



Crescenta Valley Water District

After Action Report – Eaton Fire (Jan 2025)

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OVERVIEW

The purpose of this document is to identify and capture what went well and lessons to be learned from the Eaton Fire. There are also more immediate operational action items and broader strategic planning objectives based on analysis and discussion with internal and external stakeholders since the beginning of the emergency response event. They include initiatives that are not the direct responsibility of the District but would benefit the District's customers, the broader region, and industry. This document is not intended to portray a current readiness to respond effectively to all future fire and other emergency events.

In January 2025, the greater Los Angeles area experienced intense Santa Ana Winds. The conditions were extremely dry, and there had been an insignificant amount of rainfall for the water season. These dry conditions plus high winds created conditions for rapid fire spread.

On Monday, January 6, staff became aware that the upcoming extreme conditions could impact operations. As a proactive measure, CVWD staff increased reservoir storage levels and deployed four generators to critical sites. One of the generators included the Public Water Agency Group (PWAG) emergency generator that has been stored on CVWD property.

On Tuesday, January 7, CVWD was notified by Southern California Edison (SCE) of possible Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPSs), power shutoffs in fire-prone areas prior to prevent fires. If implemented, the PSPSs would directly impact CVWD facilities. There was a one-hour outage at Ramsdell, and electrical service was restored. The winds significantly increased and at approximately 10:30pm, power was shut off by SCE to CVWD facilities. The CVWD System Operations team was called out to begin connecting generators.

On January 7, 2025, the Governor of California proclaimed a state of emergency for Los Angeles County. A local emergency was declared on January 7, 2025 and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ratified it on January 14, 2025.

Staff monitored the development and subsequent rapid growth of the Eaton Fire beginning at approximately 6:00 PM on January 7, and on Wednesday January 8, 2025, the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was activated by General Manager James Lee at 7:30 AM. That morning, CVWD received a call from Foothill Municipal Water District (FMWD) stating they were being evacuated. CVWD opened its Glenwood facility to neighboring agencies, and FMWD was able to set up at Glenwood.

During the power outage, field crews visually checked water levels in reservoirs and took chlorine residuals manually due to power outages and failed communications. FMWD was able to continually supply water, and CVWD maintained adequate water levels and chlorine residuals. Due to power outages, evacuation orders, and evacuation warnings that affected residential and business customers, water demand was low, and staff closely watched chlorine residuals. Since the water age was increasing in reservoirs due to lower demand, the quality was subject to degradation. Additionally, staff had to move the generators to sites

that required power for pumping as there are many more sites than the number of generators.

District staff were divided into two shift groups, and mid-afternoon on January 8, Shift B was sent home to be prepared to return at midnight if the fire advanced toward CVWD facilities. Since the fire did not move into CVWD boundaries, Shifts A and B returned at normal start times the following day. However, Water Production staff worked through the night on Wednesday January 8.

Staff were notified by FMWD of daily regional Unified Command Center meetings at the Rose Bowl led by Fire. CVWD attended these daily meetings.

On Thursday, January 9, CVWD was able to begin utilizing the PWAG generator that had been stored in CVWD's service area. Prior to this time, only the three CVWD-owned generators were supplying power for operational needs. Due to the resources required to move the three generators to multiple sites throughout the day, staff submitted a request to Metropolitan Water District through FMWD as a conduit for additional generators which were deployed to CVWD on Saturday, January 11. Field crews were deployed to ensure proper brush clearance on CVWD sites to reduce fire potential.

Also on Thursday, LA County issued curfew orders in the Eaton Fire Evacuations area for the Evacuation Order Zone and Evacuation Warning Zones from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM. This affected much of the CVWD service area.

Power was fully restored on Friday, January 10 at approximately 6:00 PM to all facilities within the District. Additional Santa Ana Wind conditions were forecast for the following weeks and a total of 14 destructive wildfires affected Southern California from January 7 through January 31. During that time, many other small fires were stopped prior to property destruction.

During this window, all staff were directed to report to the Incident Command Center at the Glenwood Plant at 6:45am to receive updates, deploy internally, and deploy to provide mutual aid. On Wednesday January 15 at 6:48 AM, James Lee closed the Emergency Operations Center. CVWD continued to offer mutual aid to neighboring agencies in the form of staff and meals in the days and weeks following the incident. During this time, CVWD made accessible the helo-pod tanks for helicopter filling for fire suppression. Los Angeles County Fire Department retrieved the helo-pods and deployed them for use during the regional fires.



EVENT PRIORITIES

The consistent goal throughout the incident was to maintain the water system, its water supply, and its water pressure, to protect life and property primarily and provide mutual aid secondarily.

ANALYSIS OF OUTCOMES

CVWD successfully maintained the integrity of its water system to protect life and property. Following the incident, all staff were invited to contribute to the After Action debrief session on January 30 to understand all perspectives on what went well and what improvements could be made. Those who could not attend were asked to contribute as well. The following summarizes the input from CVWD team members.

What Went Well?

