



CITY OF ANGELS

City Council Monthly Update

January
2026
Issue

Mayor Caroline Schirato
Vice Mayor Michael Chimento
Councilmember Scott Behiel, Councilmember Alvin Broglio, Councilmember Kara Scott

Significant Ongoing Projects

Current CIP Project:

Vallecito Sewer Line Upgrade – Phase 1
Estimated Completion: Q2 2026
Project Manager: Dave Richards - Dewberry

Next CIP Project:

East Angels Sewer Line Upgrade
Estimated Completion: 2027
Project Manager: Dave Richards - Dewberry

Major Projects:

Eureka Oaks (Habitat) – In Construction
Estimated Completion ~2027
Project Manager: Dave Richard (Unico) - Dewberry

Twelve (12) Month Noteworthy Activity:

January – Justin Hart Graduated Police Academy
January – Sierra Hope Ribbon Cutting
January – Peckham and McKenney Assumed
City Administrator Recruitment

December – Police Chief Scott Ellis Retired
December – PLHA Grant Awarded to Habitat
December – Power Washed Downtown Sidewalks
December – Vallecito Sewer Project Began

November – SR49 Restored to Regular Traffic Flow
November – Brent Huse PW Foreman
November – Frog Bucks Campaign

October – Purdy Rd Water/Sewer Project Complete
October – CSG As Needed Services Agreement
October – Exploration for Secondary Water Sources Began

September – Five Year Pavement Management Plan
September – Mark Twain Water Project Complete
September – Interim City Administrator Steve Williams
September – New Police Sergeant – Steve Poortinga
September – Lightening Complex Fire Strike Teams

August – Speed Feedback Signs at Copello and Utica Park
August – Foundary Lane Decertified by CalTrans
August – Purdy Rd Sewer Project Began

July – New Police Officer – Justin Hart (Academy)
July – Utility Billing and Payroll Migration to Accufund

June – New Police Officer – Andrew Nuss (Academy)
June – New Water Rates Effective
June – FY25/26 Budget Adopted

May – Utica Park Grand Opening
May – Firewise Application Approved
May – Gardner Way Chip Seal and Speed Tables

April - Announced Utica Park Soft & Grand Opening
April – Mark Twain Water Project Began

March – State of The City Address
March – Began Pressure Reducing Valve (PVR) Project

February – Three-Person Staffing in Fire Department
February – City Administrator Pam Caronongan

Administration

Interim City Administrator Steve Williams

Current Vacancies/Recruitments:

- City Administrator
- Chief of Police
- Administrative Services Officer
- Police Officer
- Relief Firefighter

New Hires/Promotions this month:

- Tucker Billings / Matthew LeRette / Conrad Felix / Mason McClure – Dist Collections Ofcs

Projects:

- City Administrator Recruitment
- Chief of Police Recruitment
- Vallecito Parking Lot
- LLD Board
- Old City Hall Property
- Vacant Building Ordinance
- Downtown Enhancements
- Highway 4 Corridor Water Managers

Finance Department

January was a very busy and productive month for the Finance Department, with major milestones completed in preparation for the City's upcoming audit and continued progress within the AccuFund system.

1. Audit Preparation and Data Migration

The Finance Department completed the import of historical data from the legacy system into AccuFund, a key step in audit preparation. This work ensures that financial records are complete, accurate, and accessible for review.

The City's auditors have postponed their onsite visit, originally scheduled for February, and are now expected to conduct fieldwork in March or April 2026. Additionally, the City did not meet the expenditure threshold for a Single Audit, and therefore is not required to file by March 31. This revised timeline provides staff with additional flexibility to finalize documentation and reconciliations.

2. Payroll and Tax Reporting

In January, the Finance Department successfully prepared and filed the fourth-quarter payroll tax returns for both state and federal agencies using the City's new filing system.

- W-2 and 1099 forms were processed and filed electronically through the system's integrated filer.
- Employees can securely access their W-2 forms through the employee portal, reducing the wait time for the paper forms to arrive.

This transition has improved efficiency, reduced administrative workload, and enhanced access for employees.

