



City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL NPUA HACN

Regular Special

Meeting Date: May 12, 2026

Title: Authorize a Second Amendment to the Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Telecommunications Inc. for seven (7) new connections along E Broadway Street.

Background: In December 2024, the City entered into a Joint Use of Poles Agreement with Fort Mojave Telecommunications Inc. The original request included four (4) attachments along Needles Highway and across the BNSF right-of-way. A First Amendment was approved in July 2025 for an additional nine (9) attachments along Erin Drive, Bailey Avenue, and Washington Avenue.

Fort Mojave Telecommunications Inc. is now requesting seven (7) additional joint-use attachments along E. Broadway Street to avoid boring near an existing 12-inch water main and major gas transmission lines.

The proposed Second Amendment would authorize only the additional seven (7) attachments. The original agreement also limits attachments to anchored connections and does not authorize drilling into utility poles in order to protect pole integrity.

The Board of Public Utilities approved the recommended action on May 5, 2026.

Fiscal Impact: Increase in annual Joint-Use Pole Fees to the Needles Public Utility Authority.

Environmental Impact: N/A

Recommended Action: Authorize a Second Amendment to the Joint Use of Poles between the City of Needles and the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe Telecommunications Inc. for seven (7) new connections along E Broadway Street.

Submitted By: Rainie Torrance, Utility Manager

City Manager Approval: Patrick J. Martinez

Date: 5/6/2026

Other Department Approval (when required): _____

Date: _____