1. Reliable Water Resources:

- a. Execution by Production and Operations Teams
 - Staging nine (9) portable generators at critical sites. This included a combination of CVWD and MWD-loaned generators.
 - Timely and effective deployment of shifts to address operational gaps triggered by sustained power and communications losses.

- Manual and routine monitoring of chlorine residuals, water levels, and SCADA system trends during power outages.
 - b. Two Water Production Team members (Shift A) staff volunteered on their day off to help with the emergency response.
 - c. Robust asset maintenance program for hydrant maintenance.
 - d. Validation of sufficient water pressure for fire suppression (re-validated during the incident)
- 2. Agency Collaboration:**
- a. CVWD supported Rubio Canon Land-Water Association and Lincoln Avenue Water Company with staff, supplies, vendor leads, and lunches.
 - b. Immediate and sustained communication with Los Angeles County Fire Dept and Glendale Fire Dept
- 3. Communication:**
- a. Effective internal collaboration and communication between CVWD staff, departments, and Board of Directors.
 - b. Effective external communication to customers and stakeholders using Everbridge notices sent out via text message.
 - c. Newly purchased two-way radios were key for communication during sustained power losses
- 2. Emergency Response Plan (ERP)**
- a. Recent implementation of quarterly ERP tabletop exercise (Oct 2024)
 - b. Effective deployment of the ERP, net of challenges and areas for improvement
 - c. Documentation funneled to and captured by Incident Command

What could be improved?

- 1. Emergency Response Plan (ERP):**
- a. Update ERP quarterly with defined roles, ensuring both shifts are prepared for response. The ERP did not reflect current organizational structure and employees and could not be accessed when wifi and the server were down.
 - b. Have FEMA and CalOES forms ready so they can be filled out real-time and also because they serve as guidance for necessary steps
 - c. Develop a more robust logistics plan – e.g. food, supplies, lodging, pickups, etc.
- 2. Portable Generators:**
- a. Acquire additional, larger portable generators for upper zones, with universal fittings. While the water system was maintained, District staff had to move the portable generators throughout the incident to allow for pumping. Additional generators located at the harder-to-access sites would allow staff time to prioritize other tasks and ensure that upper elevations remained powered if roads became inaccessible.
 - b. Check generators periodically and consider the value of unplugging them during storage
 - c. Develop SOP to prime generators and bleed lines as necessary

3. Communication and Equipment:

- a. Investigate solar panels, radios, and Starlink-type system for backup communication, especially at Pickens Canyon and Edmund No. 2 reservoir sites.
- b. Improve communication methods (emails, texts, calls) for EOC activation and updates. Internet, cell service, and CVWD servers were down for a considerable length of time on Wednesday, January 8. This impeded access to District files including the Emergency Response Plan and Everbridge to send customer alerts.
- c. Staff reached out to LA County Public /Works on Thursday, January 9, as traffic lights were not flashing red, but completely out and this was creating hazardous driving conditions as many drivers were not stopping. Traffic lights usually fail in flashing red mode with back-up batteries.

4. Proactive Emergency Preparation:

- a. Scheduled brush clearance on sites independent of Southern California Edison (SCE) wind/fire outage warnings. This could decrease brush clearance time during events from undue buildup between less regular clearing.
- b. Plan and set up equipment in advance, ideally meeting the day before to assign roles and tasks.
- c. Procure pre-approved permit from Dept of Drinking Water with NSF-approved materials for water distribution at reservoir sites through water manifolds

OPERATIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Based upon input during the debrief session and input by CVWD team members at other times, action items were developed. The action items range from changes to procedures to infrastructure needs and materials supply. To facilitate implementation, the action items are organized in a table so progress can be easily tracked.

Action Item Table				
Category	Action	Owner	Status	Completion Date
ERP	Update quarterly, distribute hard copies to staff and facilities. Update with new employees or employee changes. Retain hard copies at Glenwood and Administration.			
	Notification of Board Members of EOC status			
	Assign roles and positions in Incident Command (I.C.)/EOC with activation of the EOC.			
Generators	Acquire and stage larger generators at critical sites like Markridge, Edmund No. 1, and Edmund No. 2.			
	Upgrade existing generators and consider solar-powered options for communication.			
	Maintain of log of where fuel has been distributed.			

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Communications	Test and maintain radios quarterly; ensure coverage for all areas (office, car, site). Order a set of radios, check range; ensure all radios work are compatible and can operate on the same frequency.			
	Enhance backup systems for communication failure (solar, Starlink, radio setups).			
	Consider multiple cell phone service providers			
	Have a recorded message available for the community and employees as those trying to reach CVWD may have intermittent and limited communication available.			
	Evaluate why secondary wifi (server) failed.		The internet feed came through the server that was connected to a plug that was not on the generator circuit. This has been corrected.	
Vendor & Equipment Management	Maintain strong vendor relationships for quick responses and timely service.			
	Regularly review generator maintenance and fuel distribution logs.			
Staff & Site Preparation	Ensure all employees are notified of EOC activation.			
	Prior to red flag alert conditions, conduct site assessments, focusing on tree clearance and brush clearing. Consider increasing the frequency of routine clearing.			
	Hold an all-CVWD meeting prior to known red flag (or other dangerous situation) to plan in advance.			
	Maintain a shed of Emergency Response supplies.			
	Ensure adequate supply at all times of PM 2.5 masks.			
	Revisit hydrant maintenance program.			
	Develop a plan if CVWD were to lose upper reservoirs.			
	Advocate for regional tabletop exercises through MWD.			

