



# 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: September 6, 2024

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1. The City of Needles is actively enhancing its aging street infrastructure through a strategic 15-year Pavement Management Plan (PMP), now in its fourth year. Funded primarily by cannabis tax revenues, this initiative represents a significant shift from previous efforts, which relied on limited resources such as Measure I funds (a half-cent sales tax for transportation in San Bernardino County) and minimal federal support.

Since the program's inception in **2020**, the city has invested **\$8,543,441** into waterline and road improvements, averaging nearly **\$2 million annually** towards revitalizing its roads. To date, **17.63 miles** of the total **45 miles** of roads have been treated, covering **39%** of the City's road network. The cannabis tax revenue has been instrumental in accelerating this progress, allowing the city to make significant strides in modernizing its infrastructure. Additionally, next week the City Council is set to authorize the water service lateral replacement project, which will begin Phase 4B, scheduled for early next year. This project is a crucial infrastructure improvement that complements the City's ongoing efforts to enhance its utilities and streets.

**Please refer to the attached map for a detailed overview of completed street projects over the past seven years.** For inquiries regarding the Pavement Management Plan, contact Patrick Martinez, City Manager, at 760-326-2115 ext. 113 or via email at [pmartinez@cityofneedles.com](mailto:pmartinez@cityofneedles.com).

2. The Colorado River Station Marine Enforcement conducted its **2024 Labor Day Holiday Enforcement Operation** from **Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2nd**. This operation spanned the Colorado River from the California/Nevada state line to the Riverside County line, concentrating on waterways near resorts, launch ramps, and marinas. To ensure public safety, 11

patrol vessels, an OHV team, the Sheriff's Dive Team, and two Sheriff's Department helicopters were deployed.

**Enforcement Highlights:**

- **Total Enforcement Stops:** 137
- **Arrests for Boating Under the Influence:** Seven individuals were arrested.
- **Citations Issued:** 68 citations were issued for various boating law violations.

As always, the Colorado River Station Marine Enforcement Unit provides a safe boating atmosphere for the public and reminds everyone to wear their life jackets and boat sober. **For additional information, refer to the attached press release.**

3. On **September 3, 2024**, city staff, in coordination with the San Bernardino County Fire Department and the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department (SBSD), responded to a fire incident involving an unauthorized encampment near hole #6 at Rivers Edge Golf Course. The fire originated from a concealed "hotbox" built into the ground using a repurposed gun safe. In collaboration with Code Enforcement and Public Works, the encampment was promptly removed, and the surrounding salt cedar trees were cleared to mitigate the fire risk and prevent future encampments.

The City remains committed to protecting public safety, especially in light of recent fire-related incidents, by addressing areas of concern and reducing potential hazards. These efforts help ensure the safety of residents, visitors, and the community. **For additional information, refer to the attached images.**

4. On **September 6, 2024**, City staff met with MSB Facilities Inc., the owners of 1105 Lillyhill Drive. After purchasing the vacant building, the owners quickly discovered that odors were being emitted from their cannabis cultivation operations. MSB Facilities Inc. acknowledges the importance of addressing this issue and understands that improvements to the building are necessary; however, the specific modifications required are still being determined. To address the issue proactively, MSB Facilities Inc. plans to hire an engineer within the next month and a half to conduct a comprehensive study. This study will identify the root cause of the odors and outline the necessary upgrades to mitigate them. Odor control in cannabis facilities requires specialized equipment, and the engineer's assessment will help develop a plan to implement the appropriate improvements. The City will continue working with MSB Facilities Inc. to ensure progress in addressing this concern.
5. The City recently received a letter from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) notifying us of a **Tier 1 Shortage Condition** for the Lower Colorado River Basin in 2025. Due to persistent drought conditions and critically low reservoir levels, especially at Lake Mead, this shortage will impact water allocations for Arizona, Nevada, and Mexico, though California remains unaffected.

