



# City of Needles

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: PATRICK J. MARTINEZ, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: WEEKLY MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 27, 2026

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### 1. **Spring Into Action – Community Cleanup Day (Tomorrow)**

The City of Needles will host its Community Cleanup Day **tomorrow, February 28, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Third Street and J Street**. This is a City-led effort to mobilize residents, businesses, and community members to help beautify a key corridor as we launch our spring cleanup season. The City will provide bags, pickers, and gloves, and no registration is required. All ages are encouraged to participate in this one-hour volunteer effort as we continue to reinforce community pride and maintain clean, welcoming neighborhoods throughout Needles.

### 2. **Red Dog Saloon Ribbon Cutting & Route 66 Utility Box Art Unveiling**

The community is encouraged to attend the Red Dog Saloon Ribbon Cutting **tomorrow, February 28, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.**, celebrating the business's official downtown reopening. The event will feature live music and a food truck, creating a welcoming and energetic atmosphere in the heart of our downtown corridor. Immediately following the ribbon cutting, the City will host a brief unveiling of the Route 66 Centennial Utility Box Art Project at **914 W. Broadway Street**. This Council-authorized public art initiative transforms downtown utility boxes into vibrant displays recognizing Needles' historic role along Route 66 and continues building visible momentum toward the Centennial celebration. Staff will be in attendance to support both efforts and encourage strong community participation.

### 3. **Sports Tourism Update – Tournament Weekend Underway**

Today marks Friday of tournament play, with one full day of championship competition remaining, as the **Colorado River Invitational Softball Tournament** and the **1st Annual Bud Parker Invitational** continue to bring strong regional visitation to Needles. Pool play has been competitive and well attended, with teams and families traveling from across the region, generating activity for our local restaurants, hotels, and small businesses. Championship rounds conclude tomorrow, positioning the City of Needles at the center of a multi-day regional athletics event. These tournaments directly support the City Council's goal of promoting sports and recreational tourism while reinforcing our reputation as a reliable host community for competitive youth athletics. In

addition, Needles has been selected to host the upcoming **NIAA 2A State Softball and Baseball Tournaments**, further elevating the City's role as a regional destination for competitive athletics. With one more full day ahead, the momentum and community energy remain strong as we close out the weekend. Tournament schedules for both events are attached.

4. **Household Hazardous Waste Collection – Next Weekend Reminder**

Needles residents are reminded to safely dispose of household hazardous waste **next weekend, Saturday, March 7, 2026, from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Needles Public Works Yard, 112 Robuffa Street**. Accepted items include paint, batteries, motor oil and filters, electronics, medications, and home-generated sharps in approved containers. This event is for household waste only; no business waste will be accepted. Proper disposal protects our environment and keeps hazardous materials out of landfills and storm drains. For additional information, residents may contact the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Household Hazardous Waste Program at (909) 382-5401 or 1-800-645-9228, or visit [www.sbcfire.org/hhw](http://www.sbcfire.org/hhw).

5. **Jack Smith Park Boat Launch – Season Opening**

The Jack Smith Park Boat Launch Facility will officially open for the season next Saturday, **March 7**, marking the start of another busy boating season on the Colorado River. The facility will operate on weekends beginning in March, with daily access available from **April 1 through the end of September**, before returning to weekend-only operations in October. Boaters may purchase a \$20 Day-Use Launch Pass or a \$180 Annual Launch Pass at the on-site kiosk. Residents are encouraged to secure their Annual Launch Pass early — last year all 700 passes sold out before July. For questions or assistance, please contact Jennifer Valenzuela at (760) 326-2814 or [jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com](mailto:jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com). Additional information is available on the City's [website](#). The City looks forward to welcoming residents and visitors back to the river and supporting another strong recreation season.

6. **Needles Little League – Opening Ceremonies (Next Week)**

The community is invited to join Needles Little League for Opening Ceremonies on **Tuesday, March 3, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.** at the Needles Little League Fields (Ed Parry and Phillips Field), with the first game beginning at **6:30 p.m.** This annual kickoff marks the start of the 2026 season and reflects the City Council's continued commitment to supporting youth sports, family-friendly amenities, and community engagement. The evening will feature team introductions, community recognition, and the ceremonial first pitch, with concessions available. Residents are encouraged to come out and show strong support for our youth athletes as we celebrate another season of teamwork, sportsmanship, and community pride.

7. **Economic Development Update – Carl's Jr. Reopening**

Following the October notification that the Carl's Jr. location at 2601 Needles Highway would be closing due to corporate decisions, staff is pleased to report that the site will reopen under new management. The existing business owner has made a private investment in remodeling and reconstructing portions of the

building and is targeting a June reopening, as reflected in the attached image. This is a strong example of a local business owner reinvesting back into the community and demonstrates continued confidence in the Needles market. The reactivation of this prime I-40 corridor location supports the City Council's goal of maintaining vibrant commercial corridors, sustaining local employment, and strengthening economic stability. Staff has remained engaged with the property owner throughout the transition to support a timely reopening. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled closer to the reopening date to welcome the business back and formally highlight this important reinvestment.

**8. Route 66 Centennial – Corridor Activation Through Private Investment**

Momentum continues to build along the Route 66 corridor as local business owners Joe and Lindsay Payson advance private beautification efforts at Hardware Express. This week, new Centennial-themed artwork was installed by local artist Gabriel Pecina and Cycle George, with assistance from former Councilmember Zachery Longacre, further activating the downtown streetscape. This project is another example of the private sector leaning in to elevate the visual experience along our historic highway. Across the corridor, independently funded improvements are reinforcing Route 66 branding and strengthening the sense of place that defines Needles. These enhancements not only support upcoming Centennial activities but also contribute to long-term economic vitality by enhancing curb appeal, visitor experience, and community pride.

**9. International Tourism Outreach – Discover Inland Empire Partnership**

The City of Needles continues expanding its international visibility through its partnership with Discover Inland Empire, which recently featured the region during a multi-country European tourism mission from **February 26 to March 5** in Denmark, Turin (Italy), and Berlin. As part of The Americas Travel Show Nordics, Showcase USA – Italy, and ITB Berlin, Discover Inland Empire promoted Route 66 experiences and regional destinations to global tour operators, travel buyers, and media outlets, with Needles included in these outreach efforts. This international exposure positions Needles on a global stage in advance of the 2026 Route 66 Centennial and directly advances City Council goals to strengthen tourism, expand global brand recognition, and attract new visitors by leveraging the City's strategic location and distinctive Route 66 identity. The City appreciates Discover Inland Empire for extending this visibility and helping elevate Needles in key international markets as Centennial interest continues to build.

**10. Needles Pride – City Leading by Example**

Following last week's vegetation management reminder and with recent rains accelerating overgrowth throughout the community, City staff this week took the initiative to clear overgrown vegetation and burn weeds around City Hall and other public facilities. In preparation for the ongoing regional softball and baseball tournaments, City crews also completed cleanup efforts at the Softball and Little League fields, including vegetation removal and site maintenance to

ensure tournament-ready conditions. While property owners remain responsible for maintaining their properties in compliance with City standards, the City continues to lead by example under the Needles Pride Program. Proactive vegetation management enhances curb appeal, supports public safety, and strengthens neighborhood resilience. Residents may report concerns by calling 760-326-2115 (press #9) or by using the Needles Connect app, available on the [Google Play Store \(Android\)](#) and [Apple Store \(iOS\)](#). The 2026 Needles Pride informational flyer will also be included with upcoming utility billing statements to expand awareness and encourage participation as we continue building a cleaner, safer, and stronger Needles.

