

# UTICA WATER AND POWER AUTHORITY

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**To:** City of Angels, City Council

**From:** Joel Metzger, Utica Water and Power Authority General Manager

**Re:** Utica Water and Power Authority Annual Update to City Council

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## **SUMMARY:**

Utica Water and Power Authority (Utica) will present its annual update to the Angels Camp City Council (COA), covering water deliveries, budget planning, and progress on the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) exemption and license surrender application efforts.

The City of Angels uses about 1,120 acre-feet (AF) of water per year from Utica – about 31% of its contracted supply of 3,600 AF, of this amount, approximately 900 AF is treated at the City's water treatment plant for municipal use. Greenhorn Creek Golf Course also uses a substantial amount of water from Utica's system through a contract with COA. Utica's senior water rights and contractual agreements support reliable water deliveries to the City of Angels, even during drought years.

The update will also highlight key points from Utica's draft budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Per the 5-Year JPA Funding Plan, Utica included \$407,000 payments from both COA and the Union Public Utility District (UPUD) in the draft budget – a total of \$814,000. Both COA and UPUD adopted rate plans that included Utica fees consistent with the 5-year plan. Although the 5-Year JPA Funding Plan provides financial stability, Utica staff still needed to make budget cuts this year to balance expenses and revenues. Additional cuts may be needed, depending on the water year.

Finally, the Council will receive a brief update on the FERC Exemption and Surrender Applications for both Angels and Murphys Hydroelectric Projects. Environmental and cultural studies are nearing completion, and Utica plans to submit the final application in July 2025.