Key points from the BOR notification include:

- **Arizona:** A reduction of 512,000 acre-feet of water, representing **18%** of its annual apportionment.
- **Nevada:** A decrease of 21,000 acre-feet, or **7%** of its allocation.
- **California:** No reductions are planned for **2025**.
- **Mexico:** A reduction of 80,000 acre-feet, or **5%** of its annual allotment.

The letter underscores the importance of managing water resources carefully in light of the Tier 1 Shortage Condition and ongoing drought challenges. The **2025** water reductions will not impact the City of Needles. **For additional information, refer to the attached letter.**

6. A strong school district is an essential pillar of economic development in Needles, laying the groundwork for a thriving community. Through our partnership with Needles Unified School District, we're equipping students for future success and cultivating an environment that attracts families and supports local businesses. Quality education is at the heart of a prosperous community, making Needles a desirable place to live, work, and grow. Programs such as Career Technical Education and AVID provide students with the skills necessary to excel in academic and professional arenas, contributing to a more dynamic and skilled local workforce.

Our collaboration with the school district strengthens the community's future by enhancing local infrastructure and educational resources, offering students a multitude of opportunities to succeed. As we improve our schools, we create a ripple effect that supports long-term economic stability and growth for Needles. Together, we are building a stronger educational foundation and promoting the prosperity of our city, ensuring that Needles remains a place where families want to live, grow, and contribute to its ongoing success. **For additional information, refer to the attached Superintendent's letter or click the [link to](#) hear their inspiring story** highlighting the district's unwavering commitment to educational excellence and its role in shaping the future of Needles.

7. In **May**, the City of Needles broke ground on the **\$8.9 million** Well No. 11 Water Treatment Facility Project to improve the city's drinking water by removing iron and manganese. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is planned for mid-October. This project was launched after the city passed an emergency resolution in **August 2021**, when two of its three wells exceeded state standards for iron and manganese. Once completed, both Well No. 11 and Well No. 12 will be requalified for use, ensuring all three wells meet the city's daily water needs. This project will significantly enhance Needles' water infrastructure, providing a reliable supply of safe drinking water. The city appreciates the support from the State Water Resources Control Board, the U.S. EPA, and California Climate Investments, whose grant funding made these improvements possible. **Please see the attached images for more information.**

8. **On September 10, 2024**, the Needles Women’s Club will host a Fried Chicken Lunch Fundraiser to benefit women’s empowerment, youth programs, scholarships, and civic initiatives. For **just \$10**, enjoy a delicious meal featuring fried chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, a roll, and dessert! Order your lunch today by clicking [this link](#) or calling 928-201-1836. Meals can be picked up at the Needles Women’s Club, located at 305 W. Broadway Street, or delivered for orders of five or more. Don’t miss the chance to support your local Women’s Club! Place your order **by 5:30 p.m. on September 9, 2024**.
  
9. The Needles Chamber of Commerce proudly hosts the State of the City **on October 3, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at the historic El Garces at 950 Front Street. This event offers Chamber members and the broader community the chance to hear the Mayor of Needles deliver an insightful address on the city’s current state, key developments, and future initiatives. It’s also a prime opportunity for local businesses to engage with residents, network with fellow entrepreneurs, and showcase their products and services. Don’t miss this important event to connect, collaborate, and explore the exciting future of Needles! **For additional information, refer to the attached flyer.**
  
10. **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES:**
  - **Groundbreaking Ceremony:** Phase 4A Pavement Management Plan and Obernolte Project **September 16, 2024, at 9:00 AM** , location TBD.
  - **Annual Bridge to Bridge First Responders Appreciation Day on Saturday, October 12, 2024, from 11 am-2 pm** at the Mohave Valley Legacy Community Park at 9200 Aquarius, Mohave Valley.
  - **SBCSD/Needles Police 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Trunk or Treat Event on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM** at the Recreation Center parking lot at 1705 J Street. If you're interested in participating, please get in touch with Misty Hunt at 760-526-9200 or mhunt@sbcscd.org.
  - **Community Fall Festival: November 2, 2024, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at 950 Front Street. To participate vendors can contact Jennifer Valenzuela, Recreation Manager, via email at jvalenzuela@cityofneedles.com or directly at 760-326-2814.

















