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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 (County) 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 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 July 8, 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. There have been no new contracts since the previous report.

### Assessment Status

- Since May 6, 2025, ISD, in collaboration with the CEO's Office of Emergency Management (CEOOEM) and Asset Management, has been meeting with impacted departments to review and validate the completed preliminary assessment reports and determine the next steps. Briefings with the impacted departments are ongoing and expected to continue through the end of July.
- Based on feedback received during several departmental sessions, ISD is now planning engagements related to certain requirements for returning some structures to operation and/or establishing temporary facilities for use. However, the larger strategic efforts on recovery will be engaged through the Board upon final reporting of assessment results.
- In parallel, CEOOEM continues to coordinate all FEMA documentation and claim requirements. CEOOEM is engaged at the State level regarding the opportunity to receive front funding for repairs, which would help minimize the County's upfront financial obligations.
- Upon final inputs and validation by the affected departments and CEO, ISD will provide a final report of the assessment results to the Board.

### Justification to Continue Emergency Actions

As of July 10, 2025, ISD has not executed any additional contracts under the Board's emergency authority since the last report. As mentioned herein, ISD has completed the accelerated assessment process, which will provide the foundational information needed to plan for repairs and rebuilding. It will then implement approved recovery projects as the next phase. Therefore, ISD requests continued authorization from the Board to respond to the emergency recovery efforts.

Next Report

The report will be provided by August 5, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 267-2101 or via email at [MOwh@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:MOwh@isd.lacounty.gov). Alternatively, your staff may contact Michael Eugene, General Manager of Operations, at (323) 267-2107 or via email at [MEugene@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:MEugene@isd.lacounty.gov).

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Executive Office, Board of Supervisors

2025 Fire Recovery  
July 22, 2025 Report  
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<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	Original: \$12,960  Amended: \$33,976	\$1,283,000	None to date	\$6,683,024
<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>Carry out 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