

**City of Needles/San Bernardino County  
Fire Protection District Application**

**Attachment 2**

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**SAN BERNARDINO LAFCO  
APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY  
ENVIRONMENTAL DESCRIPTION FORM**

**INTRODUCTION:** The questions on this form and its supplements are designed to obtain enough data about the application to allow the San Bernardino LAFCO, its staff and others to adequately assess the proposal. By taking the time to fully respond to the questions on the forms, you can reduce the processing time for your proposal. You may also include any additional information which you believe is pertinent. Use additional sheets where necessary, or attach any relevant documents.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. NAME OF PROPOSAL: City of Needles Annexation into County Fire District, South  
Desert Service Zone
  
2. NAME OF APPLICANT: City of Needles  
APPLICANT TYPE:  Landowner  Local Agency  
 Registered Voter  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
MAILING ADDRESS:  
817 Third Street, Needles, CA 92363  
PHONE: ( 760 ) 326-2113  
FAX: ( 760 ) 326-6765  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: ndlscitymgr @citlink.net \*\* AND \*\* ndlscity@citlink.net
  
3. GENERAL LOCATION OF PROPOSAL: Within the boundaries of the City of Needles
  
4. Does the application possess 100% written consent of each landowner in the subject territory?  
YES  NO  If YES, provide written authorization for change.
  
5. Indicate the reason(s) that the proposed action has been requested. To provide effective,  
safe and financially sustainable fire protection services to the City of Needles, its residents  
and businesses

**LAND USE AND DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL**

1. Total land area of subject territory (defined in acres):  
Approximately 20,998 acres (32.81 square miles) within the city limits of the City of Needles

2. Current dwelling units within area classified by type (single-family residential, multi-family [duplex, four-plex, 10-unit], apartments)  
ESTIMATED: single family = 2,043; multi-family = 44; apartments = 265

3. Approximate current population within area:  
4,940 (City of Needles only)

4. Indicate the General Plan designation(s) of the affected city (if any) and uses permitted by this designation(s):  
See attached Zoning and General Plan Maps

San Bernardino County General Plan designation(s) and uses permitted by this designation(s):  
N/A

5. Describe any special land use concerns expressed in the above plans. In addition, for a City Annexation or Reorganization, provide a discussion of the land use plan's consistency with the regional transportation plan as adopted pursuant to Government Code Section 65080 for the subject territory:  
Older inventory of homes and buildings without sprinkler systems

6. Indicate the existing use of the subject territory.  
Local community including residential, commercial, institutional and industrial uses

What is the proposed land use?  
N/A - No change in land use

7. Will the proposal require public services from any agency or district which is currently operating at or near capacity (including sewer, water, police, fire, or schools)? YES  NO  If YES, please explain.

8. On the following list, indicate if any portion of the territory contains the following by placing a checkmark next to the item:

- Agricultural Land Uses
- Williamson Act Contract
- Any other unusual features of the area or permits required: \_\_\_\_\_
- Agricultural Preserve Designation
- Area where Special Permits are Required

9. Provide a narrative response to the following factor of consideration as identified in §56668(p): *The extent to which the proposal will promote environmental justice. As used in this subdivision, "environmental justice" means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services:*

The annexation into the County Fire District, South Desert Service Zone, will provide fire protection services to all residents within the City of Needles regardless of race, culture or income

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION**

1. Provide general description of topography. Colorado River and Desert --- flood control washes

2. Describe any existing improvements on the subject territory as % of total area.

Residential	<u>(Estimated) 20</u> %	Agricultural	<u>-0-</u> %
Commercial	<u>(Estimated) 10</u> %	Vacant	<u>(Estimated) 69</u> %
Industrial	<u>(Estimated) 1</u> %	Other	<u>                    </u> %

3. Describe the surrounding land uses:

NORTH	<u>Colorado River</u>
EAST	<u>Vacant desert land/open space; mobile home/RV/campground (Park Moabi)</u>
SOUTH	<u>Vacant desert land/open space</u>
WEST	<u>Vacant desert land/open space</u>

4. Describe site alterations that will be produced by improvement projects associated with this proposed action (installation of water facilities, sewer facilities, grading, flow channelization, etc.).

None

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5. Will service extensions accomplished by this proposal induce growth on this site? YES   
NO  Adjacent sites? YES  NO  Unincorporated  Incorporated

6. Are there any existing out-of-agency service contracts/agreements within the area? YES   
NO  If YES, please identify.

None applicable to this annexation other than the current San Bernardino County Fire  
Protection Services Agreement

7. Is this proposal a part of a larger project or series of projects? YES  NO  If YES, please explain.

#### NOTICES

Please provide the names and addresses of persons who are to be furnished mailed notice of the hearing(s) and receive copies of the agenda and staff report.

