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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 final 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, as well as other activities related to responding to and recovering from the LA County Fires; to carry out emergency actions by utilizing ISD employees and by awarding and executing one or more contracts without notice for bids when there are exigent or emergency circumstances. This may include procuring necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, such as awarding new or extending existing as-needed or on-call contracts without notice for bids. Alternatively, this can be done after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders.

Contracting Status

No new contracts have been issued since the previous report, dated October 27, 2026.

Assessment Status

- ISD has finalized the fire damage assessment report and completed reviews with the CEO Office of Emergency Management and impacted departments. ISD has documented work performed by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and temporary repairs made to date by ISD and self-performing departments.

- The Rough Order Magnitude (ROM) estimated costs for repairs and replacement are $372,162,000. This figure is based on "like-for-like" improvements and new construction and will likely change as the final project design and engineering are developed, considering options to build instead of repair, improving the design of buildings and structures requiring replacement, and potential location changes.

- ISD and the Department of Public Works are in discussions with the CEO Asset Management, Office of Emergency Management and impacted departments regarding plans and funding for moving forward with the cited repairs and replacements cited in the assessment report.

- ISD received two Service Requests (SR) from the Department of Beaches & Harbors (DBH) for programming/estimating of two temporary facility projects at Will Rogers State Beach. The first is to provide a temporary modular vehicle structure to house their operational vehicles. The second is to provide a temporary portable fuel tank for the vehicles to dispense both unleaded and diesel fuel. Both temporary facility projects are to be used until permanent replacement structures are completed. ISD continues to meet with the department on the options for these temporary solutions. No additional contracts, emergency authorized or otherwise, have yet been issued for this effort at this time.

- ISD was engaged by the Department of Consumer & Business Affairs (DCBA) to perform maintenance related repairs to the Altadena Community Center to increase operational capabilities of the location while they pursue longer term Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recovery funding to perform the larger capital repairs. ISD completed HAZMAT testing, patch and painting, leak tested the roof, sealed impacted windows, replaced carpet tiles, and duct cleaning on December 8, 2025.

- The Aging & Disabilities Department requested ISD to provide a cost estimate to perform a sub-set of the identified repairs from the damage assessment while other recovery funding is pending. ISD provided a cost estimate to the department to perform maintenance on the HVAC system, HAZMAT clean-up and other interior and exterior site work such as paint, sidewalk and irrigation repairs. The Aging & Disabilities Department funded portions of the original request for ISD to perform window board-ups and temporary fencing, which has now been completed.

- The County Fire Department requested ISD to provide a consolidated cost estimate for a portion of the buildings at Fire Camp 8, including the Mess Hall, Cement Room, Garden Shed and other associated structures. ISD consolidated and provided the assessment and cost data to a single estimate.

Justification to Continue Emergency Actions

As of October 30, 2026, ISD has not executed any additional contracts under the Board's emergency authority since the last report. As mentioned here, ISD has completed the accelerated assessment process that provides the foundational information needed to plan for repairs and rebuilding, and it will proceed with implementing recovery projects as the next step. Therefore, ISD requests continued authorization from the Board to carry out the emergency recovery efforts.

Next Report

The next report will be provided by November 24, 2026. If you have any questions, please contact me at (323) 267-2101 or email me at MOwh@isd.lacounty.gov.

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