# 1. PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE

City of Needles Capital Projects

## Street Improvements & Water Service Replacement

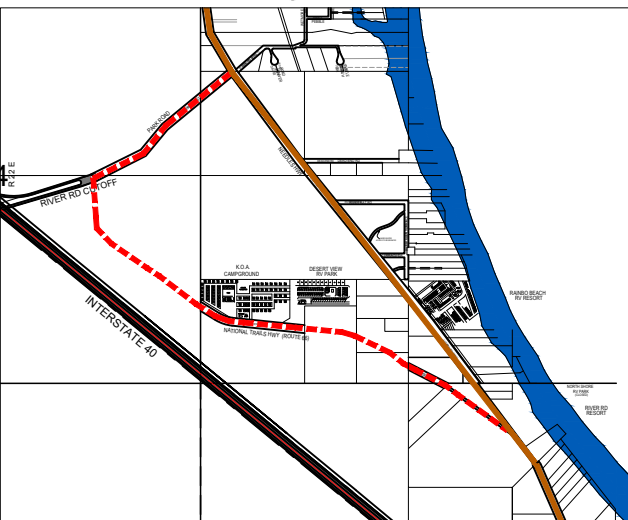
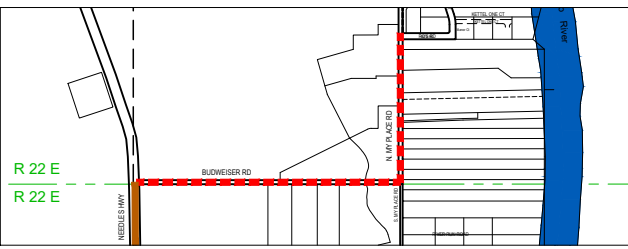
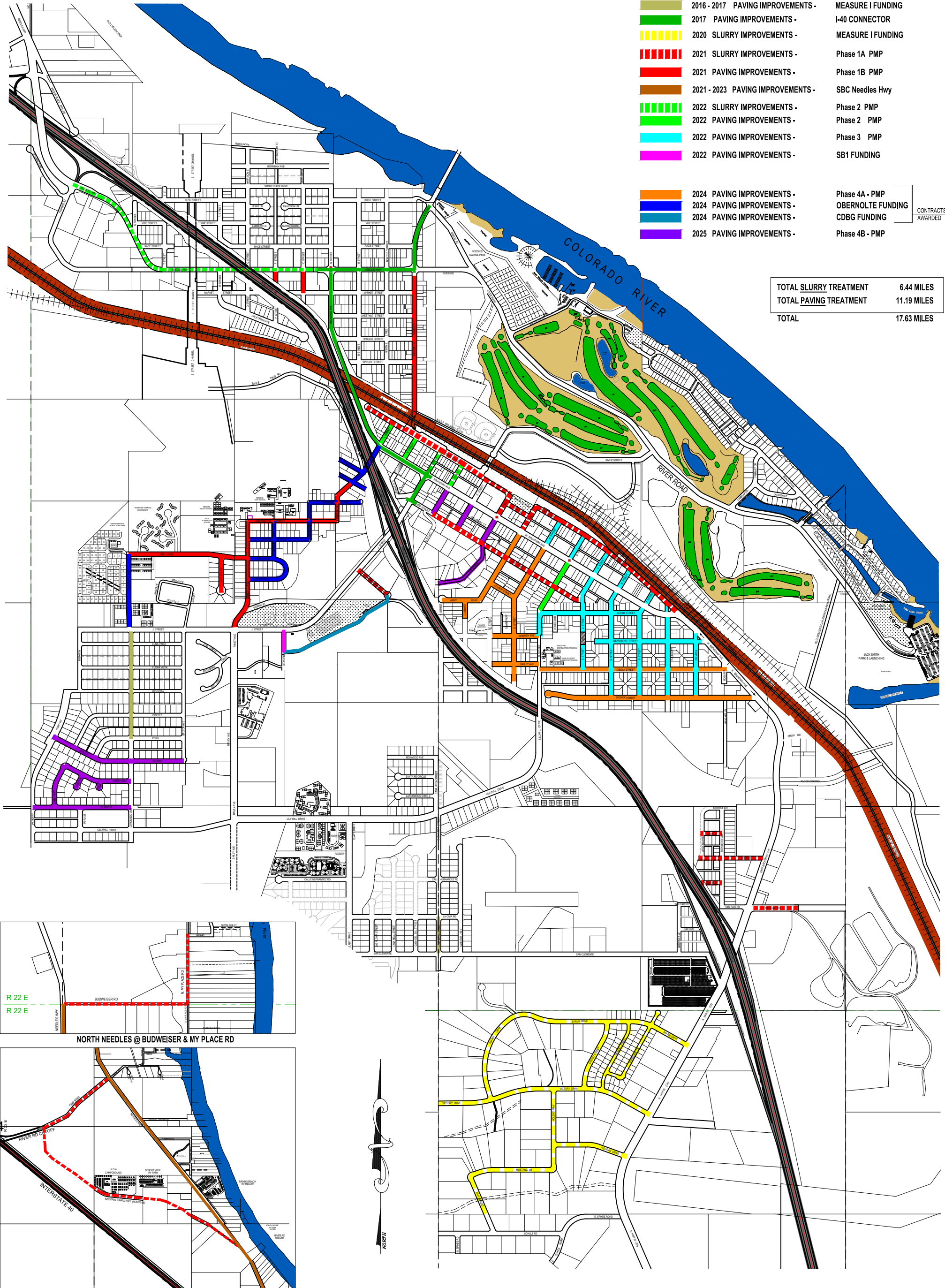
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#### LEGEND

