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**Fire Planning Recovery Action Items**

The Woolsey Fire was the largest and most devastating fire in Los Angeles County’s modern history. Many of those impacted by the fire have begun the process of rebuilding their homes and others will be soon embarking upon that process. Unfortunately, the after-effects of the fire, and subsequent rains, have further complicated the rebuilding process. The County’s Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program (LCP) allows for the establishment of temporary housing and rebuilding through an administrative permit after a natural disaster. Nonetheless, there is confusion and some conflicting limits on reconstruction. For example, while the Emergency Coastal Development Permit process can be used to facilitate the establishment of temporary housing for fire victims, the LCP is silent on appropriate parameters such as the length of time for which temporary housing can be authorized as well as siting criteria. Additionally, while the administrative rebuild process allows reconstruction to go forward, reconstruction is limited to substantially the same height, bulk, and footprint, and allows no improvement to on-site wastewater treatment

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systems. These limitations do not acknowledge changes that may have occurred to the natural terrain resulting from the after-effects of the Woolsey Fire and subsequent rains, as well as the potential need to bring on-site infrastructure into compliance with current building and fire standards. The county needs to amend the LCP in order to address these concerns.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel, in consultation with the Department of Regional Planning, in order to facilitate the disaster recovery process, to prepare an amendment to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Program which includes the following:

1. Authorizes an administrative approval for reconstruction outside of the footprint of the destroyed structure where: the natural grade was altered as a result of mudslides and other forms of debris flows, it can be demonstrated that the proposed structure at the proposed location does not affect coastal resources, and the proposed structure will not exceed either the floor area, height, or bulk of the destroyed structure by more than 10 percent;
2. Authorizes an administrative approval for the improvement or expansion of necessary on-site infrastructure, such as fire access roads and on-site wastewater treatment systems, to meet current code requirements where the improvement is associated with a proposal to rebuild a structure destroyed by a disaster, the expansion or improvement is limited to that necessary for like-for-like reconstruction, and it can be demonstrated the expansion or improvement does not affect coastal resources; this may include

reconstruction outside the existing footprint where all other conditions outlined above are met.

3. Allows Emergency Coastal Development Permits to authorize temporary housing following a disaster declared by the Governor of the State of California or the County of Los Angeles, subject to parameters such as, but not limited to, appropriate length of time, siting of temporary housing, and where it can be demonstrated that the temporary housing will not affect coastal resources; and
4. Creates consistent tree protection procedures for all species of native trees, including but not limited to oak, walnut, sycamore, and bay laurel, without modifying existing protections or applicable development standards.