

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Statement Regarding the Collection of Household Hazardous Waste at Lario Park

This statement was developed in response to inquiries pertaining to the staging area established by the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) for the collection of household hazardous waste at Lario Park. Lario Park is federal land owned by the USACE and leased to the County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation (LA County Parks) under a long-term recreation lease.

USACE informed LA County Parks that the USEPA, in coordination with the USACE, jointly designated Lario Park as a staging area for the collection of household hazardous waste during the Phase 1 of the wildfire recovery efforts.

On January 22, 2025, USACE amended its Lario Park recreation lease and removed LA County Parks from the lease and jurisdiction.

Effective January 22, 2025, USACE and USEPA are exclusively responsible for the day-to-day and ongoing management, operation and security of Lario Park (and not LA County Parks).

For further inquiries pertaining to the collection of household hazardous waste at Lario Park, please contact:

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