



# City of Needles, California Request for Commission Action

CITY COUNCIL    BOARD OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

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**Meeting Date:** July 7, 2026

**Title:** Authorize the City Manager to execute the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Site Access and Use Memorandum of Understanding between the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, San Diego, and the City of Needles, dated July 14, 2026, providing for the installation of an ALERT California camera on the upper tanks, a public safety program

**Background:** UC San Diego reached out to the City of Needles requesting a partnership to install an ALERTCalifornia Camera on the Upper Tanks. ALERTCalifornia is a UC San Diego public safety program working to understand wildfire and other natural disasters to determine short- and long-term impacts on people and the environment. UC San Diego installs cameras that are livestreamed throughout California to detect and alert officials of wildfires to provide quicker responses. The link to view all cameras installed:

<https://cameras.alertcalifornia.org/?pos=37.2391 -119.0039 6>

The proposed equipment will be installed on "pipe-to-pipe " fittings to existing railings, or a metal pipe as a standoff. Enclosed are images of recent installations. There will be no drilling on the city's tanks or equipment. The City of Needles Emergency Response Coordinator and San Bernardino County Fire will have access to the camera network installed on the upper tanks.

**Fiscal Impact:** The information gathered through the cameras will be monitored and maintained by UC San Diego, and there are no costs to the city.

**Environmental Impact:** ALERTCalifornia provides emergency managers with access to the camera network, the AI, and the latest technology that provides real-time data to inform responses.

**Recommended Action:** Authorize the City Manager to execute the Scripps Institution of Oceanography Site Access and Use Memorandum of Understanding between the Regents of the University of California on behalf of the University of California, San Diego and the City of Needles dated July 14, 2026 providing for the installation of an ALERT California camera on the upper tanks, a public safety program

**Submitted By:** Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

**City Manager Approval:** Rainie Torrance Acting City Manager

Date: 6/30/2026

**Other Department Approval (when required):** \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_