	2016 - 2017 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	MEASURE I FUNDING
	2017 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	I-40 CONNECTOR
	2020 SLURRY IMPROVEMENTS -	MEASURE I FUNDING
	2021 SLURRY IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 1A PMP
	2021 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 1B PMP
	2021 - 2023 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	SBC Needles Hwy
	2022 SLURRY IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 2 PMP
	2022 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 2 PMP
	2022 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 3 PMP
	2022 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	SB1 FUNDING
	2024 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 4A - PMP
	2024 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	OBERNOLTE FUNDING
	2024 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	CDBG FUNDING
	2025 PAVING IMPROVEMENTS -	Phase 4B - PMP

CONTRACTS AWARDED

TOTAL SLURRY TREATMENT	6.44 MILES
TOTAL PAVING TREATMENT	11.19 MILES
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17.63 MILES</b>





## 2. **SBSD- MARINE ENFORCEMENT**

Tuesday September 3rd, 2024 :: 02:52 p.m. PDT

Advisory

### **Sheriff's Marine Enforcement Operation Conducted Over Labor Day Weekend; Seven Arrests Made for BUI**

September 3, 2024  
For Immediate Release  
Colorado River Station

The San Bernardino County Sheriff Department's Marine Enforcement Unit conducted its 2024 Labor Day Holiday Enforcement Operation starting on Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2nd. The operation was conducted along the Colorado River from the California/Nevada state line to the Riverside County line as well as Big Bear Lake and Lake Arrowhead.

