

Last week, members of the LADWP executive team met with representatives from the Palisades community, including contractors, and other attendees involved in rebuilding efforts, to listen to concerns and provide information on next steps regarding undergrounding utilities in Pacific Palisades.

The information shared included:

- LADWP remains committed to undergrounding electrical utilities in the Palisades, with the understanding that there may be areas where it is unachievable due to terrain or other technical challenges. Further, LADWP aims for block-level undergrounding, but if some property owners don't participate or decline to provide the required easements, overhead service may remain for those parcels/streets. The team is developing a timeline for when work will begin and expects that it will be ready for review in February 2026.
- In April, LADWP began constructing a 6.5-mile combined conduit system that will serve as the backbone for expanding the distribution station and preparing 12 kV distribution mainlines ready to support the undergrounding of commercial and residential services. So far, 1.65 miles of trench and 32 Substructures have been installed. Construction was temporarily paused to transition to a new contractor, but work is expected to resume later this month.
- Load Block 5, known as the Alphabets, is currently estimated to be the first residential undergrounding area. We will begin coordinating with the community once our detailed schedule is finalized in February.
- LADWP committed to meeting monthly with the representatives to share updates and respond to concerns.
- LADWP continues to pursue federal and state funding for utility undergrounding.
- Residents and builders working on rebuilding projects in the Palisades should continue to follow LADWP's guidance for installing residential service panels known as "combo panels", which provide overhead and underground service entrances. Additionally, we request that you stub out your panel and run underground conduit 30 inches below gutter grade to the front of the property line where crews will connect at a later date. The conduit termination point will be 3 feet from side property line. Customers are allowed two 90-degree conduit bends and one 45-degree conduit bend on private property. Please see attached for reference.
- LADWP continues to work with City agency partners to discuss and determine the feasibility and cost of undergrounding and placement of equipment in the public right of way. This consultation

does not impact rebuilding schedules for individual properties, which will continue to be reviewed by LADWP. [Fact Sheet](#).

- We urge all residents and builders to utilize the Unified Utilities and Rebuild Center (UUROC) currently located at 3931 South Topanga Canyon Boulevard, Malibu, CA 90265 and soon relocating closer to the community at Marquez. The new Palisades Inspections and Permitting Support Center is currently under construction and is scheduled to open in early 2026 at 16925 Marquez Avenue, in the heart of Pacific Palisades. The center will serve as a community hub for technical and logistical questions related to rebuilding efforts. To better support the region and expand services, City staff will relocate UUROC to this new facility, while the Sawtelle One-Stop will remain open. Represented at the new facility will be: The Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, The Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, the Bureau of Engineering, and the Los Angeles Fire Department. By situating resources closer to where the work is taking place, we aim to maintain momentum and keep our focus on the long-term recovery of the Pacific Palisades.

We remain focused on working together with the community to rebuild the Pacific Palisades. Our hearts and minds are with you all.

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