



City Council Monthly Update

July 2026

Twelve (12) Month Noteworthy Activity

July 2026 • Foundry Lane LOI signed by all parties • Utica Park water main break / repair • Wastewater digester repaired • Fire strike teams deployed	January 2026 • Justin Hart Graduated Police Academy • Sierra Hope Ribbon Cutting • Peckham and McKenney Assumed • City Administrator Recruitment • Bootlegger Tour Special Events
June 2026 • FY 26-27 Budget was approved • Altaville Melones FPD and ACFD formal transition initiated	December 2025 • Police Chief Scott Ellis Retired • PLHA Grant Awarded to Habitat • Power Washed Downtown Sidewalks • Vallecito Sewer Project Began • Christmas Parade – 1st week Special Event
May 2026 • New Chief of Police Sworn In • Youth Parade Special Event • Junior Frog Jump – Special Event • Mark Twain Exhibit Opens Angels Hotel	November 2025 • SR49 Restored to Regular Traffic Flow • Brent Huse PW Foreman • Frog Bucks Campaign
April 2026 • Greenhorn LLD kickoff • EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revision Administrative Order • ACPOA negotiations • Dialogue w UTICA, AMFPD, CVB, et al • Housing Element Annual Report 4/1	October 2025 • Purdy Rd Water/Sewer Project Complete • CSG As Needed Services Agreement • Exploration for Secondary Water Sources Began • Mark Twain Wild West Fest Special Event
March 2026 • New City Manager begins • Habitat for Humanity Final Subdivision Map Recorded	September 2025 • Five Year Pavement Management Plan • Mark Twain Water Project Complete • Interim City Administrator Steve Williams • New Police Sergeant – Steve Poortinga • Lightening Complex Fire Strike Teams • Homecoming Parade Special Event
February 2026 • Started Water Meter Replacement • Mid-year Budget Review • 10-yr Citywide CIP Presentation • Traffic Impact Fee Review Kickoff • Fire Deployment / Weather Incident	August 2025 • Speed Feedback Signs at Copello and Utica Park • Foundry Lane Decertified by CalTrans (2025) • Purdy Rd Sewer Project Began

Administration

Administrative Services Officer - Haley Bugarin

Vacancies, Recruitments, and Hiring Progress:

- **Police Sergeant:** One vacant Police Sergeant position remains open and interviews for the position were held on July 31st.
- **Police Officer:** Interviews were held for the vacant Police Officer Position on July 7th and 23rd. A total of 5 candidates were interviewed and one offer letter was sent and accepted to an eligible candidate that is currently undergoing a background check before onboarding.
- **INTERNAL Firefighter:** 3 Firefighter positions are now open for internal promotional opportunities. There are 2 applicants at this time and interviews will be held on August 7th.
- **INTERNAL Fire Engineer:** 4 Fire Engineer positions are now open for internal promotional opportunities. There is 1 applicant at this time and interviews will be held on August 7th.

Promotions and New Hires:

- None to report for the month of July.

Miscellaneous Projects:

- **LLD Commission:** A special LLD Commission meeting was held on July 22nd to determine a plan of action for landscaping work needed around the small pond.
- **Personnel Policy Updates:** The City Attorney, Administrator, and Mayor have provided input on revisions needed for the City Personnel Policies and Rules. The revisions are currently with staff representation/OE3 for review/input and will be brought to the City Council before adoption.
- **Communications:** City of Angels Facebook had a total of 9 posts in the month of July. The webpage is being updated to reflect the input from relevant department heads.
- **Public Records Requests:**
 - Received: 10
 - Responded to: 9

Finance Department

Finance Director - Michelle Gonzalez

Special Projects and Accomplishments

- Part Time Account Technician has been onboarded and trained. Now working front desk.
- Continued work on year-end audit.
- Coordinated additional customer mailings related to the water rate increase, new billing cycle, and required water compliance notices.

Building and Code Enforcement

Michael Clarke – Building Inspector
Caytlyn Schaner – Administrative Services Specialist

Building

Permits Issued in July: 13

Permit Type	Count
Water Heater	1
ESS Battery	1
NSFR	1
HVAC	1
Reroof	7
Solar	2

Total Inspections Conducted: 32

Code Enforcement

Active Cases at Start of July: 10

Violation Summary

Violation Type	Closed	Open
Public Nuisance		2
Housing		2
Dangerous Building		
Zoning		1
Weed Abatement	1	5

New Cases for July: 1

Cases Closed in July: 1

Active Cases at End of July: 10

Water, Wastewater, and Public Works

Chris O'Flinn - Public Works Superintendent

Water Treatment:

- Repaired chlorine leak in the distribution manifold of the chlorine system.
- Got quotes on the turbidimeter replacement project.
- Drained and reprimed the brine system for the onsite chlorine generation unit.
- Drained and cleaned sedimentation basin.