Most of the operation was focused on the waterways with resorts, launch ramps and marinas along the river and lakes. A total of 11 patrol vessels, an OHV team, the Sheriff's Dive Team and two Sheriff's Department helicopters were deployed throughout the area. The Marine Enforcement Unit conducted a total of 137 enforcement stops throughout the holiday weekend. There was a total of seven arrests made for boating under the influence. The following are the names of the individuals arrested during the operation:

Rory Wilson, 64 Years Old, Resident of Cypress, CA  
Eric Landry, 38 Years Old, Resident of Desert Hot Springs, CA  
Ray Eidson, 26 Years Old, Resident of Phoenix, AZ  
Amalia Mananian, 56 Years Old, Resident of San Juan Capistrano, CA  
Charlie Gonzalez, 35 Years Old, Resident of Las Vegas, NV  
Brandon Groveman, 29 Years Old, Resident of Provo, UT  
Raymond Godlewski, 58 Years Old, Resident of Santee, CA

Approximately 68 citations were issued for various boating law violations.

The Colorado River Station Marine Enforcement Unit urges all California residents to go online to [www.californiaboatercard.com](http://www.californiaboatercard.com) and take the online test to obtain their boater card which is now required by law. The Colorado River Station Marine Enforcement Unit is, as always, dedicated to providing a safe boating atmosphere for the public and reminds everyone to wear their life jackets and to boat sober.

For press releases, news and information, follow the Colorado River Station on Twitter at: @CORiverStation, Facebook @SBCSDColoradoRiverStation and/or Instagram @SBCSDColoradoRiverStation

Refer: Deputy William Poe

Station: Colorado River Station

Phone No. (760) 326-9200

SHANNON D. DICUS, Sheriff-Coroner  
San Bernardino County Sheriff-Coroner Department

**Address/Location**

[SBSD - Colorado River Sheriffs Department](#)

1111 Bailey Ave  
Needles, CA 92363

**Contact**

Emergency: 9-1-1







# 5. TIER 1 SHORTAGE CONDITION



United States Department of the Interior



BUREAU OF RECLAMATION  
P.O. Box 61470  
Boulder City, NV 89006-1470

IN REPLY REFER TO:  
LCB-4200  
2.2.4.23

Subject: Notification of Tier 1 Shortage Condition and Drought Contingency Plan (DCP)  
Contributions for the Lower Colorado River in Calendar Year (CY) 2025

Dear Interested Party:

On December 13, 2007, the Secretary of the Interior signed the Record of Decision for *Colorado River Interim Guidelines for Lower Basin Shortages and the Coordinated Operations for Lake Powell and Lake Mead* (2007 Interim Guidelines), which, among other things, identified operational strategies for managing the reservoirs of the Colorado River System under drought and low reservoir conditions. In accordance with the process set forth in the 2007 Interim Guidelines, the Secretary uses the August 24-Month Study projections for the following January 1 system storage and reservoir water surface elevations to determine Lake Mead operations for the following CY. In accordance with the 2007 Interim Guidelines, the Annual Operating Plan for Colorado River Reservoirs for CY 2025 will document the Secretary's determination, which affects the volume of mainstream Colorado River water available for use in CY 2025 within the Lower Division States of Arizona, California, and Nevada.

On August 15, 2024, the Bureau of Reclamation released its Colorado River Basin August 2024 24-Month Study,<sup>1</sup> which projects Lake Mead's most probable elevation on January 1, 2025, to be 1,062.32 feet. Following the release of the August 2024 24-Month Study, Reclamation announced that Lake Mead and the lower Colorado River will operate in a Tier 1 Shortage Condition in CY 2025, consistent with Section XI.G.2.D.1.a of the 2007 Interim Guidelines and in accordance with Article III(3)(c) of the *Criteria For Coordinated Long-Range Operation of Colorado River Reservoirs* and Article II(B)(3) of the 2006 Consolidated Decree of the United States Supreme Court in *Arizona v. California*. In addition, the *Lower Basin Drought Contingency Plan Agreement* (LB DCP Agreement) dated May 20, 2019, will also govern the operation of Lake Mead for CY 2025. Consistent with Sections III.B.1.a and III.B.2.a of Exhibit 1 to the LB DCP Agreement, DCP Contributions will be required by Arizona and Nevada, respectively, in CY 2025.

