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Simi Valley, CA 93063
February 12, 2024

V.C. Board of Supervisors
V.C.F.P.D. Board of Directors
V.C.W.P.D. Board of Supervisors
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Special Meeting Agenda Item No. 4 (Adopt a Resolution
Ratifying the Sheriff's Proclamation of Local
Emergency Due to the February 2024 Rain Events).

Dear Members of the Board:

While this Agenda Item deals with the Sheriff's Local Emergency Proclamation, because the February 13, 2024 Board letter mentions "response and recovery efforts" on Page 1, under Recommendation 1, I am forwarding this letter. When the County Grand Jury released its FY 2017-2018's May 10, 2018 Dam Safety report, I submitted a letter to the BOS dated September 10, 2018 in support of the Grand Jury's recommendations, and opposed the Board of Supervisors, the Sheriff's Office, and Ventura County Watershed Protection District's responses. I also described in great detail a large part of my life spent in trying to better the health, safety, and well-being of Simi Valleyans, and the people of the County of Ventura because services, programs, and outreach had serious shortcomings. Now, since many of the County's services, programs, and outreach truly strive for the "community-wide effort", I share my preparedness lessons for worst case scenarios in the hope others adapt.

- #1 - My father-in-law told me about the Johnstown Flood in Pennsylvania. A dam broke; NO communications.
- #2 - I knew from living in Simi Valley since 1976 that the 1988 General Plan's depiction of improved flood channels on the flood map was incorrect.
- #3 - I was in the Simi Hills Neighborhood Park when a 3-4 feet wall of water rushed over the only road; water came from Las Lajas Dam due to rain in 1992.

- #4 - There is NO Arroyo Simi flood warning system.
- #5 - NO update of my City's 1980s Dam Failure Response Plan.
- #6 - I participated in the City of Simi Valley's 2001 Emergency Operations Plan. The 2018 update was done, but the City Council never promulgated it.
- #7 - In 2021, I participated in the County's Emergency Operations Plan(EOP) 2022 update.
- #8 - In 2022, I participated in the County's 2022 Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan(MHMP); first time that all 10 County's cities participated at the same time.
- #9 - I participated in the City of Simi Valley's Program for Public Information(PPI) Plan in 2019; the NFIP, FIS, FIRMs, NEEDS ASSESSMENT, etc. are covered.
- #10 - To date the City of Simi HAS NOT updated the Simi Valley Municipal Code's Title 4-PUBLIC SAFETY, Chapter 5(EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS); codified from Ordinance No. 94, repealed by Ordinance No. 578, effective August 29, 1984.

Members of the Board, the Grand Jury's FY 2017-2018 "Dam Failure" report recommendation of an annual remedial action progress report to the BOS for Matilija Dam, Santa Felicia Dam, Castaic Dam, and Bouquet Canyon Dam from the OES, County staff, or the dams' owners(Page 6, R-01) is very much warranted; and R-02 through R-05 if not implemented. The June 16, 1993 Testimony of Ginn Doose on Pages 308-309 in the Racial and Ethnic Tensions in American Communities: Poverty, Inequality, and Discrimination-Los Angeles Hearing report by Mary Frances Berry(Chairperson), and published by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights speaks volumes about what has been happening with FEMA programs, and floodplain management. I highly recommend that all of you read FEMA's January 2024 first ever "2023 OFFICE OF RESPONSE AND RECOVERY YEAR IN REVIEW" report. God Bless All of Us!!!!

Sincerely,

Teresa Jordan