THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, 2025

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. BUENOS DIAS. WE WANT TO WELCOME YOU TO THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. TODAY, AS YOU KNOW IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, NEW YEAR'S EVE, AND WE TAKE NOTE THAT A QUORUM OF THE BOARD, ACTUALLY THE ENTIRE BOARD IS HERE AND PRESENT AND READY TO GO. THE ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, COUNTY COUNSEL, EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE SERGEANT AT ARMS ARE ALL HERE TO ASSIST IF THEY ARE NEEDED. WE'LL BEGIN TODAY'S BOARD MEETING WITH THE COUNTY'S LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR [VIDEO RECORDING]: THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZES THAT WE OCCUPY LAND ORIGINALLY AND STILL INHABITED AND CARED FOR BY THE TONGVA, TATAVIAM, SERRANO, KIZH AND CHUMASH PEOPLES. WE HONOR AND PAY RESPECT TO THEIR ELDERS AND DESCENDANTS, PAST, PRESENT, AND EMERGING, AS THEY CONTINUE THEIR STEWARDSHIP OF THESE LANDS AND WATERS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT SETTLER COLONIZATION RESULTED IN LAND SEIZURE, DISEASE, SUBJUGATION, SLAVERY, RELOCATION, BROKEN PROMISES, GENOCIDE, AND MULTI-GENERATIONAL TRAUMA. THIS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT DEMONSTRATES OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND COMMITMENT TO TRUTH, HEALING, AND RECONCILIATION, AND TO ELEVATING THE STORIES, CULTURE, AND COMMUNITY OF THE ORIGINAL INHABITANTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. WE ARE GRATEFUL TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO

LIVE AND WORK ON THESE ANCESTRAL LANDS. WE ARE DEDICATED TO GROWING AND SUSTAINING RELATIONSHIPS WITH NATIVE PEOPLES AND LOCAL TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER. FERNANDENO TATAVIAM BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELINO TONGVA INDIANS OF CALIFORNIA TRIBAL COUNCIL, GABRIELENO/TONGVA SAN GABRIEL BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, GABRIELENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS - KIZH NATION, YUHAAVIATAM OF SAN MANUEL NATION, SAN FERNANDO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, COASTAL BAND OF CHUMASH NATION, GABRIELINO/TONGVA NATION, GABRIELINO TONGVA TRIBE. TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE FIRST PEOPLES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, PLEASE VISIT THE LOS ANGELES CITY/COUNTY NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN COMMISSION WEBSITE AT LANAIC.LACOUNTY.GOV.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE PLAY THE CODE OF CONDUCT.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER [AUDIO RECORDING]: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, MAY I PLEASE HAVE YOUR ATTENTION? THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE. A CODE OF CONDUCT WILL NOW BE READ AND WE REQUEST THAT YOU COMPLY WITH IT TO ENSURE THE EFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE MEETING. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN TODAY'S BOARD HEARING AND THE BOARD ENCOURAGES SUCH PARTICIPATION. HOWEVER, THE RIGHT OF THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST BE BALANCED WITH THE NEED TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC

COMMENT DOES NOT INTERFERE WITH THE ORDERLY COURSE OF THE BOARD'S BUSINESS. ALL ARE REMINDED TO ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING RULES. SPEAKERS MUST CEASE SPEAKING IMMEDIATELY WHEN THEIR TIME HAS ENDED. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS MUST RELATE TO THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THAT ITEM. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT IS LIMITED TO SUBJECTS WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE BOARD. PUBLIC COMMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE THE RIGHT TO ENGAGE IN A DIALOGUE WITH BOARD MEMBERS OR STAFF. PLEASE REMAIN RESPECTFUL OF THE FORUM AND REFRAIN FROM UTTERING, WRITING, OR DISPLAYING PROFANE, PERSONAL, THREATENING, DEROGATORY, DEMEANING, OR OTHER ABUSIVE STATEMENTS TOWARD THE BOARD, ANY MEMBER THEREOF, STAFF, OR ANY OTHER PERSON. MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SHOULD BE RESPECTFUL OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED BY SPEAKERS, STAFF, AND BOARD MEMBERS, AND MAY NOT CLAP, CHEER, WHISTLE, OR OTHERWISE DISRUPT THE ORDERLY CONDUCT OF THE MEETING. ANY PERSON ENGAGING IN CONDUCT THAT DISRUPTS THE MEETING IS SUBJECT TO BEING REMOVED FROM THE BOARD MEETING. AND FINALLY, IF YOU WITNESS CONDUCT OR BEHAVIOR BY OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT DISRUPTS YOUR ABILITY TO REMAIN ENGAGED OR PARTICIPATE IN THIS MEETING, PLEASE NOTIFY THE SERGEANT AT ARMS OR OTHER COUNTY STAFF. THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. BEFORE WE BEGIN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: GOOD MORNING. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC COMMENT, YOU MAY DO SO IN PERSON OR REMOTELY. TO PARTICIPATE REMOTELY, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV TO REGISTER TO REGISTER AND JOIN THE MEETING, OR YOU MAY CALL 213-306-3065 AND USE ACCESS CODE 25339117827 AND MEETING PASSWORD 2672025. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATING REMOTELY AND IN THE BOARDROOM, YOU WILL RECEIVE UP TO ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THE SPECIAL AGENDA ITEM. WHEN IT IS YOUR TURN TO SPEAK, IF REGISTERED ON A COMPUTER OR DEVICE, YOU WILL HEAR A BEEP AND YOUR NAME WILL BE CALLED. OR IF JOINING BY TELEPHONE, YOU WILL HEAR YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED, YOUR AREA CODE AND THE FIRST THREE DIGITS OF YOUR PHONE NUMBER WILL BE CALLED. TO ENSURE WE HEAR FROM BOTH IN-PERSON AND REMOTE SPEAKERS, WE WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN THE TWO SPEAKING CUES. MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO ARE IN ATTENDANCE, WHEN YOU HEAR OR SEE YOUR NAME DISPLAYED ON THE SCREEN, PLEASE COME DOWN TO THE FRONT OF THE BOARDROOM AND THE STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. PLEASE DO NOT APPROACH THE PODIUM UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO. WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 1, RATIFICATION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE LATE DECEMBER WINTER STORM, WHICH IS HELD BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC JOINING US REMOTELY TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM, PLEASE USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE IF YOU'RE ONLINE OR PRESS STAR THREE IF ON A