Water Distribution

- Repaired 6 water service leaks throughout the city.
- Repaired the water main break at Utica Park.
- Replaced an isolation valve above Utica Park on Hwy. 49.
- Replaced a complete water service on Acorn.
- Repaired a water main on Bush St.
- Continued to work with Caltrans to protect our infrastructure.

Wastewater Treatment:

- Continued biosolids drying operations.
- Drained, cleaned and repaired an air leak in SBR # 2.
- Worked on the drain system for the influent grit chamber.
- Diagnosed air compressor issues. Ordered a new one.
- Removed and cleaned up fallen pine tree in the spay fields.
- Cleaned drainage pump station wet well.
- Continued with wiper assembly rebuilds on the U.V. system.

Sewer Collections:

- Sewer plug at 1256 S. Main St.
- Sewer plug at 1104 S. Main St.
- Repaired sewer main and cleanout on Leaf Court.
- Sewer Plug at 99 N. Main St.

Public Works:

- Installed banner downtown.
- Installed stickers on cameras for P.D.
- Installed new security door latch at the Museum.
- Swept the intersections on Gardner Ln.
- Continued work on Gateway Park bathroom (almost complete)
- Installed new awning at the Utica Park Kitchen.
- Fixed potholes in the Museum parking lot.
- Cleaned up a fallen tree on Greenhorn Creek Dr.
- Removed bark around Utica Park Kitchen and replaced it with new bark.
- Cleared a fallen tree out of Angels Creek.

Planning Department

Amy Augustine – Contract City Planner

Foundry Lane:

- Letter of Intent to sell/purchase signed by all parties for northern property. The land would encompass the final parcels necessary to connect Foundry to SR 49. In 2026, Staff anticipates preparing a Specific Plan for the area. The developer for Frog Jump Plaza Phase II has identified an alternative tenant and is working with staff to realign the southern portion of Foundry to accommodate. Formal project review is expected to resume upon completion of a tentative grading plan and subsequent land swap between the City (Altaville Sanitary) property and the surrounding landowner (for Foundry Lane right-of-way) pending completion of back-up documentation by the City Engineer (which is pending applicant's traffic engineer input on road alignment details).

Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees Update:

- Staff received initial fee range. Held meeting with consultant. Consultant is revising project list and fees. Initial portion of COG Traffic Demand Model was forwarded to consultant. Revised fees anticipated in early August with preparation of nexus to follow.

GIS:

- A new interactive zoning map was prepared in April and demonstrated to City Council in May. The map allows staff/public to “click” on a specific parcel, see the zoning, and directly connect to the zoning code to see permitted and conditional uses. Staff worked with GIS consultants in May to correct map errors. Corrections were required. It is now anticipated that the map will go “live” in September.

Pending Current Planning Projects:

- **Conditional Use Permit** for a well for agricultural use on a vacant parcel near Depot Road
- **Code Amendment – Lot Tie Ordinance.** A lot tie ordinance (or lot tie agreement) would allow a property owner to legally binds two or more contiguous parcels into a single building site without requiring a map/merger. It requires the property owner to covenant with the governing agency to hold the lots as one unit, preventing them from being sold or developed separately without official city approval.
- **Code Amendment – Title 3.** To allow the City Council to authorize the City Administrator to sign contracts, grant agreements, grant invoices in accordance with Civil Code 40602. Currently, granting agencies, per Civil Code 40602, allow only the Mayor to sign certain grant documents (e.g., grant agreement). Staff always secures a resolution from the Council before applying for a grant. At that time, staff would also ask that the City Administrator be authorized to execute grant agreements and other grant implementation documents (e.g., invoicing).
- **Code Change – Home Occupations:** In accordance with a request from the public, staff is prepared an amendment to the Home Occupation criteria in Title 17 to allow for consideration of home salons. The item was heard by the Planning Commission on June 11th, July 7th by Council with a second hearing scheduled for 8/4/26.

