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This comment letter is for departmental agenda item 1 , meeting date 3/13/18.

It has been 2 months since the Montecito mudslide disaster. This is now the first regular agenda item to address the disaster. As of 10:45 A.M, 3/8/18, no staff report has been posted for this agenda item. Therefore, staff has time to include responses to the following questions/comments.

- 1) How many tons of disaster debris/mud has been dumped on public beaches?
- 2) How many tons of human waste have been dumped on public beaches along with the mud/debris?
- 3) How many tons of gasoline, diesel fuel, engine oil and engine coolant was dumped on the beaches along with the mud/debris?
- 4) How many tons of household chemicals were dumped on public beaches along with the mud/debris?
- 5) What alternatives to dumping the debris/mud on the beach were available between Jan 9 and March 9?
- 6) What locations were identified as alternatives to dumping on the beach?
- 7) Were public lands (such as parks) considered as alternatives to dumping on the beach?
- 8) Was Parma Park considered as an alternative to dumping on the beach?
- 9) On what day, time and at what location were the meetings held to discuss alternatives to dumping on the beach?
- 10) Were the First, Second and Third District Supervisors informed of the alternatives to beach dumping before the dumping was approved?
- 11) Did the First, Second and Third District Supervisors approve or oppose the beach dumping over the alternatives?
- 12) How much money was lost by the tourist and fishing industry because of the beach dumping?
- 13) How much money was lost statewide due to the Freeway closure?
- 14) Has county staff developed any plans from preventing future slides from blocking the freeway?
- 15) Has county staff considered construction of a debris retaining wall to protect the freeway from debris slides?
- 16) Has Staff considered the creation of a debris catch basin to prevent debris from reaching the freeway?
- 17) Has the staff considered condemning properties in the slide/flow areas to prevent future loss of life?
- 18) How will people who are visiting homeowners, property owners and businesses in the slide areas be informed of the dangers of being in the slide areas?
- 19) Has the staff or board considered asking for public electrical utilities to be banned of phased out in California (SCE has been accused of starting the Thomas Fire, which caused the slide)?
- 20) What is the difference between an oil company causing a disaster and a public electrical utility causing a disaster, in terms of how SB County and State governments take action against those businesses?

County Staff and the Board have had 2 months to think about the questions submitted above. There is no excuse for not responding completely to all 20 questions in the staff report on this agenda item.

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