



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 15072 and 15073, the City of Needles, which is the lead agency overseeing this Project, hereby gives notice of the completion of an Initial Study and Negative Declaration (ND) for the Proposed Project as described herein.

PROJECT TITLE: City of Needles 2019 Housing Element Update

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project will be located Citywide.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Needles (City) is proposing to adopt a Housing Element as part of its General Plan and an update to its current 2005 Housing Element. The proposed 2019 Housing Element (Project) defines policies and goals for future housing within the corporate boundary limits of the City. The jurisdictional boundary of the Project Site is shown in **Figure 1: City of Needles – Jurisdictional Boundary**. The Housing Element lists policies and programs in order to accommodate a variety of housing types for all income levels and needs of special population groups defined under State law (California Government Code Section 65583); analyzes governmental constraints to housing maintenance, improvement, and development; addresses conservation and improvement of the condition of the existing affordable housing stock; and outlines policies to promote housing opportunities for all persons. The 2019 Housing Element is a policy document consistent with the General Plan and does not include any changes to land use designations, zoning, building heights and intensities, or residential densities.

FINDINGS/DETERMINATION: The City has reviewed and considered the 2019 Housing Element and has determined that the 2019 Housing Element will not have a significant effect on the environment with substantial supporting evidence provided in the Initial Study. The City hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a ND for the 2019 Housing Element.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, 15072 & 15073, the City of Needles hereby offers a public review/comment period of no less than 30 days as detailed in this section. The review period for submitting written comments on the ND commences August 27, 2019 and will close on **September 26, 2019 by 5:00 P.M.**

RESPONSES AND COMMENTS: Please send your written comments to:

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DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: Copies of the ND referenced herein are available for public review at the City's website at <http://www.cityofneedles.com/index.html>, the City's Planning Department at 817 Third Street, Needles, CA 92363, and at the City Library at 1111 Bailey Avenue, Needles, CA 92363.

HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES: The City has two sites on the Cortese list. One is certified cleaned up as of 1/6/2009. The other site is still active and is located at 799 North L Street and is from illegal dumping and land disposal.

Date Received

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8-27-2019

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Cindy Semione, Associate Planner

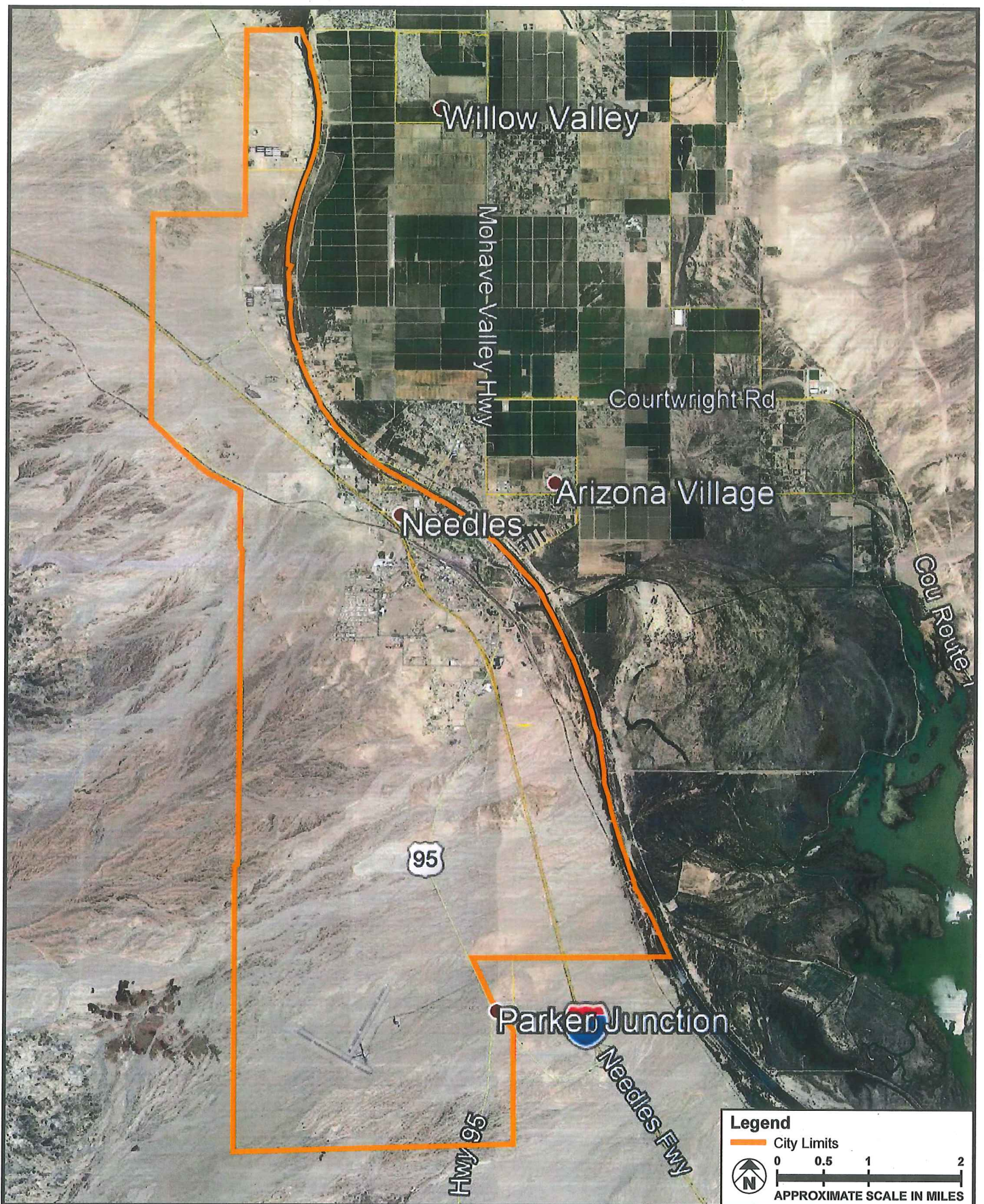


FIGURE 1