

**City of Los Angeles
Department of Recreation and Parks
Windstorm and Wildfire Response**



Los Angeles City Administrative Code

“The Public Welfare and Shelter Division shall be under and subject to the control of the Department of Recreation and Parks of the City of Los Angeles. The Chief of this division shall be the General Manager of the Department. The chief shall be responsible for arranging, directing and coordinating sheltering services for persons rendered homeless as a result of a local emergency.”



Timeline

January 7, 2025

- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation - Level 3
- Hurst fire starts (10:29 a.m.)
- Palisades fire starts (10:30 a.m.): RAP activated
Department Operations Center (DOC) to Level 2
- Sustained operations - 24/7 staffing
- Continuity of Operations Plan Team (COOP) activated
- Damage Assessments begin
- Park closures



Timeline

January 8-10, 2025

- Shelter & evacuation sites activated
- RAP facilities report damages
- Family Assistance Center (FAC) activation
 - 13 individuals
 - 3 new missing persons reports (resolved)
- Staff impact surveys
- Woodley fire starts (6:15 a.m.)
- Kenneth fire starts (3:34 p.m.)
- Sunset fire starts (5:57 p.m.)
- Archer fire starts (1/10/25 - 11:24 a.m.)



Timeline January 12-17, 2025

- Support camps open at Mar Vista RC and Oakwood RC
 - Partners include Project Camp, LA Zoo, Play Equity/LA84, LA Library
- Additional shelters demobilized
- Air quality relief centers established
- Disaster Recovery Center opens to the public



Timeline

January 24, 2025

- Air purifier distribution event
- Sandbag fill stations established



Timeline Today

- EOC/DOC continues response efforts
- Debris flow mitigation and recovery efforts underway
- After action debriefs underway



Peak Operations 16 Facilities

- Shelters
 - Westwood RC
 - Ritchie Valens RC
 - VNSO RC
 - Stoner RC
 - Rustic Canyon (Mutual Aid)
 - Northridge RC (firefighter)
- Large Animal Shelters
 - LA Equestrian Center
 - Hansen Dam
- Family Assistance Center
 - Cheviot Hills RC
- Interim Housing Shelters
 - Pecan RC
 - Queen Anne RC
- VA Housing Shelter
 - Pan Pacific RC
- Shower Sites
 - Cleveland Pool
 - Hubert Humphrey Pool
 - Echo Pool
 - E.G. Roberts Pool
 - Richard Alatorre Pool
 - Pan Pacific Pool



Mass Care Operations

47 Facilities

- Air Quality Relief Center
 - Alpine RC
- Support Camps
 - Mar Vista RC
 - Oakwood RC
 - Eagle Rock Child Care Center
 - Palms RC
- Drop-In Childcare Centers (27 sites)
- Sandbag Fill Stations
 - Penmar RC
 - Stoner RC
 - Cheviot Hills RC
- Evacuation Centers
 - Lanark RC
 - Pan Pacific RC
 - Woodland Hills RC
- Interim Housing Shelters
 - Queen Anne RC
 - Pecan RC
- Disaster Recovery Center
 - Kids Corner
- Water Distribution
 - Rustic Canyon RC
 - Mar Vista RC
 - Stoner RC
 - Westwood RC
- Mutual Aid
 - Hansen Dam Aquatic Center
 - Rustic Canyon RC



Fire Damaged Parks and Park Facilities Palisades Recreation Center



- Extensive damage to Palisades Park
- Significant damage to Palisades RC (newer gymnasium)
- Damage to other ancillary building, park amenities, fencing, trees, landscaped areas, etc.
- Some damage to George Wolberg Park at Potrero Canyon

Fire Damaged Parks and Park Facilities

Runyon Canyon Recreation Center



Sunset Fire Damage

- Approx 42 acres of natural area damaged at Runyon Canyon Park
- Minor damage to shade structures at Wattles Garden Park
- West Trail remains closed

Fire Damaged Parks

List of City Parks Damaged and Impacted by Windstorm and Wildfires

- Palisades Recreation Center Park
- George Wolfberg at Potrero Canyon Park
- Palisades Park
- Temescal Canyon
- Runyon Canyon
- Wattles Garden Park
- Stetson Ranch Park
- O'Melveny Park
- Santa Ynez Park
- Sullivan Canyon Park
- Rivas Canyon Park



