



Palisades Recovery Coalition

March 18 meeting - Logistics - notes

1. Volume of Rebuild & Logistics (per Army Corps Colonels update at the start of the meeting):

- Mobility is an issue right now
- Current Rebuild Rate: 30/35 properties cleared per day
- Scaling Plan:
 - Increase to 1,200 properties/month
 - 62 crews/day by end of the week, ramping to 100 crews per day
 - Peak operations April–June, aiming for completion by end of July
- Right of Entry (ROE) Status:
 - 6,500 parcels total
 - 3,800 ROE opt-ins (target: 5,000)
 - 500 properties cleared as of 3/18
 - ~2,000 property owners have yet to decide (15-20% not opted in)
 - City plans to finalize ROE deadline by March 31st

2. ACE Debris & Hauling Operations

- Trucking Capacity:
 - 600 trucks/day, doubling to 1,200/day within a month
 - 2x83 loops/day during daylight hours
- Flatwork & Pools:
 - Not included in debris removal
 - Must be covered by insurance or private contractors
- Engineering & Contractors:
 - 4 engineering firms working under USACE
 - Additional remediation may be required by private contractor after Phase II

3. Traffic & Route Coordination

- Legal & Primary Routes:
 - LA Public Works & DOT oversee designated routes

- Contractors need flexibility for optimized paths (e.g., fast lane for haul trucks, one way Chautauqua going up or down at optimal times, use of Tem Cyn Rd when ACE is finished using it as staging for concrete crushing and debris sorting.)
- Checkpoints:
 - Managed by LAPD, National Guard, and CHP
 - Goal: Open PCH by May 31st
 - Discussion with LAPD, Caltrans and Nat'l Guard to make flow better
 - Follow up zoom discussion planned
- Traffic website
 - Suggestion was made to create an accessible traffic website or signage for residents and workers to be abreast of conditions and wait times
- Landfill & Waste Management:
 - Hours of operation under review due to increased volume
 - Need to coordinate with municipal standard ordinances

4. Workforce & Staging Areas

- Workforce Scaling:
 - 100-140 workers per job site/day
 - Extended shifts (costly overtime but perhaps necessary for swift rebuilding)
 - Insurance companies may only allow up to two or three years for rebuilding
- Potential Staging Locations:
 - Los Lions (long and securable road that may be optimal for material)
 - Paul Revere, Will Rogers, Waldorf Schools (all private but can be leased)
 - Will Rogers Parking area
 - Will Rogers Polo Fields (currently sight by ACE)
 - Library (once cleared)
 - Flats lots (aggregated – and providing an income source)
 - Commercial residential burned-out lots not ready to rebuild (multiple owners)
- Low Repopulation Areas as extended work and or stay zones (areas more than 59% burned and open to longer work hours, late night delivery times, workers on lots):
 - Marquez (59% destroyed - Darragh Danton block captain contact)
 - Alphabets (93% destroyed - needs more block captains)
 - La Casas (93% destroyed - Daphne Gronich block captain contact)
 - Via Bluffs (82% destroyed – needs block captain)

5. Community Engagement & Communication

- Block Captains:

- Team Palisades leading this effort and looking for more captains in the Eight Palisades “Areas”, as defined by PPCC.
- Communication by WhatsApp, email, text and personal outreach
- Ramping up website and communications platform for better reach and info sharing
- Immediate goalpost: 3-week deadline to distribute ROE information (March 31st)
- Encourage remaining homeowners to opt in for free debris removal
- Survey & Planning:
 - CD11 to work with Maryam to create and distribute a Palisades specific survey on repopulation & rebuilding plans to give us eyes on logistics and other needs.
 - Logistics impact on schools & roadways
 - Tem Cyn Rd is a major artery for movement and staging – a generation ago there was a concrete plant at the top of Tem Cyn.
- Contractors and Construction:
 - Contractors can be more efficient if they know each other’s plans, deliveries and material on hand
 - Shared resources can help streamline deliveries and materials stock
 - Collaborative working relationship can help scale the rebuilding even while people use different contractors. Large scale homebuilders may not be optimal for PP
 - Communications platform/app specifically for contractors and builders, key.
- Key Communication Priorities:
 - Presentation of plan & ideas to the community
 - Create a platform for builders and contractors to share resources and routes
 - Strengthen the block captains and their ability to communicate with residents
 - Reach out personally too many who are not on digital platforms
 - Clear misinformation about USACE & insurance fund usage
 - Communicate with Caltrans and LAOD on check points – streamlining

6. Infrastructure & Utilities

- Independent Contractors & Utilities:
 - Utilities will not be underground before people begin to rebuild
 - Alphabet streets are the most likely place for undergrounding
 - Marquez flats is also a candidate for early reconstruction and staging focus
 - USACE does not control private debris clearance and cannot quantify
 - Utilities should be ready for early rebuilders - press city
- Caltrans:
 - Create a fast pass system

- One-lane access for Malibu & Topanga, center lane access for work trucks, right lane access for residents. Possible discussion points...
- Need efficient pass system at entry points to Palisades (currently untenable) – National Guard says they have 18 different subsets of passes right now.

7. Rebuilding (better)

- Concrete & Materials
 - Hold an RFP to lay down the rules for concrete plant to save of millions of dollars in fees. (late night and weekend delivery charges wouldn't apply)
 - Pozzolans mix for more fire-resistant concrete.
 - Scott Morris to lead
 - List of safe rebuilding materials (Andrew Obermeyer)
- Pali High School:
 - Reopening September 2025 at Temescal Cyn campus with shuttle buses
 - Impact on Temescal traffic flow TBD - might be needed as a main construction artery after ACE leaves. (ACE currently using that area for crushing and sorting – one way out to PCH.)

8. Next steps

1. Evaluate Extended Work Hours – Assess feasibility of Sunday operations in lower-density areas.
2. Concrete Plant Feasibility Study – Explore cost-saving benefits of local RFP for concrete plant/partners. (Scott Morris)
3. Communications Platform for Builders & developers (Rob Reinis)
4. Identify Staging Areas – Secure private lots or church properties for materials/workforce.
5. Homeowner Survey – Gauge rebuilding interest & financing options.
6. Community Communication Strategy – Ensure regular updates & clear messaging.
7. Clarify Agency Roles – Define responsibilities for security, traffic, and rebuild coordination.