



CITY OF NEEDLES

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor & Council Members

FROM: Rick Daniels, City Manager *Rick*

SUBJECT: Manager's Report

DATE: September 11, 2015

City Mgr: ** Attended the quarterly Clean Colorado River Sustainability Coalition meeting in Lake Havasu City. The group monitors water quality of the Colorado River. Their next meeting in December will be at the El Garces.
** The Fire Services Committee met and reviewed the City's options. Additional information requests are being researched. The Committee will meet again on 9/17 at the El Garces.
** Working with Amtrak to start operations in the El Garces
** Developing a Golf Course Sustainability Plan. Overseeding begins next week with one nine hole side out of play at a time.
** Reviewing the City Emergency Preparedness Plan
** Meeting with the Sheriff's Office regarding golf carts on City streets
** Developing program for the effective management of capital improvement projects
** Reviewing benefits plan options
** Finalizing NPUA Cost of Services Study
** Reviewing proposals for Medical Marijuana Grow facilities
** Developing new ordinance for roof top solar project review as required by new state law
** Pre-installation of the new phone system which will save the City approximately \$1,500/month
** Finalizing cell tower lease on City property
** Finalizing code enforcement fine collection agency contract.

Transit: ** Responded to request from CHP dispatch for assistance in transporting passengers from a broken tour bus. Two DAR vehicles were used to transport 30 out-of-country visitors to Denny's until a replacement bus could arrive. The tour bus company will be billed for the service.

City Clerk: ** Working with the MDAQMD to provide video conferencing at the Council Chambers
** Prepared new fee schedule
** Responding to records requests
** Business license delinquent accounts

Finance: ** City audit is underway
 ** NPUA audit starts September 14, 2015

Utilities: Electric regulatory: Needles Greenhouse Gas ("GHG") Report to the California Energy Commission ("CEC") was verified by consultant Locus Technologies and was accepted by CEC. Needles purchased 53,075 mW of hydro and thermal power in CY 2014. One mW of generation equals one metric ton of GHG.

Needles filed its annual report to the CEC RE: Power Source Disclosure/Power Source Content. Net power purchases were 53,075,909 kWh for CY 2014 with 29,388,000 attributed to large hydro and 23,687,909 attributed to other thermal sources. Hydro represented an historical high percentage of total portfolio at 55.4%. This is attributable to Needles affiliation with Aggregated Energy Services (Yuma County Water Users' Association, Wellton-Mohawk Irrigation & Drainage District, and Eastern Arizona Preference Pooling Association) where excess hydro capacity from AES members is transferred to Needles at a modest price mark-up.

Water conservation update: The City is mandated by the Department of Water Resources to save 25% more water in the months of June through November 2015 than it did for those months in 2013. June 2015 came in 30% lower than 2013 while July 2015 showed a reduction in water use of 35.33%. August however showed much poorer results with a mere 10.78% reduction in water use over August 2013. The average for the months of June, July and August 2015 came in at 25.37% - too thin a margin for comfort with 3-months remaining in the test period.

- ** Electric: Cleared electric right of way of overgrown brush in Verde Shores area
- ** Changed out two failed transformers - River Road and Rio Buena Vista
- ** Restored power to Lamar Signs on I-40
- ** Hauled materials for job @ Java Junction Railroad project – unable to begin work due to line truck failure. Waiting for parts to repair line truck.
- ** Working with BNSF on their west Needles power line
- ** Installed service to I-40 overpass lighting for Caltrans
- ** Installed underground for new housing project in the vicinity of Turtle Beach
- ** Repaired decorative lights along Broadway
- ** Installed power to EV charging station across from McDonalds Restaurant
- ** Working on Eagle Pass to west end under-build circuit

Engineering: ** California Ave Relief Sewer Project is complete
 ** CDBG project for handicap access to City Hall will be submitted next week for approval
 ** Completing new trench repair requirements for submittal to City Council 9-22-15
 ** Street closure on L Street & Bailey Ave near schools on 9-18-15 for horseshoe painting in streets

Planning: ** Coordinating project requirements and Planning Commission presentations on Dollar General and tentative parcel map 19526 public hearings
 ** Participated in webinar discussing legal implications of city signage as a result of recent litigation regarding sign requirements.
 ** Processing counter offers on city-owned property near rodeo grounds
 ** Placed informal bid for design work as part of El Garces east-end grant fund construction project

- Building Dept: ** 55 active code enforcement cases in various states of progress
** Maintaining contact/coordination with SBCoFD on weed abatement
** Continuing coordination on the training exercise at the Overland
** Made contact through Joe Zaccaro @ SBCFD on different resolutions in different cities in the county as to how they are handling code enforcement related resolutions/tactics
** Contacted Southern California Gas Company and BNSF to address weed abatement on their right of ways/properties
** Coordinated with SBCSO regarding the parking ticket collection program as well as the sheriff's radio and respective radio protocol
** 13 building permits issued in August
- Public Works: ** Constructing the electrical vehicle station around routine maintenance and installing cement stops and dividers as well as some rock bed landscape
** Continuing to remove city property stored in the 7-UP building and dispose of materials of no value
** Repairing or replacing chain link fence on the Broadway side with good used fencing with slats to block the view from Broadway
** Continue pavement repairs where there are water cuts in the pavement throughout town
** Installing the roadside rest stop flagstone sign.
- Animal Cntrl: ** Shelter is at capacity with housing 30 cats and 21 dogs
** Adoptions picked up last week with 5 dogs and 3 cats finding new homes
** Licensing and vaccination (rabies) clinic scheduled for Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
** Pet adoption fair scheduled for Saturday, October 3 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Recreation: ** Finalizing the pee wee soccer teams this week - have ten to eleven teams
** Finalizing the youth volleyball and flag football teams in the next two weeks
** All fall sports begin in October
** Numbers for the after-school program are up from last year at this time
- Jack Smith ** Up in sales for Labor Day weekend from last season by \$1,890. Totaled \$7,435 in revenue
** Seven days a week will end on Sept. 27 with only opening weekends in October from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Aquatics: ** Started PE swim for the Needles School District and Topock Elementary this week
** Have the final private rental of the season on September 19 for the Santa Fe Railroad employees

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