



City of Angels
City Council Monthly Update

April 2026

Twelve (12) Month Noteworthy Activity

<p>April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greenhorn LLD kickoff - EPA Lead and Copper Rule Revision <p>Administrative Order</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ACPOA negotiations - Dialogue w UTICA, AMFPD, CVB, et al 	<p>October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Purdy Rd Water/Sewer Project Complete - CSG As Needed Services Agreement - Exploration for Secondary Water Sources Began
<p>March</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New City Manager begins 	<p>September</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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
<p>February</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Started Water Meter Replacement - Mid-year Budget Review - 10-yr Citywide CIP Presentation - Traffic Impact Fee Review Kickoff - Fire Deployment / Weather Incident 	<p>August</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed Feedback Signs at Copello and Utica Park - Foundary Lane Decertified by CalTrans - Purdy Rd Sewer Project Began
<p>January</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Justin Hart Graduated Police Academy - Sierra Hope Ribbon Cutting - Peckham and McKenney Assumed City Administrator Recruitment 	<p>July</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Police Officer – Justin Hart (Academy) - Utility Billing and Payroll Migration to Accufund
<p>December</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Police Chief Scott Ellis Retired - PLHA Grant Awarded to Habitat - Power Washed Downtown Sidewalks - Vallecito Sewer Project Began 	<p>June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New Police Officer – Andrew Nuss (Academy) - New Water Rates Effective - FY25/26 Budget Adopted
<p>November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SR49 Restored to Regular Traffic Flow - Brent Huse PW Foreman - Frog Bucks Campaign 	<p>May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Utica Park Grand Opening - Firewise Application Approved - Gardner Way Chip Seal and Speed Tables

Administration

Administrative Services Officer - Haley Bugarin

Vacancies, Recruitments, and Hiring Progress:

- **Chief of Police:** Interviews were held on April 24th with a total of 3 eligible candidates. The panel consisted of City of Angels Interim Chief of Police, City of Angels City Administrator, and City of Sonora Chief of Police. A final candidate was chosen and is in the City Council agenda for May 5 for a final vote.
- **Police Administrative Services Manager:** A candidate was chosen for the Police Administrative Services Manager and is currently undergoing a thorough background check.
- **Police Officer:** One vacant Police Officer position remains and there are no qualified applicants at this time.
- **Plant Operator I, II, or OIT:** Recruitment for Public Works Plant Operator I, II, or OIT ended on April 28th with 5 applicants. Interviews will be held on Wednesday, May 6th.
- **Relief Firefighter:** Position remains vacant. No updates on recruitment progress.

Promotions and New Hires:

- **Police Officer:** Officer Justin Blattel was onboarded and sworn in on April 27th, 2026.
- No promotions to report this month.

Projects:

- **LLD Commission:** The LLD Commission held its first meeting on April 14th where 5 out of 7 Commission Members were sworn in. Discussions regarding the 2026-27 budget began. A budget draft was confirmed during a special meeting held on April 16th.
- **Police Association MOU Negotiations:** City staff and Attorney met with Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3 and Police Department Representative to discuss and negotiate terms for the updated 2026 MOU. A follow up meeting will occur on May 15th to discuss input from City Council that was acquired on April 21st.

Finance Department

Finance Director - Michelle Gonzalez

April has been a focused and productive month for the Finance Department, with primary efforts centered on audit preparation, staff training, and continued progress on the City's smart meter implementation.

Audit Preparation:

- The department has been heavily focused on preparing for the upcoming annual audit. All required documentation and financial records will be submitted to the auditors on May 4, 2026. Auditors are scheduled to conduct onsite fieldwork the week of June 2–6, 2026. Staff have been working diligently to finalize reconciliations, ensure accuracy, and meet all reporting requirements ahead of these deadlines.

Staff Training:

- With recent staffing changes, April included a strong focus on training new staff to support ongoing operations and system processes. Payroll was transitioned over to the Administrative Services Officer along with benefits from Finance.