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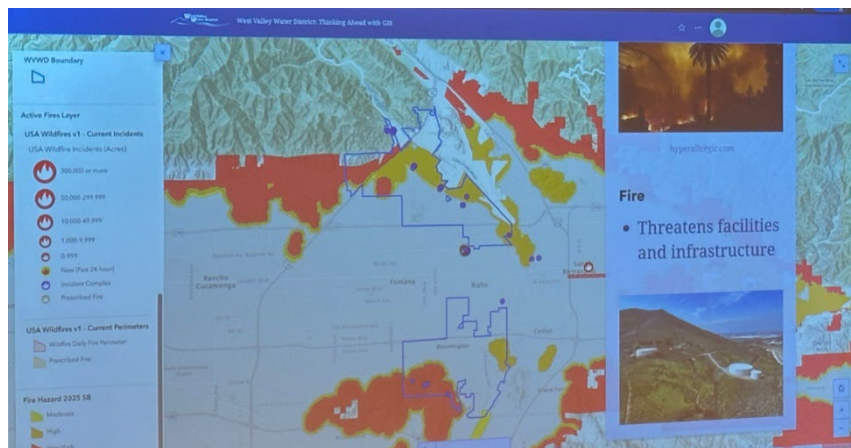
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Additional Measures	Conduct outreach on NOAA radios and consider emergency notification systems for customers and employees.			
	Ensure employee ID protocols are up to date.	PL/CD	CVWD quickly had ID badges made for employees during the incident. Additionally, PWAG is looking into an LA County Utility worker certification similar to Press badges to cross security lines more easily.	
	Research availability of NOAA radios and share with community, if available.			
	Consider serving as a distribution center for the community for emergency supplies			
	Communicate with community on fire suppression capabilities of water systems.			

STRATEGIC PLANNING ALTERNATIVES

The Eaton Fire and ongoing efforts since then have brought to bear a number of broader, strategic planning alternatives to consider going forward. They include, but are not limited to:

1. Formalized response for City of La Cañada-Flintridge – The District serves as one of three water purveyors for LCF. Ensure that emergency coordination is worked into both agencies' ERPs.

2. Asset protection – The District is considering a significant shift toward a single or main communication network for data, workflows, and other information. A geographically based system such



as GIS (geospatial information system, ESRI) makes the most sense in terms of managing SCADA, managing customers, segmented public outreach, and an asset management program for pipelines, valves, hydrants, etc. Another advantage of such an ecosystem is being able to track and respond to emergencies such as fires better, saving assets and pivoting real-time operations more effectively.

3. Multi-agency planning – The District may have opportunities to serve a leadership role for the following multi-agency planning efforts:
 - Underground utilities planning – Working as a primary stakeholder with SCE regarding future plans to move more utilities underground.
 - Fire mapping – The District can identify and invite all fire agencies serving its service area – e.g. LA County Fire, Glendale Fire, US Forest Service, Cal Fire. The District can grow its existing relationship with LA County Fire and Glendale Fire and establish relationships with USFS and Cal Fire to while establishing a roundtable exercise to develop a holistic fire management program. This can include provisions such as: fire/wind mapping; strategic hydrant placement; helo-pod deployment plan; inter-agency ERP and other coordination; etc.
 - Multi-agency efforts – Engage agencies that can affect fire evacuation efforts such as limited parking during Red Flag conditions or sirens to notify residents who may not have cell service for evacuation notices.

- Joint regional tabletops – The District engages in its own quarterly tabletops, has engaged recently with neighboring water agencies, and has plans to tabletop with Glendale Fire. The District can continue building the regional emergency response coalition.
 - Unified fleet management and reverse 911 notification system – The District can determine the benefits of and path toward syncing its fleet tracking and reverse 911 notification system (currently Everbridge) with those of LA County’s fire and police agencies. The District is leading the conversation with LA County Fire, Public Water Agencies Group, which CVWD is a member of, and Metropolitan Water District, which are considering joining in and supporting this effort.
 - Ensure water agency participation at the United Command Center – The District and other agencies’ involvement at the UCC at the Rose Bowl was a first in the region for emergency response. The District can ensure that this practice is maintained and further developed for better organization and efficacy. The District is leading the conversation with LA County Fire and Metropolitan Water District in terms of formalizing a role for water purveyors at the County Emergency Operations Center.
4. Legislative advocacy – LA County Fire described deployment of the District’s two helo-pods as a “gamechanger” in mitigating the advance of the Eaton Fire, including saving the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. In recognition of the efficacy of the equipment and its role in firefighting through the region and State, the District. The District is scheduled to host tours with several elected officials during the calendar year, during which regional emergency coordination and other issues will be discussed.
 5. CA Dept of Drinking Water clearance – The District should receive pre-approval of materials used to build a water distribution manifold to be used on behalf of customers during emergencies.