In accordance with the 2007 Interim Guidelines and the LB DCP Agreement, the Tier 1 Shortage Condition results in the following mandatory shortage reductions and DCP Contributions in CY 2025:

- Arizona: a shortage reduction of 320,000 acre-feet (AF) and DCP Contributions of 192,000 AF, for a total reduction of 512,000 AF, which is approximately 18 percent of the state's annual basic apportionment of 2.8 million AF of Colorado River water.

<sup>1</sup> Available at <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/24mo/>.



- Nevada: a shortage reduction of 13,000 AF and DCP Contributions of 8,000 AF, for a total reduction of 21,000 AF, which is 7 percent of the state's annual basic apportionment of 300,000 AF of Colorado River water.
- California: There is no shortage reduction or DCP Contributions required for California in CY 2025.

Additionally, in accordance with Minute 323 to the 1944 Water Treaty,<sup>2</sup> Mexico's Colorado River water delivery will be reduced in the amount of 50,000 AF and Mexico will contribute 30,000 AF of Mexico's Recoverable Water Savings to the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan,<sup>3</sup> for a total Colorado River water delivery reduction of 80,000 AF, which is approximately 5 percent of Mexico's annual allotment of 1.5 million AF of Colorado River water.

#### Arizona Operations in CY 2025

In accordance with Section XI.G.2.D.1.a of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, 2.48 million AF is apportioned for consumptive use in the state of Arizona in CY 2025 (a reduction of 320,000 AF from its 2.8 million AF basic apportionment). Additionally, in accordance with Section III.B.1.a of Exhibit 1 to the LB DCP Agreement,<sup>4</sup> the state of Arizona will be required to make DCP Contributions in the total amount of 192,000 AF in CY 2025. Consistent with the Arizona mainstream Colorado River water priority system, there are no reductions to the water supply available to first, second and third priority entitlement holders for CY 2025. Reclamation will distribute available Arizona fourth priority supply as discussed below. No unused Arizona mainstream water entitlement will be available for use by Arizona fifth priority mainstream water entitlement holders.

#### *Distribution of Arizona Fourth Priority Supply*

Reclamation will implement the state of Arizona's August 6, 2009,<sup>5</sup> Arizona Shortage Sharing Recommendation and the "pool" approach described by letter dated January 25, 2021,<sup>6</sup> to distribute the available Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water supply. Consistent with the Arizona mainstream Colorado River water priority system, the pool approach recognizes that the fourth priority Colorado River water entitlements of the "on-river" mainstream users and the Central Arizona Project (CAP) are co-equal. The Arizona fourth priority Colorado River water available supply for CY 2025 is 1,150,354 AF,<sup>7</sup> which will be shared between the on-river mainstream entitlement holders and CAP. Reclamation anticipates that the available fourth

<sup>2</sup> Referring to *Extension of Cooperative Measures and Adoption of a Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan in the Colorado River Basin*. Available at: <https://www.ibwc.gov/Files/Minutes/Min323.pdf>.

<sup>3</sup> The implementing details of Mexico's Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan are provided in the *Joint Report of the Principal Engineers with the Implementing Details of the Binational Water Scarcity Contingency Plan in Colorado River Basin*. Available at: [https://www.ibwc.gov/Files/joint\\_report\\_min323\\_bi\\_water\\_scarcity\\_contingency\\_plan\\_final.pdf](https://www.ibwc.gov/Files/joint_report_min323_bi_water_scarcity_contingency_plan_final.pdf).

<sup>4</sup> Referring to *Lower Basin Drought Contingency Operations*. Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/dcpdocs/Attachment-B-Exhibit-1-LB-Drought-Operations.pdf>.

<sup>5</sup> Available at: [https://new.azwater.gov/sites/default/files/8-6-2009\\_ADWR\\_Shortage\\_%20ecommendation.pdf](https://new.azwater.gov/sites/default/files/8-6-2009_ADWR_Shortage_%20ecommendation.pdf).

