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Trump Demands California Voter ID as Condition for Federal Aid for Wildfires

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President Donald Trump has threatened to withhold federal aid from wildfire-ravaged California if the state does not introduce voter I.D.

vote, and I want to see the water be released and come down into Los Angeles and throughout the state," Trump told reporters when asked if he would withhold federal aid from California unless they meet certain conditions.

"Those are the two things, after that, I will be the greatest president that California has ever seen."

Trump was speaking ahead of his visit to California this afternoon, even as new blazes this week sparked evacuations across San Diego.

California's Democratic governor, Gavin Newsom, said he still hadn't spoken with Trump since inviting him to the state earlier this month, but his office told Newsweek, "We are glad President Trump accepted the Governor's invitation to come to Los Angeles."

The governor, who has urged the president not to "politicize" the deadly fires, said he is still planning to show up at the airport for a customary greeting of the president.
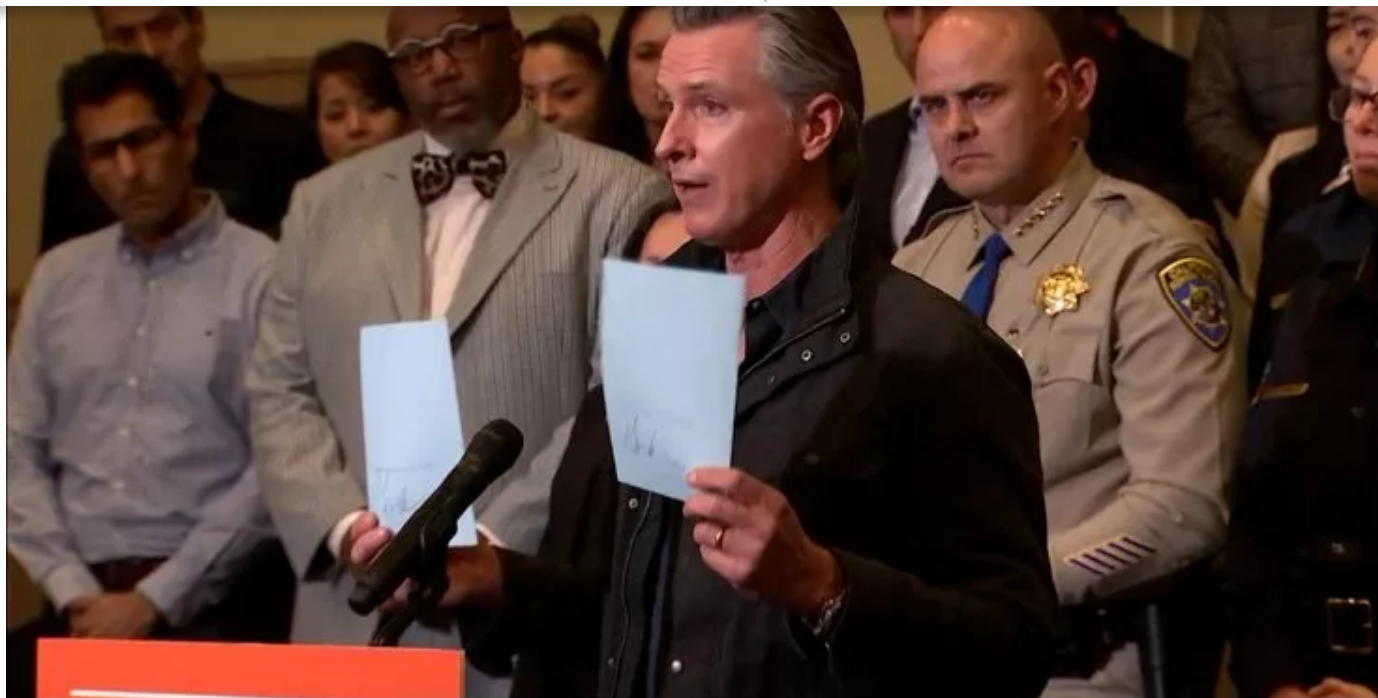
What to know

- Today's visit comes Republicans are pushing for federal wildfire relief to be tied to a debt ceiling increase.
- Newsom has signed a pair of bills providing $2.5 billion in state relief for the fire.
- The Hughes Fire, that began Wednesday morning and has since burned 10,396 acres, has triggered evacuation orders for 31,000.
- Another 21,000 are under evacuation warnings in the Hughes Fire.
- At least 28 people were killed in the Palisades Fire and Eaton Fire, which have engulfed almost 40,000 acres since they began earlier this month. Eaton is now almost contained at 95%, with Palisades at 77%.
- A red flag warning remain in effect across much of Los Angeles and San Diego until 10 a.m. Friday.

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New evacuation orders issued for San Diego

New evacuation orders have been issued for San Diego as the Border fire burns through 5,389 acres.

Evacuation Orders:

Zones: SDC-2389A, SDC-2464, SDC-2543.

Evacuation Warnings:

Zones: SDC-2389B, SDC-2461, SDC-2462, SDC-2463, SDC-2541, SDC-2542, SDC-2544, SDC-2466, SDC-2465, SDC-2390, SDC-2545

An overnight shelter is now open at:

- Cuyamaca College Gym, 900 Rancho San Diego Parkway, El Cajon