ATTACHMENTS

State of California Emergency Declaration

LA County Emergency Declaration

EOC Meeting Notes

Debrief Sign-in Sheet

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-2-25

WHEREAS on January 7, 2025, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to the Palisades Fire and windstorm conditions; and

WHEREAS the Palisades Fire has burned over 15,000 acres and additional fires have ignited and spread rapidly in Los Angeles County as a result of those windstorm conditions, including the Eaton, Hurst, Lidia, and Woodley Fires; and

WHEREAS these Los Angeles County fires and windstorm conditions continue to threaten structures, homes, and critical infrastructure, with over 170,000 residents under evacuation orders in Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS these Los Angeles County fires and windstorm conditions have resulted in poor air quality and significant impacts to schools, including school closures and limited outdoor physical education; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of these Los Angeles County fires and windstorm conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. The provisions of Unemployment Insurance Code section 1253 imposing a one-week waiting period for unemployment insurance applicants are suspended as to all applicants who are unemployed as a direct result of this emergency in Los Angeles County and apply for unemployment insurance benefits during the time period beginning January 7, 2025, and ending on the close of business on July 7, 2025, in Los Angeles County and who are otherwise eligible for unemployment insurance benefits.
2. Vehicle Code sections 9265(a), 9867, 14901, 14902, and 15255.2, requiring the imposition of fees, are suspended with regard to any request for replacement of an identification card, driver's license card, vehicle registration certificate, or certificate of title, or registration stickers, by any individual who loses such records as a result this emergency in Los Angeles County. Such records shall be replaced without charge.
3. The provisions of Vehicle Code sections 4602 and 5902, requiring the timely registration or transfer of title, are suspended with regard to any registration or transfer of title by any individual who is unable to comply with those requirements as a result of this emergency in Los Angeles County. The time covered by this suspension shall not be included in calculating any late penalty pursuant to Vehicle Code section 9554.

4. Health and Safety Code sections 103525.5 and 103625, and Penal Code section 14251, requiring the imposition of fees, are suspended with regard to any request for copies of certificates of birth, death, marriage, and dissolution of marriage records, by any individual who loses such records as a result of this emergency in Los Angeles County. Such copies shall be provided without charge.
5. State statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements that fall within the jurisdiction of boards, departments, and offices within the California Environmental Protection Agency and the California Natural Resources Agency are hereby suspended to the extent necessary for expediting the removal and cleanup of debris from this emergency or to address other impacts associated with that debris, for implementing any restoration plan necessary for mitigation of the effects of the emergency, or conducting other fire recovery activities.
6. Individuals or entities who desire to conduct activities under the suspension of statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements specified in Paragraph 5 shall first request that the appropriate Agency Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under the suspension. The Secretary of the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of the California Natural Resources Agency shall use sound discretion in applying this Order to ensure that the suspension serves the purpose of accelerating cleanup and recovery, while at the same time protecting public health and the environment. Each Agency shall maintain on its website a list of all suspensions approved under this Paragraph.
7. Any activities performed under the suspension of statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements specified in Paragraph 5 shall be in accordance with the State Environmental Protection Plan, or a comparable plan describing how such actions will balance expeditious fire recovery and environmental protection.
8. In order to ensure hospitals, clinics, and other health facilities remain open, the Director of the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) may waive any of the licensing requirements of chapters 1, 2, 8, and 8.5 of division 2 of the Health and Safety Code and accompanying regulations with respect to any hospital, clinic, other health facility, home health agency, or hospice agency identified in Health and Safety Code sections 1200, 1250, 1727, or 1746 that is impacted by this emergency. Any waiver shall include alternative measures that, under the circumstances, will allow the facilities to remain open while protecting public health and safety. Any health facilities or agencies being granted a waiver shall be established and operated in accordance with their disaster and mass casualty plan or emergency preparedness plan. Any waivers granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the CDPH website and shall be in effect only so long as necessary to address the direct impacts of this emergency in Los Angeles County.
9. In order to directly respond to the needs of impacted adult and senior care facilities, child care facilities, children's residential facilities, resource family homes, home care organizations, and other similar care facilities and care providers within the California Department of Social Services' (CDSS) jurisdiction, the Director of CDSS may waive any provisions of the Family Code, Health and Safety Code, or Welfare and

Institutions Code, and accompanying regulations or written directives, with respect to the use, licensing, certification, registration or approval of care providers, facilities or homes within CDSS jurisdiction set forth in the California Community Care Facilities Act (Health and Safety Code section 1500 et seq.), Child Care Provider Registration (Health and Safety Code section 1596.60 et seq.), the California Child Day Care Facilities Act (Health and Safety Code section 1596.70 et seq.), Residential Care Facilities for Persons With Chronic Life-Threatening Illness (Health and Safety Code section 1568.01 et seq.), the California Residential Care Facilities for the Elderly Act (Health and Safety Code section 1569 et seq.), Medical Foster Homes for Veterans (Health and Safety Code section 1568.21 et seq.), Continuing Care Contracts (Health and Safety Code section 1770 et seq.), the Home Care Services Consumer Protection Act (Health and Safety Code section 1796.10 et seq.), and the Resource Family Approval Program (Welfare and Institutions Code section 16519.5 et seq.). Any waivers granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the CDSS website and shall be in effect only so long as necessary to address the direct impacts of this emergency in Los Angeles County.

