

WHEREAS, the Palisades Fire, which began January 7, 2025, is the largest, most destructive and costliest fire in the City's 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. On the heels of the Palisades Fire, more fires erupted and spread quickly, fanned by the violent January 2025 Windstorm, including the Sunset, Eaton, Kenneth and Hurst Fires; and

WHEREAS, LADWP maintains a Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP), which outlines comprehensive strategies to address the rising threat of wildfires exacerbated by climate change and human activities. The primary goal of the WMP is focused on public safety and mitigating wildfire risks associated with electrical infrastructure. In addition, the WMP includes objectives such as improving grid resiliency and enhancing program efficiency by measuring the effectiveness of specific wildfire mitigation measures. The plan also emphasizes collaboration with local fire agencies, primarily the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), in adherence to updated design standards, and public outreach to ensure safety and community awareness; and

WHEREAS, for years, LADWP has implemented high standards for infrastructure design, including the use of insulated conductors and fire-resistant materials, while leveraging technologies like Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for monitoring; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 WMP reflects significant advancements in wildfire prevention and response strategies, yet the recent fires underscore the continued urgency for robust assessment and adaptive management especially due to a warming and drier climate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Water and Power Commissioners hereby directs LADWP, working in collaboration with and input from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and City, County, State and Federal agencies, to provide a comprehensive report evaluating the successes and shortcomings of the 2024 WMP update; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this report should include specific metrics on ignition sources, response times, equipment usage, water availability, water and power infrastructure opportunities and challenges, and the effectiveness of implemented strategies, alongside actionable recommendations to further mitigate wildfire risks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff shall report back to this Board with recommendations that account for the City's response associated with fire preparedness and response to the recent Palisades, Kenneth, Hurst and other fires exacerbated by human activity and climate change, including but not limited to: ignition sources, response times, equipment usage, water availability, water and power infrastructure needs and grid resiliency, to greatly improve fire resiliency citywide.

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