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TO: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair
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FROM: Edward Yen
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POSTED: January 24, 2025

RE: Additions and/or revisions to the agenda for the Board meeting of Tuesday,
January 28, 2025.

11.

REQUEST:

The Fire Chief requests that the following item be continued to February 18, 2025:

Annual Abatement of Hazardous Vegetation

Recommendation: Acting as the Governing Body of the County and the Consolidated Fire Protection District, adopt a resolution and establish the following dates, times, and locations for Hearings of Protest before the Weed Abatement and Brush Clearance Referees; and set March 25, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. for Public Hearing on a Weed Abatement and Defensible Space Clearance Program: **(Department of Agricultural**

Commissioner/Weights and Measures and Fire Department)
ADOPT (Continued from the meeting of 1-14-25) (25-0212)

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

13-A. Los Angeles County Fire Recovery Fund

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Horvath and Barger: Approve the Chief Executive Officer's recommendations in her January 21, 2025 report entitled, "Report Back on Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency, Curfew Order, and Local Health Emergency Declaration for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events (Item No. 31-A, Agenda of January 14, 2025)" (Report), and direct the Chief Executive Officer to launch the Los Angeles County Fire Recovery Fund (Fund) to provide direct cash aid to homeowners, renters, business owners, workers, and other impacted community members in the Fire Events, the Fund will provide immediate, temporary assistance to impacted residents until longer term State and Federal recovery resources become available, and reallocate \$32,200,000 in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) enabled funding, as described in the Report, to the Fund; instruct the Director of Consumer and Business Affairs, in collaboration with the Chief Executive Officer, and in consultation with the Executive Director of Racial Equity, and the Poverty Alleviation Initiative, to administer the Fund on behalf of the County, including developing a simplified application, providing program administration services, directly distributing funds to eligible residents prioritizing those most impacted, providing technical assistance, tracking and reporting how funds are distributed, and authorize the Director of Consumer and Business to amend existing contracts, enter into new contracts, launch and administer the Fund, and in administering the Fund, follow the overarching principles identified in the Report, and use the criteria attached to the Report, and all applications materials and outreach related to the Fund must be culturally and linguistically competent; and take the following actions:

Authorize the Director of Consumer and Business Affairs to negotiate, execute, and amend, as necessary, agreements to

implement and advance the above, and the Board shall waive the requirements of Board Policy No. 5.100 for these agreements for up to three years to implement the Fund;

Instruct the Directors of Consumer and Business Affairs and Economic Opportunity, to report back to the Board in writing in seven days with an update on the implementation progress and an estimated timeline for launching and funding applications, these Funds should first fund and prioritize those most immediately and directly impacted by the Fire Events; and provide regular updates to the Board on the progress on implementing and disbursing all Funds to support residents, workers, and small businesses;

To the extent the Chief Executive Officer, and the Directors of Economic Opportunity and Consumer and Business Affairs have taken any actions including, but not limited to, executing contracts, to launch the Funds described above after the filing of the Report, but before the approval of this motion, ratify such actions; and

Direct the Chief Executive Officer to continue to identify available County dollars that can be repositioned to support victims of the fires. (25-0739)

[Motion by Supervisors Horvath and Barger](#)

[Chief Executive Officer's Report dated January 21, 2025](#)

[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

13-B. Water Supply and Resiliency of Waterworks District 29 Infrastructure

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Horvath: Instruct the Director of Public Works to report back to the Board in writing within 30 days with the following:

Progress of retaining a consultant to review and prepare an independent after-action report on performance issues, if any, that have arisen in connection with Waterworks District 29 (District) facilities and operations during the Palisades Fire;

Identification of any system improvements (capital projects, system hardening, interconnections, and protocols) referenced in the District capital plan, Woolsey Fire After Action report, and the 2013 Waterworks District 29 “master plan,” for each item referenced in the master plan, include the project rationale, prioritization, relation to fire suppression, approval status for each government entity, originally planned project timeline, and specify whether the implementation of the project was delayed and the reasons for delays in project delivery;

Description of the District’s funding streams, funding allocated for ongoing projects, future upgrades, maintenance and operations, and future funding needs; and

Identification of any administrative, environmental, and permitting challenges that may have delayed or inhibited project delivery, as well as recommendations for local, State, or Federal reforms or regulatory streamlining to accelerate these resiliency investments; and

Instruct the Director of Public Works to report back to the Board in writing within 90 days with an assessment of current capital plans for the District, including a financial analysis to determine the resources needed for full implementation of the current capital plans, and a proposed schedule and strategy for updating these plans to enhance fire safety from urban wildfires. (25-0742)

[Motion by Supervisor Horvath](#)

[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

13-C. Los Angeles County Recovery Efforts and Building Urgency into Implementation of Long-Term Disaster Support

Recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Barger and Horvath: Acting as the Governing Body of the County, Los Angeles County Development Authority, the Regional Park and Open Space District, the Los Angeles County Consolidated Fire Protection District, the Los Angeles County Lighting Maintenance District, the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts,

and the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, take the following actions to facilitate efforts to respond to and recover from the Los Angeles (LA) County Fires:

1. Find that each of the directives, actions, activities, and projects encompassed by this motion and the enclosed resolution including, but not limited to, response, recovery, repair, replacement, and construction activities, are critically needed to respond to, and recover from the emergency related to the LA County Fires, and are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act;
2. Approve an exception to the County's grant policy by authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to accept grants including, but not limited to, from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, the California Environmental Protection Agency, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the California Office of Emergency Services, and any other necessary State, Federal, and local agencies, public entities, and private entities, to secure funds for actions and projects required because of the exigent and/or emergency conditions created by the LA County Fires;
3. Request the Assessor, and instruct the Treasurer and Tax Collector, to continue their efforts to inform property owners of the importance of filing a Misfortune and Calamity Claim, including the impact to the deferral of property taxes; request the Assessor to initiate reassessments notwithstanding whether a Misfortune and Calamity Claim has been filed where the property damage exceeds \$10,000, pursuant to Section 170(a) of the Revenue and Taxation Code and County Code Title 4 - Revenue and Finance, Chapter 4.64.020, this information could come from the Fire Department's records or aerial photographs;
4. Request the Assessor to report back to the Board in writing in 60 days on the number of affected property owners who filed Misfortune and Calamity Claims.
5. Find, in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section

22050, and based on substantial evidence, that public interest and necessity demand immediate action by the Director of Public Works to respond to, and recover from the LA County Fires including, but not limited to, the repair, restoration, and replacement of buildings, structures, roads, bridges, roadway drainage, flood control facilities, sewer facilities and other property and public infrastructure impacted by the LA County Fires; the removal of sediment from debris basins, debris dams, and major dams, including, but not limited to, Devil's Gate, Eaton Wash and Sierra Madre, with watershed areas burned by the LA County Fires or that may otherwise be impacted by the LA County Fires; the construction of temporary and permanent debris mitigation measures and structures; and any other directly related and immediate action required to address those conditions for the public health and safety as determined by the Director of Public Works, including entering into or amending existing contracts without giving notice to let bids for contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances; find that the exigent or emergency conditions will not permit the delay that would result if such actions were performed pursuant to a contract procured through a competitive solicitation for bids, and that such actions are necessary to save lives, protect public health and safety, protect improved property, and eliminate or lessen an immediate threat of additional impacts and damage; and further delegate authority to the Director of Public Works to enter into, amend, and terminate, for convenience, new contracts, after solicitation in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders, for response to, or recovery from, the LA County Fires.

6. Authorize the Director of Public Works, acting as the County Engineer, the Road Commissioner, the Chief Engineer of the County Flood Control District, and the administrator of the Los Angeles County Waterworks Districts and the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, to carry out the following emergency activities to respond to, and recover from, the LA County Fires:
 - a. Repair, restore, or replace buildings, structures, roads, bridges, roadway drainage, flood control facilities, water

supply facilities, sewer facilities, and other public infrastructure impacted, damaged, or destroyed by the LA County Fires; remove sediment from debris basins, debris dams, and major dams, including, but not limited to, Devil's Gate, Eaton Wash and Sierra Madre, with watershed areas burned by the LA County Fires or that may otherwise be impacted by the LA County Fires; construct temporary and permanent debris mitigation measures and structures; and take any other directly related and immediate action required to respond to, and recover from, the LA County Fires for the public health and safety as determined by the Director of Public Works, including entering into or amending existing contracts without giving notice to let bids for contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, and authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into, amend, and terminate for convenience new contracts, after solicitation in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders, for response to, or recovery from, the LA County Fires;

- b. Trim or remove trees damaged as a result of the LA County Fires that are adjacent to any County buildings or infrastructure within the fire areas, including, but not limited to, County roads, bridges, flood control facilities and water supply facilities, while taking actions to protect native trees that are still viable;
- c. Conduct outreach to impacted residents and businesses, and provide feasible options on mitigation of impacts from potential debris flows resulting from the LA County Fires;
- d. Analyze map and debris flow hazards and develop strategies and action plans for potential mudflow events, including maintenance and road closure plans, resulting from the LA County Fires;
- e. Acquire the necessary rights of way, including, without limitation, through permits or agreements with private parties and the Cities of Los Angeles, Malibu, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, and Arcadia, the National Park Service, United States