10. In order to directly respond to the needs of behavioral health programs and facilities impacted by this emergency, including alcohol and other drug programs, adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities, driving-under-the-influence programs, narcotic treatment programs, psychiatric health facilities, mental health rehabilitation centers, social rehabilitation programs, skilled nursing facilities with special treatment programs, Lanterman-Petris-Short designated facilities, community treatment facilities, short term residential therapeutic programs, and children's crisis residential programs, the Director of the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) may waive any licensing, certification, or approval requirements for such programs under its jurisdiction set forth in Welfare and Institutions Code, Divisions 4, 5 and 9 and in Health and Safety Code, Divisions 2 and 10.5 and accompanying regulations, written standards, or information notices. Any waivers granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be posted on the DHCS website and shall be in effect only so long as necessary to address the direct impacts of this emergency in Los Angeles County.

11. The requirements to provide minimum instructional minutes in physical education for grades 1 through 12 as provided by Education Code sections 51210, 51220, 51222, and 51223 are suspended during periods affected by this emergency in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties with respect to school buildings or temporary facilities in which indoor space for physical education is unavailable. To the extent that students displaced by these wildfires significantly impact local educational agencies in other counties, these sections and all implementation regulations are also suspended for impacted local educational agencies.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

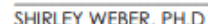
This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have
hereunto set my hand and caused
the Great Seal of the State of
California to be affixed this 8th day
of January 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shirley Weber', written over a horizontal line.

SHIRLEY WEBER, PH.D
Secretary of State

LA County Emergency Declaration

AGN. NO. ____

REVISED MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KATHRYN BARGER AND
LINDSEY P. HORVATH

JANUARY 14, 2025

RATIFICATION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY, CURFEW ORDER, AND LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR THE JANUARY 2025 WINDSTORM AND CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS

Starting on January 7, 2025, the County of Los Angeles ("County") has been impacted by severe and life-threatening windstorms and resulting wind-driven destructive fires, which include the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Hurst Fire, Kenneth Fire ("January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events"), and multiple other fires. These unprecedented simultaneous events have caused loss of life, widespread damage, and destruction to residential structures, businesses, and infrastructure, power outages, downed trees, road closures, rockslides, and significant debris. The January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events have necessitated large-scale evacuations of County residents; led to road, school, business, and public facility closures, and to power disruptions; and required multiple sheltering operations for both people and animals. Coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of different jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to and recover from these and other likely related events.

On January 7, 2025, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events ("Proclamation of Local Emergency") in the County. Similarly, the Governor proclaimed a state of emergency, and the President approved a major disaster declaration in the County. The Proclamation of Local Emergency enables the County to more effectively respond to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, to accelerate the procurement of vital supplies, to seek and utilize mutual aid, and to potentially obtain reimbursement and assistance from the state and federal governments.

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Unfortunately, while the numerous fires were causing massive destruction throughout the County, there were also multiple arrests for burglary and for looting and trespassing within the evacuation areas, including arrestees who do not reside in the County of Los Angeles. This indicates planned and coordinated criminal activity. As a result of the increasing danger to life and property and the necessity to preserve public order and safety, on January 9, 2025, the Chair of the Board issued a curfew order for the Evacuation Order and Evacuation Warning Zones within the County unincorporated areas and within the incorporated areas of the City of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Monica, and the City of

Malibu ("Curfew Order"). Pursuant to Government Code Section 8634 and Los Angeles County Code Section 2.68.150, the Curfew Order became effective, starting on January 9, 2025, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., until the Curfew Order is lifted.

On January 10, 2025, the County's Health Officer declared a local health emergency due the hazardous air quality, displacement of thousands of residents, disruption of access to critical health services and resources, and other negative health impacts caused by the Critical Fire Events and Windstorm conditions. This order requires persons to not use air blowing devices, such as leaf blowers, during the fire recovery period until the County's Health Officer determines that use of such devices will not negatively impact the health of County residents.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(b), Health and Safety Code Section 101080,) and Los Angeles County Code Sections 2.68.110 and 2.68.150, the Proclamation of Local Emergency, the County Health Officer's Declaration of Local Health Emergency, and the Curfew Order require ratification shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board).

