

MOTION

Since the posting of the agenda, it has come to the attention of the City of Los Angeles that in response to the Palisades Fire, the Eaton Fire, the January 2025 Windstorm, and related fires, it is necessary for the City to immediately address dozens of issues related to response and recovery, including but not limited to: FEMA reimbursement, financing strategies for fire recovery, public safety in evacuation areas, lost pets, price gouging, FEMA's Direct Lease program, relief from LADWP bills, assessing infrastructure and facilities, ongoing federal coordination, an ad hoc committee for fire recovery, LADWP infrastructure and the offline reservoir, support for dislocated workers, mitigating debris flows and landslides, exempting additional positions from the prioritized critical hiring process, a centralized permit operation center, additional resources for LAFD, creation of a recovery plan, mitigation of toxic hazards, federal resource centers, tenant protections for impacted persons and pets, and financial assistance for impacted persons and businesses.

The Palisades Fire placed unprecedented strain on our firefighting infrastructure and resources. During the height of the fire, in the early hours of Wednesday morning, the *LA Times* reported that as fire fighters fought heroically to stop the advance of the fire, our first responders encountered falling water pressure and dry fire hydrants at higher elevations in the Palisades.

In the days after the fire's ignition, reporting from the *LA Times* also revealed that the Santa Ynez reservoir, a 117 million gallon water storage complex, sat empty in the Pacific Palisades while fires raged.

In response to the lack of water pressure, the Department of Water and Power has shared publicly that they will be conducting a root cause analysis to determine why there was a lack of water pressure and why fire hydrants ran dry.

Although there are more questions than answers at this point, residents who have lost everything deserve a comprehensive analysis from the Department of Water and Power regarding the water supply system that evening.

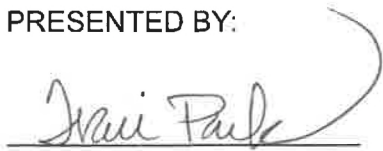
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council determine, as provided in section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for immediate action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Friday, January 10, 2025 for today's Council meeting.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the Department of Water and Power to present before the City Council its root cause analysis of the water pressure challenges that resulted in lower water pressure and dry hydrants, in addition to recommendations and findings, when completed; and


I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the Department of Water and Power to report in 15 days regarding the Santa Ynez Reservoir, including how, why and for what reasons it sat offline; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council REQUEST the Department of Water and Power to report on its reservoir policies as wildfires extend into the winter season.

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