Smart Meter Implementation:

- Progress continues on the City's smart meter project, with approximately 75% of meter routes now updated within the system. Training with the software provider on automatic meter reading integration is scheduled for the first week of May. Staff plan to conduct a test data pull in May, with the potential to go live in late May or June, depending on results. This project will significantly improve efficiency, accuracy, and timeliness of utility billing once fully implemented.

Building and Code Enforcement

Building

Permits Issued: 10

Permit Type	Count
Remodels	1
Encroachments	2
Burn Permits	1
New Single Residence	1
Electrical	1
Solar	3
Swimming Pool	1

Total Inspections Conducted: 21

Code Enforcement

Active Cases at Start of April: 10

Violation Summary

Violation Type	Closed	Open
Public Nuisance	2	6
Housing	2	2
Zoning	0	1

New Cases for April: 3

Cases Closed in April: 4

Active Cases at End of April: 9

Water, Wastewater, and Public Works

Chris O'Flinn - Public Works Superintendent

Water Treatment:

- Replaced records computer and backed up files.
- Removed and cleaned up dead tree at the plant.
- Brush removal and weed abatement at plant.
- Filter pump preventative maintenance.
- Worked on cost analysis for turbidimeter replacement for next budget.
- Working with multiple agencies on the watershed sanitary survey.

Water Distribution

- Repaired 4 water service leaks.
- Repaired a water leak in Tryon Park.
- Distributed door hangers for the meter project.
- Continued work with the contractor on the meter replacement project.
- Responded to and completed the requirements of an EPA executive order. Report to Council will be coming soon.

Wastewater Treatment:

- Replaced the dissolved oxygen sensor on SBR # 1.
- Continued bio-solids drying operations as weather allows.
- Ordered parts for an electrical issue with the U.V. system.
- Repaired the broom attachment for the skid steer tractor.
- Worked with Engineering and the State on the upcoming waste discharge permit renewal.

Sewer Collections:

- Completed follow up inspections for grease traps.
- Cleaned and inspected all lift station wet wells and pumps.

Public Works:

- Continued with weed abatement work within the city.
- Completed lighting repairs at City Hall.
- Continued work on repairs to Gateway Park restroom.
- Repaired all city owned streetlights.
- Worked with Cal Fire crews on weed and brush removal.
- Worked with PG&E to get PG&E streetlights repaired. They all should be operational now.
- Cleaned out Drain inlets and culverts during the storms.
- Started the prep work to install the Frog Jump plaques in the sidewalk.

Planning Department

Amy Augustine – Contract City Planner

Foundry Lane:

- Staff met with Habitat for Humanity to discuss future needs in the Foundry Lane specific plan area and identified the space they require. Staff will meet with MACT in May to finalize an offer to purchase the final parcel necessary to connect Foundry to SR 49. In 2026, Staff anticipates preparing a Specific Plan for the area. In March, the developer for Frog Jump Plaza Phase II resolved final design issues with potential tenants and is preparing final layout details. Formal project circulation 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)

Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees Update:

- A kickoff meeting was held 2/19/26 with Willdan. Data was forwarded in April 2026. An updated fee is anticipated in 5-7 months.

GIS:

- A new interactive zoning map was prepared in April. 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. The map will go “live” on the City website in May or June.

Pending Current Planning Projects:

- **Recycling center:** a small can and bottle recycling center is proposed behind Angels Liquors and is pending issuance of an administrative (in-house) permit.
- **Code Change – Home Occupations:** In accordance with a request from the public, staff is preparing an amendment to the Home Occupation criteria in Title 17 to allow for consideration of home salons.
- **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).
- **Swendemen’s Shopping Center:** Staff continues to work with the landowner to supply additional information in support of the submitted Caltrans encroachment permit for the “Swendemen’s” Shopping Center.
- **Former Subaru Repair / 1105 S. Main ,1115 S. Main:** Staff have met with the new owners. A conditional use permit and finding of architectural conformity (addressing use of exterior colors preapproved for the historic district) are pending. The applicant has multiple ideas for the site including auto detailing (no auto repair), retail sales, and potential food trucks/food items. A sign permit for the “mural” and former signage re-painted on the building is pending.
- **MACT:** A Site Plan Review for Parking Lot Expansion was issued.
- **Utica Park:** The city signed a contract on 3/26 with Angels Plumbing to install the two drinking fountain/hydration stations. Angels Sewer and Drain is in the process of installing the two drinking fountains. The plaque from the old drinking fountain will be reinstalled near the playground drinking fountain in accordance with the family’s wishes.

