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Why was this After-Action Review commissioned?

On March 18, [the Board of Supervisors requested](#) an after-action review of recovery and repopulation operations including multijurisdictional coordination across services and communication to the public; coordination and best practices on establishing disaster recovery centers, debris removal and assistance for people experiencing homelessness; strategic communications between first responders, law enforcement and municipal governments; donation intake and volunteer coordination; community repopulation notifications and procedures; evaluation and expansion of evacuation shelter locations and resources; and an evaluation of the Department of Public Health's role, the impact of local health orders and the deployment of personal protective equipment following the fires.

Following the Eaton and Palisades Fires, multiple reviews of LA County's fire response operations were initiated, including a congressional report on Kenneth Fire alerts, the McChrystal Group after-action review of alert notification systems and evacuation policies for the Eaton and Palisades Fires, Citygate Associates' investigation report of the Eaton Fire evacuation alerts, and the Eaton Fire Investigation Report. The fires remain under review by the Governor's Office and the State Auditor, and the State's Attorney General has opened an investigation into the County's response. All completed reviews are available at lacounty.gov/aar.

How does this After-Action review differ from the previous review conducted by the McChrystal Group?

The first after-action review conducted by the McChrystal Group and released in September 2025 focused on alert notification systems and evacuation policies during the Eaton and Palisades Fires. This second after-action review focuses broadly on short-term recovery and repopulation operations, and other related issues. It does not address topics covered in other ongoing reviews, including fire cause and ignition, fire behavior, and immediate suppression operations.

Why was the McChrystal Group chosen to lead this new review?

The McChrystal Group was retained by and continued its engagement with County Counsel after consultation with LASD, Fire, Public Works, OEM, and other departments, based on its unique qualifications in the field of emergency

management and disaster recovery, including its familiarity with the fire response based on its first review.

What areas of focus did this after-action review cover?

As directed by the Board of Supervisors, this after-action review comprehensively reviewed the County's recovery, repopulation efforts and other related issues, in the aftermath of the Eaton and Palisades Fires. The report explores six critical focus areas, including:

- Communications
- Volunteer and Donations Management
- Recovery
- Repopulation
- Shelter, Housing and People at Higher Risk
- Public Health and Access and Functional Needs

What recommendations does the McChrystal Group make?

The second after-action review identified 26 substantive findings and 25 actionable recommendations. The list of findings and recommendations is available here:

[FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS](#)

How can I follow the status of any after action recommendations adopted for implementation by the Board of Supervisors?

You can visit lacounty.gov/aar for updates on the implementation of adopted recommendations.