



Santa Barbara County Public Works Department
Flood Control ♪ Water Agency ♪ Project Clean Water

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 10, 2018
TO: Dianne Black, Director Planning and Development
FROM: Tom Fayram, Deputy Director Public Works *TF*
RE: **Emergency Status in Montecito / Thomas Fire**

In response to your request, the Public Works Department is in absolute believe a state of emergency still exists in Montecito. Based on experiences, the threat of increased debris and runoff can last for up to 5 years following a fire. This case was illustrated this past November where we saw a dramatic increase in runoff in creeks below the fire and the deposition of rocks and debris in our basins, which we still are cleaning out as of this week.

We are still in a delicate situation and as such still have an extreme risk below the Thomas Fire area.

You will note also that the County has continued its continuation of an emergency at the Board as well.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you

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