

LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT



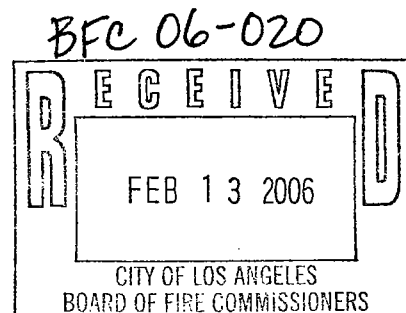
WILLIAM R. BAMATTRE
FIRE CHIEF

February 10, 2006

TO: The Honorable Board of Fire Commissioners
City of Los Angeles

FROM: William R. Bamattre, Fire Chief

SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON THE REIMBURSEMENT CLAIMS FOR THE
TOPANGA BRUSH FIRE, HURRICANE KATRINA, AND HURRICANE
RITA



As a result of a discussion at the Board of Fire Commissioners' meeting October 3, 2005, and subsequent meetings, direction was given to provide the status of the Topanga Brush Fire claim for reimbursement. This report will address the status of the claims for the Topanga Brush Fire, Hurricane Katrina, and Hurricane Rita. The total cost recovery for the Topanga Brush Fire, Hurricane Katrina, and Hurricane Rita is \$5,644,251. To date, the LAFD has received \$2,056,090 in reimbursements for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The outstanding balance owed is \$3,588,161.

Status of Claims

Topanga Brush Fire - Two claims were submitted on February 10, 2006, for the Topanga Brush Fire. One claim was submitted to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) for \$1,773,638. The second claim was submitted to the Office of Emergency Services (OES) as a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) for \$717,812.

The claims were based on the cost share agreement, which was negotiated by the incident commanders from CDF, National Park Service (NPS), Los Angeles County (LAC), Ventura County (VNC), and Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD).

Description	CDF Claim	FMAG Claim	Total
Personnel	\$1,426,897	\$311,607	\$1,738,504
Equipment	\$346,741	\$346,716	\$693,457
Supplies		\$59,489	\$59,489
Total	\$1,773,638	\$717,812	\$2,491,450

Based on conversations with representatives from both CDF and OES, it is anticipated that their remittance will be received within 90 days or approximately May 11, 2006.

The direct cost of the Topanga Brush Fire was \$1,797,993 (The personnel costs were \$1,738,504 and the expenses were \$59,489). The total cost recovery is \$2,491,450. The difference between the direct costs and the reimbursements is attributed to the allowable equipment usage rates.

Hurricane Katrina - The reimbursement claim for Hurricane Katrina was submitted on December 28, 2005, in the amount of \$2,313,137. This amount includes personnel, equipment and services, and administrative costs. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has remitted \$1,536,748 for 75% of the personnel costs. Once FEMA finalizes their review of the claim, the remaining balance will be remitted to the City.

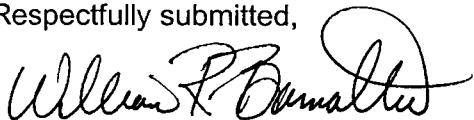
Hurricane Rita - The reimbursement claim for Hurricane Rita was submitted on December 28, 2005, in the amount of \$839,662. This amount includes personnel, equipment and services, and administrative costs. FEMA has remitted \$519,342 for 75% of the personnel costs. Once FEMA finalizes their review of the claim, the remaining balance will be remitted to the City.

CONCLUSION

The Fire Department has worked with the CAO to ensure funds are available to pay for the expenditure of the Topanga Brush Fire and the remittance from both CDF and FEMA will more than cover the direct costs incurred. The remittance from CDF and FEMA will be deposited into the General Fund Receipts.

Attached, for your information, is the status of all claims made in fiscal year 2004-2005 and fiscal year 2005-2006 (Attachment A). Follow-up is conducted on accounts over 60 days outstanding, but this information was not tracked in the system until January 2006. Additional information (Attachment B) is provided on accounts that are over 60 days outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,



