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To the Board,

This is a comment on agenda item A-7, to be placed in the public record for the item.

For the past month, contaminated debris from the Montecito Mudslide Disaster has been trucked all over Santa Barbara County and into Ventura County. The contaminated debris has been dumped on public beaches and areas of ground water sources. Contaminated debris has been dropped all over roadways, creating a dust that is re-entrained into super fine (smaller than PM 10) particles.

The Montecito Mudslide Disaster is being handled in a vastly different manner than other disasters. Absolutely NO environmental study that has been subject to public scrutiny has been conducted. There has been no regular agenda item concerning the Montecito Mudslide Disaster response. The environmental damage is actually being spread out and expanded beyond the disaster site. Other disaster responses have attempted to contain the damage to the original site. This is the first time toxic material from a disaster has been dumped into the ocean in Santa Barbara County. Beaches have been closed. Ground water is threatened. Air quality has been degraded. All of the massive environmental damage outside the slide area is being caused by the disaster response, with no effort made to involve the public in the decision making process.

The board of supervisors have been informed of and have been fully aware of the facts stated above for at least 3 weeks. They have actively encouraged the spread of contaminated debris outside the disaster site, have intentionally prevented open public discussion of the disaster response, have intentionally refused to have a public discussion of the alternatives to trucking debris outside the disaster area and are fully aware of the environmental damage and health risk being caused by their actions.

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