



December 3, 2025 Design Professionals Meeting - Rebuild Updates and New State Relief Measures

Today, the City's Community Development Department met with local design professionals—both in person and online—to share updates on Malibu's fire rebuild progress and answer questions about the permitting process. Staff also discussed how the State's recent Executive Order N-37-35 will help streamline and support rebuild efforts for affected families.

Key Highlights from the Executive Order:

- **Solar and Battery Requirements Paused**
Rebuild projects are not required to install solar panels or battery storage at this time. For insurance purposes, these requirements are still recognized, which helps keep related costs eligible for building code upgrade coverage.
- **Current Building Code Can Be Used**
Homeowners can continue using the 2022 California Building Code for rebuilds instead of switching to the 2025 Code.
 - FEMA elevation requirements still apply.
 - Sea Level Rise rules do not apply to rebuilds.
 - Insurance will treat the 2025 Code as effective January 1, 2026, which helps maintain eligibility for certain upgrade coverages.
- **Emergency Sewer Line Relief**
Rebuild-related sewer line projects can move forward more quickly because CEQA and Coastal Development Permit requirements are temporarily suspended for these specific repairs.
- **Housing Support for Displaced Families**
Households displaced by the fire in Los Angeles County may receive priority placement on State rental housing waiting lists if they meet eligibility requirements.