

## ELON MUSK SHOWN TO BE A LIAR ABOUT LA FIRES

Spooked **Gavin Newsom** has lashed out at incoming **White House** official **Elon Musk** on X, accusing him of spreading 'lies' about the **Los Angeles fires**.

The **California** Governor shared a video of Musk speaking with a command team about water availability to tackle the historic ongoing blazes, claiming it showed him being 'exposed by firefighters for his own lies'.

But it is unclear what 'lies' Newsom was referring to in the clip, which sees Musk discuss the supply of water available to firefighters during the inferno.

DailyMail.com has reached out to his office for further comment, with X users also curious as to what 'Gotcha' moment Newsom was flagging.

Musk has made multiple politically-charged comments about the wildfires via his social media platform, X, including blaming 'bad governance at the state and local level' for a 'shortage of water' to tackle the infernos on Thursday.

A **loss of water pressure to fire hydrants** has hampered firefighting efforts across the city, and Newsom himself has ordered an investigation into what caused this.

In the video of the **SpaceX** founder shared by Newsom, Musk can be heard asking whether 'water availability' was an 'issue in Malibu'.

'There was water, we have several reservoirs... (but) there really is no water system that can keep pace (with the fires),' the firefighter responds.

He added that extra trucks were brought in to be used as 'mobile hydrants' to keep up with the shocking scale of the fires.



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Musk pushed for more information. 'Correct me if I'm wrong - in Malibu along the coast there was no shortage of water, in the Palisades there was a shortage of water at a certain point?' he asked.

'We were flowing an amount of water that the system couldn't... it was overbearing, just because of how much water these firefighters were utilizing,' the firefighter responds, to which Musk replies: 'Sounds good.'

It comes after Musk, who is set to lead incoming President Donald Trump's new Department of Government Efficiency (Doge) made a post criticizing California's leadership on Thursday morning, two days after the fires broke out.

'The immense loss of homes in LA is primarily due to: 1. Nonsensical overregulation that prevented creating fire breaks and doing brush clearing. 2. Bad governance at the state and local level that resulted in a shortage of water,' he wrote on X.

LA Mayor Karen Bass was also heavily criticized for being away in Ghana when the fires broke out in the city, despite receiving ample warning from meteorologists that a 'perfect storm' was on the way due to high winds and dry weather.

A petition demanding the Democrat's resignation has already accumulated more than 100,000 signatures.

Businessman and mayoral candidate Rick Caruso blasted local officials last week for failing to refill the water supplies despite knowing that strong winds which could whip up wildfires were on the way.

'The (firefighters') hands have been tied. They can't fight a fire without water and the resources that are needed. Everybody knew these winds were coming,' Caruso told [Fox 11](#).



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'The other question has to be, were all the things in place to try to mitigate the damage here?

'The real issue to me here is two-fold. We've had decades to remove the brush in these hills that spreads so quickly, and the second is, we've got to have water.

'My understanding is the reservoir was not refilled in time, in a timely manner to keep the hydrants going... this is basic stuff, this isn't high science here.

'It's all about leadership and management that we're seeing a failure of, and all of these residents are paying the ultimate price for that.'

As the official death toll from the fires climbs to 24, anxious residents are **preparing for another 72 hours of hellish weather conditions** expected to propel the fires in new directions.

The fatality total is expected to climb, with at least 16 people still missing and 150,000 forced to evacuate their homes.

In all, four fires have consumed more than 62 square miles across the most affluent neighborhoods of LA, with **A-list celebrity homes and restaurant hotspots** among the **12,300 structures wiped out**.

Local fire departments have warned that harsher winds and more fire would prevent those under mandatory evacuation orders from **returning home to assess the damage**.





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**Meteorologists warned residents in fire-ravaged evacuation zones that winds reaching 70mph will pick up on Sunday night and last to Wednesday, heightening the risk for fires to spread even further across southern California**



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winds that reached up to 80 mph in some areas this week created the 'perfect storm' for the fires.

Two people have also been arrested for allegedly lighting fires in the county too, including Ruben Montes, 29, who was detained for arson on Sunday in Irwindale, roughly 16 miles away from Altadena, where the deadly Eaton Fire continues to rage.

Mexican national Juan Manuel Sierra-Leyva, was also taken into custody after allegedly being caught on video walking with a yellow blowtorch before he was confronted by residents in Calabasas, west of Beverly Hills.