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SUBJECT: **LOS ANGELES COUNTY RECOVERY EFFORTS AND BUILDING URGENCY INTO IMPLEMENTATION OF LONG-TERM DISASTER SUPPORT – QUARTERLY REPORT (ITEM 13-C, AGENDA OF JANUARY 28, 2025)**

On January 28, 2025, your Board authorized the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors (DBH) to waive all fees, execute and amend all permits, licenses, and leases, in consultation with County Counsel, as applicable, and suspend applicable restrictions, for use of property and facilities under the control of DBH necessary to support emergency response and recovery activities required because of the LA County fires. Your Board further directed that DBH provide a written report within 30 days, and quarterly thereafter, detailing the actions taken and verifying the need for continued emergency measures.

Actions Taken:

Provision of Staging Areas:

The staging at County managed parking lots at Will Rogers State Beach has concluded. All parking lots have been cleared for public use with the exception of Will Rogers Parking Lot 5, which lacks power. Southern California Edison is in the process of installing new cables to restore power to the lot.

Providing Shelter to Individuals Displaced by Fire:

Since February 2025, DBH has provided shelter at the Dockweiler RV Park, ranging from intermittent to continuous stays, to five patrons who have been displaced by the fires.



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Four of the five guests have stayed longer than the 21 days DBH allows for stays within a 60-day period, pursuant to authority previously granted by the Board of Supervisors. Only one fire refuge remained at the RV Park through January 3, 2026, when the facility closed for a monthlong renovation. Since it's reopening on February 1, 2026, no fire refugees have returned to the RV Park.

Multi-agency Collaborations for Beach Restoration:

DBH continues to work with the County CEO's Office of Emergency Management, the California Office of Emergency Services, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to pursue full funding and rebuild facilities lost in the fire.

Public Information:

DBH's dedicated webpage at www.beaches.lacounty.gov/wildfires remains online to ensure members of the public can continue to access the information.

Accommodations to Summer Use License Operators:

Currently six operators hold a multi-year Summer Use License (SUL) to conduct recreational camps at Will Rogers State Beach. Per SUL terms, operators must either pay their location bid amount or 20% of actual gross receipts, whichever is greater. As their summer operations continue to be impacted by the Palisades Fire, DBH offered each licensee several options for the 2026 season. SUL holders can either operate at Will Rogers and pay the County 20% of their actual gross receipts or choose not to operate this summer; thus, they will not owe the County any fees. SUL operators who hold a license at another LA County-owned and operated beach may increase participant enrollment beyond the current allowances and pay the County 20% of their gross receipts.

Ongoing Need:

The actions DBH has taken were successful in accommodating the operational needs of the stakeholders involved in the cleanup and fire damage restoration. The emergency measures taken by your Board should be maintained while rebuilding activities continue.

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c: Beach Board Deputies
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