Forest Service, the State Department of Parks and Recreation; and

- f. Carry out these emergency actions by using Department of Public Works (DPW) employees and by awarding new, or extending and supplementing existing as-needed or on-call contracts without giving notice for bids to let contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, or by awarding new contracts after solicitation in compliance with applicable Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders, in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$1,250,000,000, inclusive of the amounts stated below, for response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires, for the following types of work in the following maximum amounts:
 - i. To support DPW activities to replace and repair damaged County buildings and structures, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$300,000,000;
 - ii. For professional services including, but not limited to, geotechnical, design, inspection, environmental, survey, project management and construction management, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$360,000,000;
 - iii. For debris removal and emergency recovery service contracts, including, but not limited to, hazardous material removal, debris removal and disposal, haul-truck services, and operated heavy equipment contracts, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$300,000,000;
 - iv. For repair of damaged public roads and appurtenant assets within the road rights of way, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$100,000,000;
 - v. To support DPW activities to replace and repair damaged public roads and appurtenant assets within the road rights of way, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$100,000,000;

- vi. For repair and construction of Flood Control District infrastructure to support emergency repairs to Flood Control District facilities and construction of temporary and permanent debris mitigation measures as required, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$100,000,000;
 - vii. For the Waterworks Districts to support emergency repairs to water distribution system facilities for the various Waterworks Districts and construction of temporary and permanent debris mitigation measures required, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$50,000,000;
 - viii. For the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District to support emergency repairs to Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District infrastructure and construction of mitigation measures, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$15,000,000; and
 - ix. For the Lighting Maintenance Districts to support repairs to the Los Angeles County Lighting Maintenance Districts infrastructure and construction of permanent facilities, in a maximum amount not to exceed \$25,000,000.
- g. Acquire the necessary rights of way including, without limitation, through permits or agreements with private parties and the Cities of Los Angeles, Malibu, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, and Arcadia, the National Park Service, United States Forest Service, the State Department of Parks and Recreation, and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, as necessary to conduct these emergency actions;
- h. Assist and coordinate with the Chief Executive Officer, through the Office of Emergency Management (CEO-OEM), in submitting grant applications, on behalf of the County, the County Flood Control District, the County Waterworks Districts, the County Lighting Maintenance Districts, and the

Consolidated Sewer Maintenance District, and in taking any necessary related actions, including with respect to negotiating and executing grant agreements, and signing requests for reimbursements, in consultation with, as applicable, to the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the California Department of Transportation, the Federal Highway Administration, and the California Office of Emergency Services, in order to secure Federal and State funds for response and recovery from the LA County Fires;

- i. Work with the Director of Public Health to identify and streamline permitting for necessary actions to repair existing septic systems and water wells for response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires;
- j. Work with Southern California Edison and all other electrical utilities to expedite the establishment of a streamlined permitting process to install temporary power solutions and associated infrastructure within the public rights-of-way and on County properties; and establish a similar process that includes the Department of Regional Planning and, as applicable, other County Departments, for private property, for response to and recovery from the LA County Fires;
- k. Coordinate on behalf of communities impacted by the LA County Fires including, but not limited to, the unincorporated communities of Altadena, Kinneloa Mesa, Kinneloa Canyon, Sunset Mesa, Topanga, Monte Nido, and any other surrounding unincorporated areas, and collaborate and coordinate with the Cities of Los Angeles, Malibu, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, and Arcadia, and other impacted incorporated cities, the National Park Service, the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and any other property owner as needed to restore and modify damaged infrastructure, including the construction of temporary and permanent debris mitigation measures for response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires; and
- l. Enter into memoranda of understanding with cities, districts,

and other State and Federal partners regarding extraordinary flood control, debris flow, and debris removal efforts to protect life, property, and the environment from immediate hazards;

7. Instruct the Director of Public Works to report back to the Board in writing in 30 days with an analysis of potential disposal opportunities for fire-related debris given the ongoing challenges to the County's waste stream;
8. Find, in accordance with California Public Contract Code Section 22050, and based on substantial evidence, that public interest and necessity demand immediate action by the Director of Internal Services to respond to, and recover from, the emergency conditions created by the LA County Fires including, but not limited to, the repair, restoration, and replacement of buildings, structures, and other property and public infrastructure impacted by the LA County Fires; and that the Director of Internal Services must therefore direct and take immediate action required to address those conditions for the public health and safety, including entering into or amending contracts without giving notice to let bids for contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances; and find that the exigent or emergency conditions will not permit the delay that would result if such actions were performed pursuant to a contract procured through a competitive solicitation for bids, and that such actions are necessary to save lives, protect public health and safety, protect improved property, and eliminate or lessen an immediate threat of additional impacts and damage;
9. Adopt a resolution, pursuant to Sections 20407, 20604, and 22050 of the Public Contract Code, authorizing the Director of Public Works to perform force account work, to negotiate and amend existing emergency and as-needed contracts, including Job Order Contracts (JOCs), without giving notice for bids to let contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, to award, amend, and terminate for convenience new contracts after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders, and to perform any or all actions with respect to construction contracts including, but not

limited to, the authority to adopt and advertise plans and specifications, award new construction contracts, including JOCs, after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders, in consultation with County Counsel, for the necessary equipment, services, and supplies in order to repair, restore, or replace road, flood control, water supply, and sewer facilities, and County buildings, including property and infrastructure, damaged by LA County Fires, and to construct temporary and permanent debris mitigation measures to prevent and reduce potential flooding and damage due to debris flows resulting from the LA County Fires;