With residents, businesses, schools and more being impacted by loss of life, property, and savings, it is important to ensure we are looking to coordinate with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, our state and federal partners, and philanthropy to ensure a rapid response to victims in this time of emergency and need.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the attached Proclamation of Local Emergency made on January 7, 2025, for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, in the County of Los Angeles. The Proclamation of Local Emergency shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.
2. Forward a copy of the Proclamation of Local Emergency to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director) and request the Director to find it acceptable in accordance with State law, make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and expedite access to State and federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.
3. Ratify the attached Curfew Order, issued on January 9, 2025, for the Evacuation Order and Evacuation Warning Zones within the County unincorporated areas and incorporated areas of the City of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Monica, and the City of Malibu.
4. Ratify the attached Declaration of a Local Health Emergency, issued on January 10, 2025, due to the impactions of the Critical Fire Events and Windstorm Conditions in Los Angeles County. This declaration shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.
5. Direct County Departments to implement all assessment, assistance, and

monitoring efforts as applicable.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations to support legislation and pursue funding opportunities at both the state and federal levels to support efforts to promote the recovery of the Los Angeles County economy in the wake of the Windstorm and Critical Fire Events.
2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to develop a plan to enter into an agreement with a third-party intermediary to implement and administer a Los Angeles County Fire Recovery Fund to support the needs of victims impacted by the fires.
 - A. The various types of impacts include but are not limited to business interruption, worker relief, childcare, housing assistance, relocation, and other essential needs.
 - B. The CEO should report back to the Board with this plan in 7 days.
3. Instruct the Directors of the Departments of Regional Planning, Public Works, Public Health, and Fire to report back in writing in 7 days with recommendations to identify additional permitting requirements, including provisions of the Los Angeles County Building Code, the Los Angeles County Fire Code, and Title 21 and Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code, that can safely be suspended or streamlined to accelerate rebuilding and make it more affordable.
4. Direct the Director of Regional Planning to prepare and submit amendments to the Santa Monica Mountains Local Coastal Plan to the Coastal Commission to add regulations allowing temporary housing, as defined by the County Disaster Recovery Ordinance, and other minor modifications that do not impact coastal resources, on a parcel where a legally-established single-family residence or legally-established employee housing in the Coastal Zone was irreparably damaged or destroyed by the Palisades Fire.
5. Direct County Counsel to return to the Board at the January 21, 2025 meeting with draft a resolution providing: (1) eviction protections specific to tenants with an additional person(s) or unauthorized pet(s) as a result of the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events; and (2) to temporarily allow Short-Term Rentals hosts to have multiple Short-Term Rental (STR) listings at a time, to allow Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior ADUs to be used for STR, and other necessary associated amendments to allow increased Short-Term Rentals to house households displaced by the fires.
6. Request that the Los Angeles County Development Authority, in collaboration with the Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative, report back to the Board in 7 days on opportunities to share information on available short and/or long-term housing stock available for residents whose homes were impacted by the fires. This should include the compilation of a housing resource list for any available properties throughout the County for short and/or long-term housing needs, and publicly posted on the LA County Recovery website: recovery.lacounty.gov.
7. Direct the CEO to provide the Board a list of ARPA enabled funding currently allocated to departments by program category, including unspent funding to date by program that could potentially be considered to assist individuals impacted

- by the fires, and report back in writing in 7 days.
8. Direct the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk to suspend all fees for copies of all vital records and real property records recorded with the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for any individuals who lost such records as a result of the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Hurst Fire, Kenneth Fire, and other related fires within the County.
 - A. Direct the CEO to reimburse the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk for said suspension of fees, as listed above.
 9. Direct the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA), in collaboration with DEO, to conduct robust education, outreach, and enforcement of County and State anti-price gouging laws (related to essential goods and services, hotel rooms, rental housing, and emergency supplies by more than 10 percent), and worker protections and report to the Board in writing in 120 days on progress, outcomes, and impact of this outreach work.
 10. The provisions of the California Penal Code section 396 subdivisions (d), (e), and (f) to limit price-gouging in the rental market and in hotels and motels and to continue its protections against eviction; and the provisions of County Code Chapter 8.09 shall remain in effect until February 6, 2025, pursuant to Penal Code section 396 (g), and may be extended by the Board every 30 days as necessary if complaints of price gouging continue or increase, to protect the lives, property, and welfare of the residents of the County.
 11. Direct the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), in collaboration with the Chief Executive Office (CEO), and to the extent feasible, the City of Los Angeles and other local municipalities and agencies, to coordinate government funded workforce relief initiatives related to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events.
 - A. Direct DEO, in partnership with relevant County departments and leveraging their network of America's Job Centers of California and Community Based Organizations, to increase awareness and access to existing unemployment insurance and disaster unemployment assistance and other critical resources for workers who have lost wages due to the fire disaster and its impacts, prioritizing workers with the highest socioeconomic need.
 12. Direct DEO and DCBA in coordination with federal, state, and local partners and key stakeholders, to conduct a culturally competent and linguistically appropriate education and outreach campaign to those in the County affected by the fires to raise awareness about available relief resources and facilitate access to funds for eligible victims, businesses, and workers.
 13. Recommend that the Los Angeles County Office of Education work with affected school districts to coordinate the continuation of education for students whose schools have been damaged or destroyed or who have been displaced by this emergency, provide coordination and support for transportation needs for displaced students, and provide coordination and support to rebuild or repair impacted schools.

