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L.A. Wildfires: Ensuring an Equitable Recovery for Workers

Senate Labor, Public Employment and Retirement Committee &
Assembly Labor and Employment Committee

March 12, 2025 at 9 am
1021 O Street, Room 1100

I. Opening Remarks

II. Mapping the damage: protecting and uplifting workers and employers

Worker Perspective

- a. Derek Urwin, Engineer, LA County Firefighters Local 1014, Adjunct Professor, UCLA Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center
- b. Maegan Ortiz, Executive Director of Instituto De Educacion Popular del Sur de California (IDEPSCA)
- c. Sara Flocks, Legislative and Strategic Campaigns Director, California Federation of Labor Unions
- d. Chris Hannan, President, State Building and Construction Trades Council of California
- e. Eddie Alvarez, Los Angeles County Building and Construction Trades Council

Employer Perspective

- a. Angela Li, Director, Olive Tree Learning Center Inc.
- b. Katherine Peoples, CEO, HOUZD Construction and Development
- c. Rebecca Rasmussen, Board Member, Altadena Chamber of Commerce
- d. Jermaine Hampton, Vice President of Workforce Development and Special Projects, Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation

III. Picking up the pieces: ensuring worker safety after a disaster

- a. COL James J. Handura, Commander, South Pacific Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- b. Debra Lee, Chief, Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal/OSHA)

IV. Meeting the need: supporting impacted and displaced workers

- a. Nancy Farias, Director, Employment Development Department
- b. Kelly LoBianco, Director, LA County Department of Economic Opportunity
- c. Carolyn M. Hull, General Manager, Los Angeles City Economic and Workforce Development Department

V. Public Comment

VI. Closing Remarks