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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  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 3 AND 5)  
(4 VOTES)**

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 25, 2025, ISD reported the emergency contracting to perform fire damage assessments on behalf of the Chief Executive Office

(CEO) for eighty-one (81) structures that were impacted by the fires, from minor damages to total losses.

As a status update, ISD has initiated the following actions from the emergency contracting to establish the assessment process and teams to deploy to perform the work:

- Resource selections were made and notifications sent to the Construction Project Management (CPM) firms on February 25, 2025 for immediate mobilization of staff. To expedite the overall process, background checks will be conducted concurrent with onboarding activities. Original staffing assignments were adjusted within the original budget to include a FEMA documentation specialist.
- Levine Act filing for CPM firms with emergency contracts have been received and filed for the following firms: STV/Simpson, Vanir, and Jacobs. Initial filing was completed February 21, 2025. Revised filing was completed February 25, 2025. Each bi-weekly report that discloses new emergency contracting will be accompanied by Levine Act reporting.

Assessment Status

- Two (2) Facility Condition Assessment Teams will conduct site investigations for the development of a recommended scope work, budget and project milestone schedule. Team 1 will assess the sites impacted by the Pacific Palisades and Hughes fires, and Team 2 will assess those impacted by the Eaton fire. The updated schedule as of February 26, 2025 is presented below:

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish
<b>Mobilization</b>	<b>10 days</b>	<b>Mon 2/17/25</b>	<b>Fri 2/28/25</b>
Compile Existing Facilities Data (SAMS)	7 days	Mon 2/17/25	Tue 2/25/25
Resume review & interviews	7 days	Tue 2/18/25	Wed 2/26/25
Travel / Coordination Meeting	2 days	Tue 2/25/25	Wed 2/26/25
Safety Training	2 days	Thu 2/27/25	Fri 2/28/25
<b>Field Assessments</b>	<b>14 days</b>	<b>Mon 3/3/25</b>	<b>Thu 3/20/25</b>
TEAM 1 - WEST SITES	12 days	Mon 3/3/25	Tue 3/18/25
TEAM 2- EAST SITES	14 days	Mon 3/3/25	Thu 3/20/25
<b>Report Development</b>	<b>18 days</b>	<b>Wed 3/19/25</b>	<b>Fri 4/11/25</b>
TEAM 1 - WEST SITES	12 days	Wed 3/19/25	Thu 4/3/25
TEAM 2- EAST SITES	15 days	Mon 3/24/25	Fri 4/11/25
<b>Scope Development</b>	<b>15 days</b>	<b>Fri 4/4/25</b>	<b>Thu 4/24/25</b>
TEAM 1 - WEST SITES	15 days	Fri 4/4/25	Thu 4/24/25
TEAM 2- EAST SITES	14 days	Mon 4/7/25	Thu 4/24/25
<b>County Review/Revisions/Finalize</b>	<b>9 days</b>	<b>Fri 4/25/25</b>	<b>Wed 5/7/25</b>

- The initial site visit at Fire Camp 8 was performed on February 20, 2025. Preliminary assessment from the walk confirmed multiple structures condition as a total loss. Multiple rooftops, HVAC systems, electrical systems, and waste treatment system sustained damage. A full follow-on assessment with mechanical, electrical, plumbing (MEP) specialist and structural specialist will be scheduled within the overall program schedule referenced above.
- Team deployment for the week ending February 28, 2025, includes site visits to Animal Care & Control Baldwin Park Care Center and Aging & Disabilities Altadena Senior Center.
- Please note that Parks & Recreation has nineteen (19) of the eighty-one (81) structures with reported damages and has reported they are contracting directly with a firm to perform assessments of their structures. ISD is in communication with Parks & Recreation to ensure assessment methods and information are integrated to ensure a comprehensive and unified report back to the Board of Supervisors and CEO. ISD will meet again with Parks & Recreation on March 10, 2025, to review assessment data completed by their consultant to determine level of any additional assessment activity required.

#### Justification to Continue Emergency Actions

As of February 25, 2025, ISD has not executed any additional contracts under the Board's emergency authority since the last report. As cited herein, ISD has initiated 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 25, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 267-2101, or via email: [MOwh@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto: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](mailto:MEugene@isd.lacounty.gov).

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#### Attachment

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Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

2025 Fire Recovery  
 March 11, 2025 Report  
 Attachment

<b><i>Emergency Authority</i></b>	<b><i>Board Approved Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Awarded Emergency Contracts Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Amended / Supplemented Existing Contracts Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Awarded Competitive Contracts Amount</i></b>	<b><i>Remaining Amount</i></b>
<b>Supplement the value of each construction project management contract</b>	\$8,000,000	None to date	\$1,283,000	None to date	\$6,717,000
<b>Supplement the value of each engineering contract</b>	\$4,500,000	None to date	None to date	None to date	\$4,500,000
<b>Supplement existing approved JOC authority</b>	\$22,800,000	None to date	None to date	None to date	\$22,800,000
<b>Carryout emergency actions by awarding and executing one or more contracts for equipment, services and supplies</b>		None to date	None to date	None to date	None to date