EOC Meeting Notes

From: [James Lee](#)
To: [GRP_CVWD_ALL](#)
Subject: EOC IAP update - closed as of Wed, Jan 15th
Date: Wednesday, January 15, 2025 9:30:36 AM

For documentation purposes, EOC closed as of Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 6:48am.

PIO function to disseminate Everbridge update to community – *“Water is now available for regular use. It remains safe to consume. The District will resume non-emergency repairs while continuing to provide mutual aid to other first responder agencies. Thank you for supporting the community and the region.”*

We have done an admirable job maintaining service to customers, monitoring and mitigating risk, lending our neighbors a hand, and showing our best stripes as a team. Review of things that went well to repeat and other learning lessons scheduled for January 30th.

<close>

From: James Lee <JLee@cvwd.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 3:02 PM
To: GRP_CVWD_ALL <GRP_CVWD_ALL@cvwd.com>
Subject: EOC IAP update ahead of Wed, Jan 15th

Hello Team –

We will be meeting again at 6:45am. I hope with all my heart that it is another 30 second meeting and our last meeting before wrapping up our EOC for this event.

Below are updated and briefer notes than yesterday for our upcoming PM and AM.

Operations

- Threats
 - Primary threat: Fire
 - Secondary threat: Planned (PSPS) and Unplanned Power Loss
- Production
 - Overnight plan
 - Wayne (switching over from Morgen)
 - Rob, Morgen, and Gabe available to deploy in event of power outage
- Mutual aid update
 - Lincoln: Edgar and Mario until about 9pm / deployment team on standby for tomorrow and will be announced in the morning
 - Rubio: Escalera and Ruben / on standby for tomorrow
- Brush clearance (including AMI team)

- Pickens – done
- Edmund 2 – done
- Shields (road) – done
- Ordunio – done
- Remaining
 - Ocean View
 - Goss
 - Markridge
- Standby
 - Distribution – Jonathan
 - Production – See above for overnight plan
 - Incident Command – GB to run point based on production / SM as well

Logistics

- Unit #76 available for official use – charging at the office
- Brush clearance
 - Charging – Unit #2 / 7 Yamaha generators / 2x EVs
- Fuel – 900 gallons, clear; 700 gallons, red – delivered Tues (reassess as needed)

Planning/Intelligence

- Unified Command Center update from 10am meeting @ Rose Bowl
 - Next meeting: Wed 10am
- Providing lunch to those we're providing mutual aid – escalation will likely lead to longer, planned runs
 - See attached pic of lunch provided by CVWD to the Rubio and other mutual aid teams

Finance/Admin

- Review documentation collection and collation effort
 - Scanning and dropping into: G:/Management/Emergency Response/2025/Eaton Fire – e.g.,
 - Receipts – food / fuel / equipment
 - Meeting notes
 - Meeting attendance
 - Timesheets – Mark as “EOC” + provide notes

Public Information / Liaison

- Message: *“We are prioritizing life and property at this time. Water is still limited to essential use so we can preserve water supply and pressure for firefighting capabilities for us and our neighbors. We are also prioritizing emergency repairs. Our water is safe to drink at this time.”*
 - Plan to retract “essential use” directive during Wed AM

Safety

- All-hands effort – “see something say something”
- Maintain logoed wear, badges, name tags, authorization letters, two-way radios

From: James Lee

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 3:42 PM

To: GRP_CVWD_ALL <GRP_CVWD_ALL@cvwd.com>

Subject: EOC IAP update ahead of Tues, Jan 14th

Hello Team –

We will be meeting at 6:45am. Please read the below in its entirety.

EOC = Emergency Operations Center

IAP = Incident Action Plan

ERP = Emergency Response Plan

Excerpt from ERP:

CVWD Employee Responsibility:

California Government Code - Section 3100-3109 states in part:

It is hereby declared that the protection of the health and safety and preservation of the lives and property of the people of the state from the effects of natural, manmade, or war-caused emergencies which result in conditions of disaster or extreme peril to life, property, and resources is of paramount state importance...in protection of its citizens and resources, all public employees are hereby declared to be disaster service workers...