- **Code Change – Electrical Vehicle Charging Station** – Updates to the City code for permit streamlining for charging stations went to the Planning Commission on 7/9/26 and are scheduled for Council consideration 8/4/26 and 8/18/26.
- **Stanislaus Alley:** Staff is completing an old application to vacate a portion of Stanislaus Alley between existing homes and Mark Twain Elementary School (previously, the City has twice abandoned portions of the alley). In May, staff met with the City Surveyor and landowners to determine the division of the abandoned properties. In June, landowners were notified and provided input. In July, staff sent property notifications, had Housing and Community Development perform a preliminary surplus lands evaluation, and has prepared the item for a determination of general plan conformity with the Planning Commission for 8/13/26.
- **Swendemen’s Shopping Center:** Staff continued assisting the landowner in submitting final documents to Caltrans for an encroachment permit for the “Swendemen’s” Shopping Center. The applicant and city received and responded to a request from Caltrans for drainage information and await a response from Caltrans.
- **Former Subaru Repair / 1105 S. Main ,1115 S. Main:** A sign permit for the “mural” and former signage re-painted on the building remains pending. No plans have been submitted.
- **MACT:** A Site Plan Review for Parking Lot Expansion was issued by Planning. Construction is underway.
- **Utica Park.**
The Garden Club made a presentation to the City Council July 21st. The final two black walnut benches were installed in the garden. A plaque acknowledging the garden club is pending the club’s approval of a design. Staff have completed designs acknowledging the following donors: 4Paws Veterinarian (doggie pot) and Murphys Grade (Armillary in garden). Design approvals by the donors and costs to produce the signs remain pending.

The State is expecting that all work will be completed by December, 2027, to close out the Rural Recreation and Tourism park grant. Two items remain: the parcourse and interpretive signs.

- **Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program:** The City received PLHA payments. The subrecipient agreement was signed by Habitat for Humanity. Habitat for Humanity has applied for 8 building permits. PLHA funds will be dispersed upon issuance. Staff began an application for the next two allocations of PLHA funding that will total approximately \$115,000. The 5-year PLHA Plan is out for public review. A public hearing for adoption and resolution to proceed with an application for the cycle 2 funds are scheduled for the 8/18/26 City Council.
- **T-Stan IRWMA:** Staff did not attend the July IRWMA meeting due to a conflict.
- **Climate Action Plan (CAP):** The Draft initial study negative declaration is completed. Responses to comments (one was received from Caltrans) have been prepared. The item is scheduled for consideration by the Planning Commission 8/13/26. a
- **Habitat for Humanity:** 8 single family residential permits were submitted. The City is awaiting payment on the permits with issuance to follow.
- **Annexations:** Staff continues to work on the LAFCo application for minor annexations (clean-up annexations) already authorized by Council and hopes to submit the formal appcation in August.

- **Planning Commission:** The July 9, 2026, meeting considered the electrical vehicle charging station permit streamlining ordinance. In August the Commission will consider listing the Union Congregational Church and the City of Angels Register of Cultural Resources, the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan environmental document and project, a clerical general plan amendment and rezoning for a 0.4± acre parcel off Easy Circle, and vacation of an alley off Stanislaus Avenue.
- **EV Charging station:** Funding agreements with the state have stalled. No further progress is anticipated for several months.
- **National Register of Historic Places/Main Street USA:**
Staff will request a budget item for completing an update of the City's Historical Properties Survey in support of a National Register of Historic Places nomination.
- **Housing/General Plan:** Staff continued work on the City's General Plan Housing Element in June.

Grants:

- **Active Transportation Grants:** The grant, for the Angels Creek Trail and a downtown crosswalk was submitted by the Council of Governments June 22nd.
- **Permanent Local Housing Allocation Grant (PLHA):** Application for \$155,000± for local housing projects anticipated to be submitted in late August or early September.

Engineering Department

Aaron Brustaori – City Engineer

Transportation General Engineering Services (TO 1)

- Complete online DIR registration for the 25/26 Pavement Project
- Emergency Response – Caltrans Contractor broke waterline above Utica park. Correspondence with City crews and Caltrans to initiate rapid response / clean up by Caltrans Contractor. (2.5 hrs, \$787.50 – To be billed to Caltrans)

25/26 Citywide Pavement Repair Project (TO 7)

- Preconstruction meetings internal and with contractor
 - Construction to begin August 17th
 - Bush Street Extension to be first order of work

Pavement Management (TO 8)

- No work this period

Water General Engineering Services (TO 2)

- Coordination regarding well site acquisition process
- Hazard mitigation review and text updates

Wastewater General Engineering Services (TO 3)

- Review RWQ Permitting – New permit requested by RWQ.
 - To be completed prior to January 2027
- Emergency Sewer – Line clog Monte Verda -> Demarest St
 - Procure as-builts from Caltrans
 - Draft Caltrans Encroachment Permit
 - Identify location for clean out to facilitate CCTV of line ~250ft north of Demarest St. to failed section south of Stockton Rd.
- East Sewer
 - CAL OES monthly meeting to discuss project progress
 - Coordination w Dewberry
- Holeman Dam
 - Engineered design of seepage flow measurement