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Fire Chief

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Attachments

Attachment A

LAFD - Claims Reimbursements

<i>ID NO.</i>	<i>Incident Start Date</i>	<i>Incident Title</i>	<i>Agency</i>	<i>Date Claim Submitted</i>	<i>Date Pmt Rec</i>	<i>Invoice Amount</i>	<i>Payment Received</i>	<i>Remaining Balance</i>
<i>Fiscal Year</i>	2004-05							
05-001	7/12/2004	PINE FIRE	OES		11/30/04	161,380	161,380	0
05-002	7/12/2004	PINE FIRE	OES		11/30/04	164,429	164,429	0
05-003	7/12/2004	PINE FIRE	OES		11/30/04	86,364	86,364	0
05-004	7/12/2004	PINE FIRE	CDF	12/6/2004	1/31/2005	29,176	29,176	0
05-005	7/17/2004	AD CREW ACTIVATION/CROWN	ANF	10/12/2004	11/23/2004	16,415	16,415	0
05-006	7/18/2004	FOOTHILL FIRE	OES		11/30/2004	37,915	37,915	0
05-007	7/18/2004	FOOTHILL FIRE	OES		11/30/2004	47,544	47,544	0
05-008	7/18/2004	FOOTHILL FIRE	OES		11/30/2004	37,915	37,915	0
05-009	7/17/2004	CROWN COMPLEX	ANF	11/4/2004	1/26/2005	75,620	75,620	0
05-010	7/18/2004	CROWN COMPLEX	ANF	11/3/2004	1/25/2006	95,872	95,872	0
05-011	7/20/2004	CROWN COMPLEX	OES		12/20/2004	74,412	74,412	0
05-012	7/20/2004	CROWN COMPLEX	OES		12/20/2004	74,412	74,412	0
05-013	7/20/2004	CROWN COMPLEX	OES		12/20/2004	66,340	66,340	0
05-014	7/20/2004	CROWN COMPLEX	OES		12/20/2004	70,128	70,128	0
05-015	7/25/2004	DNC	FEMA	5/11/2005	7/12/2005	8,966	8,966	0
05-016	8/8/2004	EAST FIRE	ANF	11/9/2004	1/25/2005	2,083	2,083	0
05-017	8/13/2004	HURRICANE CHARLEY	FEMA	1/24/2005	4/6/2005	23,510	23,510	0
05-018	8/27/2004	RNC	FEMA	5/11/2005	11/16/2005	12,269	12,269	0
05-019	8/31/2004	HURRICANE FRANCES	FEMA	1/24/2005	4/6/2005	21,389	21,389	0
05-021	9/7/2004	RUNWAY FIRE	ANF		11/23/2004	3,477	3,477	0
05-022	9/16/2004	VISITOR FIRE	ANF	11/9/2004	1/25/2005	6,693	6,693	0
05-023	12/27/2004	JANUARY 2005 STORMS	FEMA	5/19/2005		633,802	0	633,802
05-025	2/17/2005	FEBRUARY 2005 STORMS	FEMA	8/24/2005		298,250	0	298,250
05-026	9/20/2004	HURRICANE IVAN	FEMA	1/24/2005		6,460	0	6,460

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05-027	9/23/2004	FREDS FIRE	ANF	10/12/2004	11/23/2004	4,775	4,775	0
05-028	1/10/2005	LA CONCHITA	FEMA		12/6/2005	55,824	55,824	0
05-029	1/10/2005	LA CONCHITA	OES		12/9/2005	13,956	13,956	0
05-030	6/26/2005	HACKBERRY COMPLEX	ANF	8/25/2005		3,194	0	3,194
<i>Sub-Total Fiscal Year 2004-05</i>						<i>\$2,132,570</i>	<i>\$1,190,863</i>	<i>\$941,707</i>
<i>Fiscal Year 2005-06</i>								
06-001	7/6/2005	TOVEY FIRE	LA County	9/12/2005		36,463	0	36,463
06-002	7/31/2005	MISSION CREEK/BOUNDARY CREEK	ANF	9/12/2005	11/15/2005	17,857	17,857	0
06-003	7/8/2005	HURRICANE DENNIS	FEMA	10/7/2005	1/24/06	6,069	6,069	0
06-010	8/29/2005	HURRICANE KATRINA	FEMA	12/28/2005	1/13/06	2,313,138	1,536,748	776,390
06-011	9/10/2005	HURRICANE OPHELIA	FEMA	1/4/2006		22,773	0	22,773
06-012	9/22/2005	HURRICANE RITA	FEMA	12/28/2005	1/13/06	839,663	519,342	320,321
06-013	10/20/2005	HURRICANE WILMA	FEMA	1/4/2006		10,364	0	10,364
06-014	9/28/2005	TOPANGA BRUSH FIRE	CDF	2/10/2006		1,773,638	0	1,773,638
06-015	9/28/2005	TOPANGA BRUSH FIRE	FMAG	2/10/2006		717,812	0	717,812
06-016	11/18/2005	SCHOOL FIRE - ST1001A	CDF			30,746	0	30,746
06-017	11/18/2005	SCHOOL FIRE - ST1002A	CDF			30,999	0	30,999
06-018	2/6/2006	SIERRA FIRE				0	0	0
<i>Sub-Total Fiscal Year 2005-06</i>						<i>\$5,799,520</i>	<i>\$2,080,016</i>	<i>\$3,719,504</i>
<i>Grand Total</i>						<i>\$7,932,090</i>	<i>\$3,270,879</i>	<i>\$4,661,211</i>

