



PUBLIC-RECORD DOSSIER

PALISADES FIRE

2025 · Los Angeles County

About this dossier

This is a single-document compilation of the public record on the Palisades 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	Pacific Palisades, Malibu, Topanga, Brentwood, Sunset Mesa
Acres burned	23,448
Structures destroyed	6,837
Structures damaged	973
Lives lost	12
Cause	Under investigation

Wind-driven flames moved quickly through the Pacific Palisades area and adjacent communities, forcing widespread evacuations and destroying thousands of homes and businesses along the coast.

Cause

The Palisades Fire ignited on January 7, 2025 in the hills above Pacific Palisades during a severe wind event and spread into densely built coastal neighborhoods. The official cause remains under investigation as of the status date below; no agency has issued a final determination.

Litigation status

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

After the Palisades Fire, lawsuits were filed in the Los Angeles courts, including claims involving local water and utility infrastructure and the conditions that allowed the fire to spread through coastal neighborhoods. The cases are consolidated for pretrial purposes only before the Los Angeles Superior Court under lead case Grigsby v. City of Los Angeles, No. 25STCV00832, assigned to Hon. Samantha Jessner, Dept. 7; the action was filed January 13, 2025 and, per Case Management Order No. 3 dated March 26, 2026, no trial date is set. This entry confirms that litigation exists on the public record as of the status date and nothing more; it does not assess the claims or any individual's situation. Robertson & Associates filed the first lawsuit over the Palisades Fire, against the City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, on January 13, 2025, which the court designated the lead case. Alexander "Trey" Robertson IV is one of four Liaison Counsel for Individual Plaintiffs in the Palisades Fire Litigation, per the court's appointments as published on the court-authorized case portal. The firm reports representing more than 3,300 clients in the matter (per Robertson & Associates).

Key figures on the public record

FIGURE	VALUE AND SOURCE
Insurance paid, residential	\$14,581,625,392 <i>CA Dept of Insurance, March 3, 2026</i>
Trial date	Not set <i>LA Superior Court, CMO 3, March 26, 2026</i>
Lead case	Grigsby v. City of LA, No. 25STCV00832 (Judge Jessner, Dept. 7) <i>LA Superior Court, CMO 3, March 26, 2026</i>

Insured losses (residential property)

Amount paid to date	\$14,581,625,392
Claims filed	15,945
Claims with payment	15,529

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

Major disaster declared 2025-01-08; Individual Assistance authorized for Los Angeles County per OpenFEMA.

Court and regulatory record

- Robertson & Associates, Palisades Fire case page, Robertson & Associates, LLP
<https://arobertsonlaw.com/palisades-fire/>

Timeline of public coverage

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

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June 26, 2026	Mistrial declared in case against Palisades Fire arson suspect, Justice Department says CBS News · https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/palisades-fire-jonathan-rinderknecht-mistrial/

June 25, 2026	Jury remains deadlocked in trial of Palisades Fire arson suspect CBS Los Angeles · https://www.cbsnews.com/losangeles/news/palisades-fire-jonathan-rinderknecht-trial-verdict/
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March 8, 2025	Pacific Palisades residents join lawsuit against LADWP and city over water supply failure NBC4 Los Angeles · https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/california-wildfires/more-pacific-palisades-residents-join-lawsuit-against-ladwp-city-over-water-supply-failure/3649420/
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