



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

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Date: October 21, 2025

To: City of Angels City Council

From: Amy Augustine, AICP – City Planner

Re: **Resolution 25-85 Awarding a Contract to CSG to prepare the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Document for the City of Angels Draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan and Authorizing the City Administrator to sign all related documents and approve change orders not to exceed a total contract amount of \$45,000**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution 25-85.

BACKGROUND

The planning effort producing the City of Angels Draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (GHGRP) began in early 2020 under the auspices of the Calaveras Council of Governments. The City has pursued a GHGRP because:

1. **Economic Development.** State mandates to reduce greenhouse gas emission apply to all new discretionary development pursuant to state environmental regulations [i.e., the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)]. Without a GHGRP, new city development must spend considerable time and money to prepare an individual greenhouse gas emissions inventory and formulate an individual plan and mitigation measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions with no guarantee that the plan will survive legal challenges. A “qualified” GHGRP, provides the documentation, evidence, and thresholds necessary to support a finding of no significant adverse impact relative to greenhouse gas emissions with mitigation (as guided by the plan) for new development subject to CEQA in Angels Camp.
2. **Funding and Economic Development.** Many new and proposed future funding sources from the state agencies require the applicant to demonstrate that the proposed project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions or otherwise reduce the impacts of climate change. Those with adopted GHGRPs often have a competitive advantage over those jurisdictions without such plans. These funding sources include grants for transportation projects, parks, trails, wildfire prevention, and similar programs important to the city. An overview of *some* of the state grant programs tied to climate change can be found at : <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/our-work/programs/california-climate-investments/california-climate-investments-funded-programs>



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3. **General Plan Consistency.** City of Angels General Plan 2020, in compliance with state law, includes multiple goals, policies, programs, and a mitigation measure addressing greenhouse gas emissions/climate (often linked to air emissions) change including:

9.A.j Participate in and Support Regional Air Quality Planning Efforts and Implement Adopted Plans where Mandated by Law

Provide representation from Angels Camp at regional planning events that address the issues and opportunities available for effective air quality management. Participate in planning efforts to prepare and implement a regional Air Quality Plan or State Implementation Plan (SIP) and implement those components applicable to Angels Camp as prescribed by state and federal regulations and continue to comply with the rules set forth by the CCAPCD and CARB including, if required pursuant to AB32 (Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006), preparation of a greenhouse gas emissions reduction plan addressing City emissions (emphasis added). Support cost-effective multi-use modeling and Geographic Information System (GIS) technology to accurately measure air quality parameters. Note: This is a general plan mitigation measure

Milestones in the planning process, to date:

City Agency	Date	Action
City of Angels Planning Commission	October 14, 2021	Adopt the City of Angels Community Wide and Government Operations 2018 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories, Calaveras County Wildfire Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan, and Recommended Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Thresholds for the City of Angels. Resolution 21-19
City of Angels City Council	November 2, 2021	Adopt Resolution 21-37 the City of Angels Community Wide and Government Operations 2018 Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventories, Calaveras County Wildfire Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan, and Recommended Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Thresholds in Compliance with State Law.
City of Angels Planning Commission	May 11, 2022	Draft Implementation Measures Workshop
City of Angels City Council	December 5, 2023	Receive an overview presentation on the draft plan from the Sierra Business Council and its associated consultants, ask questions, and release the draft plan for a 30-day public comment period. No comments were received.



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The final step in producing a qualified Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan is the preparation and adoption of an environmental analysis of the plan. Adoption of Resolution 25-85 will begin this final step.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS

The City released a Request for Proposals posted on Public Purchase with a link to that site included on the City's website, on August 29, 2025 (**Attachment A**). The RFP was viewed by 8 firms. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting was held September 11, 2025. Bids were due on September 26, 2025. Three bids were received.

The City Planner and City Engineer ranked and scored the bids as follows:

Firm Name	Score	Rank	Bid Amount
CSG	88%	1	\$32,300
Rincon/a/	74%	2	\$99,976
UltraSystems	69%	3	\$59,190

/a/ Bid includes update of Plan (\$49,982), additional optional tasks bring total to \$120,010.

Based on the preceding, CSG was determined to be the lowest and most qualified responsible bidder for the following reasons:

- Includes both CEQA expertise and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan experience
- Cost

Staff recommends awarding the contract to CSG contingent upon the City Attorney approval of the contract and authorizing the City Attorney to make any potential minor amendments to the contract as may be necessary with authorization for the City Administrator to sign and execute the contract and to approve any necessary change orders not to exceed a total contract amount of \$45,000.

ENVIRONMENTAL FINDINGS:

This item will hire a qualified consultant to prepare the necessary environmental document for the City's Draft Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The Calaveras Council of Governments has allocated \$45,000 for this effort. The proposed cost is \$32,300. Staff are requesting approval to award a contract totaling \$32,300 with authorization for the City Administrator per resolution 25-85 to include issuance of change orders up to a total contract allocation of \$45,000.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. RFP
- B. Resolution 25-85
- C. Contract with CSG Proposal