10. Instruct the Director of Public Works to regularly report back to the Board bi-weekly in writing, in accordance with Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code, regarding emergency actions taken under the authority of Public Contract Code Section 22050, including providing justification of the need to continue the emergency actions required because of the continuing exigent and/or emergency conditions resulting from the LA County Fires;
11. Adopt a resolution, pursuant to Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code, authorizing the Director of Internal Services to perform force account work, to negotiate and amend existing emergency and as-needed contracts, including JOCs, without giving notice for bids to let contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, to award, amend, and terminate for convenience new contracts after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders, and to perform any or all actions with respect to construction contracts including, but not limited to, the authority to adopt and advertise plans and specifications, award new construction contracts, including JOCs, after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders, in consultation with County Counsel, for the necessary equipment, services, and supplies in order to repair, restore, or replace road, flood control, water supply, and sewer facilities, and County buildings, including property and infrastructure, damaged by LA County Fires, and to construct temporary and permanent debris mitigation measures to prevent and reduce potential flooding and damage due to debris flows

resulting from the LA County Fires;

12. Authorize the Director of Internal Services to carry out the following activities for response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires:
 - a. Provide any services required by County Departments to support the repair or restoration of County facilities and infrastructure and any other activities related to the response to and recovery from the LA County Fires;
 - b. Carry out emergency actions by using Internal Services Department (ISD) employees, and by awarding and executing one or more contracts, without giving notice for bids to let contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, or by procuring the necessary equipment, services, and supplies for those purposes, including awarding new or extending existing as-needed or on-call contracts, without giving notice for bids to let contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, or after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders;
 - c. To supplement and increase existing professional service contracts, without giving notice for bids to let contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, or after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders including but not limited to, construction project management and architectural and engineering; to supplement the value of each construction project management contract by \$2,000,000 for 18 months each for an additional aggregate amount of \$8,000,000; to supplement the value of architectural and engineering contracts by \$500,000 each for 18 months for an additional aggregate amount of \$4,500,000 to support emergency repairs to County facilities, property and infrastructure required as a result of the LA County Fires; and
 - d. To supplement ISD's existing approved JOC of \$88,400,000,

by an additional \$22,800,000, by awarding new JOCs up to maximum authorized value of \$5,700,000 each, without giving notice for bids to let contracts where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, or after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders, including B license General Contracting, A license General Engineering, and C-39 License Roofing;

13. Instruct the Director of Internal Services to regularly report back to the Board bi-weekly in writing, in accordance with Section 22050 of the Public Contract Code, regarding emergency actions taken under the authority of Public Contract Code section 22050, including providing justification of the need to continue the emergency actions required because of the exigent and/or emergency conditions resulting from the LA County Fires;
14. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to carry out the following emergency activities required for response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires:
 - a. Carry out emergency protective measures at County parks and recreational facilities, including buttressing, bracing, or shoring, barricading and safety fencing, and flood protection, such as sandbagging, and emergency repairs or stabilization to eliminate or lessen an immediate threat to public health and safety directly resulting from the LA County Fires, remove and dispose of vegetative debris, including tree limbs, branches, stumps, or hazardous trees damaged by the LA County Fires, that extend over or otherwise threaten improved property or public-use areas at County parks and recreational facilities within the LA County Fire areas, and take any other directly related and immediate action required to address emergency conditions for public health and safety, as determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation;
 - b. Restore the pre-disaster appearance and functionality of parks and recreational facilities impacted by the LA County Fires, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and County Counsel, to address a public exigency or emergency

as determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation, subject to independent authorizations, including as to budgeting and contracting authority, including as may be reflected in this motion;

- c. Award new contracts, and amend, supplement, and extend for up to 18 months existing service contracts including, but not limited to, food service delivery, field security and debris removal and disposal, to support the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR's) emergency response and recovery activities required because of the LA County Fires, without adhering to the requirements of the County's Sole Source Policy or any other competitive procurement requirements cause where there are exigent or emergency circumstances, or after solicitation in accordance with Federal, State, and County laws, regulations, and executive orders, for the execution of the agreement, and/or amendment, subject to independent authorizations, including as to budgeting and contracting authority, including as may be reflected in this motion, as necessary for response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires, and to terminate said agreements as necessary; and
 - d. Waive all fees, execute, and amend all permits and leases, in consultation with County Counsel, as necessary, and suspend applicable restrictions, for use of property and facilities under the control of DPR necessary to support response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires;
15. Ratify the award of new contracts or amendments of existing contracts entered into by the Director of Parks and Recreation executed on or after January 7, 2025 including, but not limited to, food service delivery, field security and debris removal and disposal, to support DPR's emergency response activities required as a result of the LA County Fires without adhering to the requirements of the County's Sole Source Policy or any other competitive procurement requirements, and authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to terminate said agreements as necessary;

