



City of Needles

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January 29, 2024

County of San Bernardino
Clerk of the Board
385 N. Arrowhead Avenue, 2nd Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415

Clerk of the Board:

In accordance with the regulations set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City of Needles has prepared a Notice of Exemption for the following project:

Project Title: Needles Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project

Project Location: City of Needles owned Golf Course Irrigation Project

Attached for filing are copies of the following:

- One (1) Notice of Exemption
- One (1) Money Order \$50 to cover filing for one NOE – Notice of Exemption attached. # 291 31808815
- One (1) Self-Addressed envelope

Please use the enclosed envelop addressed to City of Needles, attention Tammy Ellmore, 817 Third Street, Needles, CA 92363 to assure timely return of conformed environmental documents.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed documents or this letter, please contact me at (760) 326-5700 ext 150.

Sincerely,

Tammy Ellmore
Engineering Tech II
City of Needles

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: County of San Bernardino
County Clerk-Recorder
222 W. Hospitality Lane
1st Floor
San Bernardino, CA 92415

From: City of Needles
817 3rd Street
Needles, CA 92363

Project Title: Needles Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project

Project Location: The City's Rivers Edge Golf Course project site is located in the City of Needles near the intersection of River Road and Marina Drive.

Project Location - City: City of Needles

Project Location - County: San Bernardino County

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of the Project: The propose of the proposed Needles Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project is to enhance the efficiency of the existing irrigation system. The proposed improvements include the instillation of new irrigation service lines, permanent sprinkler heads, and timed sprinkler valves. All of the above proposed activities will occur within the footprint of existing disturbed areas at the Rivers Edge Golf Course.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Needles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Needles

Exempt Status: (Check One)

- Ministerial (Sections 21080(b)(1); 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Sections 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Sections 21080(b)(4); 15269)
- Categorical Exemption (Sections 21084; 15301(b))

Reasons why project is exempt: The State CEQA Guidelines provide a series of Categorical Exemptions for projects that have been deemed to have minimal impacts on the environment. The proposed Needles Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project has been determined to have no potential to cause significant adverse effects on the environment and will ensure the facility continues to function at higher efficiency and as originally designed. Categorical Exemption Class I exempts "operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities and mechanical equipment...involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination." The exceptions to the issuance of Categorical Exemptions have been evaluated for the proposed project activities. The proposed Project has been determined not to have a potential to cause significant adverse environmental effects as a result of any of the exceptions. Therefore, this proposed action is not forecast to cause any potential for significant adverse environmental impacts and qualifies with the requirements for Class 1 exemption.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Patrick J. Martinez Telephone: (760) 326-2115

Signature:  Title: City Manager Date: 1-26-24

**Rivers Edge Golf Course
Aerial Photograph**



RESOLUTION 2024-6

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEEDLES
APPROVING A NOTICE OF EXEMPTION FOR PROPOSED GOLF COURSE IRRIGATION
EFFICIENCY PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the City wishes to enhance the efficiency of the existing irrigation system at the City's Rivers Edge Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, the City has proposed a Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project that would allow the City to install new irrigation service lines, permanent sprinkler heads, and timed sprinkler valves to increase the efficiency of the existing irrigation system and provide annual water savings; and

WHEREAS, the City has been awarded funding from the Urban and Multibenefit Drought Relief Program for Phase 1 of a Golf Course Irrigation Project to procure new water-efficient sprinkler heads, and to complete the overall design of the proposed the irrigation; and

WHEREAS, the City is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project and staff have evaluated the Project as required under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, City staff have determined that the Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project is categorically exempt under Section 15300 of the State CEQA Guidelines. City staff have determined that the Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project meets the requirements for Categorical Exemptions as defined by Section 15301, Class 1 exemption; and

WHEREAS, the Needles City Council has sufficiently considered all testimony and any documentary evidence presented to them in order to make the following determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the CITY COUNCIL of the City of Needles as follows:

- 1) Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project is exempt from CEQA, and
- 2) Staff is directed to file the Notice of Exemption (NOE) for the Golf Course Irrigation Efficiency Project with the State of California, Governor's Office of Planning and Research - State Clearinghouse, and the San Bernardino County Clerk.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of January 2024 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Council Members Campbell, McCorkle, Pogue and Longbrake
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: Vice Mayor Merritt and Councilmember Belt
 ABSTAIN: None



 Mayor Jernigan

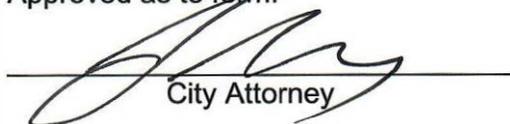
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Attest:



 Dale Jones, GMC, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



 City Attorney

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CERTIFICATION

I, Dale Jones, City Clerk of the City of Needles, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2024-6



Dale Jones, CMC
City Clerk

(SEAL)

Date: January 26, 2024