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LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S RESILIENT RECOVERY EFFORTS

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CONDITIONS AND CHALLENGES

The Palisades Fire impacted multiple jurisdictions, not just the Palisades community. Malibu and Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains, such as Sunset Mesa, Big Rock and Topanga were affected.

Rebuilding 671 Structures destroyed in Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains and repair impacted infrastructure.

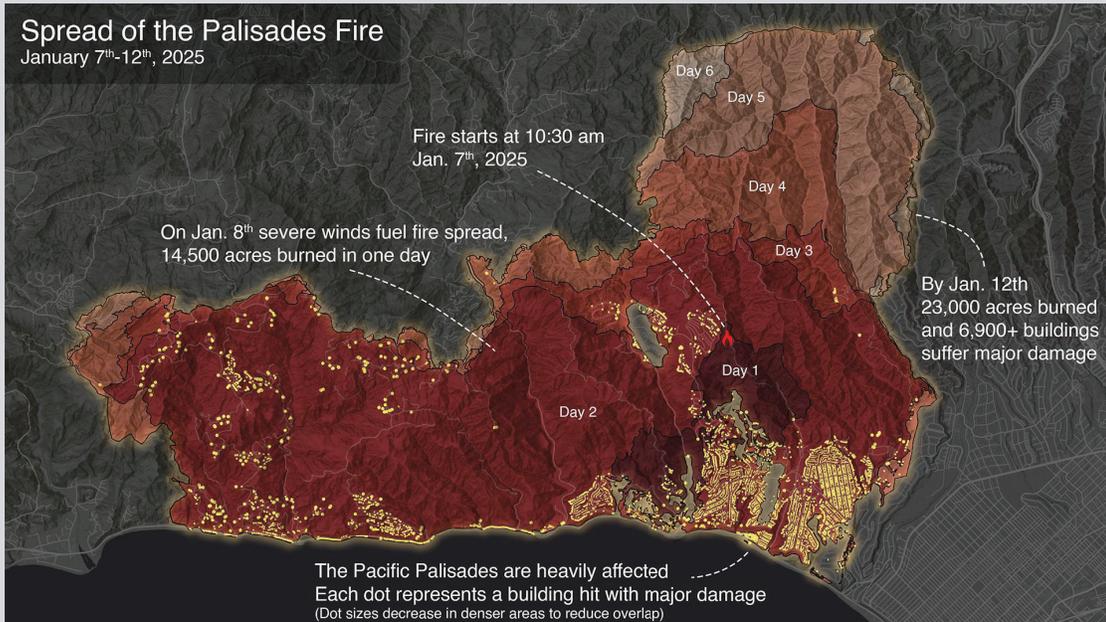
Assumptions of Federal and State roles in Disaster aid have not materialized.

Jurisdictions must be flexible, creative and innovative to move the needle on recovery.

Management of misinformation to prevent negative impacts on communities.

Philanthropic investments focused on immediate assistance and research.

PALISADES FIRE



- *This Disaster was devastating to our residents; it took 12 lives in the Palisades Fire and 19 lives in the Eaton Fire. Their homes and their entire communities were decimated.*
- *No one could have imagined a disaster of this magnitude.*
- *The size of the disaster requires an all-hands-on deck approach.*
- *The fires revealed the vulnerability of the web of governments that currently exists within LA County, which make fires and other challenging issues difficult to address.*



SUPERVISOR'S RESPONSE

Immediate Legislative Advocacy at the State and Federal Levels

Blue Ribbon Commission on Climate Action and Fire-Safe Recovery

Establishing a Rebuilding Authority

Disaster Recovery Financing District in the Santa Monica Mountains

Proactive Emergency Planning

Enhance Resources for Office of Emergency Management
Robust Emergency Planning in SD3

BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON CLIMATE ACTION AND FIRE-SAFE RECOVERY

Recommendation Categories:

Resilient Rebuilding Authority

LA County Fire Control District

Building Codes and Resilience Standards

Vegetation, Urban Landscape and Wildlands

Insurance Reforms for Resilient Communities

Land use and Workforce

Energy System Resilience and Modernization

Water System Resilience

Community Resilience, Equity and Health

Finance

Governance and Accountability

CURRENT RECOVERY EFFORTS

Expedited Permitting

Legislative Advocacy for State and Federal Funding

Undergrounding in High Fire Severity Zones

Unincorporated Santa Monica Mountains Disaster Recovery Financing District

Rebuilding Authority

Emergency Preparedness Investments



DIFFUSE LEADERSHIP AND REBUILDING

No single voice to advocate with the and federal government.

Redirecting resources to a disaster comes with political complications caused by concern over resources being diverted away from other areas of need.

These challenges were accentuated during the fires and now during recovery.

Recognizing this obstacle, in the prior year on other urgent issues, Supervisor Horvath proposed Measure G, which passed in November of 2024. The measure will transition the County to resemble a mayor-council governance structure.

The expectation is that this change will provide the County with a single elected County Executive to prioritize and execute a vision for the County on the most pressing issues.

Rebuilding Authority will help address internal coordination and define leadership on all matters related to rebuilding and recovery.

BALANCING PRIORITIES AND PRESSING ISSUES

- Disaster Recovery
- Homelessness
- Affordable Housing
- Justice Reform/Public Safety
- Economy
- Health
- Climate Change and Sustainability
- Federal and State Funding Challenges/Opportunities



WHAT'S ON THE HORIZON? *MEASURE G*



On Governance -

A Shift in Power Dynamics – First Elected County Executive in 2028

Creation of the Offices of the Legislative Analyst and Director of Budget and Management

First County Ethics Commission by 2026

Board Expansion to 9 BOS Members by 2032



THANK YOU

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