The following are Incident Command Post roles per our ERP

Operations

- Threats
 - Primary threat: Fire
 - Secondary threat: Planned (PSPS) and Unplanned Power Loss
- Production
 - Overnight plan
 - Morgen
 - Rob, Wayne, and Gabe available to deploy in event of power outage
- Mutual aid update
 - Deployment team to be announced at morning meeting
- Brush clearance (including AMI team)
 - Pickens & Edmund 2 done

- Shields (road)
 - Ocean View
 - Goss
 - Ordunio
 - Markridge
- Standby
 - Distribution - Jonathan
 - Production – See above for overnight plan
 - Incident Command – GB to run point based on production / SM as well

Logistics

- StrengthsFinders – deferred to a TBD date
- IT instructed to avoid any major updates at this time
- Unit #76 available for official use – charging at the office
- Brush clearance
 - Staying later / pick up additional cleaning equipment as backup – DeWalt / Stihl)
 - Charging – Unit #2 / 7 Yamaha generators / 2x EVs
- Fuel – 900 gallons, clear; 700 gallons, red – delivered Tues (reassess as needed)

Planning/Intelligence

- Unified Command Center update from 10am meeting @ Rose Bowl
 - Hot spots / winds picking up and a threat / FMWD's update on neighboring agencies
 - Next meeting: Tues 10am
- Fireflow/GIS map – confirms documentation of appropriate pressures at hydrants
- Providing lunch to those we're providing mutual aid – escalation will likely lead to longer, planned runs
- Who will monitor winds / news / etc?

Finance/Admin

- Board meeting deferred to Jan 21st
- Review documentation collection and collation effort
 - Scanning and dropping into: G:/Management/Emergency Response/2025/Eaton Fire – e.g.,
 - Receipts – food / fuel / equipment
 - Meeting notes
 - Meeting attendance
 - Timesheets – Mark as “EOC” + provide notes

Public Information / Liaison

- Message: *“We are prioritizing life and property at this time. Water is still limited to essential use so we can preserve water supply and pressure for firefighting capabilities for us and our neighbors. We are also prioritizing emergency repairs. Our water is safe to*

drink at this time.”

- Resources and communications
 - Everbridge reminder to go out in the PM
 - Office Hours at the Library for Thurs – cancelled / customers have been notified
 - District website updated
 - Foothill website updated
 - Community wildfire update
 - CVWD on LA County Fire website
 - Social media: Facebook / Instagram / Nextdoor
 - Ring app: SM fielded various inquiries

Safety

- All-hands effort – “see something say something”
- Maintain logoed wear, badges, name tags, authorization letters, two-way radios

Thank you

730 1-8-25
EOC Activation

meeting - J. Lee
C Dillon
D Telles
G Gomez

Purpose / goal → life + property safety

Water Supply + pressure - Manual reads
Rickens

Supply + food

CS / office - getting generators filled

Emerg Mgt Coord - EOC 730
Documentation
County / Glendale
Shifts

PID - Everbridge
- water supply + pressure

Plan B - if evac → possibly go to Glendale
check in at 1 PM

Mutual Aid - Housing FMWD
- have PWA generator
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1-8-25
1:13 PM

J Lee C Dillon A Sarggyn
G Gomez D Telles P Hilke

GG - take manual levels at 3 PM
two teams of 2 and twice in night
then 6 AM
Shut service off for school

Shift list made

will send people home
be ready to go to shifts
otherwise regular start time tomorrow

1-9-2025

J Lee C Dillon D. Telles
G Gomez A Montes

EOC 1:08 PM

production - levels good

Concerns - water to Cresta and
- Edmunds

one generator stopped working

4 total generators

levels every 3 hours

Residuals every day

Can see fire from Edmunds

Mt. Wilson fire

Encinal gate fixed

DPW → traffic lights - blink
↳ CD contact

Need 5 more generators
looking at United Rentals

200 gal diesel - day 1

use ~ 150 gal/day

ordered support to C Dillon and Dillon

1-9-2025
(continued)

will work shifts for ^{residuals} levels, genchecks/fuel

2 pairs of 2:
2 production
2 O&M

20% shift differential

PWAG genade - trying to fix

MWD may have generators to loan
Gabe + Brook identifying needs

GOC - Monday Jan 13

Production ok, power on
generators installed Sat - hardwired
8 infield + 3 perm (Glen, Admin, Granada)

Support other agencies

Rubio 2 guys in 1 truck

Kinnella - 2 guy " " may send 1 back

Lincoln → Tuesday

above-ground pressure relief valves (2)

Brook - getting with Highroad on access

Prod / WQ / Dist → Emergency items only

Website has been updated on W.Q.

Attendees: J Lee, C Dillon, G Gomez, B Yarde
D Telles, A Montes, P Milke

Debrief Sign-in Sheet

Qtrly Safety Lunch - 01/30/2025 - Sign-In Sheet

1. Jennifer Bautista 27.
2. ~~GABRIEL~~ Gomez 28.
3. Carla Dillon 29.
4. Jude Herrera 30.
5. Adam Sutphin 31.
6. Armine Sargsyan 32.
7. ~~PETER~~ HILKE 33.
8. Siaki Mortenson 34.
9. Jackson Thiel 35.
10. Arturo Montes
11. Derit Tamanyan
12. Michael Prescott
13. Kristen Saunders
14. Ethen Edmonds
15. Mario Mejia
16. Edgar Perez
17. Wayne Boyce
18. Avo Matsunyan
19. Rob Wood
20. Ruben Hernandez
21. Darlene Tilles
22. Cesar Volasquez
23. David Escalera
- 24.
- 25.
- 26.