



Caring for Our Coast

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FROM: Gary Jones, Director 

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 the Office of the County Counsel (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 Los Angeles 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 with the exception of temporary cellphone towers that are located at Will Rogers and Las Tunas beaches. 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 patrons who have been displaced by the fires. Several 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. During this reporting period, only one fire evacuee stayed at the RV Park.

Multi-agency Collaborations for Beach Restoration:

DBH continues to work with the County CEO's Office of Emergency Management, County Counsel, 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.

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
- Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors
- Chief Executive Officer
- Office of Emergency Management