



# City of Needles, California Request for City Council Action

CITY COUNCIL  NPUA

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**Meeting Date:** July 14, 2020

**Title:** Jack Smith Park, Launch and City Beaches Action Plan

**Background:** With the closure of some parks, launches, and beaches along the Colorado River there is a reasonable expectation of an increase of those wanting to use City facilities. City staff has been working since the normal summer season to accommodate those seeking a river recreation experience. City staff has cleared beaches to provide usable spaces, placed waste receptacles, improved parking, and better delineated "No Parking" areas with follow up enforcement.

In order to safely manage the anticipated additional park users the following has been implemented following your Council's direction of July 10, including the following;  
Jack Smith Launch and City Beaches

- Additional law enforcement by the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Office,
- Additional Code Enforcement Officers for general assistance and parking enforcement,
- Additional and more frequent Parks Department personnel to maintain the restrooms, and remove garbage,
- Additional Recreation Department staffing at the boat launch and parking toll booth to facilitate a smooth entrance into the general area,
- Setting a maximum parking limit based upon parking space availability, beyond which additional parking will not be allowed at Jack Smith Park
- Additional electronic signage to best inform the public of the anticipated congestion in the Jack Smith area, and
- Improved channelization of traffic approaching and processing launch and parking toll booth by the Public Works Department.

The Council's direction is effective immediately and these actions are already underway. The Mayor and the City Manager are provided authority to take necessary actions to protect the public's health and safety. As such additional actions may be undertaken to improve the field situation during the weekend.

A full report from the weekend will be provided to the Council at your next regular meeting, next Tuesday. Additionally, I will do my best to keep you informed during the weekend.

In general, the Council approved a solid and achievable Plan of Action. The City, although hoping for the best, is prepared for the worst.

**Fiscal Impact:** Less than \$7500 in overtime and equipment rental.

**Recommended Action:** Review the status report and provide additional policy direction.

**Submitted By:**

**City Management Review:** Bick

**Date:** 7/10/20

Approved:

Not Approved:

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Other:

Agenda Item: 10