- Staff met with Habitat for Humanity to discuss assisting the city in repairing vandalism at the amphitheater in the park. Habitat has agreed and was scheduled to begin repairs in April. The Garden Club continued to install landscaping behind the Utica Park bathrooms. The rose garden was installed in March. Two benches will be installed in the area soon. A plaque acknowledging the donor is pending. Staff have completed designs acknowledging the following donors: 4Paws Veterinarian (doggie pot) and Murphys Grade (Armillary in garden). Upon receipt of cost estimates, the signs will be ordered (May) and installed.
- **Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program:** Review by the state was completed and the City signed the amended contract which authorizes the award to Habitat for Humanity. A request for release of the first payment has been submitted to PLHA and was approved for payment. The subrecipient agreement is expected to be signed by Habitat for Humanity by 4/30/26. Once funds are received from the State (expected by June), they will be dispersed to Habitat for Humanity. Staff will begin an application for the next two allocations of PLHA funding.
- **T-Stan IRWMA:** Staff attended the 4/15/26 IRWMA meeting.
- **Climate Action Plan (CAP):** Staff held a third meeting with CSG. The Draft initial study negative declaration is completed. The environmental document is expected to be forwarded to the State Clearinghouse for a 30-day review in May.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Staff have received building plans, currently under review, on 4/27/26.
- **Annexations:** Staff will complete and submit applications to LAFCo in May.
- **Planning Commission:** On April 9th, the Commission approved alterations to the Avellino building. The May meeting is cancelled due to conflicts with the Fair.
- **EV Charging station:** Staff attended the CSEDC EV Charging webinar. That agency will be sending a representative of the company evaluating sites for installation to Angels Camp in the coming weeks. In January, Staff reached out to CSEDC and the EV Charger consultant to confirm that the City remains on the list of locations to receive EV chargers. Staff was contacted in February by the consultant. The consultant indicated the city remains on the list and confirmed that the Pickled Porch is the primary location for potential EV Charging Stations. There are no further updates.
- **National Register of Historic Places/Main Street USA:** Downtown district representatives have asked the City Council to consider pursuing designation of the downtown historic district as a National Register district. This is consistent with the general plan. Staff will coordinate with the City Administrator to bring this to the Council for consideration in early 2026, along with consideration for pursuing a Main Street USA designation. These designations can assist in securing funding for economic development. City Council approved membership in Main Street USA at its March 3, 2026, City Council meeting. The City is now a member of Main Street USA.
- **Housing/General Plan:** Staff began an update of the City's General Plan Housing Element in April as mandated by the state.
- **Mark Twain Experience:** The City Council approved the rental agreement for the Angels Hotel on 4/7. Habitat for Humanity donated time and removed the interior wall for the exhibit in April. The Visitor's Center/Museum completed exhibit design and began installation throughout April. It is expected to be open to the public before 5/14.

Grants:

- **Community Development Block Grant:** Staff submitted the application 3/30/26 for \$1.5 million for downtown economic development. Awards will be announced in approximately six months.
- **Adventist Health:** Staff submitted a second \$5,000 request for a donation to be applied to the parcourse construction at Utica Park. The City previously received \$5,000 towards that project which is part of the overall Utica Park Rehabilitation and Expansion Project. In March, the City was informed it was granted a second \$5,000 towards the parcourse workout stations.
- **T-Mobile:** In association with Main Street USA, T-Mobile has one final round of grants available to communities for communications-related projects. Staff submitted a grant application for \$49,500 on 3/30/26 to prepare interpretive signs for the trail at Utica Park and three parcourse stations. Interpretive signage and a parcourse also are part of the overall Utica Park Rehabilitation and Expansion Project. Announcements are expected in May.
- **Active Transportation Grants:** Round 8 input will begin soon. Deadlines for applications are anticipated in June 2026. 90% of these grants go to disadvantaged communities. COG is pursuing funding for the Angels Creek Trail.