16. Authorize the Director of Parks and Recreation to execute and amend, and terminate all lease agreements for County-owned or operated parks and recreational facilities, for response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires, subject to independent authorizations, including as to budgeting and contracting authority, including as may be reflected in this motion;
17. Instruct the Director of Parks and Recreation to report back to the Board in writing in 30 days and then on a quarterly basis, what actions have been taken under the authorizations provided for under this motion;
18. Authorize the Director of Beaches and Harbors to waive all fees, execute and amend all permits, licenses, and leases, in consultation with County Counsel, as applicable, and suspend applicable restrictions, for use of property and facilities under the control of the Department of Beaches and Harbors necessary to support emergency response and recovery activities required because of the LA County Fires;
19. Instruct the Director of Beaches and Harbors to report back to the Board in writing in 30 days and then on a quarterly basis, what actions have been taken to support emergency response and recovery activities and verify the need to continue these emergency actions;
20. Instruct the Director of Regional Planning to identify and report back to the Board in writing in 30 days on potential exemptions from current regulations governing land use restrictions that may impact the recovery and rebuilding efforts, as required for response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires;
21. Instruct the Director of Regional Planning, in conjunction with other EPIC LA-involved Departments, to build online resources, specific to the impacted communities, that provide step-by-step instructions on the recovery and rebuilding process, required because of the exigent and/or emergency conditions created by the LA County Fires;
22. Authorize the Director of Regional Planning to execute and

amend, and terminate, contracts with consulting firms, including staffing agencies, as necessary emergency activities to respond to, and recover from, the LA County Fires, and the need for expedited permit application reviews, without adhering to the requirements of the County's Sole Source Policy or any other competitive procurement requirements provided the Department of Regional Planning has good cause justification for the execution of the agreement, and/or amendment, subject to independent authorizations, including as to budgeting and contracting authority, including as may be reflected in this motion;

23. Instruct the Director of Regional Planning to report back to the Board in writing in 30 days and then on a quarterly basis, what actions have been taken under the authorizations provided for under this motion;
24. Direct the Chief Executive Officer, through the Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch, to request exemptions from State and Federal agency compensatory mitigation requirements for repair and restoration of public infrastructure and construction of debris mitigation measures required because of the exigent and/or emergency conditions created by the LA County Fires;
25. Instruct the Directors of Regional Planning, Public Health, and Public Works, and the Fire Chief, to fully utilize existing resources, and apply increased resources, as necessary, to assist property owners in the reconstruction of structures damaged or destroyed by the LA County Fires, with assistance to include the following:
 - a. Streamlined coordination, plan review, and permit issuance for project compliance with County's building codes and all building requirements;
 - b. Separation of fire rebuild permit applications from other pending permit applications already in queue and establishment of two separate permit review teams to handle the fire rebuild permit applications, one to handle like-for-like rebuilds, and the other to handle more complex rebuilds and

rebuilt requiring discretionary review;

- c. Establishment of a comprehensive service implementation to include development of a comprehensive permit resource guide, which includes suggestions for incorporating resiliency into rebuilds as options for applicants, and enhanced community outreach to affected property owners through local information workshops and one-on-one consultation including, hosting “One-Stop” workshops where property owners are provided with assistance, including access to permit records, Assessor information, and site attributes, hosting separate workshops for design professionals, as needed, and participation by all permitting Departments, with additional County/City representatives as needed, modeled after the framework of the Woolsey Fire rebuild initiative;
- d. Establishment of a Rebuild Coordination Team including, but not limited to forming a dedicated Concierge Fire Rebuild Coordination Team comprising representatives from all relevant Departments to oversee and monitor rebuild plan submittals, ensuring inter-Departmental connectivity and expedited processing, and developing staffing models to address existing constrained staff resources and to separate rebuild activities from ‘business as usual’ entitlement and permit activities, with staffing models required to balance permit experience, timeliness of permit approvals, and fiscal resilience;
- e. All permitting Departments to evaluate the feasibility of waiving certain fees for applicable permits, based on ability to reimburse the affected Department or from sourcing alternative funding for fees, with a report back to the Board in writing in 30 days with this information;
- f. Leveraging the 2025 fire and building code update cycle to revise and adapt existing codes to accommodate the fire rebuild processes;
- g. Inclusion of commercial/institutional and historic buildings

within the scope of the rebuild guidelines to streamline economic and community development recovery; and

