

The People of LADWP

WHEREAS, the Palisades Fire, which began January 7, 2025, is the largest, most destructive and costliest fire in the City of Los Angeles' (City) history, displacing countless households, burning tens of thousands of acres, destroying thousands of homes, hundreds of businesses, and damaging or destroying places of worship, cultural centers, community spaces, and other significant community-serving resources; and

WHEREAS, the enormous challenges the City faced(s) in response to the Palisades Fire increased as more fires erupted and rapidly spread, fanned by the violent January 2025 Windstorm, including the Sunset, Eaton, Kenneth and Hurst Fires; and

WHEREAS, the demand placed on LADWP's infrastructure, was unprecedented and required an extraordinary and sustained response from LADWP's workforce; and

WHEREAS, in the face of this devastating emergency, the dedicated women and men of LADWP exhibited remarkable courage, resilience, and commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS, many of these employees selflessly put aside their personal losses and hardships, including the devastating impact of having their homes threatened or destroyed by the fires, to ensure that the essential services of water and power were maintained to the fullest extent possible and that safety measures were implemented to protect the community; and

WHEREAS, these efforts were supported by LADWP's labor partners, the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 18, the Management Employees Association, the Service Employees' International Union Local 721, the Water and Power Dispatchers Association, and the Association of Confidential Employees, and

WHEREAS, the Navajo Nation generously provided a team of Navajo Scouts fire crew to assist in battling the fires raging through Los Angeles, and a team of 10 electrical linemen from the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority to assist in restoring power to fire-damaged parts of our system; and

WHEREAS, all of these efforts not only helped safeguard critical water and power infrastructure but also provided vital support to the Los Angeles community during this crisis, demonstrating the highest ideals of public service and exemplifying the strength of community bonds in the face of adversity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners hereby commends the unwavering dedication and exceptional response of LADWP's employees, labor partners, and mutual aid donors to the January 2025

fires, including the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Sunset Fire, Hurst Fire, and Kenneth Fire and to the destruction caused by the January 2025 Windstorm, as well as the continued efforts of LADWP employees and labor partners to address the challenge of a long recovery process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary be instructed to place this resolution in the minutes of this Board as a permanent record and that a copy of this resolution be presented to LADWP's labor partners, the Navajo Nation, and all LADWP employees as a token of gratitude and recognition for their extraordinary service and commitment during this challenging time.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Water and Power Commissioners of the City of Los Angeles at its meeting held

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Secretary