<sup>6</sup> Available at: [https://new.azwater.gov/sites/default/files/01.25.21\\_ADWR\\_CAWCD\\_shortage\\_recommendationLetter.pdf](https://new.azwater.gov/sites/default/files/01.25.21_ADWR_CAWCD_shortage_recommendationLetter.pdf).

<sup>7</sup> Calculated as Arizona's 2.8 million AF basic apportionment, less the average historical consumptive use by Arizona first, second, and third priority users (1,137,646 AF), less the required shortage reduction (320,000 AF), less the required DCP Contributions (192,000 AF). The average historical consumptive use by Arizona first, second, and third priority users is based on the four highest years of consumptive use during the five-year period from 2019-2023.

priority supply will be sufficient to satisfy all on-river mainstream water orders, and is coordinating with the Central Arizona Water Conservation District on the distribution of available Project Water supply within the CAP.

#### California Operations in CY 2025

In accordance with Section XI.G.2.D.1.a of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, 4.4 million AF is apportioned for consumptive use in the state of California in CY 2025 (no reduction from its basic apportionment). In accordance with Section III.B of Exhibit 1 to the LB DCP Agreement, the state of California is not required to make DCP Contributions in CY 2025.

#### Nevada Operations in CY 2025

In accordance with Section XI.G.2.D.1.a of the 2007 Interim Guidelines, 287,000 AF is apportioned for consumptive use in the state of Nevada in CY 2025 (a reduction of 13,000 AF from its 300,000 AF basic apportionment). Additionally, in accordance with Section III.B.2.a of Exhibit 1 to the LB DCP Agreement, the state of Nevada is required to make DCP Contributions in the total amount of 8,000 AF in CY 2025. The Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) is the junior priority entitlement holder in the state of Nevada and SNWA and its member agencies hold entitlements of 276,000 AF per year of the state of Nevada's annual 300,000 AF basic apportionment. Pursuant to its cooperative agreement among its member agencies, as amended, SNWA may implement a shortage plan among its member agencies and can coordinate with them to absorb Colorado River water use reductions. SNWA does not, however, anticipate a need for shared reductions in Colorado River water deliveries in CY 2025 because Nevada's total annual consumptive use is anticipated to be lower than the reduced quantity of Colorado River water that will be available in CY 2025.

#### Lower Colorado River Basin-wide Considerations

Reclamation encourages all Colorado River entitlement holders to prudently manage the use of available water supplies. Additionally, Reclamation would like to highlight that, in accordance with the *Inadvertent Overrun and Payback Policy*,<sup>8</sup> **accumulations of inadvertent overruns are not permitted in CY 2025 and are suspended as long as a Shortage Condition is in effect.** To assist entitlement holders in monitoring their Colorado River water use to ensure they remain within available quantities, Reclamation will project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2025 and will make these projections available daily on Reclamation's website.<sup>9</sup> Reclamation encourages Colorado River water entitlement holders to use the projections to adjust diversions to remain within their Reclamation-approved annual Colorado River water order.

<sup>8</sup> Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/IOPP.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> Available at: <https://www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf>.



My staff will continue to monitor Colorado River hydrology and water use. We are available to work with you before and during shortage operations. Should you have questions, please contact Daniel A. Bunk, Area Manager, Boulder Canyon Operations Office, at (702) 293-8013 or [dbunk@usbr.gov](mailto:dbunk@usbr.gov). Individuals who are deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability may dial 711 (TTY, TDD, or TeleBraille) to access telecommunication relay services.

Sincerely,

**JACKLYNN  
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Jacklynn L. Gould, P.E.  
Regional Director

# 6. NEEDLES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEEDLES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Garry Cameron, Superintendent

August 26, 2024

Mr. Patrick Martinez  
City Manager, City of Needles  
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Needles, CA. 92363

RE: Needles Unified School District

Dear Mr. Martinez:

The Needles Unified School District offers quality public education to students in grades TK through 12 that prepare students for college and careers in the 21st Century. Our motto is that “All Students Will Learn” and “Education First”. With over 120 years of tradition our students receive an education program that has proven successful over time and is unmatched in the local area.