- h. Establishment of a clear timeframe for approvals from each department for like-for-like rebuilds, with consideration for extensions or different timeframes for more complex or discretionary rebuilds;
26. Instruct the Fire Chief, in support of directive 23 to, subject to Department coordination and compliance with applicable law, allow applicants rebuilding their homes to utilize plans approved within the last two code cycles (since 2020) without additional plan checks, and include the “Zone Zero” no combustible materials within five feet, and for R-3 structures, in areas impacted by the Eaton Fire, within Fire Hazard Severity Zones limit Fire Department review of R-3 plan submittals to water and access requirements, deferring all other elements, including Chapter 7A, to DPW;
27. Instruct the Director of Public Health, in support of directive 23, to provide simplified reviews when rebuilding according to the original floor plan, and grant a variance from the requirements of the Noise Control Ordinance (Section 12.08.580) for a period not to exceed two years, extending working hours (7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to include Sundays and legal holidays, and allowing an activity, operation or noise source which cannot feasibly be done in a manner that would comply with the provisions of this chapter, when no other reasonable alternative is available;
28. Instruct the Director of Public Works, in support of directive 23 to, for areas impacted by the Eaton Fire, adopt local regulations delineated under the “Local Regulations” as noted in Attachment 4 of Chief Executive Officer’s January 21, 2025 report entitled, “Report Back on Ratification of Proclamation of Local Emergency, Curfew Order, and Local Health Emergency Declaration for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events (Item No. 31-A, Agenda of January 14, 2025),” and implement the recommendations delimited under the “Local Procedures for Streamlining the Permitting Process” as noted in Attachment 4 of the Chief Executive Officer’s report dated January 21, 2025;

29. Instruct the Director of Regional Planning in support of directive 23, and subject to State law, to do the following:

- a. Exempt applicable fire impacted businesses from the requirements of section 22.140.030.H.3.C.; this section of Title 22 requires a Conditional Use Permit if a deemed approved alcohol sales use has been abandoned, has discontinued operation, or has ceased selling alcoholic beverages for at least three consecutive months;
- b. Allow temporary housing on non-fire impacted properties and accessory emergency shelters for volunteers and workers assisting with recovery efforts, affected property owners, and others;
- c. Coordinate with permitting agencies to allow temporary housing on the parcel right of way of a fire impacted property under certain circumstances (*i.e.*, site limitations), provided that there is appropriate emergency and public access maintained at all times;
- d. In Altadena, allow temporary food truck operations for fire impacted restaurants, coffee shops or eateries to occur on the same parcel as the original use, provided that all health, safety and welfare regulations are met;
- e. Grant a five-year extension for unused discretionary and ministerial land use entitlements, and for discretionary land use entitlements that will expire soon or have already expired, provided the permittee was in the process of receiving a new entitlement;
- f. In fire impacted areas, exempt rebuilds from minimum densities required by the General Plan, provided that the

State grants an exception for no net loss provisions for Housing Element rezoned sites;

- g. Provide flexibility on the enforcement of junk and salvage and outside storage on fire impacted properties;
 - h. Exempt like-for-like rebuilds in fire impacted areas from referrals to DPW for R-3 zoning and above for site plan reviews;
 - i. In the flatland areas of Altadena, process and record a single Certificate of Compliance for all applicable residential parcels, as feasible, to streamline future rebuilding; and
 - j. In areas impacted by the Eaton Fire, acknowledge that all subdivisions entitled by the Department were completed in accordance with the Subdivision Map Act and are exempt from obtaining a new Certificate of Compliance;
30. Direct the Chief Executive Officer, through the Legislative Affairs and Governmental Relations Branch, in collaboration with the permitting Departments, to send a five-signature letter to Governor Gavin Newsom and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation, advocating for the modification for fire victims of the following:
- a. That, in alignment with Executive Order N-4-25, the following provisions of the California Building Standards Code be suspended for fire victims in areas impacted by the Eaton Fire:
 - i. Residential Photovoltaic (PV) requirements of the California (CA) Energy Standards Code, similar to Assembly Bill (AB) 178 (2019);
 - ii. Battery Storage and All-Electric Ready requirements of the CA Energy Standards, in lieu of suspending the above requirements, request that the State offer full rebates for owners who are required to install solar on

rebuilt homes, and if waived, encourage implementation through the Rebuilding Through Resilience Resource Guide;

- b. The application of current codes for owners rebuilding their homes and to authorize the Director of Public Works and the Fire Chief to use plans approved since 2020, during the prior two code cycles, to issue rebuild permits without additional plan checks;
- c. The following under Senate Bill (SB) 35:
 - i. Temporary suspension in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones (VHFHSZ), including any other bills that reference SB 35, such as SB 9;
 - ii. Extending the exemption for replacement housing to fire impacted areas that are not within a VHFHSZ; and
 - iii. Removing the requirement for public meetings on SB 35 projects per SB 423;
- d. The following under State Density Bonus Law/Government Code 65915:
 - i. Temporary suspension of this code section for five years in fire impacted areas to allow like-for-like rebuilds and retention of community character; and
 - ii. Temporary suspension of the requirement for ground floor commercial on projects that take advantage of State by-right or State density bonus laws (specific to Altadena/Lake Avenue);
- e. The following under SB 330/Government Code Section 66300/Housing Crisis Act of 2019:
 - i. Temporary suspension in fire impacted communities

for five years;

