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EATON FIRE

2025 · Los Angeles County

About this dossier

This is a single-document compilation of the public record on the Eaton Fire: what happened, where the litigation stands, what has been paid, and how the story has been reported. Every figure and date names the court, agency, or company that published it, and the date that source carries.

What this is, and is not. This document reports the public record as of the date it was compiled. It describes the fire, the cases, and published figures across groups of people. It does not assess any individual's situation, predict any outcome, or state whether any person can take legal action. Only a licensed California attorney can evaluate an individual's circumstances. Deadlines and case status change; verify against the sources named here.

The fire at a glance

Year	2025
Region	Los Angeles County
Counties	Los Angeles
Communities	Altadena, Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Kinneloa Mesa, East Pasadena
Acres burned	14,021
Structures destroyed	9,418
Structures damaged	1,073
Lives lost	17
Cause	Under investigation

Driven by hurricane-force Santa Ana winds, the fire spread rapidly into Altadena and surrounding foothill communities, prompting large-scale evacuation orders across the area. It became one of the most destructive wildfires in California history by structures lost.

Cause

The Eaton Fire began on the evening of January 7, 2025 near Eaton Canyon above Altadena during an extreme Santa Ana wind event. The official cause remains under investigation. Public attention has focused on electrical transmission equipment in the area, but no agency has issued a final cause determination as of the status date below.

Litigation status

Litigation filed. Status as of June 15, 2026, per [Southern California Edison](#).

Following the Eaton Fire, numerous lawsuits were filed naming Southern California Edison and related entities, with plaintiffs alleging the fire was connected to electrical transmission equipment in Eaton Canyon. The cases are consolidated for pretrial purposes before the Los Angeles Superior Court under lead case Gursey v. Southern California Edison, No. 25STCV00731, assigned to Hon. Laura A. Seigle, Dept. 17; per Case Management Order No. 11 and Amended Case Management Order No. 13, the first bellwether trial is set for January 25, 2027. This site reports only that these cases exist on the public record as of the status date; it does not characterize their merits, predict any result, or describe any individual person’s position.

Key figures on the public record

FIGURE	VALUE AND SOURCE
Insurance paid, residential	\$7,388,086,010 CA Dept of Insurance, March 3, 2026
SCE program: offered to date	Over \$743 million Southern California Edison, July 16, 2026
SCE program: claim submission date	November 30, 2026 Southern California Edison, July 16, 2026
First bellwether trial	January 25, 2027 LA Superior Court, CMO 11 / Amended CMO 13, May 29, 2026
Lead case	Gursey v. SCE, No. 25STCV00731 (Judge Seigle, Dept. 17) LA Superior Court, CMO 1, March 17, 2025

Insured losses (residential property)

Amount paid to date	\$7,388,086,010
Claims filed	22,890
Claims with payment	22,367

Source: California Department of Insurance, residential property, as of March 3, 2026. Commercial and auto claims are additional. See the site's insured-losses page for the full breakdown.

Federal disaster assistance

Declaration	DR-4856-CA, California Wildfires and Straight-Line Winds
Individual Assistance	Authorized
Declared	January 8, 2025

Same declaration as Palisades; Eaton Fire is in Los Angeles County, which has Individual Assistance under DR-4856-CA.

Court and regulatory record

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<https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/industries-and-topics/wildfires>
- Complaint: County of Los Angeles v. Southern California Edison (Eaton Fire), PDF, via LA County Counsel
<https://counsel.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Eaton-Fire-LA-County-SCE-Complaint.pdf>
- Cross-Complaint: Southern California Edison v. County of Los Angeles, et al. (Eaton Fire), PDF, via Reuters
<https://fingfx.thomsonreuters.com/gfx/legaldocs/mopabzaooova/01162026eaton1.pdf>

Timeline of public coverage

Independent reporting related to this fire and its litigation, most recent first. Each item links to the original public source.

July 8, 2026	Edison Gets Mixed Rulings on Bid to Spread Blame for LA Wildfire Bloomberg · https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2026-07-08/edison-gets-mixed-rulings-on-bid-to-spread-blame-for-la-wildfire
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June 29, 2026	Homeowners accuse insurers of underpaying smoke damage claims 18 months after Eaton and Palisades fires ABC7 Los Angeles · https://abc7.com/post/homeowners-accuse-insurers-underpaying-smoke-damage-claims-18-months-eaton-palisades-fires/19381770/
June 11, 2026	New surveillance video shows what could be the start of the Eaton Fire, attorneys say ABC7 Los Angeles · https://abc7.com/post/new-surveillance-video-shows-flashes-origin-eaton-fire-attorneys-say/19265902/
January 17, 2026	SoCal Edison sues LA County and agencies over Eaton Fire responsibility NBC4 Los Angeles · https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/socal-edison-sues-la-county-eaton-fire/3833083/
January 16, 2026	SoCal Edison sues Los Angeles County, others over Eaton Fire CBS News Los Angeles · https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/socal-edison-sues-los-angeles-county-others-over-eaton-fire/
September 4, 2025	DOJ files multimillion-dollar lawsuits against SoCal Edison over Eaton and Fairview fires ABC7 Los Angeles · https://abc7.com/post/doj-files-multimillion-dollar-lawsuits-socal-edison-deadly-eaton-fairview-fires/17740745/
March 22, 2025	Pasadena Unified School District sues Southern California Edison over Eaton Fire KTLA 5 · https://ktla.com/news/local-news/pasadena-unified-school-district-sues-southern-california-edison-for-damages-from-eaton-fire/
March 6, 2025	LA County, Pasadena and Sierra Madre file lawsuits against SoCal Edison ABC7 Los Angeles · https://abc7.com/post/los-angeles-county-files-lawsuit-socal-edison-eaton-fire-cities-pasadena-sierra-madre-suing-sce/15980705/
March 5, 2025	LA County files lawsuit against SoCal Edison over Eaton Fire NBC4 Los Angeles · https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/la-county-lawsuit-socal-edison-eaton-fire-altadena/3646903/
March 5, 2025	LA County, city of Pasadena sue SoCal Edison over Eaton Fire damages CBS News Los Angeles · https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/los-angeles-county-pasadena-lawsuits-southern-california-edison-eaton-fire/
March 5, 2025	Los Angeles County sues Southern California Edison over Eaton Fire KTLA 5 · https://ktla.com/news/local-news/l-a-county-sues-southern-california-edison-over-eaton-fire/
January 14, 2025	Altadena residents file lawsuit against SoCal Edison over Eaton Fire NBC4 Los Angeles · https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/altadena-eaton-fire-los-angeles-socal-edison-lawsuit/3604274/
January 14, 2025	First lawsuits filed against Southern California Edison over Eaton Fire ABC7 Los Angeles · https://abc7.com/post/california-wildfires-2-lawsuits-filed-southern-edison-eaton-fire-pasadena-altadena/15796131/

January 14, 2025 SoCal Edison faces lawsuit alleging Eaton Fire was sparked by its equipment

CBS News Los Angeles · <https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/socal-edison-faces-lawsuit-alleging-eaton-fire-was-sparked-by-its-equipment/>

January 13, 2025 Lawsuits allege SoCal Edison equipment sparked Eaton Fire

KTLA 5 · <https://ktla.com/news/california/wildfires/lawsuits-allege-socal-edison-equipment-sparked-eaton-fire/>

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