#### **11. Pavement Management & Field Operations Update**

This past week, the City Council received a progress presentation on the Pavement Management Program (PMP), highlighting continued implementation of the City's 15-Year roadway strategy. Since 2020, approximately \$12 million has been invested in slurry, paving, and coordinated infrastructure improvements, resulting in upgrades to nearly 18 miles of roadway — approximately 40% of the City's 47-mile system. Staff is currently updating the PMP to reflect completed improvements and current cost trends, with a comprehensive update to return to Council in the near term. Additionally, following recent rainfall, Public Works crews completed roadway and pothole repairs along Lillyhill Drive, Balboa Street, and other impacted areas to improve drivability and safety in well-traveled residential corridors, reflecting the City's responsive, field-driven approach to maintaining infrastructure while longer-term solutions are scheduled.

#### **12. Annual Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) – 2025 Water Quality**

The City of Needles Water Department has released its 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR), which provides a comprehensive overview of our drinking water quality, testing procedures, and regulatory compliance. The report confirms that throughout 2025, the City met all State and Federal drinking water health standards, with no violations of maximum contaminant levels. Our water supply is 100% groundwater and is regularly sampled and tested by certified independent laboratories to ensure compliance with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and State Water Resources Control Board standards. Lead and copper monitoring results remained well below action levels, and microbiological testing showed no detection of total coliform or E. coli. The CCR is an important transparency tool that outlines detected constituents, regulatory thresholds, and typical sources of naturally occurring minerals. Residents with questions may contact the City of Needles Water Department at 760-326-5700. The full 2025 Consumer Confidence Report is attached as an exhibit.

#### **13. Active Transportation Plan – Community Workshop & Input Needed**

The City continues advancing its Active Transportation Plan (ATP), which will guide future investments in sidewalks, walking paths, curb and gutter, bike lanes, and overall pedestrian and bicycle safety improvements throughout Needles. A community workshop will be held on **Wednesday, March 18, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the El Garces Historic Train Depot, 950 Front Street. This event will provide residents, business owners, and stakeholders with an opportunity to directly identify priority projects and highlight mobility gaps using the interactive mapping platform. Twelve bikes of all sizes will be raffled

during the event to encourage participation. Community input remains critical to strengthening project prioritization and improving the City's competitiveness for state and federal infrastructure funding. Those unable to attend may still provide feedback online at [www.NeedlesATP.com/provide-input](http://www.NeedlesATP.com/provide-input).

**14. Clean California CCEP Grant Award – Revive the Desert Project**

Caltrans has officially awarded \$25 million statewide through the Clean California Community Cleanup & Employment Pathway (CCEP) program, with 100% of funding directed to underserved communities. California, and the City of Needles, has been selected to receive **\$169,355** for our “Revive the Desert – Illegal Dumping Cleanup & Community Stewardship” project. The CCEP program combines litter and graffiti abatement with paid job training and transitional employment opportunities for justice-impacted individuals, individuals experiencing homelessness, and at-risk youth, delivering both environmental improvement and workforce development. Since launching in 2021, Clean California has removed 3.5 million cubic yards of litter and created more than 18,000 jobs statewide. This competitive award reflects strong grant leadership by Rainie Torrance, with Kathy Raasch supporting implementation and compliance in coordination with Public Works. It represents another successful effort to leverage external funding to produce visible local impact aligned with Council priorities.

**15. IEHP Quarterly Meeting – Health & Wellness Benefits Overview**

This week, Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) hosted its quarterly Rural Area Support Collaborative meeting in Needles, providing an overview of health and wellness benefits available to approximately 1,775 local members. The presentation highlighted preventive health screenings; chronic disease management programs for diabetes, asthma, and high blood pressure; maternal and well-child education; tobacco cessation services; mental health resources; transportation assistance; and community-based referrals through [ConnectIE](http://ConnectIE.com). Residents seeking additional information or assistance may contact IEHP Member Services at 1-800-440-4347 (TTY: 1-800-718-4347), visit [www.iehp.org](http://www.iehp.org), or access the 24-hour Nurse Advice Line at 1-888-244-4347. The full presentation is attached as an exhibit to this report.

**16. Grub with a Cop – Successful Community Engagement Event**

The City would like to thank the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, Colorado River Station, for hosting a successful “Grub with a Cop” event on February 25 at River City Pizza. The event provided residents with an informal opportunity to engage directly with deputies, ask questions, and strengthen relationships in a relaxed and welcoming environment. We also extend our appreciation to River City Pizza for their hospitality and partnership in supporting this effort. Events like these reinforce open communication, build trust, and strengthen collaboration between law enforcement and the community.

**17. Energy Assistance & Home Efficiency Support**

This week, the Community Action Partnership of San Bernardino County was on-site in Needles through its Energy, Education, and Environmental Services Program, assisting approximately a dozen local homes with energy-efficiency

upgrades to lower monthly utility costs. Crews worked directly in residential neighborhoods to implement weatherization improvements and related energy-saving measures that enhance long-term household sustainability. These efforts help reduce energy burdens for income-qualified residents while supporting overall community resilience. Homeowners and renters who may qualify are encouraged to apply by calling 800-635-4618 or visiting [www.cap-sbc.org](http://www.cap-sbc.org) to access available assistance programs.

#### 18. **Animal Services – Spay & Neuter Clinic**

The Needles Animal Shelter is excited to announce its upcoming Spay and Neuter Clinic on **April 9 and 10**, in partnership with Dr. Angelina Beeks of Angels Touch Mobile Vet. This bi-annual clinic supports responsible pet ownership by helping prevent unwanted litters, reducing overpopulation, and improving long-term pet health within our community. The clinic is by appointment only, and a non-refundable deposit is required to reserve a spot. Applications and deposits must be submitted in person at the Needles Animal Shelter, located at 1662 Flip Mendez Parkway. As this clinic is always in high demand and typically fills quickly, early registration is strongly encouraged. Refer to the attached flyer for more information.

#### 19. **Needles Sunday Farmers Market at Santa Fe Park**

The Needles Sunday Farmers Market continues to draw residents and visitors to Santa Fe Park each week, supporting local vendors and small businesses. Hosted by Tumbleweed Markets Inc., the market features a rotating selection of fresh produce, baked goods, coffee, flowers, handmade items, and other locally made products. The market is held every Sunday through **March 31, 2026**, from **8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** at Santa Fe Park. New vendors continue to join the lineup, expanding opportunities for local entrepreneurs and artisans. This ongoing event supports the City Council's goals for community engagement and local economic vitality. Vendor information is available by contacting Market Manager Patrick Lauterio at (760) 848-8289 or [needlesfarmers@gmail.com](mailto:needlesfarmers@gmail.com).

#### 20. **Community Events Calendar Now Live**

The City's new website now features a [Community Events Calendar](#)—a single source for community events, civic meetings, and community programs. Local organizations are invited to submit or update events through the City Clerk's Office to keep the calendar current and inclusive. Contact **Candace Clark at [cclark@cityofneedles.com](mailto:cclark@cityofneedles.com)** to participate. Residents can subscribe and sync the calendar to mobile devices for real-time updates, making it easier to stay informed and engaged.

# 1. SPRING INTO ACTION

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# Community Cleanup Day

**Third St/J Street  
Saturday, February 28, 2026  
8 AM - 9 AM**

Join your friends and neighbors as we work together to clean our community. No registration required. The City will provide bags, pickers and gloves!



