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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 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 April 29, 2025, ISD reported the 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. There have been no new contracts since the previous report.

As a summary, ISD has initiated the following actions to establish the assessment process and teams to deploy 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.
- 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 have conducted site investigations to develop a recommended scope of work, budget, and project milestone schedule. Site investigations started on March 3, 2025, and were completed on March 18, 2025, for all accessible structures. Team 1 is reporting the sites impacted by the Pacific Palisades and Hughes fires, and Team 2 is reporting those impacted by the Eaton fire. The updated schedule as of April 23, 2025, is presented below. The date for completing reports is May 5, 2025.

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	12 days	Mon 3/3/25	Tue 3/18/25	
Team 1 – West Sites	12 days	Mon 3/3/25	Tue 3/18/25	Complete
Team 2 - East Sites	12 days	Mon 3/3/25	Tue 3/18/25	Complete
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	Complete
Team 2 - East Sites	15 days	Wed 3/19/25	Fri 4/11/25	Complete
Scope Development	15 days	Fri 4/4/25	Thu 4/24/25	
Team 1 - West Sites	16 days	Fri 4/4/25	Fri 4/25/25	In Progress
Team 2 - East Sites	15 days	Mon 4/7/25	Fri 4/25/25	In Progress
County Review/Revisions/Finalize	7 days	Fri 4/25/25	Wed 5/5/25	

- Current team activity includes finalizing the Fire Damage Assessment and Scoping Reports, consisting of recovery scoping recommendations and cost estimates. The Fire Damage Assessment and Scoping Reports are scheduled to be completed by May 5, 2025.

Justification to Continue Emergency Actions

As of April 23, 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 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 May 27, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 267-2101 or via email: MOwh@isd.lacounty.gov. Alternatively, your staff may contact Michael Eugene, General Manager of Operations, at (323) 267-2107 or via email: MEugene@isd.lacounty.gov.

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Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

<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