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**BI-WEEKLY 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 to 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

In the previous report to the Board dated February 11, 2025, ISD reported survey results from the Chief Executive Office (CEO) identifying eighty-one (81) structures that were impacted by the fires, from minor damages to total losses. ISD has developed a centralized condition assessment of the 81 structures to meet the Board expectations to accelerate the process for recovery. CEO approved the centralized approach and the

costs to deliver it as a centrally coordinated strategy. ISD will launch the assessment process the week of February 17, 2025, and include the following actions:

1. Survey and develop formal condition documentation,
2. Identify all hazardous material (HAZMAT) conditions,
3. Establish estimated build-back scope of work for repairs and replacements,
4. Create estimated costs and timelines for build-back work to be performed,
5. Provide the CEO with a database inventory of results for all 81 structures to meet the County's Damage Assessment (DAR) process.

ISD estimates a 15-day assessment process to perform onsite inspection surveys and gather the information needed to complete the actions above. ISD will deploy two teams, including one for each of the major fire zones and the structures identified within them. Upon completion of the assessment process, ISD estimates an additional 20-day period to develop reporting for each of the 81 structures, for a total estimated sprint of 35 days. Once the County has the results of the condition assessments, ISD will then align with the BOS, CEO and departmental priorities for repair and recovery for the identified structures. As the projects commence, ISD will serve in a technical role for departments in tracking and providing FEMA claim reimbursement documentation.

Justification to Continue Emergency Actions

As of February 14, 2025, ISD has executed \$1.3M in emergency supplemental contracting authority granted by the Board. As cited herein, ISD is initiating an accelerated assessment process that will serve as foundational information needed to plan repairs and re-building. 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 March 11, 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
 February 25, 2025 Report
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| <i>Emergency Authority</i> | <i>Board Approved Amount</i> | <i>Awarded Emergency Contracts Amount</i> | <i>Amended / Supplemented Existing Contracts Amount</i> | <i>Awarded Competitive Contracts Amount</i> | <i>Remaining Amount</i> |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Supplement the value of each construction project management contract | \$8,000,000 | None to date | \$1,283,000 | None to date | \$6,717,000 |
| 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 |