[cityofneedles.com](http://cityofneedles.com)

## 2. THE RED DOG RIBBON CUTTING





# 3. SPORTS TOURISM

Colorado River Invitational Softball Tournament 2026		Bracket Play 6 Innings		Championship 7 Innings	
POOL A		POOL B		POOL C	POOL D
Elko		Boulder City		Faith Luthern	Doral Red Rock
Legacy		Camp Verde		Fernley	SECTA
Pahrump		Palo Verde - Blythe		Holbrook	Spring Creek
Williams		Yuma Catholic		Needles	Tolleson
	<b>Friday 1st Round</b>				
	<b>B#1</b>				
	<b>NB 1:30 PM G1</b>				
<b>Sat</b>	<b>G#4</b>	<b>Sat</b>			
<b>11:00AM NB G13</b>		<b>9:30AM NB</b>			
	<b>R#2</b>	<b>Game 9</b>			
	<b>NB 6:00 PM G7</b>				
	<b>Y#3</b>				
			<b>2:00PM NB</b>		
	<b>Y#2</b>		<b>Game 17</b>		
	<b>FF 6:00 PM G8</b>				
<b>Sat</b>	<b>R#3</b>	<b>Sat</b>			
<b>11:00AM FF G14</b>		<b>9:30AM FF</b>			
	<b>G#1</b>	<b>Game 10</b>			
	<b>FF 1:30PM G2</b>				
	<b>B#4</b>				
	<b>R#1</b>			<b>Sat</b>	
	<b>NB 4:30PM G5</b>			<b>4:00PM NB</b>	
<b>Sat</b>	<b>Y#4</b>	<b>Sat</b>		<b>Game 19</b>	<b>Championship</b>
<b>12:30PM NB G15</b>		<b>8:00AM NB</b>			
	<b>B#2</b>	<b>Game 11</b>			
	<b>NB 3:00PM G3</b>				
	<b>G#3</b>				
			<b>2:00PM FF</b>		
	<b>G#2</b>		<b>Game 18</b>		
	<b>FF 3:00PM G4</b>				
<b>Sat</b>	<b>B#3</b>	<b>Sat</b>			
<b>12:30PM FF G16</b>		<b>8:00AM FF</b>			
	<b>Y#1</b>	<b>Game 12</b>			
	<b>FF 4:30PM G6</b>				
	<b>R#4</b>				

All Bracket Play Games - Higher Seed is Home Team - Home Team Is In 3rd Base Dugout.

ALL TIMES Are California Time Home Teams will keep official book.

Run Rules & Time will be in affect for Bracket Play. Run Rule: 10 after 4 & 8 after 5 Time Limit 80 Min.

Even Seeds will flip a coin to determine home team.

International Tie Breaker will be used for games that end in a tie. **NO TIES.**

If a CA team runs out of games, their opponent will move on no matter the outcome of the game.

Games 13 -14 -15 & 16: Top Team is Home Team.

Games 13 -14 - 15 & 16 are drop dead games. This is being done to help keep us on schedule.

# 4. COUNTY WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Needles Residents:

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

March 07, 2026 | 7a.m. to 11a.m.

Needles City Yard, 112 Robuffa Street, Needles, CA 92363



Funded By  
**CalRecycle**

### We Accept...

- Antifreeze
- Auto & Household Batteries
- Computer Monitors, TVs
- CPUs, Printers
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Home-Generated Sharps/Needles in approved container
- Household Cleaners
- Medications – separate liquids from solids (excluding controlled substances)
- Microwave Ovens
- Motor Oil/Used Filters
- Musical Cards, Clothes Irons
- Paint Products
- Pesticides & Fertilizers
- Space Heaters, Stereos, Radios
- Telephones
- VCRs/DVD Players

### We Do NOT Accept...

- Asbestos
- Business/Commercial Wastes
- Explosives
- Medical Wastes other than sharps
- Radioactive Wastes
- Reactives
- Tire, Appliances, Furniture, Air Conditioner, etc.
- Wastes from foreclosed properties & non-profit organizations

## Take the last step! Recycle your USED MOTOR OIL and OIL FILTERS!

- Dumping used oil (or any chemical) is a crime – legally and environmentally
- Dumped oil contaminates ground water – our drinking water source
- Used oil is insoluble and can contain toxic chemicals
- Used oil kills plant and aquatic life
- One pint of used oil can create an acre-sized oil slick on surface waters



### Remember when recycling oil to...

- Drain your oil from cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, lawnmowers, etc., into a reusable, sealable container.
- Do not dump oil on the ground, in the gutter or storm drain, or throw in the trash
- Do not mix anything with the oil (water, paint, pesticides, diesel, antifreeze or gasoline)

### Before transporting, be sure that...

- Waste is properly labeled or in its original container
- The container is no larger than 5 gallons. Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 lbs.
- Containers are sound and not leaking
- Sharps/needles must be placed in approved containers. Sharps/needles will not be accepted in plastic bags, coffee cans, milk jugs, or soda cans
- Waste is securely placed in the back of the vehicle for safe transport

### The following guidelines apply:

- Household Hazardous Waste ONLY. No Business-Generated Waste Accepted
- San Bernardino County Residents ONLY. Identification will be required
- No Early Birds (waste brought before 7:00a.m. will not be accepted)
- Waste must be accepted by County Fire Protection District personnel
- Remain in vehicle at all times

### For questions or more information, contact:

San Bernardino County Fire Protection District,  
Household Hazardous Waste Program

**909-382-5401 or**

**1-800-OILY-CAT (1-800-645-9228)**

Visit [Sbcfire.org/hhw](http://Sbcfire.org/hhw)

Cosponsored by San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors,  
City of Needles, and San Bernardino County Fire Protection District



## 6. LITTLE LEAGUE OPENING CEREMONY

# NEEDLES LITTLE LEAGUE

## OPENING CEREMONIES 2026

Join us as we kick off an exciting season of baseball!



Tuesday, March 3, 2026



OPENING CEREMONIES: 5:30 PM



FIRST GAME: 6:30 PM



LOCATION: Needles Little League Fields

Come out and support our players as we celebrate the start of a new season!  
Team introductions, community recognition, and the first pitch of the year!



Wear Your  
Team Colors!



Bring Your  
Lawn Chairs!



Concessions  
Will Be Open!

Let's pack the stands and show our kids how proud we are of them!

**#NeedlesLittleLeague #OpeningDay #PlayBall**

## 7. CARL'S JR. REOPENING



## 8. ROUTE 66 MURAL



# 9. DISCOVER INLAND EMPIRE INTERNATIONAL



# 10. CITY LEAD BEAUTIFICATION



# NEEDLES PRIDE

Needles residents care about their community and so should you! The Needles Pride initiative is a neighborhood focus program aimed at improving the community by working in partnership with property owners, area residents, and local businesses to clean up neighborhoods and maintain compliance with City Codes.

Please take the time to evaluate your property and correct any violations you may have.

## How to Participate in the City-Wide Clean-Up



### BEAUTIFICATION

#### Maintain Landscaping

Maintain landscape in healthy condition by proper irrigating, trimming, edging, and removing weeds, and dead plants



#### Clear Storage

Outside storage including but not limited to furniture, household items, yard equipment, building material, vehicle parts, and appliances must be kept out of public eye.



#### Park in Designated Areas

Vehicles are required to be parked on existing driveways or approved surfaces. Parking is not allowed on dirt, vacant lots, front yards, or decorative landscapes.



