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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 for the Director of the Internal Services Department (ISD) to take emergency actions to respond to and recover 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 ISD 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 ISD employees and by awarding and executing one or more contracts without giving notice for bids to let contracts when there are exigent or emergency circumstances. This may include procuring the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, such as awarding new or extending existing as-needed or on-call contracts without giving notice for bids. Alternatively, this can be done 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 use of emergency contracting to perform fire damage assessments on behalf of the Chief

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

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

- Selection notifications were sent to the Construction Project Management (CPM) firms on February 25, 2025. A FEMA documentation specialist was added to ensure alignment with the county's wildfire reimbursement efforts. Teams were mobilized and onsite by February 28, 2025.
- On March 5, 2025, Bainbridge Environmental received a purchase order for \$12,960 to provide guidance on hazardous material safety during field assessments. This is reflected in the summary contract table at the end of this document.
- Information regarding the Levine Act for CPM firms with emergency contracts has been received, and filing was completed on February 25, 2025, for the following firms: STV/Simpson, Vanir, Jacobs, and Turner Townsend Heery. The filing for Bainbridge Environmental was completed on March 12, 2025. Each bi-weekly report disclosing new emergency contracting will be accompanied by Levine Act reporting.

Assessment Status

- Two (2) Facility Condition Assessment Teams are conducting site investigations to develop a recommended scope of work, budget, and project milestone schedule. Site investigations began on March 3, 2025. Team 1 is assessing the sites affected by the Pacific Palisades and Hughes fires, while Team 2 is evaluating those impacted by the Eaton fire. The updated schedule as of March 12, 2025, is presented below, and there are no changes from the last report.

Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Status
Mobilization	10 days	Mon 2/17/25	Fri 2/28/25	
Compile Existing Facilities Data (SAMS)	7 days	Mon 2/17/25	Tue 2/25/25	Complete
Resume review & interviews	7 days	Tue 2/18/25	Wed 2/26/25	Complete
Travel / Coordination Meeting	2 days	Tue 2/25/25	Wed 2/26/25	Complete
Safety Training	2 days	Thu 2/27/25	Fri 2/28/25	Complete
Field Assessments	14 days	Mon 3/3/25	Thu 3/20/25	
Team 1 – West Sites	12 days	Mon 3/3/25	Tue 3/18/25	In Progress
Team 2 - East Sites	14 days	Mon 3/3/25	Thu 3/20/25	In Progress
Report Development	18 days	Wed 3/19/25	Fri 4/11/25	
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	
Scope Development	15 days	Fri 4/4/25	Thu 4/24/25	
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	
County Review/Revisions/Finalize	9 days	Fri 4/25/25	Wed 5/7/25	

- Field assessments involving mechanical, electrical, plumbing (MEP), environmental, and structural specialists have been carried out for the following structures: Fire Camp 8, Altadena Senior Center and Fitness Center, Altadena Community Center, Altadena Sheriff Station, Malibu/Lost Hills Sheriff Station, Will Rogers State Beach, Topanga Beach, Zuma Beach, and Castaic Animal Care Center.
- Team deployment for the week ending March 21, 2025, includes field assessments at the Animal Care & Control Baldwin Park Care Center, Public Works Altadena Yard, and Eaton Yard. The team will then concentrate on assessment reporting and the development of recovery scoping and cost documentation.
- Parks and Recreation has nineteen (19) of the eighty-one (81) structures with reported damages and has engaged a firm to assess their structures, overall amenities, and sites in order to develop a scope and budget. ISD met with Parks on March 11, 2025, and agreed to collaborate with Parks to incorporate the data into an overall scoping recommendations report. This may include verification site visits following the review of the Parks’ consultant assessments.

Justification to Continue Emergency Actions

As of March 12, 2025, ISD has not executed any additional contracts under the Board’s emergency authority since the last report. As mentioned herein, ISD has initiated an accelerated assessment process that will provide foundational information needed to plan

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for repairs and rebuilding. Therefore, ISD requests continued authorization from the Board of Supervisors to respond to the emergency recovery efforts.

Next Report

The report will be provided by April 8, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 267-2101 or via email: MOwh@isd.lacounty.gov. Alternatively, your staff may reach out to Michael Eugene, General Manager of Operations, at (323) 267-2107 or via email: MEugene@isd.lacounty.gov.

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Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

2025 Fire Recovery
 March 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	\$12,960	\$1,283,000	None to date	\$6,704,040
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