



March 27, 2025

Mr. Robert J. Fenton, Jr., Regional Administrator
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region IX
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
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Subject: Request for Inclusion in the Debris Removal Program – Commercial,
and Multi-Family Residential Properties
FEMA-4856-DR-CA, California Wildfires and Straight-line Winds
Cal OES ID: 037-00000 FEMA ID: 037-99037-00
Subrecipient: Los Angeles County
Cal OES Log: COR-006533 FEMA Log: None

Dear Mr. Fenton:

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) would like to thank the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for its ongoing partnership in serving California communities. Cal OES appreciates the extraordinary effort and speed at which the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and FEMA are assisting with the recovery and debris removal process for the California Wildfires and Straight-line Winds (FEMA-4856-DR-CA) event.

On March 25, 2025, Cal OES received the enclosed letter from Los Angeles County (County) (Enclosure 1). The letter requests that commercial and multi-family residential properties be included in the USACE debris removal program, specifically the special inclusion of small businesses and residential apartments, condominiums, and mobile homes.

Also on March 25, 2025, Cal OES received the enclosed letter from the City of Los Angeles (City) (Enclosure 2). The letter requests that multi-family residential properties be included in the USACE debris removal program, as well.

The County and the City understand that any debris removal conducted under the approval of this request would be subject to the same requirements to obtain a Right of Entry (ROE) and an agreement to indemnify the Federal government against any claim arising from such removal. The County and the City also affirm



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they will collect the insurance documentation from all commercial and multi-family residential properties approved in this request.

Based on the information provided in the enclosed requests from the County and the City, Cal OES requests FEMA consider expediting the evaluation of these commercial and multi-family properties for special inclusion in the USACE debris removal operations. Your consideration of this request would be in the interest of economic recovery of the affected communities to the benefit of the community-at-large.

Thank you for your immediate consideration of this request. Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

NANCY WARD
Director
California Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Enclosures: 1. City of Los Angeles letter dated March 25, 2025
2. County of Los Angeles letter dated March 25, 2025

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