### CODE VIOLATIONS

#### Inoperative Vehicles

Vehicles that are unlicensed, wrecked, damaged, or in disrepair may not be stored in public view.



#### Trash Containers

Trash containers shall not be stored in front yards or on sidewalks except when placed in areas of collection at the time permitted.

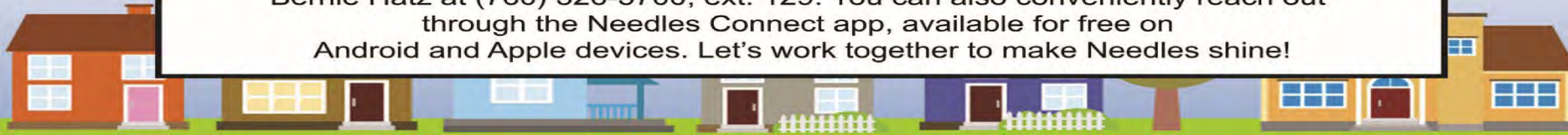


#### Bulky Items

Keep sidewalks clear of discarded household items such as furniture, appliances, electronics, and more. You may schedule up to three (3) bulky item pick ups per year by calling Republic Services at 928-758-9135.



If you have questions about the Needles Pride initiative contact Code Enforcement Officer Bernie Hatz at (760) 326-5700, ext. 129. You can also conveniently reach out through the Needles Connect app, available for free on Android and Apple devices. Let's work together to make Needles shine!



# 10. CITY LEAD BEAUTIFICATION



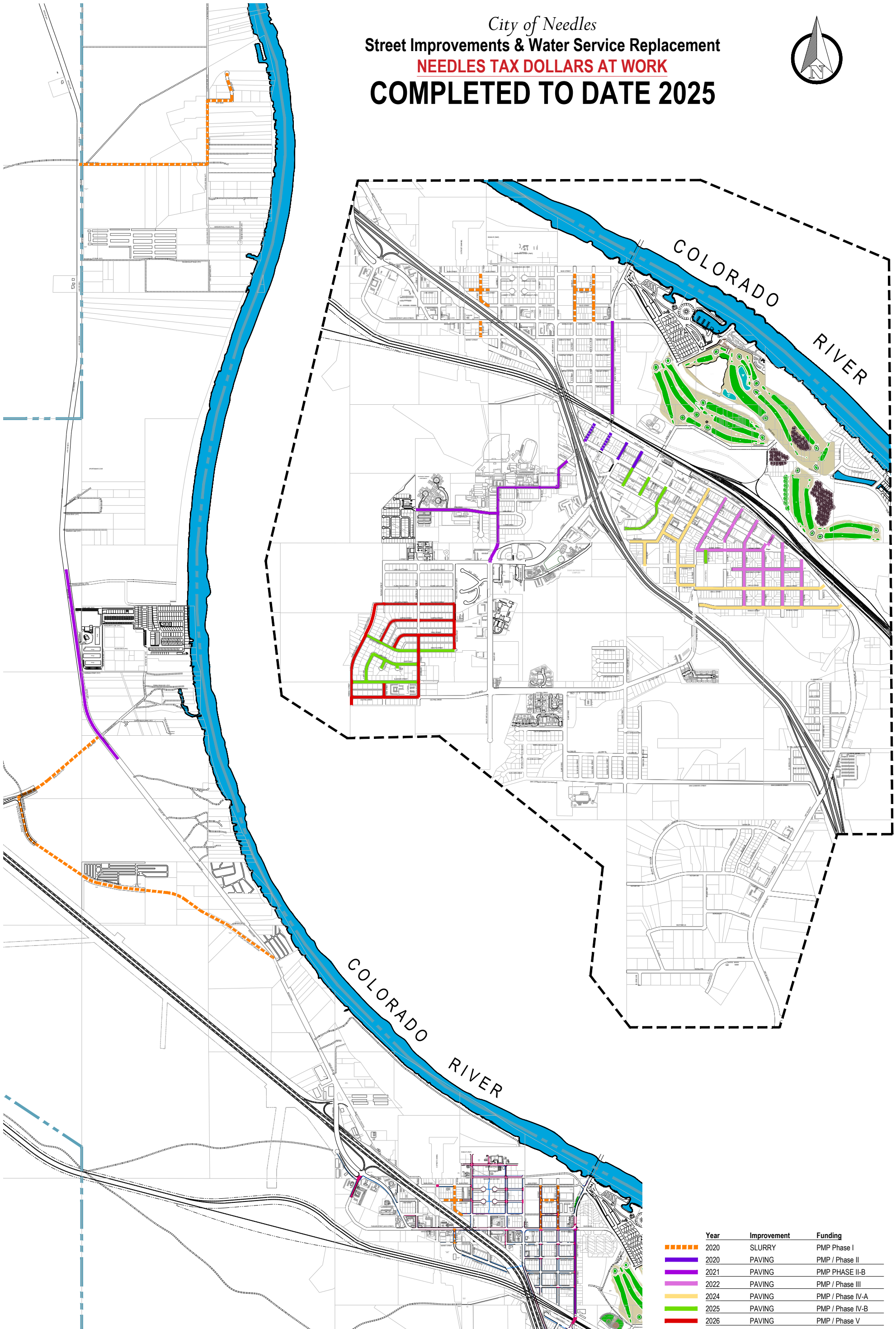
# 10. CITY LEAD BEAUTIFICATION



# 11. LILLYHILL AND BALBOA ROAD REPAIRS



City of Needles  
 Street Improvements & Water Service Replacement  
**NEEDLES TAX DOLLARS AT WORK**  
**COMPLETED TO DATE 2025**



Year	Improvement	Funding
2020	SLURRY	PMP Phase I
2020	PAVING	PMP / Phase II
2021	PAVING	PMP PHASE II-B
2022	PAVING	PMP / Phase III
2024	PAVING	PMP / Phase IV-A
2025	PAVING	PMP / Phase IV-B
2026	PAVING	PMP / Phase V



# Annual Water Quality Consumer Confidence Report 2025



# An Overview of Your 2025 Consumer Confidence Report

Each year, the City of Needles Water Department prepares our annual Consumer Confidence Report. This report identifies what we test our water for, what was present and provides a snapshot of the water quality requirements set by the California State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

To ensure our water meets all State and Federal regulatory standards, we sample and test our water system regularly and send these samples to an independent lab for processing. We test for a variety of contaminants on a regular basis. Contaminants are things that might be present in the water and could compromise its safety. Many contaminants that we test for are naturally occurring, but depending on the amount, could cause health concerns.

Within this Consumer Confidence Report, we have provided data tables that show what we test for, if there was a detection, and if so, at what level. It's important to remember that if there is a detection, that doesn't mean the water is not safe to drink. Many naturally occurring elements found in water are detected at low levels but are only known to have an adverse health affect at very high levels, over a long period of time. Ensuring water quality is a complex process and the information we provide may seem complicated. We want to make sure to answer any questions or concerns you may have. If you have any questions, please contact the City of Needles at 760-326-5740.



## Do you know where your water comes from?

*One hundred percent of our water supply in  
the City of Needles comes from groundwater!*

## Water Saving Tips



### **Find and Fix Leaks**

Check toilets and faucets for leaks, and repair them promptly.



### **Take Shorter Showers**

Shortening your shower by 1-2 mins. can save up to 700 gallons per year!



### **Wash Full Loads (Clothes & Dishes)**

Only run your dishwasher and clothes washer when they're full.



