



LA WILDFIRE RESPONSE

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Disaster Preparedness

- Survivor+ paralysis (impacts local leaders)
- Expectations of Government (Champions needed)
- Communication:
 - Public affairs and messaging: consistent and persistent
 - Staff (you/me) enables government leaders (capabilities/options)
- Prior Logistical planning:
 - Preestablished contracts
 - Landfills, staging areas, transfer sites: capacity, routes, enviro monitoring
 - Landfill permitting (haul routes, daily tonnage, hours of operations, public outreach)
- Relationships:
 - Survivors, local communities and their leaders, State and Federal elected officials
 - Local influencers (an extension of government?)
- Opportunity: Strike (act) when irons are hot (waivers in disaster declaration)
- Know your FEMA authorities (consultants can help)



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