

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

EXECUTIVE ORDER N-1-26

WHEREAS on January 7, 2025, I proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties due to fire and windstorm conditions that caused multiple fires, including the Palisades, Eaton, Hurst, Lidia, Sunset, Woodley, and Hughes Fires; and

WHEREAS these fires devastated communities across the Greater Los Angeles Area and collectively burned over 47,900 acres, destroying or damaging more than 16,250 structures, including homes, small businesses, and places of worship, with estimates placing this disaster among the most destructive in California history; and

WHEREAS I have issued numerous Executive Orders to provide relief to impacted communities and protect survivors and to expedite and aid recovery efforts, including orders streamlining permitting requirements to enable Los Angeles to build back quickly, and safer and more resilient than before; and

WHEREAS my Executive Order N-4-25 suspended the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and permitting requirements under the California Coastal Act for projects to rebuild properties destroyed or substantially damaged by these fires, subject to certain conditions, in order to avoid procedural delay and costs for such rebuilding efforts; and

WHEREAS Executive Order N-4-25 also extended the price gouging protections of Penal Code section 396, subdivisions (b) and (c), until January 7, 2026, in Los Angeles County, and Penal Code section 396, subdivision (g), gives local legislative bodies and officials authority to extend those price gouging protections for additional periods as necessary to protect lives, property, or public welfare; and

WHEREAS my Executive Order N-20-25 clarified eligibility for suspensions under prior orders and provided guidance to local governments, and also extended the expiration dates and validity of certain building permits, and suspended state laws and regulations impeding the construction and reconstruction of housing and facilities as part of recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS among those impacted by the Palisades Fire were businesses located at Topanga State Park, such as the Reel Inn, Cholada Thai Beach Cuisine, Oasis Imports, Inc., Malibu Feed Bin, and Wylie's Bait and Tackle Shop, which are operated at Topanga State Park via leases with the California Department of Parks and Recreation, and Rosenthal Winery Wine Tasting Room, which is operated at Topanga State Parks via a concession agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS these businesses at Topanga State Park have been beloved staples of the community for decades and should be allowed the benefit of their leases or concession agreements for the operation of their businesses within Topanga State Park, which may require extending lease terms or concession agreements to make rebuilding and recovery efforts economically viable for these businesses; and

WHEREAS my prior suspension of CEQA and permitting requirements under the California Coastal Act for projects to rebuild properties destroyed or damaged by this emergency, as clarified by Executive Order N-20-25, as well as my suspension of procurement requirements of the Government Code and

Public Contract Code included in my January 7, 2025, Proclamation, apply to recovery efforts within Topanga State Park; and

WHEREAS my Executive Order N-15-25 suspended various requirements applicable to Alcoholic Beverage Control licensees impacted by this emergency, including restaurants and other businesses forced to close or relocate on a temporary or permanent basis, and extensions of those suspensions is appropriate to aid recovery efforts; and

WHEREAS under the provisions of Government Code section 8571, I find that strict compliance with various statutes and regulations specified in this Order would prevent, hinder, or delay the mitigation of the effects of these Los Angeles County fires and windstorm conditions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and statutes, including the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Government Code section 8567, 8571, and 8627, do hereby issue the following Order to become effective immediately.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-4-25 is terminated and replaced with the following:

The provisions of Penal Code section 396, subdivisions (b) and (c), prohibiting price gouging in times of emergency, shall remain in effect until February 7, 2026, for Los Angeles County. The time limitations under those subdivisions are hereby suspended. Local legislative bodies and officials are encouraged to consider whether further extension of these provisions pursuant to Penal Code section 396, subdivision (g), is appropriate.

2. With respect to businesses that have concession agreements or leases with the California Department of Parks and Recreation for property at Topanga State Park, including but not limited to those supporting park infrastructure, and whose facilities were damaged or destroyed as a result of this emergency, the following are suspended to the extent they would otherwise apply:

- a. Any limitation on the maximum permissible term of a lease for state property at Topanga State Park pursuant to Public Resources Code section 5003.17 or Government Code section 14670, provided that the maximum term of any lease to such a business for state property at Topanga State Park not exceed thirty years.
- b. Any requirement to competitively bid new leases at Topanga State Park pursuant to Public Resources Code section 5003.17, Government Code section 14670, or California Department of General Services policies, should the location of the leased premises change or should a new lease otherwise be required or desired.
- c. Any limitation on the maximum permissible term of concession contracts at Topanga State Park pursuant to Public Resources Code section 5080.18, provided that the

maximum term of any concession contract awarded to such a business at Topanga State Park not exceed thirty years.

- d. Any requirement to competitively bid new concession agreements at Topanga State Park pursuant to Public Resources Code 5080.02 et seq., should the location of the leased or concession premises change or should a new concession agreement otherwise be required or desired, including but not limited to in lieu of a previous lease.
3. Paragraph 2 of Executive Order N-15-25 is terminated and replaced with the following:

The following provisions shall apply to Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) licensees in the zip codes identified in Paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-15-25:

- a. The deadlines to pay annual license renewal fees pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 24048 are extended until January 31, 2027.
- b. Any provisions of the Business and Professions Code imposing penalties for late payment of annual license renewal fees payable pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 24048 are suspended until January 31, 2027.
- c. Business and Professions Code section 25509 is suspended until January 31, 2027.
4. Paragraph 3 of Executive Order N-15-25 is terminated and replaced with the following:

In addition to the provisions of Paragraph 2, the following provisions shall apply to ABC licensees transferring or relocating a business from a location in the zip codes identified in Paragraph 1 of Executive Order N-15-25 to a new location within Los Angeles County on a temporary or permanent basis:

- a. Business and Professions Code section 24081 is suspended until January 31, 2027, to the extent it imposes a 1,000 foot proximity requirement between the temporary location and the premises for which the license was issued.
- b. The 180-day period in Business and Professions Code section 24081 during which an ABC licensee may temporarily operate its licensed business at an alternative location is extended until January 31, 2027.
- c. Business and Professions Code section 24081 and 24082 are suspended until January 31, 2027, to the extent they require license transfer fees.
- d. Business and Professions Code section 23985 is suspended until January 31, 2027, to the extent it prohibits sale of alcoholic beverages at the proposed premises of an

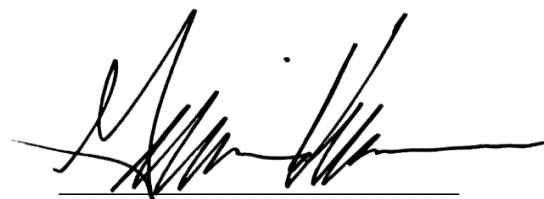
application to sell alcoholic beverages for a period of 30 days following the posting of the required notice.

- e. Business and Professions Code section 23987 is suspended until January 31, 2027, to the extent it prohibits issuing or transferring a license until at least 30 days after mailing the required notice.
- f. Business and Professions Code section 24044.5 is suspended until January 31, 2027, to the extent it requires that a protest shall have been filed with the Department as a precondition to approval of an Interim Operating Permit.

I FURTHER DIRECT that as soon as hereafter possible, this Order be filed in the Office of the Secretary of State and that widespread publicity and notice be given of this Order.

This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any rights or benefits, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the State of California, its agencies, departments, entities, officers, employees, or any other person.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 6th day of January 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "GAVIN NEWSOM", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is somewhat stylized and includes a few diagonal strokes.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH. D
Secretary of State