### **Avoid Watering Mid-Day**

Water only in the early mornings or late evenings to minimize evaporation and wind.



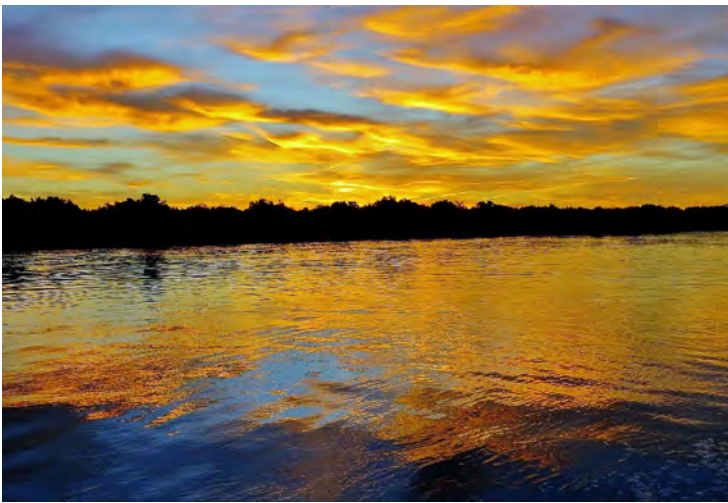
### **Choose the Right Plants**

Replace a portion of your lawn with native and CA Friendly plants that use less water.



### **Install Smart Sprinklers**

Use water efficient technology like drip irrigation, rotating sprinkler nozzles, and



## **Message from the United States Environmental Protection Agency**

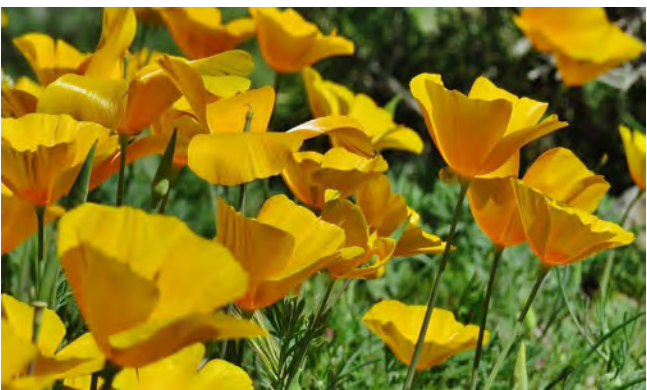
The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals (and, in some cases, radioactive material) and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, that can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, that may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, that are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, agricultural application, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, that can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

To ensure that tap water meets all Federal and State parameters, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) prescribe regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations also establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, please call the USEPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons, such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. USEPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).





## 2025 Water Quality Test Results

Last year, as in years past, your tap water met all U.S. EPA and State drinking water health standards. The City of Needles vigilantly safeguards its water supplies and once again, we are proud to report that our system has not violated a maximum contaminant level or any other water quality standard. This brochure is a snapshot of last year's water quality. Included are details about where your water comes from, what your water contains, and how it compares to State standards. We are committed to providing you with information because informed customers are our best allies. The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.



## DETECTED CONSTITUENTS

YEAR'S TESTED 2025

### INORGANIC CONSTITUENTS- 2025

Chemical Constituent	Unit of Measure	State MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Needles Range	Needles Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Hardness	mg/L	NA	NA	320-330	325	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Calcium	mg/L	NA	NA	77-79	78	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sulfate	mg/L	500	NA	280-380	330	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Chloride	mg/L	600	NA	140-260	200	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrate (NO3)	mg/L	10	<10	ND-1.1	1.1	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Nitrite (NO2)	mg/L	1	<1	ND - <0.3	<0.3	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Fluoride	mg/L	2	1	ND-1.5	1.5	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Specific Conductance	Umho/cm	1600	NA	1400-2100	1750	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	1000	NA	830-1100	965	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Turbidity	NTU	5	NA	ND-0.19	0.19	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Iron	ug/L	300	100	ND-130	130	Erosion of Natural Deposits

### Metals- Other – 2025

Chemical Constituent	Unit of Measure	State MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Needles Range	Needles Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Arsenic	mg/L	10	0.004	ND-0.0053	0.0053	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Manganese	mg/L	50	nl=500	0.013-0.027	0.008	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Magnesium	mg/L	NA	NA	31-34	32.25	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Sodium	mg/L	NA	NA	160 -240	200	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Chromium	mg/L	50	100	ND<0.005	<0.005	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Bicarbonate	mg/L	NA	NA	180 - 200	190	Erosion of Natural Deposits
pH	units	NA	NA	7.91-8.18	8.0	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Barium	mg/L	1000	2000	ND-0.023	0.023	Erosion of Natural Deposits
Selenium	mg/L	50	30	ND-<0.005	<0.005	Erosion of Natural Deposits
MTBE	mg/L	13	13	ND-<0.0005	<0.0005	Leaking Underground Tanks

### RADIOACTIVE CONSTITUENTS – 2025

Radioactive	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCL Goal / PHG	Range	Average	Typical Source of Contamination
Gross Alpha	PCI/L	15	0	0 - 6.15	6.15	Erosion of Natural Deposits

### LEAD & COPPER-2025

(units)	ACTION LEVEL	PHG (MCLG)	Range of Detection	90 <sup>th</sup> % Level	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Constituent
Copper (mg/L)	1.3	0.3	ND -0.240	0.240	No	2025	Internal corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives. No samples collected exceeded the action level.
Lead (mg/L)	15	0.2	ND - 0.0034	0.0034	No	2025	Internal corrosion of household water plumbing systems; discharges from industrial manufacturers, erosion of natural deposits. No samples collected exceeded the action level.

The city of Needles is required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During 2025 All Health standards were met.

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM WATER QUALITY-2025

Microbiological Contaminants (units)	PRIMARY MCL	PHG (MCLG)	Value	MCL Violation?	Most Recent Sampling Date	Typical Source of Constituent
Total Coliform Bacteria (% of monthly positive samples)	More than 5% of monthly samples are positive	(0)	0	No	2025	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and E. coli Bacteria (number of monthly positive samples)	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also Fecal Coliform or E.coli positive	(0)	0	No	2025	Human and animal fecal waste

### Water Quality Terms

**Inorganic Chemicals Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. Primary MCLs are set as close to the PHGs (or MCLGs) as is economically and technologically feasible. Secondary MCLs are set to protect the odor, taste, and appearance of drinking water.

**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs are set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**Public Health Goal (PHG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known/expected risk to health. PHGs are set by the CA Environmental Protection Agency.

**Primary Drinking Water Standard (PDWS):** MCLs and MRDLs for contaminants that affect health along with their monitoring, reporting, and water treatment requirements.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

**Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

**Regulatory Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

**Treatment Technique (TT):** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.



#### List of Acronyms

- DLR:** Detection Limit for Purposes of Reporting **GWUI:** Ground Water Under the Influence of Surface Water
- mg/L:** Milligrams per Liter or Parts Per Million (PPM) - Equivalent to 1 second in 11.5 days
- ng/L:** Nanograms per liter or Parts Per Trillion (PPT) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32,000 years
- NA:** Not Applicable      **NC:** Not Collected      **ND:** Not Detected
- NL:** Notification Level      **NS:** Not Sampled
- NTU:** Nephelometric Turbidity Units (Suspended Material)
- pCi/L:** Pico Curies per Liter
- pg/L:** Picograms per liter or Parts Per Quadrillion (PPQ) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32,000,000 years
- Sequestration:** Phosphates Used in Water Treatment to Control Metal Releases
- uS/cm:** MicroSeimen per Centimeter
- µg/L:** Micrograms per Liter or Parts Per Billion (PPB) - Equivalent to 1 second in nearly 32 years



City of Needles Water Department  
City Utility Services Office  
817 Third Street  
Needles, CA 92363  
Phone: 760-326-5700

## ***Coupon for \$100 Toilet Rebate***

Present this coupon to City of Needles Customer Service Staff to receive a rebate of up to \$100 when you purchase a new WaterSense approved toilet. Residential accounts can apply for up to two rebates, and commercial accounts can receive up to four rebates. To qualify, your proof of purchase must also be submitted.