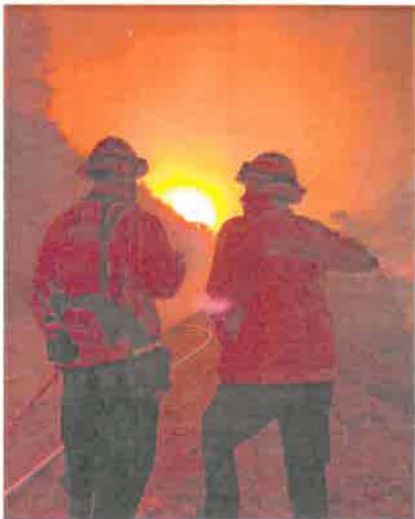
Response, Shelter, and Evacuation Operations

- Peak residents served: 619
- Peak pets sheltered: 21
- Peak large animals sheltered: 542
- Support camps: 2 (120)
- Project Camp: 2 (46)
- Total operational periods: 25 (as of 1/31/2025)
- Total RAP staff involved: 600+



Park Ranger Operations

- Number of Rangers responded: 9
 - Average number of additional Rangers on duty above normal staffing levels during extreme fire weather event
- Number of fires extinguished: 51
- Number of vehicles utilized: 13
 - 2 Engines, 2 Water Tenders, 9 Brush Patrols
- Number of arrests: 7
- Number of citations: 14



Sunset Fire @ Runyon Canyon Park



Sunset Fire @ Runyon Canyon Park



RAP Staff Impacts

- 171 - Number of RAP staff reported to be directly impacted
- 61 - Number of staff reported to have been evacuated
- 38 - Number of staff with damaged property and/or lost homes



Red Flag Warnings and Parks in VHFSZ

- Following the wildfires, in response to a City Council request and out of an abundance of caution, RAP closed City parks in designated Very High Fire Severity Zones during Red Flag Warnings issued by the National Weather Service.
- RAP is coordinating with the Emergency Management Division and other City Departments on a report back in response to two City Council motions related to park closures and other City mitigation measures during Red Flag Warning and Particularly Dangerous Situation declarations.



Acknowledgements

- Park Rangers
- Emergency Management Coordinators
- Emergency Response Action Team (ERAT)
- Recreational Services Branch
- Maintenance and Construction Teams
- Aquatics Division
- Forestry Team
- Park Services
- Executive Leadership
- Many more. . .



Thank you for your continued support!



Support Camps

Mar Vista and Oakwood Recreation Centers



RAP Support Camps



- January 13th to January 31st
 - Youth Ages 5-12: 8am to 5pm
 - Teens Ages 13-17: 8 am to 7 pm
- Breakfast, Lunch & Snacks provided
- 61 kids registered at Oakwood
- 170 registered at Mar Vista



Project Care Camps



- **Project: Camp programed at Palms & Eagle Rock RC**
- **At its height, Palms had 9 kids registered & Eagle Rock had 50**
- **Project: Camp helped “parents find normalcy for their family by providing day camps for their kids.” They provided an opportunity for parents to get back on their feet while their kids engage in fun camp activities!**
- **Their volunteers were trained in trauma-informed childcare**



Field Trips



Trips included CA Science Center & IMAX, Scooter's Jungle, & John's Incredible Pizza, giving the children a moment of excitement in all the chaos.



Community Support



- Los Angeles Public Library: Three author's read to the children & distributed their books
- Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County: Delivered an interactive LA Underwater program that explored LA's marine past
- Discovery Science Center: Provided a portable planetarium demonstration
- Los Angeles Zoo: Had a hands on animal exhibit using the sense of sight & touch



Community Partners



- **Theatre, Visual Arts, & Music:** Center Theatre Group, Heart of Los Angeles, LA Phil, & The Music Center
- **STEM Activities:** LA STEM Collective, Two Bit Circus, PS Science, Friends of the LA River, & Roundhouse Aquarium
- **Sensory Play & Creative Expression:** Best Bubble Parties, Epic Fun, Paint on Your Face - Donated by LA 84 Foundation



RAP Drop-In Program



Mayor Karen Bass



CITY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

RAP DROP-IN PROGRAM

FREE PROGRAM

PROGRAM BEGINS:
FEBRUARY 3, 2025
AT MAR VISTA RECREATION CENTER

AGES
5-12

MONDAY - FRIDAY
2 PM TO 6 PM

Light Afternoon Snack
will be served.

- ✓ Supervised Care
- ✓ Fun & Engaging Activities
- ✓ Safe Space



FOR A LIST OF PARTICIPATING SITES VISIT:
LAPARKS.ORG/EMERGENCY
REGISTRATION MUST BE COMPLETED ON SITE



Special Thanks to...



- **Our Palisades Recreation Center staff, Senior Director, Jasmine Dowlatshahi and Facility Director, Daisy Garcia**
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- **West Region Management Team: Ramon, Juan, Kortley and Melody**
- **Our Maintenance Team**
- **The Los Angeles County Parks & Recreation**
- **The Department of Mental Health**

Thank You For Supporting Our Efforts!



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