



July 21, 2026

The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Los Angeles County
Development Authority
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

**ESTABLISH AND APPROVE ALTADENA SOIL REMEDIATION PROGRAM, APPROVE
PROGRAM BUDGET, AND AUTHORIZE USE OF JOB ORDER CONTRACTING
(DISTRICT 5) (3 VOTE)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommendations will find the Altadena Soil Remediation Program (Program) exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act and authorize the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA), or designee, to execute necessary agreements to administer and implement the Program and deliver remediation projects as part of the Program using a Board-approved Job Order Contracting (JOC) contract.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find the Program is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons stated in this Board letter and in the records pertaining to the Program.
2. Establish and approve the Altadena Soil Remediation Program with a total funding of \$1,000,000 allocated from the Climate Equity Account (CEA) established through the Chief Executive Office (CEO) for the Program, including any administrative costs necessary to implement and administer the Program.
3. Authorize the LACDA, acting on behalf of the County, to deliver remediation projects as part of the Program utilizing a Board-approved JOC contract, to issue a JOC Work Order Authorization in excess of \$330,000, and to take all actions necessary to implement the work.
4. Authorize the Executive Director or designee to approve and accept the remediation projects

resulting from the Program at completion on behalf of the County.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find the Program exempt from CEQA, establish and approve the Program, approve the Program budget, and authorize the LACDA to deliver remediation projects as part of the Program using a Board-approved JOC contract.

The program budget of \$1,000,000 will fund administrative costs to enroll applicants and fund program expenses for remediation of lead-contaminated soil on properties affected by the Eaton fires. Applicants with existing homes where pregnant women and/or children under the age of six (6) reside will be prioritized to protect the health of those most vulnerable to the dangers of lead exposure.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

On November 6, 2024, the Board approved a Resolution of Intention to grant SoCalGas (SCG) a countywide gas pipeline franchise for an initial term of ten years, with an option to renew for up to an additional ten years, resulting in a total possible term of 20 years. As part of the franchise agreement, a \$5,000,000 exception fee was allocated into the County's Climate Equity Account (CEA), intended to support climate mitigation, adaptation, and decarbonization efforts.

A total of \$1,000,000 from the Fifth Supervisorial District allocation of CEA funding will be incorporated into the LACDA's approved Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget for the Altadena Soil Remediation Program, to provide remediation of lead in the soil of properties affected by the Eaton fires.

The Chief Sustainability Office is concurrently seeking Board approval, through a separate Board letter, to execute a Funding Agreement with LACDA in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for the implementation of the Altadena Soil Remediation Program.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Board's Local and Targeted Worker Hire Policy, updated on May 17, 2023, the Program will include a best-efforts Local Worker hiring goal of at least thirty percent (30%).

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The proposed Altadena Soil Remediation Program is exempt from CEQA. The approval of funding for the LACDA to implement this Program is exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 21080(b)(3) of the California Public Resources Code and section 15269(a) of the State CEQA Guidelines for testing and remediation of soil to address the emergency resulting from the Eaton fires.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Remediation projects resulting from the Program will be delivered using a LACDA Board-approved

JOC contract. The LACDA has made the determination that the use of a JOC contract is the most appropriate contracting method to perform the tasks involved. Specifically, to the extent the Program entails hazard remediation, repairs, remodeling, refurbishment, or alterations, the standard Board-directed clauses, including those that provide for contract termination and hiring qualified displaced county employees, are included in the JOC contract.

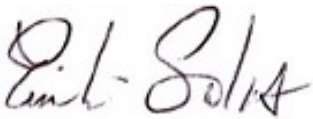
The JOC contract contains the Board's required provisions including those pertaining to consideration of qualified County employees targeted for layoffs, as well as qualified GAIN/GROW participants for employment openings, compliance with the Jury Service Ordinance, Safely Surrendered Baby Law, and the Child Support program.

The JOC contractor who will perform the work is required to fully comply with applicable legal requirements, which among other things, include Chapters 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program) and 2.203 (Contractor Employee Jury Service Program) of the Los Angeles County Code, and Section 1774 of the California Labor Code pertaining to payment of prevailing wages.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These actions will not have a significant impact on current services.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Emilio Salas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Emilio" and last name "Salas" clearly distinguishable.

Emilio Salas

Executive Director

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c: LA County Chief Executive Office