Code Enforcement and Building

Building – Completed this month

- **Number of Permits Issued** **17**
 - Re-Roofs 6
 - Solar 4
 - Burn Permit 2
 - Electrical 2
 - HVAC 2
 - Carport 1

- **Number of Inspections** **29**

Code Enforcement – Completed this month

Active cases on first day of the month 6

Violation Type	Closed	Open
Public Nuisance	0	6
Housing	0	3
Building/Construction	1	0

New Cases this month 4

Cases Closed this month 1

Active cases on last day of the month 9

Water / Wastewater / Public Works

Public Works Superintendent Chris Oflinn

Public Works – Completed this month

- Hydro jetted culvert system under Greenhorn Creek Rd.
- Took down Christmas decorations downtown.
- Cleaned up a fallen tree on Bush St.
- Installed plaques and statue in Utica Park.
- Sanded down the kitchen in Utica Park in preparation for painting.
- Put together a cost assessment for repairs for the Gateway Park restroom.
- Light audit is in progress throughout the city. Repairs to city owned lights are being scheduled with Gold Electric. We will continue to work throughout the city as time allows.
- Scheduled pre-emergent weed spraying for next month, weather permitting.

Water – Completed this month

- Diagnosed and repaired chlorine dosing issue.
- Completed annual parts and tool inventory.
- Replaced 2 air relief valves on filter #1.
- Repaired 2 water service leaks.
- Investigated possible water main leak on Angels Oaks Dr.
- Hot taped a water main for the Vallecito project.
- Pulled bacteriological samples for new section of water main for the Vallecito project.

Wastewater – Completed this month

- Cleaned up biosolids drying area.
- Brush/Tree removal/drainage ditch clean up behind motor control center b.
- Rebuilt waste activated sludge pump
- Completed annual parts and tool inventory.
- Cleaned and organized storage room.
- Completed the ATV repairs
- Located reclaimed water leak near UV disinfection system
- State inspected the wastewater plant. Inspection went well.
- End of year reporting for the NPDES permit is complete.
- Install new level sensor at Altaville lift station.
- Worked with Sutton Enterprises on Vallecito project.

Planning Department

Amy Augustine – Contract City Planner

ONGOING PROJECTS

- **Utica Park** – The city is working with Angels Plumbing to install the two drinking fountain/hydration stations. Staff will submit a request to allow testing polyurethane on at least one of the benches as a preservative in the spring/as soon as the benches dry out. Habitat for Humanity confirmed they will assist the city in repairing vandalism at the amphitheater in the park.
- **Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) program** –The City Council approved an amended PLHA Plan. Staff prepared a draft PLHA grant agreement for Habitat for Humanity. Review has been completed by the City and review by the state is pending. A request for release of the first payment has been submitted to PLHA.
- **Foundry Lane** – Staff anticipates finalizing work with landowners to pursue acquisition of the final piece of Foundry Lane in January/February. In 2026, Staff anticipates preparing a Specific Plan for the area. In the interim, staff are in contact with the developer for Frog Jump Plaza Phase II who is currently refining layout details and anticipates decisions to be made approximately by the end of February.
- **Traffic Impact Mitigation Fees Update.** The City Council reiterated approval to hire Willdan. A kickoff meeting is scheduled for 1/28/26.
- **GIS** – An updated hard copy/electronic zoning map has been produced. Staff will be meeting with the City's GIS consultants to discuss setting up a web-available GIS.

PENDING CURRENT PLANNING PROJECTS:

- **Swendemens's Shopping Center** – Staff continues to work with the landowner to supply additional information in support of the submitted Caltrans encroachment permit for the "Swendemens's" Shopping Center.
- **Conditional Use Permit for alcohol sales** – An administrative conditional use permit is pending for the Far East Restaurant to serve beer and wine with meals.
- **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.
- **Sunoco/former Shell/Grizzly Gas Station** – An administrative site plan review for a third canopy is pending. A sign plan is pending.
- **Round Table** – A sign plan is pending.
- **Bootlegger Special Event** – A special event permit was issued 1/22/26 for the event.
- **MACT** –Site Plan Review for Parking Lot Expansion
- **T-Stan IRWMA** – Staff attended the 1/21/26 IRWMA meeting and is assisting with providing City data for the update of the plan.
- **Climate Action Plan (CAP)** – Staff held a kick-off meeting with CSG to begin preparing the environmental document for the plan. A timeline for completion is expected in early February.
- **Rasberry Lane/Wilson/Slate Circle Parking** – The City approved this transaction to accept a portion of Rasberry Lane and Slate Circle parking lot. Staff received deeds on 1/26/26 and is gathering signatures prior to recording the deeds.
- **Habitat for Humanity** – Staff is coordinating with Habitat for Humanity to bring a final subdivision map with a reimbursement agreement to the City Council on February 3, 2026. Once approved, housing construction can begin.
- **Takahashi.** Staff assisted in finalizing documents for this transaction.
- **Planning Commission.** The City Council appointed Gretel Tiscornia to replace Daniel Whitford on the Planning Commission. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for February 12, 2026. Annexations will be considered by the Planning Commission.
- **City Hall.** Staff are coordinating with the California Department of Housing and Community Development to have that agency certify as proper, the process followed in 2021 declaring the former City Hall as surplus property. HCD requested a final form submittal. That form has been submitted and a letter certifying the city's surplus land designation as meeting state requirements is anticipated in February.
- **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.
- **National Register of Historic Places** – 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.