- ii. Added local flexibility to objective development standards to retain the character of communities; and
- iii. More flexibility in timing of the replacement units;

f. The following pertaining to Housing Elements:

- i. Suspension of the obligation to fulfill any Regional Housing Needs Assessment the local jurisdiction allocated to the fire impact areas;
- ii. Extension of the April 1, 2025 submittal deadline for the Housing Element Annual Progress Report to July 1, 2025, and providing a variance for jurisdictions with populations over 500,000 with a later deadline of July 1st of each year;

g. Temporary suspension of an existing 90-day time frame for approving Accessory Dwelling Units in fire impacted communities to accommodate the surge in rebuilds and staffing challenges for all impacted jurisdictions at the same time, as allowed in Government Code Sections 66310 through 66342;

h. Temporary suspension of Government Code Section 65863.2 for five years in fire impacted communities;

i. Temporary suspension of Housing Accountability Act regulations, Government Code Section 65589.5, (including Builder's Remedy and enforcement) for five years within fire impacted communities;

j. Suspension of no net loss provisions, Government Code Section 65863, for rebuilds on Housing Element sites in fire impacted areas, and to not penalize these jurisdictions in the current Housing Element timeframe and for Round 7 of the

Housing Element;

- k. Temporary suspension of Government Code Section 65852.24 for five years in fire impacted communities;
 - l. Temporary suspension of Government Code Sections 65912.100 through 65912.140 for five years in fire impacted communities; and
 - m. Temporary suspension of Government Code Section 65913.11 for five years in fire impacted communities;
31. Instruct the Directors of Public Health, Mental Health, and Public Social Services, to conduct a needs assessment and evaluate the implementation of public health, mental health, and eligible social service resources to mitigate the negative effects experienced by those affected by the LA County Fires;
32. Instruct the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, in coordination with other relevant County Department Heads, to report back to the Board in writing in 30 days with an assessment on the ability to provide eligible housing and community-based services to mitigate the loss experienced by those impacted by the LA County Fires;
33. Instruct the Directors of Public Works and Internal Services to explore opportunities for County Departments and related special districts and agencies to enter into master purchasing agreements to leverage economies of scale, to reduce building material costs, as the County and the related agencies/districts implement the repair, replacement, rehabilitation, or construction of their structures, buildings, and facilities, as contemplated by this motion, for response to, and recovery from, the LA County Fires;
34. Instruct the Director of Consumer Business Affairs, in collaboration with the California Department of Consumer Affairs, and in coordination with the Directors of Public Works, Regional Planning, Economic Opportunity, and Internal Services, along with the Los Angeles-Orange County Building Trades Council, the

Building Industry Association of Southern California, and other relevant labor partners, and in consultation with County Counsel, to take steps to identify a potential pool of qualified general contractors, technical services providers, such as architects and engineers, and a trained and skilled workforce to begin the rebuilding of LA County, required because of the exigent and/or emergency conditions created by the LA County Fires;

35. Direct the Agricultural Commissioner/Director of Weights and Measures to inspect any food production facilities, including farms, within the vicinity of the fires to ensure that products were not contaminated by the fires and that appropriate actions take place as a result of any findings; and report back to the Board in writing in 30 days with recommendations on any enhancements or updates to the weed abatement program that can help further mitigate wildfire risk;
36. Before County Departments and special districts are permitted to exercise the contracting-related delegated authorities granted above, the Departments and special districts must first request and obtain the Chief Executive Officer's written approval thereof, in addition, the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to prepare and implement binding written guidelines and processes for approval requests applicable to the use of such contracting-related delegated authorities, including as to funding and budgeting issues;
37. In accordance with Los Angeles County Code Section 6.12.030, ratify the authority of the Chief Executive Officer to take the following actions required because of the emergency conditions created by the LA County Fires:
 - a. Grant up to 80 hours of paid leave to full-time employees and up to 40 hours of paid leave to part-time employees who were or are unable to work due to the LA County Fires;
 - b. Establish guidelines governing the specific eligibility criteria for and use of such leave, in consultation with the Director of Personnel and County Counsel; and