# 13. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

## YOU'RE INVITED!

*The City wants to hear from You!*



### Active Transportation Plan

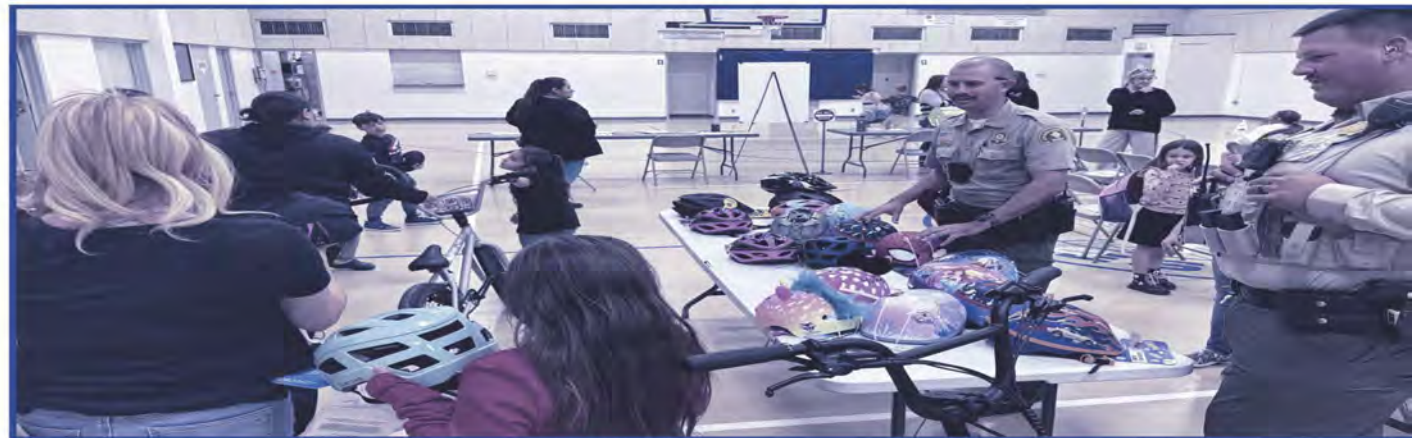
## What is an Active Transportation Plan?

An Active Transportation Plan (ATP) is a living document that outlines projects, programs, and policies to improve walking and biking conditions. It is shaped by community and stakeholder input to address network gaps and enhance accessibility, safety, and connectivity citywide.



### Get Involved!

- Call **760-326-2113** or email **info@NeedlesATP.com**
- Scan the QR code to the left or use the URL below to share an idea on the interactive map:  
**[www.NeedlesATP.com/provide-input](http://www.NeedlesATP.com/provide-input)**



*\* 12 bikes of all sizes will be raffled*

## Wednesday, March 18, 2026 COMMUNITY EVENT

11 A.M. - 2 P.M.

*El Garces Historic Train Depot  
950 Front Street, Needles, CA 92363*

Rain or Shine, **we will be there!** Inclement weather plan to set up inside the Garces building.

**Help us decide** what bike and pedestrian projects you want to see in your community.

# 14. CITY LEAD BEAUTIFICATION



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California Commits \$25 Million to Cleanups and Job Pathways: Transforming Communities While Creating Opportunities

## California Commits \$25 Million to Cleanups and Job Pathways: Transforming Communities While Creating Opportunities

Published: Feb 18, 2026



District: [Headquarters](#)

Contact: [Edward Barrera](#)

SACRAMENTO – Caltrans today announced it has awarded \$25 million to 90 local projects that will improve lives and communities by supporting litter and graffiti removal efforts across California. These projects are funded through the Community Cleanup and Employment Pathway (CCEP) grant program through [Clean California](#), a signature initiative under Governor Gavin Newsom.

“The Clean California program is demonstrating how these investments can strengthen communities,” said California Transportation Secretary Toks Omishakin. “Governor Newsom’s vision for more vibrant public spaces is being realized by linking community improvements with paid job training to create opportunity, stability and long-term success for Californians.”

“These grants do more than fund cleanups, they’re investments in people and provide hope and opportunity,” said Caltrans Director Dina El-Tawansy. “By partnering with local agencies and workforce development organizations, we’re investing in our under-resourced communities by creating jobs, restoring pride and proving that when we care for our neighborhoods, we care for each other.”

Through these competitive grants, CCEP supports litter abatement and public space beautification efforts on locally owned public rights-of-way. Along with litter and graffiti abatement, a core component of this program is to create pathways to employment through partnerships with workforce development organizations. These pathways connect justice-impacted individuals, people experiencing homelessness, at-risk youth and others with meaningful job training and paid transitional employment opportunities.

The grants will also provide funding to promote public education and anti-littering campaigns across the state to be recognized as a [Clean California Community](#). One hundred percent of this year’s funding (\$25 million) will benefit underserved communities.

### Projects include:

- **\$580,000** to support the expansion of SF Public Works’ Tenderloin Clean Workforce Development Program
- **\$251,000** to support the Trinidad Rancheria Harbor District Beautification and Workforce Development Initiative in Humboldt County
- **\$300,000** to support the Clean Selma: Second Street and Downtown Arts Corridor Revitalization project in Fresno County
- **\$172,000** to support the City of Lancaster’s Community Cleanup & Youth Workforce Development program
- **\$600,000** to support the Clean National City Revitalization & Employment Pathway program in San Diego County

Agency Name	Project Title	District	State Grant Amount	Total Project Cost
City of South Gate	Community Access & Cleanup	7	\$199,901	\$239,901
Watershed Conservation Authority (Los Angeles)	SR 1 & Lower L.A. River Cleanup	7	\$199,901	\$239,901
Watershed Conservation Authority (Los Angeles)	I-105/SR-91 & Lower L.A. River Cleanup	7	\$199,901	\$239,901
Watershed Conservation Authority (Los Angeles)	Lower L.A. River, East Slauson Ave-Rio Hondo Confluence Cleanup	7	\$199,901	\$239,901
City of Fontana	Beautification with Empowerment Project	8	\$300,000	\$300,000
City of Hemet	Keep Hemet Beautiful	8	\$298,000	\$383,000
City of Moreno Valley	Bright Futures, Clean Streets Project	8	\$200,000	\$949,412
City of Needles	Revive the Desert Project	8	\$169,355	\$169,355
City of Riverside Public Works Department	KRCB	8	\$197,586	\$818,767
City of Victorville	Old Town Beautification and Workforce Empowerment Initiative	8	\$300,000	\$320,000
Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District	Beautifying Riverside Change that Works	8	\$327,444	\$393,744
San Bernardino County Workforce Development Dept.	San Bernardino Clean Roads	8	\$575,000	\$650,000
Calaveras County	Clean Calaveras Project	10	\$299,608	\$299,608
City of Modesto	Modesto Mo’ Beautiful	10	\$575,000	\$2,127,581
City of Stockton	Stockton Youth Environmental Stewardship (SYES) Program	10	\$126,997	\$151,307
City of Calexico	Calexico Cleanup Project	11	\$286,119	\$319,919
City of El Cajon	Graffiti & Litter Abatement Project	11	\$470,000	\$570,000
City of National City	Revitalization & Employment Pathway Project	11	\$600,000	\$775,000
City of Anaheim Public Work Dept.	Anaheim CCEP Grant	12	\$500,000	\$587,375