Engineering Department

Aaron Brustaori – Contract City Engineer

Transportation General Engineering Services (TO 1)

- Approval of Quality Assurance Program (QAP) by Caltrans
- Signs project summary of costs
- Signs project close out

25/26 Citywide Pavement Repair Project (TO 7)

- Receive bids and recommend Base Bid award to Moyle Paving Inc.

Pavement Management (TO 8)

- No work this period.

Water General Engineering Services (TO 2)

- Respond to Administrative Order from EPA.
- Prepare draft response and supplemental letter to customers

Wastewater General Engineering Services (TO 3)

- Review RWQ Permitting – New permit requested by RWQ.
- Upload and certify sewer system boundaries with water board.
- Wastewater discharge permit report development and meeting with regulators.

Foundry Lane Assistance (TO 4)

- Coordination w F. Katz regarding revisions
- Fuel station site plan updates

Building and Planning Engineering Services (TO 5)

- BP 26032 – 1108 Murphys Grade Civil Plan Review
- Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon v Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon analysis memo
- Dogtown Road – Preliminary site plan review.
- BP 26087 – PGE Encroachment Review
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Environmental Support (TO 6)

- No work this period.

Groundwater Exploration Services for a Secondary Water Source (TO9)

- Internal staff meeting.
 - Coordination of geophysical surveys.
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Fire Department-Monthly Report

John Rohrabough – Fire Chief

Responses April 2026: 04.01 - 04.29.26

- Total: 113
 - Structure Fire: 2
 - Vegetation Fire: 1
 - Fire Alarm: 2
 - Emergency Medical: 61
 - False Call: 0
 - LZ Helicopter: 2
 - Other, Investigative: 3
 - Public Service: 34
 - Lift assist: 16
 - Smoke Check Investigation: 3
 - Vehicle Accident: 5

Notable Incidents:

- Structure Fire call at McDonalds. (Equip Malfunction)
- Structure Fire Centennial Oven Kitchen Fire
- Vehicle Accident Vallecito Rd.
- Small Fire Vegetation Carson Mine Area.

Additional Fire Dept Information:

- Attended multiple City, County, State and Local meetings.
- Attended County wide JPA meeting.
- Attended training and meetings regarding new mobile dispatch software (Tablet Command).
- Attended Senator Alvarado-Gil's community meeting at Fire Station.
- Participating in Active Shooter Drill with LE in Avery. (County Wide Drill)
- Participating in Rotary Club FF year awards. (John Sewald FF of the Year)
- FE Cody Roessler has returned from FMLA leave.
- FE Blake Cuevas is off on Workes Comp.
- Working on FY 26/27 Budget.
- Working with City Administrator on ACFD-AMFD Ideas.

Upcoming:

- Will Attend Multi-Agency Coordination Meeting at OES.
- Will Attend Funeral for TCU CalFire Unit Chief's wife. Formal Uniformed presence from Local Fire.
- Water Tender Ideas.
- 2026-27 staffing.
- Hire 1-2 Relief FFs

- New Station Ideas.
- Ideas for possible Fair Stand Bye by ACFD
- FD will participate in Fair Parade with (2) Fire Trucks

Police Department

Joel Broumas – Interim Police Chief

Activity this Month:

- Total Incidents: 599
- Total Reports: 33
- Total Traffic Stops: 33
- Total Arrests: 5

Call Type:

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

Additional Information this Month:

- Volunteers donated 25 hours of time for PD activities (vehicle transport, extra patrol, mail, parking citation processing)
- Monthly CIBRS, DV, and UOF reports submitted to DOJ
- Officer Hart progressing well in his third month of field training
- Officers Nuss and Hart attended radar operator school
- New Police Officer Justin Blattel started on April 27th. This leaves one current police officer vacancy
- Police Admin Services Manager interviews complete. Conditional job offer given to one of the applicants pending background investigation
- Extra traffic enforcement provided in the downtown area focusing on speed violations as well as vehicles violating pedestrian right of way

Looking Ahead:

- We will be attending operation meetings in preparation for upcoming fair and frog jump
- Preparing for FY 26/27 budget meetings