- c. Make such leave available for the period beginning January 7, 2025, through December 31, 2025, to qualifying employees who were hired on or before January 7, 2025;
38. To the extent that County Departments and special districts need or request additional delegated authorities that are not encompassed within those provided for above, the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to grant additional contracting-related delegated authority to County Department Heads and special districts as required for response to and recovery from the LA County Fires, as follows:
- a. The Chief Executive Officer is authorized to delegate authority to County Department Heads and special districts enabling them to enter into and/or amend agreements for professional and other services, without the Department Heads and special districts adhering to the requirements of any Board-mandated policies, regulations, directives, or requirements including, but not limited to, the County's Sole Source Policy or any other competitive procurement requirements, subject to applicable Federal and State law and funding source limitations, and to terminate said agreements as necessary; and in furtherance of the Chief Executive Officer's role/authority in this regard, the Chief Executive Officer is authorized to prepare and implement binding written guidelines and processes for approval requests applicable to Department Heads and special districts' use and attainment of such contracting-related delegated authority, including to funding/budgeting issues, and procedural requirements for approval requests by Departments and special districts; as an example, the Chief Executive Officer could, in her discretion, require that County Department Heads prepare and submit Board letters to the Chief Executive Office for the Chief Executive Officer's consideration in order to secure such contract-related authorizations and, among other things, the Chief Executive Officer's issuance of contracting-related approvals is subject to the following:

- i. That the Chief Executive Officer confirms in writing that there is good cause justification or the request in accordance with applicable Federal or State funding for the execution of the agreement and/or amendment, in order to address the LA County Fires;
 - ii. That the Chief Executive Officer confirms in writing there is sufficient funding in the Final Adopted Budget or the Adjusted Allowance and the funds can be used to address the LA County Fires; and
 - iii. That the term of the agreements, including all change orders or work orders, shall not extend beyond December 31, 2026, unless the Department has obtained prior written approval from the Chief Executive Officer to extend or amend the term of the agreements;
- b. With respect to purchases of goods, including supplies, equipment, and services necessary to address LA County Fires, the Chief Executive Officer is delegated the following:
- i. The authority to increase impacted County Departments' delegated purchasing authority to \$50,000 and, to the extent legally permitted, authorize impacted County Departments to enter into and amend agreements including work or purchase orders, and other services or commodities, without adhering to the requirements of any Board mandated policies, regulations, directives, or requirements including, but not limited to, the County's Sole Source Policy or any other competitive procurement requirements provided the department has good cause justification or the request is in accordance with applicable Federal or State funding for the execution of the agreement and/or amendment, in order to address the LA County Fires, and terminate

said agreements as necessary; and

- ii. The authority to instruct the Director of Internal Services, as the County's Purchasing Agent, as applicable, to the extent legally permitted, to approve any purchases that otherwise would require Board approval under current law, regulations, or Board policies; take any procurement or other actions necessary for the expedited acquisition of all goods, including supplies, equipment, and services needed, without adhering to the requirements of any Board-mandated policies, regulations, directives, or requirements including, but not limited to, the County's Sole Source Policy, Purchasing Policies, or any other competitive procurement requirements provided the Chief Executive Officer confirms in writing that there is good cause justification or it is in accordance with applicable Federal or State funding for the purchase, in order to address the LA County Fires; and when necessary, authorize the Purchasing Agent to make purchases in excess of \$250,000 without prior Board approval;
- c. In connection with the Chief Executive Officer's authorization to grant additional contracting-related delegated authority to special districts, the Chief Executive Officer may require that the special assessment and taxing districts, agencies, districts, and authorities prepare and submit Board letters for the Chief Executive Officer's consideration, when the Board acts in the capacity of the those districts' Governing Board; in this regard, the Chief Executive Officer is further authorized to approve those fiscal, budgetary, contractual, procurement, and operational actions of the such special districts, that are necessary to address the exigent or emergency circumstances created by the LA County Fires, including, but not limited to the Los Angeles County Development Authority, the County Flood Control District, the Consolidated Fire Protection District, the County Waterworks Districts, and the Consolidated Sewer Maintenance Districts;

- d. The authority to waive fees, execute and amend all permits, licenses, and leases, as applicable, and suspend applicable restrictions, for the use of County property and facilities necessary for response to and recovery from, and as needed during, the LA County Fires;
 - e. The authority to execute and amend all permits, licenses, and leases, as applicable, to secure the use of property and facilities necessary for response to and recovery from, and as needed during, the LA County Fires;
 - f. The authority to approve and adopt resolutions and to make any determinations and findings necessary, as applicable, to support and execute other authorities that have been delegated to the Chief Executive Officer, to the extent permitted by law, required because of the LA County Fires; and
 - g. The authority to approve, in consultation with County Counsel, 120-day retiree rehires if the Chief Executive Officer determines that such rehires are necessary for the response to the LA County Fires;
39. Authorize the Chief Executive Officer to enter into services contracts necessary to support emergency response and recovery and report quarterly to the Board on such contracts; effective as of January 7, 2025, the date of the declared emergency;
40. Except as otherwise provided herein, the authorizations and delegated authorities provided for above shall remain in effect until July 29, 2026, unless the Board extends that date or provides that the authorizations and delegated authorities are terminated on a sooner date; and

41. Authorize the Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Development Authority, in consultation with County Counsel, to execute agreements and amend existing agreements in accordance with applicable Federal or State laws and regulations for response to or recovery from the LA County Fires, and terminate said agreements as necessary. (25-0717)

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