Attachment B

Claims Reimbursement Follow-Up

Fiscal Year 2004-05

05-023 JANUARY 2005 STORMS

Incident Start Dat	12/27/2004	Date Claim Submitted	5/19/2005
Invoice Amount	\$633,802.34	Agency	FEMA
Payment Received	\$0.00		
Balance	\$633,802.34		

5/19/2005 Claim for reimbursement was sent to FEMA and a copy to the CAO.

12/22/2005 CAO prepared and sent paperwork for payment.

2/8/2006 Due to a backlog at OES, payment is anticipated in late March or early April 2006.

05-025 FEBRUARY 2005 STORMS

Incident Start Dat	2/17/2005	Date Claim Submitted	8/24/2005
Invoice Amount	\$298,249.92	Agency	FEMA
Payment Received	\$0.00		
Balance	\$298,249.92		

8/24/2005 CAO prepared and sent paperwork for payment.

8/24/2005 Claim for reimbursement was sent to FEMA and a copy to the CAO.

2/8/2006 Due to a backlog at OES, payment is anticipated in late March or early April 2006.

05-026 HURRICANE IVAN

Incident Start Dat	9/20/2004	Date Claim Submitted	1/24/2005
Invoice Amount	\$6,460.46	Agency	FEMA
Payment Received	\$0.00		
Balance	\$6,460.46		

2/7/2006 According to FEMA, payment should be received within the next 30 days.

05-030 HACKBERRY COMPLEX

Incident Start Dat	6/26/2005	Date Claim Submitted	8/25/2005
Invoice Amount	\$3,194.29	Agency	ANF
Payment Received	\$0.00		
Balance	\$3,194.29		

2/8/2006 ANF believes they sent payment, both ANF and LAFD are researching to determine if payment was received.

Fiscal Year 2005-06

06-001 TOVEY FIRE

Incident Start Dat	7/6/2005	Date Claim Submitted	9/12/2005
Invoice Amount	\$36,462.64	Agency	LA County
Payment Received	\$0.00		
Balance	\$36,462.64		

2/7/2006 Los Angeles County is processing the claim.

06-010 HURRICANE KATRINA

Incident Start Dat	8/29/2005	Date Claim Submitted	12/28/2005
Invoice Amount	\$2,313,137.93	Agency	FEMA
Payment Received	\$1,536,748.10		
Balance	\$776,389.83		

1/13/2006 Received 75 % of personnel costs.

06-012 HURRICANE RITA

Incident Start Dat	9/22/2005	Date Claim Submitted	12/28/2005
Invoice Amount	\$839,662.82	Agency	FEMA
Payment Received	\$519,342.18		
Balance	\$320,320.64		

1/13/2006 Received 75 % of personnel costs.

06-014 TOPANGA BRUSH FIRE

Incident Start Dat	9/28/2005	Date Claim Submitted	2/10/2006
Invoice Amount	\$1,773,637.54	Agency	CDF
Payment Received	\$0.00		
Balance	\$1,773,637.54		

2/10/2006 Claim was submitted to CDF.

12/10/2006 CDF representative estimated payment within 90 days.

06-015 TOPANGA BRUSH FIRE

Incident Start Dat	9/28/2005	Date Claim Submitted	2/10/2006
Invoice Amount	\$717,812.26	Agency	FMAG
Payment Received	\$0.00		
Balance	\$717,812.26		

12/10/2006 Claim was submitted to OES.

12/10/2006 OES representative estimated payment within 90 days.