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#### CERTIFICATION

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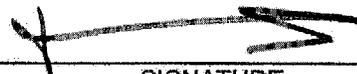
As a part of this application, the City/Town of Needles, or the NA District/Agency, N/A (the applicant) and/or the N/A (real party in interest - landowner and/or registered voter of the application subject property) agree to defend, indemnify, hold harmless, promptly reimburse San Bernardino LAFCO for all reasonable expenses and attorney fees, and release San Bernardino LAFCO, its agents, officers, attorneys, and employees from any claim, action, proceeding brought against any of them, the purpose of which is to attack, set aside, void, or annul the approval of this application or adoption of the environmental document which accompanies it.

This indemnification obligation shall include, but not be limited to, damages, penalties, fines and other costs imposed upon or incurred by San Bernardino LAFCO should San Bernardino LAFCO be named as a party in any litigation or administrative proceeding in connection with this application.

As the person signing this application, I will be considered the proponent for the proposed action(s) and will receive all related notices and other communications. I understand that if this application is approved, the Commission will impose a condition requiring the applicant and/or the real party in interest to indemnify, hold harmless and reimburse the Commission for all legal actions that might be initiated as a result of that approval.

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached supplements and exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented herein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

DATE December 9, 2015



SIGNATURE

Rick Daniels

Printed Name of Applicant or Real Property in Interest  
(Landowner/Registered Voter of the Application Subject Property)

City Manager, City of Needles

Title and Affiliation (if applicable)

PLEASE CHECK SUPPLEMENTAL FORMS ATTACHED:

- ANNEXATION, DETACHMENT, REORGANIZATION SUPPLEMENT
- SPHERE OF INFLUENCE CHANGE SUPPLEMENT
- CITY INCORPORATION SUPPLEMENT
- FORMATION OF A SPECIAL DISTRICT SUPPLEMENT
- ACTIVATION OR DIVESTITURE OF FUNCTIONS AND/OR SERVICES FOR SPECIAL DISTRICTS SUPPLEMENT

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**Notice of Filing Attachments:**

**Supplement**

**Sphere of Influence Change**

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**SUPPLEMENT  
SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AMENDMENT**

**INTRODUCTION:** The questions on this form are designed to obtain data about the specific sphere of influence amendment application to allow the Commission, staff and others to adequately assess the application. You may also include any additional information that you believe is pertinent. Use additional sheets where necessary, and/or include any relevant documents.

1. Please provide an identification of the agencies involved in the proposed sphere of influence change(s):

**SPHERE EXPANSION**

**SPHERE REDUCTION**

City of Needles

\_\_\_\_\_

San Bernardino County in its

\_\_\_\_\_

capacity as County Fire Dist

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Provide a narrative description of the following factors of consideration as outlined in Government Code Section 56425. (If additional room for response is necessary, please attach additional sheets to this form.)

The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.

There will be no changes to the present land uses of residential, commercial  
industrial with this annexation into the County Fire District, South Desert  
Service Zone

The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.

Continued fire protection. New County fire station under construction  
within City boundaries

The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency to be expanded provides or is authorized to provide.

Capacity is adequate

The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area.

N/A

The present and probable need for public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection for any disadvantaged unincorporated community, as defined by Govt. Code Section 56033.5, within the existing sphere of influence.

The County Fire Department currently provides fire protection services to the unincorporated areas surrounding the City of Needles

3. If the sphere of influence amendment includes a city sphere of influence change, provide a written statement of whether or not agreement on the sphere change between the city and county was achieved as required by Government Code Section 56425. In addition, provide a written statement of the elements of agreement (such as, development standards, boundaries, zoning agreements, etc.) (See Government Code Section 56425)

No change to the City of Needles' sphere of influence

4. If the sphere of influence amendment includes a special district sphere of influence change, provide a written statement: (a) specifying the function or classes of service provided by the district(s) and (b) specifying the nature, location and extent of the functions or classes of service provided by the district(s). (See Government Code Section 56425(l))

The County Fire District, South Desert Service Zone, currently provides fire protection services to the unincorporated county areas

5. For any sphere of influence amendment either initiated by an agency or individual, or updated as mandated by Government Code Section 56425, the following service review information is required to be addressed in a narrative discussion, and attached to this supplemental form (See Government Code Section 56430):

N/A - no change to the City of Needles' sphere of influence

- a. Growth and population projections for the affected area.
- b. Location and characteristics of disadvantaged unincorporated communities within or contiguous to the sphere of influence.
- c. Present and planned capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services, including infrastructure needs or deficiencies, including those associated with a disadvantaged unincorporated community.
- d. Financial ability of agencies to provide services.
- e. Status of, and opportunities for, shared facilities.
- f. Accountability for community service needs, including governmental structure and operational efficiencies.

If additional sheet are submitted or a separate document provided to fulfill Item #5, the narrative description shall be signed and certified by an official of the agency(s) involved with the sphere of influence review as to the accuracy of the information provided. If necessary, attach copies of documents supporting statements.

**CERTIFICATION**

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