# 15. IEHP QUARTERLY MEETING



# Health & Wellness

Live Healthier



## Your Health & Wellness Benefits

Presenter:

Date:



## **Mission**

We heal and inspire  
the human spirit

## **Vision**

We will not rest until  
our communities  
enjoy optimal care  
and vibrant health



# IEHP.org

- Log in to your IEHP Member portal
- Access your health information
- Sign up for classes
- Access reading materials for many health topics
- Learn about other resources provided by IEHP



# Screenings



- Important for staying healthy.
- Helps your doctor give you the best treatment and advice.
- Screenings include:
  - ✓ Health Appraisal
  - ✓ Developmental screenings for children
  - ✓ Obesity
  - ✓ Diabetes
  - ✓ Blood pressure
  - ✓ Mental health
  - ✓ Colorectal cancer
  - ✓ Breast cancer
  - ✓ Hepatitis B
  - ✓ Hepatitis C
  - ✓ HIV
  - ✓ Pap/HPV

# Health Education Programs

- Classes for Members
- Personalized support for many health problems
- Reading materials
- Additional resources



# Community Health Workers (CHWs)

## Depending on your needs, we can assist you with:

- Using IEHP benefits, programs and services
- Scheduling appointments with your doctor
- Creating a log in and navigating Member Portal
- Registration for Health Ed programs or educational materials
- Connect with services in your area, such as food, housing, work and childcare



# Topics

- Asthma
- Becoming a Mom
- Well-Child Education
- Diabetes
- High Blood Pressure
- Weight & Nutrition
- Stress & Mindfulness
- Quitting Tobacco
- Digital Health



# Advance Care Directives

- Reading materials
- For IEHP DualChoice (D-SNP) Members: option to complete via your member portal

IEHP

*My Life. My Choice.*

An Advance Care Directive is for everyone.



A photograph of various asthma-related medical equipment. In the foreground, there are two blue nebulizers and a blue peak flow meter. In the background, there is a white nebulizer machine with a yellow cup and clear tubing. The image is partially obscured by a large blue curved shape on the right side.

# Asthma

- Breathe Well, Live Well classes
- Support for those with asthma
- Reading materials
- Medication information
- Durable Medical Equipment:
  - Nebulizers
  - Peak Flow Meters
  - Spacers
- Asthma Remediation Program (if you qualify)

# Becoming a Mom

- Reading Materials
- Community Programs:
  - Pomona Valley Hospital
  - Barstow Community
  - St. Bernardine's
  - SB Community Hospital
  - LLUC Birth and Beyond
  - WIC
  - Help Me Grow

Start  
Well

Every pregnancy is unique. That's why we offer free resources to support you throughout your pregnancy, childbirth and the postpartum period. The tools in this guide will help you and your baby start well.

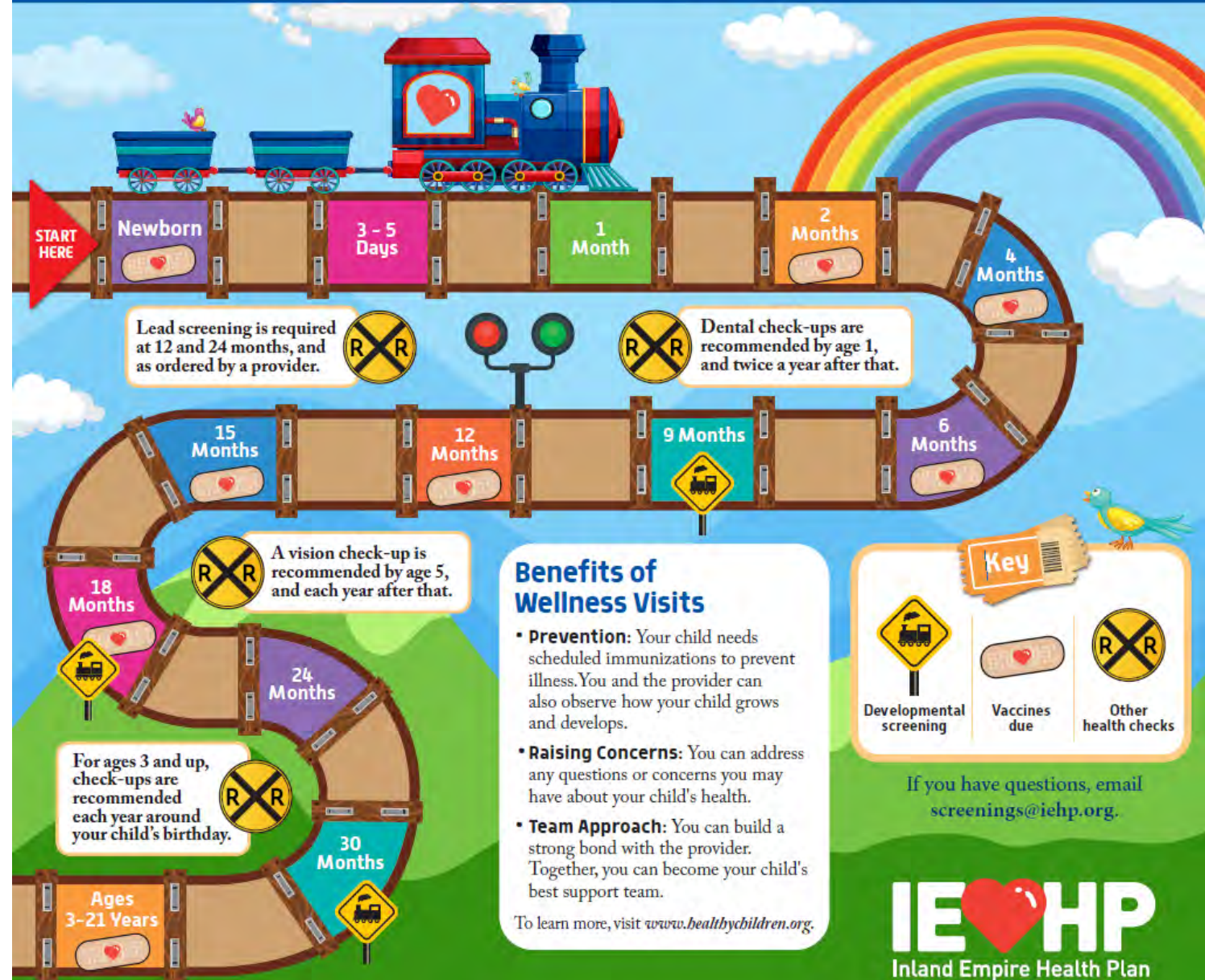
# Well-Child Education

- Immunizations
- Well child visits
- Developmental screening
- Connect to early childhood resources
- Educational materials for parent and child

## Your Child's Wellness Journey

Well-child visits help babies, children and teens get the care they need when they need it.

All aboard! Follow each scheduled doctor's visit on your child's journey to wellness.



