



Board Report and Presentation

Supporting a Resilient Recovery: Recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission on Climate Action and Fire Safe Recovery



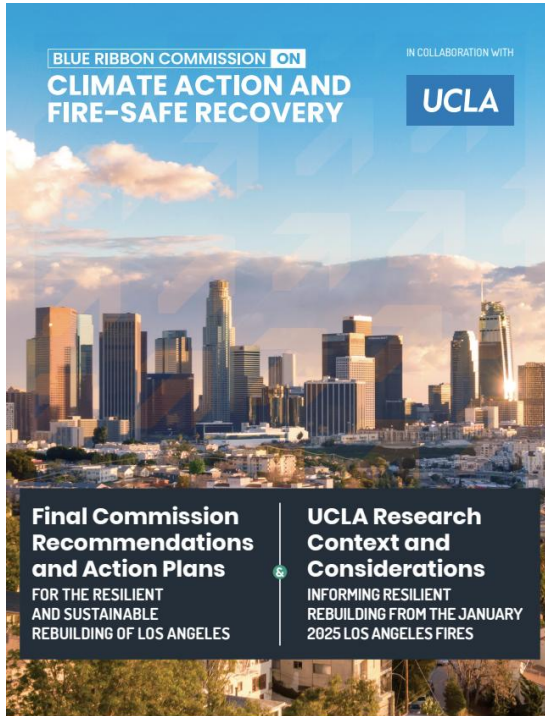
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Board Report Overview

- **Board Motion:** Supporting a Resilient Recovery: Recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Commission [BRC] on Climate Action and Fire Safe Recovery
- **Directives:**
 - A) Report progress of County departments on the BRC's Recommendations
 - B) Recommend further action by departments on the BRC's Recommendations
 - C) Recommend County engagement on BRC Recommendations that must be led by others
- **Background:**
 - February 2025, BRC convened by Supervisor Horvath
 - June 2025, BRC issues Final Commission Recommendations and Action Plans
 - 10 Action Plan areas
 - 59 Recommendations/Actions
 - July 2025, County issues Blueprint for Rebuilding
 - 6 Priority Areas
 - 20 Actions
 - Much County reporting on efforts to date and January 2026 BRC Status Update report
 - May 2026, County adopts ordinance establishing the Disaster Recovery Rebuild Authority (RA)

Blue Ribbon Commission Recommendations



- **Action Plan areas:** Immediate Recovery Needs (IR); Building Codes and Resilience Standards (B); Vegetation, Urban Landscapes and Wildlands (V); Insurance Reforms and Resilient Communities (I); Land Use and Workforce (L); Energy System Resilience and Modernization (E); Water System Resilience and Safety (W); Community Resilience, Equity, and Health (C); Finance (F); Governance (G)
- **Major Recommendations:**
 - 11 identified as Urgent (including establishing a regional Resilient Rebuilding Authority)
 - The two principal "Governance" recommendations
 - Establish a region-wide Resilient Rebuilding Authority
 - Establish a new Regional Fire Control District
- **Recommendation Actors:** recommendations at multiple levels, including federal, State, and local governments, as well as utilities, and the private and philanthropic sectors

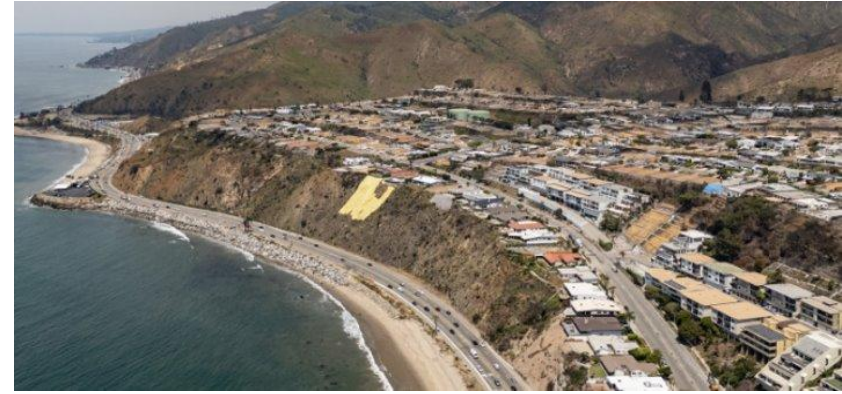
Current County Progress on BRC Recommendations

- **County reporting progress** in many ways
- **Attachment I** of the Board Report – extensive updates, which may still not fully capture all important work and specifics events, programs, etc.
- **Examples/Highlights**
 - LA County Parks Landscape Recovery Center at Eaton Canyon and additional funding and partnerships for more restoration implementation (*V-8*)
 - DEO Fire Recovery and Resilience Workforce Program for hiring and training support for impacted/displaced workers (*L-4*)
 - DMH delivery and partnerships for critical mental health services for impacted families and government employees (*C-4*)



Potential Next Steps on County-led BRC Recommendations

- **County Rebuild Authority (RA)** work shall incorporate:
 - Fire-resistant materials and defensible space design
 - Renewable energy systems
 - Water conservation and drought-resilient landscaping
 - Infrastructure improvements to enhance evacuation routes and emergency access
- **Two Disaster Recovery Finance Districts**
- **New Efforts:**
 - 8 Recommendations, 5 for the RA
 - Ex: Expand Resilience of the Wastewater System in Places Currently on Septic Systems (*W-5*)
- **Continued Efforts:**
 - 5 Recommendations
 - Ex: Soil Testing & Remediation Guidance (*IR-2*)



Potential Next Steps on BRC Recommendations for Other Actors



- **New Efforts:**
 - 4 Recommendations
 - Ex: Limit Exemptions to Owners of Record [pre-fire] (*IR-5*)
- **Continued Efforts:**
 - 3 Recommendations (1 specific recommendation and 2 Action Area recommendations)
 - Coordinate Housing Recovery (*IR-4*), Insurance Reforms for Resilient Communities (*I*), Finance (*F*)
- **Information from Southern California Edison**
 - Actions that the utility is leading on and where there is alignment for partnership with County departments— e.g., PW, DRP, ISD, etc.—and support for customers.

Thank You