GRANTS:

- **Community Development Block Grant.** Staff completed pre-application meetings in January and held a public hearing 1/27/26 with (primarily) downtown merchants in to gather public input. Eight persons attended in addition to staff. Staff has been coordinating with the San Joaquin Small Business Development Center to become a partner for the economic development grant as recommended by the granting agency guidelines.
- **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. The City may wish to monitor this funding source for funding for the Angels Creek Trail.

Engineering Department

Engineering – Completed this month and Looking Ahead

Transportation General Engineering Services (TO 1)

- 1/6 City Council Mtg. – TIM Fee Contract
- Quality Assurance Plan Edits – Respond to Caltrans Comments
- Check in with UNICO and Dewberry regarding final billing for Murphys Grade Road and Signs Project
- CIP Review
- 1/20 City Council Meeting
- CCOG TAC Meeting

Water General Engineering Services (TO 2)

- Update Backwash budget for FEMA
- Provide direction regarding Residential Fire Sprinklers
- CIP Development

Wastewater General Engineering Services (TO 3)

- Sewer System GIS map update for Regional Water Quality Control Board
- East Sewer Funding review with Dave Richard.
- CIP Development
- CCTV – Procure budget for CIP projects

Foundry Lane Assistance (TO 4)

- Review and transmit Topographic maps to Planning

Building and Planning Engineering Services (TO 5)

- H4H – Lift Station completion correspondence
- H4H – Final Map review
- H4H – Lift Station cost to complete for bonding
- CCOG Traffic Demand Model proposal scoring and meeting

Environmental Support (TO 6)

- No work this period

25/26 Citywide Pavement Repair Project (TO 7)

- Bid document preparation
- 1/20 City Council
- Update documents to include Bush Street
- Advertise project on Public Purchase

Pavement Management (TO 8)

- No work this period.

Groundwater Exploration Services for a Secondary Water Source (TO9)

- Coordination of access with landowners
- Review Right of Entry forms with City

Fire Department

Chief John Rohrbaugh

Responses this month		Notable Calls this month:	
Total	85	Structure Fire Big Horn	
Emergency Medical	59	Suicide by gun	
Canceled Prior to Arrival	11	Vehicle Accident Smith Flat	
Lift Assist	10		
Fire Alarm	3		
Haz Mat	3		
Structure Fire	3		
Other, Investigative	2		
Vehicle Accident	2		
CPR	1		
Vehicle Fire	1		
		Additional Info this month:	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in grant discussions HSGP w OES. • Had second meeting with grant writer about multiple grants. • Awaiting full costs for advanced EMT program. • (3) Vendor estimates for Water Tender. • Met with Dispatch Center multiple times regarding new software for new notification and tracking of apparatus. • Met w ALA/ACPD regarding actions of an ambulance crew. • Multiple hours spent on implementing new State and Federal reporting software and requirements. 	
Looking Ahead:			
Preparing for Mid Yr Budget review.		Prepare for FY26/27 Budget	
Continue Research on Advanced EMT and Water Tender		New report on conditions and update policy	
New Training on Seldom Used Skills		Looking into PC832 classes for limited FD staff	

Police Department

Interim Chief Joel Broumas

Activity this month		Additional Info this month	
Total Incidents	511	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers Donated 19.5 Hours of time for PD activities (vehicle transport, extra patrol, mail, parking citation processing etc.) 	
Total Reports	35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academy recruit Hart will graduate January 29th and will begin the field training program on February 2nd 	
Total Traffic Stops	87	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Andrew Nuss continues to progress through the field training program 	
Total Arrests	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officer Jodi McDearmid retired her K9 this month. Officer McDearmid's last day was January 30th. She has accepted a position with State Parks 	
Types of Calls:		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly CIBRS, DV, and UOF reports submitted to DOJ 	
• Disturbance	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCW records updated for 2026 	
• Assault and Battery	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with CONETH to update evidence room computer programs 	
• Thefts	4		
• Traffic Collisions	4		
• Domestic Violence	3		
• Auto Thefts	2		
• Aggravated Assault	1		
		Looking Ahead	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Event "Bootlegger's Tour" – February 1 	