

MEMORANDUM

City of Angels City Council

Date: August 19, 2025

To: City Council

From: Amy Augustine, AICP City Planner

Re: Resolution 25-55 approving an expenditure of up to \$28,000 to purchase

and install two hydration station/drinking fountains at Utica Park

Recommendation

Approve Resolution 25-55. The City Council may:

- 1. Approve purchasing two hydration stations/drinking fountains from the attached alternatives ranging in cost between \$1,199 (resin) and \$3,849 (anti-corrosive stainless steel) each **Attachment A.**
- 2. Approve purchasing two hydration stations/drinking fountains and include ESTIMATED installation (labor and materials) costs for a contractor for up to \$20,000. **Attachment B**.

Staff recommends purchasing two free-standing drinking fountain/hydration stations each with one bottle filler (hydration station) and one fountain, freeze resistant, and anti-corrosive stainless steel – cost with S&H and tax for both totals \$6,776.11.

Background/Discussion

The City was awarded a \$3,000,000 Rural Recreation and Tourism Grant in late 2022. The City hired Boyer for a design and build contract for the Utica Park Lightner Mine Expansion and Rehabilitation project in March of 2023 with a Notice to Proceed issued May 14, 2024. At the City Council meeting of August 20, 2024, Council opted to exclude an optional task item from the Boyer contract, two drinking fountains/hydration stations at an estimated cost of \$24,500 (excluding installation costs), in favor of spending the funds on increasing fire safety (adding a hydrant) and improving park access for emergency vehicles.

The grant award requires the installation of two hydration stations as a mechanism for reducing site waste. Staff originally pursued funding for the hydration stations through the Tuolumne-Stanislaus Integrated Regional Water Management Authority, but that funding was recently determined to be unavailable or, at best, unavailable for several years. At Council direction, staff is requesting additional funding to purchase two drinking fountain/hydration stations.

Based on discussions with public works staff and park design, attached hydration stations would require attachment to existing buildings and demolition of adjacent cement work to hook into the water and sewer systems. Freestanding fountains can be strategically located to minimize demolition of existing facilities. Therefore, it is anticipated that overall costs of freestanding fountains would be less

costly and less destructive to the existing park. However, costs for attached fountains are included here for Council's consideration at Council's request.

At the August 5, 2025 Council meeting, two hydration stations with a total cost of \$23,446.21 were considered. At the direction of Council, Staff have reviewed alternative hydration stations/drinking fountains and identified less expensive models that also are freeze resistant. The costs of those models fulfilling grant requirements range between \$1,199 (tan, Rotocast **resin** body, one fountain, one filler) and \$3,849 (Corrosion-resistant 316 **stainless steel**, two fountains, pet bowl) each without tax and shipping. Staff's recommendation (minimum to meet grant requirements for the stainless-steel version) totals \$6,776.11 for both fountains.

Given public works' staff shortages and workloads, staff is including an added cost to hire a contractor to install the hydration stations. The estimated costs of labor and materials is attached. Please note that actual bids will only be solicited after the type of hydration/drinking fountains are selected. Please note that, in addition to connections to the city's water system, costs may include two cement pads and connections to the sanitary sewer system (for drainage) ARE required. Staff are estimating labor and materials costs not to exceed \$20,000 for the two fountains (**Attachment B**).

Strategic Plan Alignment

A4: Economic Development: Promote a wide variety of economic opportunities consistent with the city's social, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources. The proposed Rural Recreation and Tourism grant park project is intended to increase tourism through park enhancements including a stage, historical (cultural) interpretation trail, and improved pavilion for outdoor events. A new children's playground, adult/teen exercise equipment, bocce courts, hardcourts, improved pavilion and stage are intended to encourage social interactions with local theatre productions, local musical performances, movies in the park and enhanced outdoor spaces for other local events.

A5: Economic Development: Maintain and enhance the city's economic vitality while conserving the city's social, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources. See above.

B2 Community Identity: Design new development to be compatible with the natural, scenic, and cultural resources and rural character of Angels Camp. The Community Stakeholders Design Committee will assist with park design to ensure compatibility with cultural resources and rural character.

C7: Public Facilities and Services: Maintain or increase the levels of service currently available within Angels Camp for park facilities and infrastructure. The project will increase the size of Utica Park by 3.8± acres, add or improve numerous park amenities, and upgrade and expand infrastructure increasing the level of park facilities available to all age groups and ability levels for residents and visitors.

Financial Impact

A budget amendment is attached. The cost to purchase two drinking fountains (including tax and delivery) for staff's recommendation is \$6,776.11 for two drinking fountains, each with one bottle filler and one fountain. The fountain installation includes contractor costs to expedite the installation given staff shortages at public works. Total costs, not to exceed: \$28,000.

Attachments

- A. Proposed hydration station/drinking fountain options and costs
- B. Estimated installation (labor and materials) costs
- C. Resolution 25-55 with Budget Amendment

A. Hydration Station/Drinking Fountain Options

Figure 1: Staff Recommendation (Anti-Freezing, Hydration Station and Fountains, No Filter) - \$6,776.11 (includes S&H, and Tax)

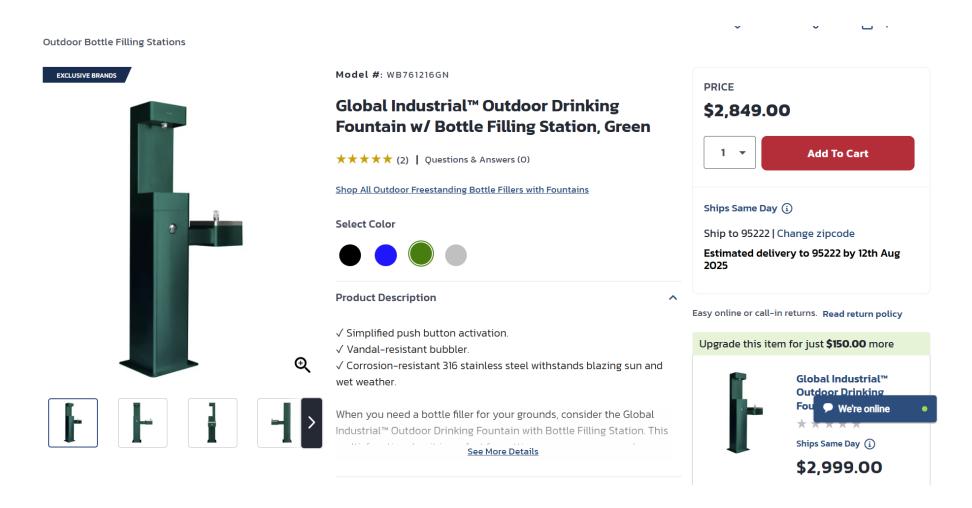


Figure 2: Optional Configurations



Figure 3: Tan Only has Freeze/Frost Resistant with ONE station/ONE Filler, Green has two fountains/freeze resistant



Outdoor Freestanding Bottle Fillers with Fountains

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Figure 4: Options with Pet Bowls



Outdoor Freestanding Bottle Fillers with Pet Station

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Figure 5: Wall Mount Bottle Filler - No Freeze Resistance and no fountain

Outdoor Wall Mount Bottle Fillers



Outdoor wall-mount bottle-filling stations offer filtered and unfiltered water to provide an environmental-friendly hydration solution for outdoor campuses, complex grounds, parks, and more. Made with corrosion and weather-resistant steel, the outdoor water bottle refill station features vandal-resistant bubblers and push-button activation.

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