



## CITY HALL

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**DATE:** MARCH 17, 2026  
**TO:** CITY COUNCIL  
**FROM:** STEVE WILLIAMS, INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
**RE:** **RESOLUTION 26-40** – APPROVING THE MOU FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE HIGHWAY 4 CORRIDOR REGIONAL WATER SUPPLY LONG-TERM WATER NEEDS STUDY

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt the Resolution authorizing the City of Angels to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Union Public Utility District (UPUD), Calaveras County Water District (CCWD), and Utica Water and Power Authority (UWPA) for the implementation of the Highway 4 Corridor Regional Water Supply Long-Term Water Needs Study. A draft request for proposals (RFP) is included; however this is for context and information only. Staff is not requesting approval of the draft RFP as part of this action.

### **BACKGROUND:**

The City of Angels has been working cooperatively with regional water providers to evaluate long-term water supply needs along the Highway 4 corridor. This regional partnership includes the City of Angels, Union Public Utility District (UPUD), Calaveras County Water District (CCWD), and the Utica Water and Power Authority (UWPA).

In April 2024, the City of Angels adopted Resolution 24-40 (attachment 2) supporting the development of a regional water supply study for the Highway 4 corridor. Since that time, staff from the participating agencies have collaborated to develop a draft scope of work and prepare a request for proposals (RFP) for a consultant to conduct a long-term regional water needs study (attachment 3).

Prior to issuing the RFP, the participating agencies have prepared a Memorandum of Understanding outlining how the study will be implemented and how the agencies will coordinate their efforts (attachment 1). Adoption of the MOU by each participating agency will formalize the partnership and allow the study to move forward.

### **DISCUSSION:**

The proposed regional study is intended to evaluate long-term water supply needs along the Highway 4 corridor, generally spanning the area from Copperopolis to Camp Connell. The purpose of the study is to provide participating agencies with a clearer understanding of future demand, water supply reliability, and opportunities for collaboration.

Specifically, the study will:

- Evaluate projected long-term water demand across the participating service areas
- Assess current water supply reliability and potential vulnerabilities
- Explore backup or alternative water supply options
- Identify opportunities for improved operational coordination among the agencies
- Consider strategies to strengthen emergency preparedness and long-term system resiliency

The agencies will jointly finalize the scope of work, participate in the consultant selection process, and collectively provide direction during the course of the study.

Under the proposed MOU, the Utica Water and Power Authority (UWPA), which serves as a joint powers authority for the City of Angels and UPUD, will serve as the contracting and invoicing entity for the consultant conducting the study.

If each participating agency adopts the MOU in March 2026, staff anticipates releasing the RFP shortly thereafter with the goal of selecting a consultant prior to adoption of the upcoming fiscal year budgets.

Participation in this regional effort will help ensure the City of Angels has the information necessary to make informed long-term decisions regarding water supply reliability, infrastructure planning, and future growth along the Highway 4 corridor.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Under the proposed MOU, the cost of the study will be shared among the participating agencies. Calaveras County Water District (CCWD) will be responsible for 50% of the consultant cost, while the remaining 50% will be split evenly between UPUD and the City of Angels, resulting in a 25% cost share for the City.

The final cost of the study will be determined following completion of the consultant selection process through a Request for Proposals (RFP) and will be incorporated into the City's upcoming fiscal year budget if the study proceeds. For planning purposes only, the total study cost is currently estimated at approximately \$100,000, which would result in an estimated City of Angels contribution of approximately \$25,000. These figures are preliminary estimates provided for budgeting context only, and the actual cost will be determined based on proposals received through the RFP process and the consultant ultimately selected. Council approval of this item authorizes participation in the study but does not constitute approval of a specific expenditure amount at this time.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) MOU
- 2) Resolution 24-40
- 3) Draft RFP
- 4) Resolution 26-40

