



Governor's Office Discussion on Palisades Fire Debris and Environmental Consideration Meeting Summary

Date: **May 15, 2025**

Attendees:

- Ashley Oelsen
- Alix G
- Lizzy Baum
- Sky Conners (Governor's Office)
- Vishesh Anand (Governor's Office)

Concerns Key Points:

1. Environmental and Public Health Concerns:

- Participants (Elizabeth Baum, Ashley, and Alix) expressed deep concern about the lack of comprehensive testing and monitoring of fire debris on beaches
- Raised issues about unsafe levels of arsenic and lead in beach areas
- Criticized the premature statements about beach safety before thorough testing

2. State Response:

- Participants felt the governor's response has been inadequate
- Requested direct communication with Governor Newsom
- Argued that the state should take a more proactive role in environmental protection

3. Testing and Monitoring:

- Lack of clear timelines for future testing
- Concerns about funding for continued environmental assessments
- Criticism of current testing methods and data interpretation

4. Economic and Environmental Impact:

- Highlighted potential long-term damage to California's coastal economy
- Stressed the importance of addressing environmental risks, especially with upcoming major events like the Olympics

Action Items:

- Governor's office to provide more information on state programs and grants
- Schedule follow-up meetings
- Review and clarify testing and monitoring plans

The meeting reflected frustration with the current approach to environmental assessment and cleanup after the Palisades fire.