Foundry Lane Assistance (TO 4)

- Review and provide comments on Foundry Lane alignment proposed by F. Katz
- Call with F. Katz regarding potential anchor tenant
- Correspondence regarding Lot Line Adjustment / Parcel Map for property acquisitions

Building and Planning Engineering Services (TO 5)

- Encroachment Permit Review – PG&E

Environmental Support (TO 6)

- No work this period

Groundwater Exploration Services for a Secondary Water Source (TO9)

- Finalize location for non-invasive survey
- Prepare shape files of survey area
- Coordination and scheduling of Willowstick for survey

Fire Department-Monthly Report

John Rohrbaugh – Fire Chief

Responses July 2026: 06.28.26 - 07.29.26

- Total: 116
 - Structure Fire: 5
 - Vegetation Fire: 6
 - Vehicle Fire (RV) 1
 - Fire Alarm: 5
 - Emergency Medical: 74
 - False Call: 0
 - LZ Helicopter: 6
 - Other, Investigative: 2
 - Public Service: 4
 - Lift assist: 11
 - Smoke Check Investigation: 0
 - Vehicle Accident: 2
- (20) calls for service in Altaville Melones area

Notable Incidents:

- (4) Rvs on fire Angels Camp Rv Resort
- Major vehicle accident 4@ Appalouosa
- Grass Fire Murphys Grade at Gardner
- Grass Fire New Melones Lake
- Strike Team assignment Nevada County (7) Days
- (12) Water Tender assignments (2) for Pay ABH

Additional Fire Dept Information:

- Attended multiple City, County, State and Local meetings.
- Attend AMFPD Board Meeting
- Assist with Police Officer Interviews
- FE Blake Cuevas is off on Workes Comp.
- (1) staff member off on paid leave.
- Worked on FY 26/27 Budget.
- Impement New Response Model
- All new hire paperwork completed for (6) new relief firefighters
- Preparing to promote (4) FFs to Fire Engineers
- Placed Water Tender, Utility Vehicle, and Rescue Vehicle In-Service
- Finished new additional bedroom project.
- Working with Union and Legal closed session item.
- Additional staffing as of 6.28.26
- 6.28.26-7.1.26 All shifts have been staffed w/ 5.0 staffing.

Looking Ahead:

- PG&E Grant application for Wildfire PPE and Equipment. \$25,000.00 (no Match required) due 7.8.26
- FT Promotions for CA, FE and FF positions
- Work on making Finnegan access and egress to assist response times and evacuations.

Police Department

Steve Poortinga – Chief of Police

Activity this Month:

- Total Incidents: 935(7/29)
- Total Reports: 37
- Total Traffic Stops: 76
- Total Arrests: 7

Call Type:

- Thefts: 0
- Traffic Collisions: 8
- DUI: 2
- Assault & Battery: 3
- Auto Theft: 0
- Domestic Violence: 1

Additional Information this Month:

- Volunteers donated over 40 hours of time for PD activities (vehicle transport, extra patrol, mail, parking citation processing).
- COP attended virtual meetings for California Police Chiefs Association.
- CIBRS/UOF/DV reports submitted to DOJ.
- Officer Justin Blattel completed his FTO Program.
- Maria Adams was onboarded and is thriving in in her new role as Police Records Administrative Services Manager.
- Randy Rice Resigned as the part-time Records Technician to Maria Adams.
- The Police Department is completed a property/evidence, inventory/audit.
- Lateral Police Officer Background being completed.
- Interviews for Police Sergeant position July 31st.
- Lexipol Policies updated.
- COP had Q&A meeting with Flock Safety regarding the cameras at SR 4/49.

Looking Ahead:

- The 2 new patrol vehicles anticipated to arrive in June have been pushed out to August due to unexpected delays from the manufacture. Once the vehicles are delivered, they will move on to upfitting (emergency equipment, computer, radios, decals, and AXON) for 30-90 days before being ready for deployment.
- Transition to Permitium web based CCW application process (same as Calaveras County) that will save hours processing paper documents.
- Chief Poortinga and Sgt Adams continue to work on new Lexipol Procedure Manual (anticipated completion 01/27).
- BHHS Superintendent Nanik will be issuing Proclamations of Appreciation August 3, 2026, to Officer Nuss and Officer Linayao for their actions handling a vandalism call for service at BHHS.