Our students have multiple opportunities to not only succeed academically but also to participate in programs that include sports, and extra-curricular clubs, such as ASB, Hiking, Chess, Art, Drama, and E-Sports. Our sports programs begin with community-based sports and develop into competitive middle school and high school teams. Needles High School has earned the highest number of State Championships within the Nevada Interscholastic Activities and Athletics conference. This year, in 2023-2024, our Needles High School (NHS) won four, Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association 2A team championships. The NHS Girls Softball Team won the State Championship for the 4th year in a row. In addition, the NHS Boys Basketball Team, the NHS Girls Basketball and the NHS Boys Baseball Team each won the NIAA State Championship Titles. Five of our graduates from the Class of 2024 are attending college on academic and athletic scholarships across the country.

Our student success reflects the tremendous support from our community and staff. In Needles, relationships and our people matter. Forty-eight percent of our school employees and our entire school board are Needles High School graduates. We have a high staff retention rate at Needles Unified School District, which is emblematic of the commitment and caring our employees have for our students. These strong student relationships yield the result of a high student attendance rate. In 2023-24 the Needles Unified School District student average daily attendance was over 92%.

Needles High School is the premier High School in the Tri-State region. Needles Unified School District has implemented niche programs which make us stand out from the rest in our region. In addition to our regular school curriculum, we have implemented Career Technical Education classes, so our students can gain first-hand knowledge and build their technical skills and training to succeed in their future careers. All of our students in grades TK – 8 receive college and career targeted instruction as well as AVID programs that support first generation college-bound students.



Students have opportunities to take honors courses and to excel beyond their grade levels as well as differentiated support for students that need more to achieve.

Needles High School has a lower dropout rate than any other high school in the region and a 98%-100% graduation rate for several years running. NHS also has approximately 70% of graduating seniors enrolling in postsecondary college and career programs. For the graduation class of 2024 our statistics are as follows:

- Seniors were awarded 1.35 million dollars in scholarships
- Two students enlisted into the United States Armed Forces
- Approximately 70 % of graduating seniors shared plans for postsecondary education (Trade School, Junior College, University), including but not limited to the following:
  - o University of California, Berkeley
  - o California State Polytechnic University, Humboldt
  - o Clemson University
  - o University of Alabama
  - o Brigham Young University, Provo
  - o Grand Canyon University
  - o University of Nevada Las Vegas
  - o Augustana University

The students at Needles High School continue to stand out amongst the rest of the students in the region because we provide them with the best education and the resources they need to succeed.

Also, in April of 2024 NHS Principal Amy Avila was recognized by San Bernardino County with the Excellence in Education/Student Alumni award. This was awarded for her outstanding achievements and contributions, serving as an inspiration to current and future students.

Our hometown atmosphere ensures that our adults personally know our students and therefore can support their academic and extra-curricular activities. The Needles Unified School District offers a private school education in a public-school setting. We are a District of Excellence!

Sincerely,



Dr. Garry Cameron

Superintendent

Needles Unified School District



## 7. TREATMENT PLANT





## 9. STATE OF THE CITY



### Exhibit Your Business at "The State of the City" Market Night!

We wanted to let you know about a fantastic opportunity to showcase your business at our upcoming "STATE OF THE CITY " event. This year, prior to the meeting, we are creating an open-air market setting on the lawn of El Garces. We're inviting our members, including you, to reserve a space, bring a table, and take the opportunity to engage with the community, network with fellow business owners, and promote your products or services.

Event: State of the City

Date: October 3rd

Time: 6 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location: Meeting -El Garces

Market Night: Park

Cost: Market Night participation is 25.00 for Chamber Members  
125.00 for Non Chamber Members (includes membership)

If you are interested in reserving a table or have questions feel free to call the Chamber at 760-326-2050

Space is limited, Don't miss this opportunity!

Looking forward to hearing from you!

The Team at the Chamber!



**NEEDLES**  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
AND  
VISITOR CENTER