

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW DATA SHEET

APPLICANT NAME: City of Needles

APPLICATION YEAR: G26

PROJECT TITLE: Needles OHMV Staging Area Project

ITEM 1

Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project?

YES NO

If YES, stop here.

If NO, continue to ITEM 2.

ITEM 2

Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b))?

YES NO

If YES, stop here. A subsequent ERDS shall be prepared prior to the OHMVR Division approval of the second Project phase if an NOD has not been filed at that time.

If NO, continue to ITEM 3.

ITEM 3

Are the proposed activities a "project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378?

YES NO

If YES, complete ITEMS 4–13. If unsure, mark YES and complete ITEMS 4–13.

If NO, check the appropriate box below:

- The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and are thus not a "project" under CEQA.
- Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and are thus not a "project" under CEQA. E.g., Project activities involving heavy equipment, grading, etc. typically are considered a project under CEQA. *DO NOT complete ITEMS 4–13.*

Insert explanation here if applicable.

NOTE: If the proposed activities are considered a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, the Applicant must provide an explanation for answers to ITEMS 4 – 13. Simple YES or NO responses without an explanation shall not be accepted. If an explanation can be found in NEPA or other documentation, then summarize and list the page number from which the Applicant is summarizing. For ITEMS 5–13, the Applicant may refer to Best Management Practices (BMPs), Standard Operating Practices or Procedures (SOPs), and Limited Operating Periods (LOPs), or similar standard measures described in ITEM 4, that will avoid adverse effects from the Applicant's activities.

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ITEM 4

Specify all standard measures (e.g., BMPs, established SOPs, or similar) within the Project description that have been incorporated into the Project to avoid potential impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, or other resources evaluated in the ERDS.

Construction activities shall comply with applicable stormwater BMPs, dust control measures, and standard construction practices. In the event previously unknown cultural resources or human remains are encountered, work shall cease in the vicinity of the discovery until appropriate evaluation is completed.

The project includes a paved parking area, prefabricated restroom, kiosk, signage, fencing, landscaping, drainage improvements, and associated utility connections on a previously disturbed site.

ITEM 5

Evaluate the impact of this Project on wetlands, navigable waters, special-status species (including threatened and endangered species), and sensitive habitats. All Applicants must address all special-status species that have the potential to occur in the Project Area. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the evaluation to determine potential impacts.

Applicants are encouraged to refer to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDDB) to identify special-status species that have a potential to occur within and surrounding the Project Area. If the applicant does not have a CNDDDB subscription, contact your grant representative for assistance conducting this record search.

Applicants are encouraged to refer to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information for Planning and Consultation (IPaC) to identify special-status species, not captured by CNDDDB, and USFWS designated critical habitats that have a potential to occur within and surrounding the Project Area.

Applicants are encouraged to refer to the USFWS National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) to identify wetlands or other waters within and surrounding the Project Area.

The project site consists of previously disturbed land within an urbanized area and contains little to no native vegetation. Based on existing site conditions and available information, no wetlands, sensitive habitat, or suitable habitat for special-status species have been identified within the project footprint.

ITEM 6

Does USFWS final or proposed designated critical habitat(s) for threatened and/or endangered species exist within or surrounding the Project Area?

YES NO

Applicants are encouraged to refer to the USFWS IPaC to identify designated critical habitat(s) within and surrounding the Project Area.

If yes, list the designated critical habitat(s):

Based on available information, no designated critical habitat is known to occur within the project footprint.

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ITEM 7

Evaluate cumulative impacts from this Project along with others of the same type in the same general place, such as increased noise or traffic. If applicable, refer to the cumulative impacts discussion in the NEPA analysis, the Environmental Impact Statement, the land management plan, or other sources as appropriate. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the evaluation to determine potential impacts.

The project will not create new OHV riding opportunities or expand the City's adopted OHMV route network. Instead, the project provides support facilities for an existing OHMV program, including organized trailer parking, sanitation facilities, educational kiosks, signage, and waste collection facilities.

The project is expected to reduce informal roadside parking and unmanaged staging activities that currently occur within the community. Any temporary construction-related traffic, dust, or noise impacts would be localized and short-term.

The project is not expected to contribute to significant cumulative impacts related to traffic, noise, air quality, biological resources, or public services.

ITEM 8

Discuss whether the proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment due to substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the discussion to determine potential effects.

The project site is relatively flat and previously disturbed. The project includes paving improvements, drainage controls, landscaping, and a WQMP detention basin designed to manage stormwater runoff and minimize erosion.

Temporary soil disturbance will occur during construction activities, including grading and installation of utilities and drainage facilities. Construction BMPs and stormwater controls will be implemented to prevent erosion and sediment transport.

Following construction, the site will be substantially stabilized through pavement, concrete improvements, drainage controls, and landscaped areas. Therefore, the project is not expected to result in substantial soil erosion or loss of topsoil.

ITEM 9

Discuss the potential for damage to scenic resources within the viewshed of a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway. Describe what analysis was completed as part of the discussion to determine potential impacts.

The project site is located within an urbanized area of the City of Needles and consists of improvements to a previously disturbed site.

The project does not involve the removal of scenic resources, damage scenic vistas, or substantially alter visual character. Improvements consist of parking facilities, restroom facilities, landscaping, fencing, signage, and drainage infrastructure commonly associated with public recreational support facilities.

The project is not expected to adversely affect scenic resources associated with a designated State Scenic Highway.

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ITEM 10

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)?

YES NO

Refer to the Cortese List data resources at the following website to identify documented toxic hazards at the Project site:

www.calepa.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/CorteseList/default.htm

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project Area, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

The project site is not known to be located on a hazardous waste site identified pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

ITEM 11

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the discussion to determine potential impacts.

No known historical or cultural resources have been identified within the project footprint. If previously unknown archaeological resources or human remains are encountered during construction, work shall cease in the immediate area and appropriate evaluation shall be conducted.

ITEM 12

Discuss the potential for the Project to cause indirect significant impacts, such as by causing user groups to go elsewhere, causing significant impacts off-site, or significantly increasing use in the vicinity of the Project Area. Describe what analysis was completed as a part of the discussion to determine potential impacts.

The project provides support facilities for an existing OHMV route network previously adopted by the City. The project does not create new riding areas, new trail mileage, or new off-highway vehicle opportunities.

The primary purpose of the project is to organize existing use patterns by providing designated parking, sanitation facilities, educational information, and waste collection facilities. The project is expected to reduce informal roadside parking and improve management of existing OHMV activity.

As a result, the project is not expected to generate significant indirect impacts to surrounding neighborhoods, biological resources, public services, or adjacent properties.

ITEM 13

Discuss if the approval of the proposed project would change the existing baseline conditions and/or change OHV facility operations.

The project would improve an existing disturbed site currently used informally for parking and staging activities associated with OHMV recreation and community events.

The project would improve existing conditions through construction of paved parking, ADA-accessible spaces, a prefabricated restroom, signage, landscaping, fencing, drainage improvements, and waste collection facilities.

The project would not change the City's adopted OHMV route network or expand OHV riding opportunities. Instead, it would improve public safety, visitor services, sanitation, and access management associated with existing OHMV operations.