event that would most definitely have been the ultimate demise of the City of Needles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Needles, California, hereby renames the Lillyhill Booster Station to the William "Bill" M. Claypool III Booster Station.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Needles, California, held on the 10th day of October 2023, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

Resolution 2023-54 Renaming the Lillyhill Booster Station to the William "Bill" M. Claypool III

NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

Mayor

(SEAL)

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney