



ALTADENA TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES January 21, 2025

Held virtually on Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER 7:02pm

1.1 Flag Salute

Assistant Chief, Pat Sprengel

1.2 Roll Call

Kim Yu

Present: Victoria Knapp, Connor Cipolla, Kim Yu, Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Darlene Greene, Jon Carmody, Isis Moulden, Pat Sutherlen, ViEvyette Stewart-Gordon, Reginald Wilkins, Adam Vourvoulis, Sylvia Vega

1.3 Meeting Agenda

Nic Arnzen

Approved with modifications

2. OFFICER REPORTS

2.1 Chair

Victoria Knapp

2.1.1 Moment of silence for the 17 lives lost to the Altadena Fire.

3. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 Altadena Sheriff's Station – Captain Jabari Williams

3.1.1 Over 100 personnel on site including National Guard, undercover officers

3.1.2 Security checkpoints – constantly changing as areas open up

3.1.3 Goal is to be visible and to prevent crime – asking people to be vigilant and notify Sheriffs of anything suspicious

3.1.4 Station is still standing and fully functional

3.1.5 Residents can continue to file their reports in person at the station

3.2 LA County Fire – Asst Chief Pat Sprengel

3.2.1 Eaton Fire – 14,021 acres, currently 87% contained

- 3.2.2 9418 structures destroyed, 8 firefighter injuries
- 3.2.3 The operation/incident will turn over to local jurisdiction beginning 1/25/2025, Rose Bowl command post last day
- 3.2.4 Post fire watershed management should be at the forefront given the upcoming rain
- 3.2.5 Public works to handle the mud and debris flows
- 3.2.6 Multiple strike teams out there to assist with your needs
- 3.2.7 All local stations back in normal operation with the addition of a water tender

3.3 California Highway Patrol – Officer Bay

- 3.3.1 1—CHP personnel deployed
- 3.3.2 12-hour shifts
- 3.3.3 No longer part of the closures and transitioning to crime prevention
- 3.3.4 250 vehicles recovered and staying at several tow yards – call 323-259-3200 for more information

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

4.1 Update LA County Board of Supervisor – Supervisor Kathryn Barger

- 4.1.1 Made a motion to have 3rd party review of emergency notification system
- 4.1.2 Brought State and Federal resources
- 4.1.3 One Stop Shop for resources – visit Disaster Recovery Center
- 4.1.4 Dept of consumer Affairs - prosecuting predators and enforcing renter protections
- 4.1.5 LA County Fire Recovery Fund – will ensure that Altadena is front and center – goes to marginalized residents and communities
 - 4.1.5.1 Looking at getting 1-2% loan for underinsured
- 4.1.6 Will be working with school districts to provide support and resources
- 4.1.7 Working on short term housing – by creating resource where inspected individuals can go see what's available – working with landlords throughout LA County.

- 4.1.8 Working to expedite debris removal with Army Corps of Engineers
- 4.1.9 Sheriffs – saturated in the community to prevent crime
- 4.1.10 Plenty of PPE kits for those who plan to go into their homes – must wear PPE
- 4.1.11 Call the Dept of Public Health if you need extra kits
- 4.1.12 Mental Health – please reach out if you need support
- 4.1.13 Preparing for mudslides – rain is coming – Public Works is lead
- 4.1.14 Public Works will be setting up an office in Altadena – One Stop shop – permit center
- 4.1.15 Remove any red tape
- 4.1.16 Will allow people to place temporary structures on their property – guidelines will be provided
- 4.2 Update from Public Works – Ciara Barnett
 - 4.2.1 Storm approaching 1/25-1/27/2025 – expecting 1/4"-1/2" of rain with 20% chance of thunderstorms
 - 4.2.2 All flood control dams prepared for the storms
 - 4.2.3 Mud and debris flow hotline – 1-800-933-0930
 - 4.2.4 Avoid contact with contaminated run off
 - 4.2.5 Can contact Building and Safety office to provide structural assessments of your structure – 626-574-0941
 - 4.2.6 Two step removal process: Phase 1 – Household Hazardous Waste, Phase 2 – Debris Removal
 - 4.2.7 Property owner can opt in or hire an approved private contractor
 - 4.2.8 How to make rebuilding be expedited:
 - 4.2.8.1 Have preapproved plans for one to use
 - 4.2.8.2 Remove check and balances
 - 4.2.8.3 Work force
 - 4.2.8.4 Working on decreasing building materials cost
 - 4.2.9 Contact: cbarnett@pw.lacounty.gov
- 4.3 Update from Department of Public Health – Dr. Muntu Davis
- 4.4 Update from FEMA – Brandon Monson
 - 4.4.1 \$33 Million distributed so far

- 4.4.2 Help with renters and homeowners – use the App, through the DRC, contact by email and visit website
- 4.4.3 1-800-621-3362 between 7am-10pm
- 4.4.4 3/10/2025 – deadline to get application into FEMA – disaster assistance.gov
- 4.4.5 FEMA inspectors will never charge and will have a badge identifying them – if you have questions call FEMA
- 4.4.6 GoFundMe issues – FEMA cannot duplicate benefits
- 4.4.7 TSA and rental assist will not affect FEMA assistance
- 4.4.8 FEMA will give up to \$43,600 for home and \$43,600 for contents in home
- 4.5 Update from American Red Cross – Diana Pineda Ramirez
 - 4.5.1 Visit [redcross.org/gethelp](https://www.redcross.org/gethelp) for financial assistance
 - 4.5.2 Can also call 1-800-red-cros
 - 4.5.3 Have an extensive database of resources and available to help

5. COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 5.1 Altadena Chamber of Commerce – Judy Matthews
 - 5.1.1 Collaborating with US Chamber of Commerce
 - 5.1.2 Spearheading efforts to assist businesses in our local community
 - 5.1.3 Working with Los Angeles County office of Economic Development
 - 5.1.4 Initiatives - call to action – submit immediate needs for assistance; voice messaging; new management system that offers training for businesses that want to go online; farmers market can assistance

6. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

- 6.1 Due to the Q and A nature of this meeting, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/live/T1s4BVOeK0Y?si=IKzSHzoY6sEXdHDp> for a complete recording of this meeting.
Councilmembers worked to ask questions posted on the chat on both YouTube and Zoom to ensure that all questions were asked.

7. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting closed at 9:54pm