

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND      DECEMBER 12, 2017  
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Beginning on December 5, 2017, large wildfires arose in the San Fernando Valley (Creek Fire), Santa Clarita Valley (Rye Fire), and the Westside (Skirball Fire), which has impacted a large area of the County. The three fires caused: 1) the evacuation of hundreds of thousands of residents, 2) the evacuation of large and small animals, 3) the destruction of multiple residents and structures 4) the disruption of local transportation, 5) power outages, and 6) widespread unhealthy air quality conditions. The fires created conditions of disaster and of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property. Several County of Los Angeles Departments have engaged in response and recovery activities including, but not limited to, fire and rescue, care and shelter, animal care and shelter, health and welfare, participation in daily coordination calls, coordination with the local residents, security for the evacuated community, and support to the local jurisdictions. Damage assessments of impacted areas including the assessment of lost and damaged structures continue. The county has already established local assistance centers to serve as one-stop centers to assist the victims of these fires, including help with expediting the issuance of necessary planning approvals and building permits. However, county staff, including from the Departments of Public Works, Regional Planning, Public Health, Fire and the Chief Executive Office should work swiftly and effectively to assist the residents whose homes were damaged or completely destroyed in order to prevent further harm and trauma. The Department of Public Works should immediately take steps to protect and repair critical infrastructure for the residents living in and/or near canyons and hillside areas that were impacted by these fires.

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**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors hereby direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Office of Emergency Management to work in conjunction with the Departments of Fire, Sheriff, Animal Care and Control, Public Works, Public Health, Regional Planning, and the Treasurer Tax Collector to:

- 1) Assess the effect of the fires on the county's infrastructure (including roads, bridges, guardrails, etc.), as well as impacts to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (including dams, debris basins, channels, and storm drains);
- 2) Expedite the issuance of building permits for residents who need to repair or rebuild their homes through one-stop permitting centers located in the areas impacted by the recent fires as well as other methods to support and assist the affected residents; and,
- 3) Provide a report back to the Board in three weeks.

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