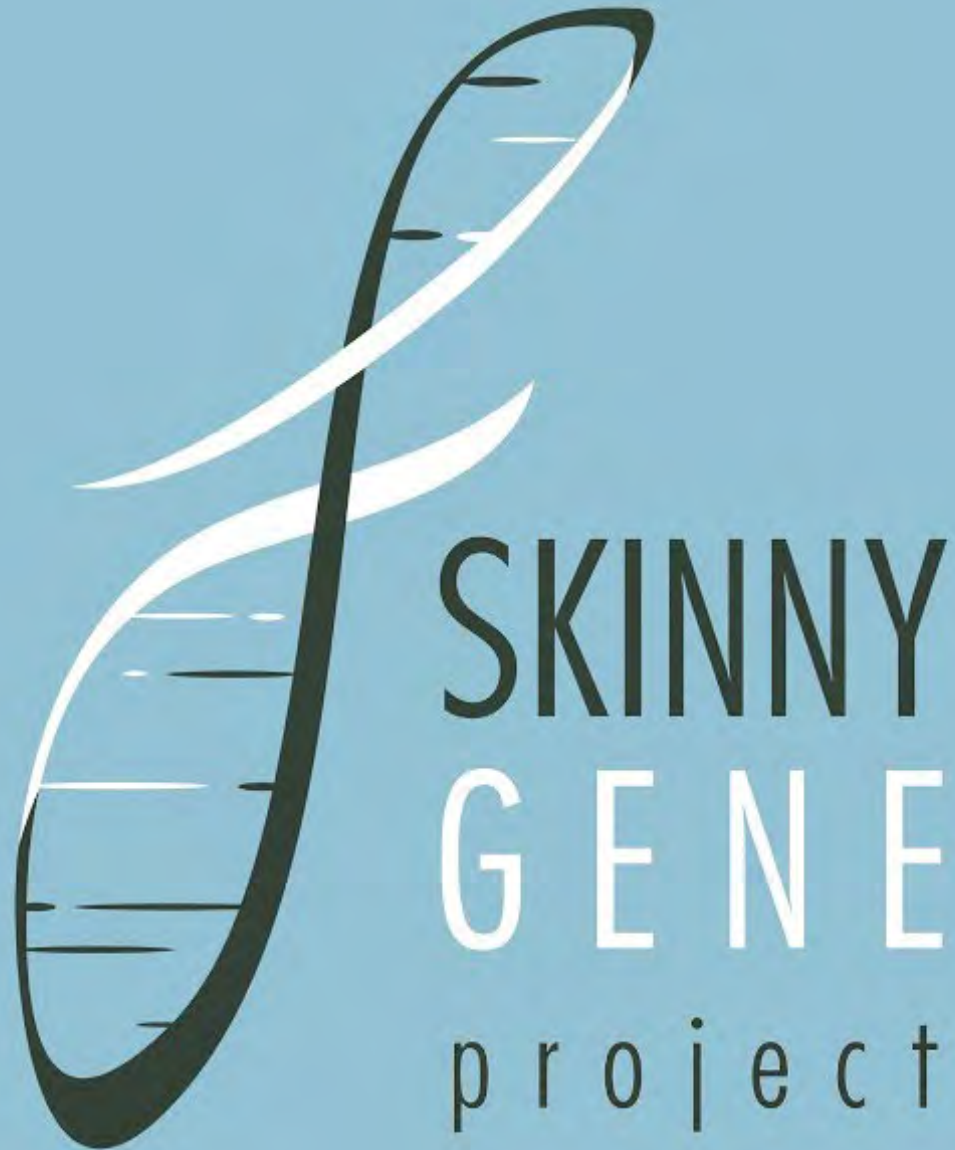
# Staying Healthy WITH DIABETES

Your Guide to Diabetes Self-Care



## Diabetes

- Diabetes Among Friends classes
- Support for those with Diabetes
- Reading materials
- Medication information
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
  - Glucometer
  - Testing Strips



# **Skinny Gene Project**

## *Diabetes Prevention Program*

- **Free**
- **Virtual group classes**
- **Year-long program**
- **Must be 18+ years old**
- **Must have prediabetes diagnosis**

**Contact:** (909) 922-0022

[hello@skinnygeneproject.org](mailto:hello@skinnygeneproject.org)

# High Blood Pressure

- Healthy Heart and Your Heart, Your Life classes
- Support for those with high blood pressure
- Reading materials
- Medication information
- Durable Medical Equipment (DME)
  - Blood pressure cuff



**Your Guide to a  
Healthy Heart**

[iehp.org](http://iehp.org)

**IEHP**  
Inland Empire Health Plan

# Healthy Living MY BEST SELF

A Healthy Lifestyle Guide



**IE**  **HP**  
Inland Empire Health Plan

## Weight & Nutrition

- Healthy Living classes
- Fitness classes
- Support for Members looking to improve health
- Support for Members looking to reach a healthy weight
- Reading materials
- Resources



# Stress & Mindfulness

- Mindful Living classes
- Online mental health screenings
- Reading materials
- Physical activity resources

# Quitting Tobacco

- Quitting Tobacco classes
- Support for those who want to quit tobacco
- Reading materials
- Information on how to get a lung cancer screening



## Quit Tobacco

SELF-CARE GUIDE



**KICK/T**  
California

Download  
**FREE**  
App Today!



Quit coaches are available M-F, 7am-9pm  
and Sat, 9am-5pm.

• English: 800-300-8086 • Español: 800-600-8191  
• Chinese: 800-838-8917 • Vietnamese: 800-778-8440

# Digital Health

- Understanding how to use digital tools to take care of health.
- Knowing how to find trustworthy health information online.
- Using phones, computers, or other devices to help take care of health like setting up doctor appointments or video chat with doctor.
- Using secure apps to take care of health like tracking steps, heart rate, or medication.

# Reading Materials

- Mental Health Guides
- Quit Tobacco Self-Care Guide
- Brochures for various topics:
  - Advance Care Directive
  - Asthma
  - Becoming a Mom
  - Diabetes
  - High Blood Pressure
  - Weight & Nutrition
  - Stress & Mindfulness



# Resources

- **IEHP Member Services**
  - 1-800-440-IEHP (4347)
  - 1-800-718-IEHP (4347) (TTY)
- **DualChoice Member Services**
  - 1-877-273-IEHP (4347)
- **Covered CA:**
  - 1-855-433-IEHP (4347)
  - 711 (TTY)
- **IEHP.org**
- **24-hour Nurse Advise Line**
  - 1-888-244-IEHP (4347)
  - 1-866-573-8355 (TTY)
- ***Call the Car* transportation services:**
  - 1-855-490-3817
  - On a case-by-case basis





# ConnectIE Self Enrollment



**SCAN HERE TO ENROLL**



# Health & Wellness

Live Healthier



## Your Health & Wellness Benefits

Thank you!

# 16. GRUB WITH A COP



# 16. GRUB WITH A COP



# 17. ACTION WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE



# 18. ANIMAL SHELTER CLINIC





# SPRING SPAY & NEUTER CLINIC

Hosted by: *Needles Animal Shelter*

**April 9th & 10th**

*at Needles Animal Shelter*

*Help your pets live  
longer, healthier lives!*

-  Prevents unwanted litters
-  Reduces overpopulation
-  Improves long-term health
-  Supports our local community

**CALL TO SCHEDULE!**  
**(760) 326-4952**

*Appointments & Information Available by Phone*

*Let's work together to make a difference  
for animals in our community!*

# 19. SUNDAY MARKET

