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**BI-WEEKL REPORT: JANUARY 2025 WINDSTORM AND CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS
EMERGENCY CONTRACTS REPORT / RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE
EMERGENCY ACTIONS APPROVED ON JANUARY 28, 2025, AGENDA ITEM 13-C**

On January 28, 2025, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) approved emergency authority to the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD) to take emergency actions for the response and recovery from the Los Angeles County Fires.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 22050, this report describes the emergency actions taken by ISD in accordance with authority delegated to the Director by the Board, to respond to and recover from the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events (including the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Hurst Fire, Kenneth Fire, and multiple other fires (collectively, LA County Fires)), including actions enumerated in the aforementioned authorities (the Actions).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Review the emergency Actions ordered and taken by the Director of ISD under authority delegated to the Director by the Board, acting as both the County Board of Supervisors and the Governing Body of the various districts, (under the Board's resolution dated January 28, 2025), to respond to and recover from the LA County Fires, without giving notice for bids to let contracts; determine that there is a need to continue the emergency Actions.
2. Find that there is substantial evidence that the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events continue to constitute an emergency pursuant to Public

Contract Code section 22050, which requires that immediate action be taken to cleanup and reconstruct public property, buildings, facilities, and infrastructure because the emergency does not permit the delay resulting from a formal competitive solicitation of bids and/or proposals to procure construction, materials, equipment and services for projects and initiatives necessary to respond to and recover from the LA County Fires.

3. Find that authority should therefore continue to be delegated to the Director of ISD to amend or extend and supplement existing as-needed or on-call contracts without giving notice for bids to let contracts related to facilities and related support services, and to award new contracts for response to and recovery from the LA County Fires, and such contracts should be issued because they are necessary to respond to the emergency.

Background

The LA County Fires burned over 47,000 acres, destroyed or damaged over 16,000 structures, and severely damaged or destroyed several public infrastructure assets in the cities of Arcadia, Los Angeles, Malibu, Monrovia, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, and unincorporated communities of Altadena, Big Rock, Las Flores, Monte Nido, Sunset Mesa, and Tuna Canyon in January 2025.

As part of the recovery efforts, the Board of Supervisors adopted a resolution, pursuant to Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code, authorizing the Director of Internal Services to Provide any services required by County Departments to support the repair or restoration of County facilities and infrastructure and any other activities related to the response to and recovery from the LA County Fires; Carry out emergency actions by using Internal Services Department (ISD) employees, and by awarding and executing one or more contracts, without giving notice for bids to let contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, or by procuring the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, including awarding new or extending existing as-needed or on-call contracts, without giving notice for bids to let contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, or after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders.

Contracting Status

ISD, in partnership with the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and impacted departments, have preliminarily identified County structures that have been impacted by the fires. Based on direct outreach to departments, ISD has provided sixteen emergency deep

cleaning projects and eleven emergency landscaping projects to remove burned trees, shrubs and debris. Additionally, ISD provided 761 interior and exterior clean-ups within their routine daily support services for department locations that had ash, dust and debris at their locations. ISD has replaced more than 1,100 HVAC filters and provided 51 temporary air scrubbers for structures impacted within the smoke zones and cleared fire related debris from the roof systems of 28 County structures.

On February 4, 2025, CEO provided ISD with updated results of a departmental survey to report damages to County structures. From the survey, CEO developed a list of 81 County structures that have a range of impacts from minor damages to total loss. In summary they include:

Total Loss: (31)

1. Aging & Disabilities: (1) Altadena Senior Center
2. Beaches & Harbors: (1) Will Rogers State Beach Maintenance Facility
3. Fire Department: (9) Fire Camp 8, multiple structures including carport, equipment storage, and lookout tower
4. Parks & Recreation: (19) Multiple structures at five locations including nature center, golf clubhouse, regional office, picnic shelters, playgrounds, utility structure, equipment structures, and other related structures
5. Public Works: (1) Altadena Yard Shop/Warehouse

Moderate Damage: (15)

1. Beaches & Harbors: (5) Multiple structures at three locations, including restrooms, concession stands, and parking lots
2. Fire Department: (6) Fire Camp 8 Dorm structure, carport, rooftop HVAC, waste treatment
3. Parks & Recreation: (4) Golf course netting, landscape trellis, amphitheater seating

Minimal Damage: (8)

1. Animal Care & Control: (2) Power loss and tree down
2. Fire Department: (1) Fire Camp 8 fascia boards on structures damaged from wind
3. Parks & Recreation: (3) Pool shell, comfort station and playground
4. Sheriff: (2) Smoke & Ash impacts

To Be Determined: (27)

1. Aging & Disabilities: (2) Altadena Fitness Center and Community Center
2. Beaches & Harbors: (1) Topanga Beach Parking Lot
3. Fire Department: (9) Fire Camp 8 structures
4. Internal Services: (1) Saddle Peak Communication tower utility restoration
5. Parks & Recreation: (4) Restrooms, sheds, storage locations

6. Public Works: (9) Maintenance yards, offices, crew quarters, garages
7. Sheriff: (1) Garage

ISD established outreach to each of the departments identified with damages reported above to engage in next steps to initiate assessments, plans for restoration, cost estimates and project timelines. ISD is planning to engage in a contracted assessment process to begin during the next reporting period for all impacted structures. This will allow ISD to work with departments to develop scope for their repair and recovery plans, with timelines for execution. In alignment with the Board, Department of Public Works (DPW), and department customers, ISD will coordinate which structures can immediately be addressed through ISD or DPW and which structures can be part of larger community planning efforts.

Justification to Continue Emergency Actions

As of February 5, 2025, no emergency contracts have been executed. As cited herein, many departments have only recently gained access to and/or surveyed impacts to County structures, property, and infrastructure. Therefore, ISD requests continued authorization from the Board of Supervisors to respond to the emergency recovery efforts.

Next Report

The next report will be provided by February 25, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 267-2101 or via email: MOwh@isd.lacounty.gov, or your staff may contact Michael Eugene, General Manager of Operations (323) 267-2107 or via email: MEugene@isd.lacounty.gov.

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Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

2025 Fire Recovery
Attachment

Emergency Authority	Board Approved Amount	Awarded Emergency Contracts Amount	Amended / Supplemented Existing Contracts Amount	Awarded Competitive Contracts Amount	Remaining Amount
Supplement the value of each construction project management contract	\$8,000,000	None to date	None to date	None to date	\$8,000,000
Supplement the value of each engineering contract	\$4,500,000	None to date	None to date	None to date	\$4,500,000
Supplement existing approved JOC authority	\$22,800,000	None to date	None to date	None to date	\$22,800,000
Carryout emergency actions by awarding and executing one or more contracts for equipment, services and supplies		None to date	None to date	None to date	None to date