TELEPHONE. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVES WITH US TODAY AND ARE AVAILABLE FOR QUESTIONS. FOR DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKERS, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND TITLE FOR THE RECORD WHEN YOU ADDRESS THE BOARD.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR BEING HERE. AND I PERSONALLY WANT TO THANK ALL OF OUR STAFFS AND THE BOARD MEMBERS BECAUSE WE COULDN'T CONDUCT THIS BUSINESS WITHOUT YOUR ASSISTANCE. AND I WANT TO JUST REITERATE JUST KIND OF THE RULES OF TODAY. I THINK WE HAVE A MEMBER THAT'S LEAVING, HAS A HARD STOP AT 10:30, SO HOPEFULLY WE CAN GET THROUGH THIS. AND IF THERE ARE ANY QUESTIONS THAT WE DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE IN GETTING AN ANSWER RIGHT AWAY, I'M SURE THE BOARD MEMBERS WILL CONTACT EACH DEPARTMENT TO GET MORE DETAILS. WHAT I WANT TO SAY FIRST OF ALL IS THAT SO MANY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WORKING TIRELESSLY AND I DO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT OUT TO ALL OF OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES. THOSE THAT PUT IN TIME AWAY FROM THEIR FAMILIES TO HELP RESPOND TO THIS MAJOR ACTIVITY EVENT THAT OCCURRED ON THE EVE OF CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY. I WANT TO THANK OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. I WANT TO THANK THE EMPLOYEES THERE. I ALSO WANT TO THANK THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AS WELL AS OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, AS WELL AS OUR OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, AND ISD, AND ALL THE OTHER STAFF AND DEPARTMENTS THAT HELPED TO KEEP OUR COMMUNITY SAFE, BECAUSE I THINK PEOPLE

WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND WHAT I HAVE SEEN IN PREPARATION, AND I THINK THAT FOR ME IS A HIGHLIGHT OF WHAT LESSONS WE LEARNED FROM OTHER COUNTY DISASTERS. AND WE KNOW THAT TODAY WE'RE ANTICIPATING MORE RAIN. WE KNOW THAT THAT'S COMING AND OBVIOUSLY WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE ARE SAFE WHETHER THEY STAY AT HOME OR WHETHER THEY'RE GOING TO BE OUT TONIGHT CELEBRATING. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY KNOW AND HAVE ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION AS TO WHERE THEY CAN CALL IF THEY NEED HELP AND ALL OF THE OTHER RESPONSES THAT WE MIGHT NEED TO PREPARE FOR OUR PUBLIC. I DO HAVE QUESTIONS, BUT I'LL ASK THOSE AFTER MY STATEMENT AND I WANT TO THEN HAND IT OVER ALSO TO MY COLLEAGUES FOR QUESTIONS THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE. AND I JUST WANT TO REITERATE, WE ALL KNOW THAT THIS WAS A VERY SIGNIFICANT STORM THAT ACTUALLY OCCURRED DECEMBER 23RD THROUGH DECEMBER 26TH AND WE SAW HEAVY RAINFALL, STRONG WINDS, LOCALIZED FLOODING, DEBRIS FLOWS, AND RAPIDLY RISING CREEKS AND LEVEES. IN SOME AREAS, EVEN OBSCURES IT MIGHT SEEM, EVEN IN MY OWN DISTRICT, WE TYPICALLY DON'T GO THROUGH SUCH EXTREME WEATHERED EVENTS, BUT WE SAW NOTIFICATIONS FOR POSSIBLE, WHAT I WANT TO CALL, TORNADOES IN ALHAMBRA, MONTEREY PARK, AND THEN WE DID SEE IT IN BOYLE HEIGHTS, WHICH IS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, BUT IN THE CITY OF L.A., AND WHERE WE DID SEE THAT THERE WERE HOMES AND COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES THAT WERE IMPACTED. AND THAT SMALL TORNADO, WE UNDERSTAND, WAS 80 MILES. SO, THE, I THINK, JUST THE VELOCITY IN AND OF ITSELF FOR MANY OF US IS

SOMETHING THAT WE'VE NEVER REALLY EXPERIENCED. I ALSO WANT TO SAY THAT OUR COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT RESCUED A PERSON IN THE FIRST DISTRICT EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WHO FELL INTO THE SAN JOSE CREEK DIVERSION CHANNEL NEAR THE 60 FREEWAY AND FULLERTON ROAD IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY. AND WE WANT TO THANK OUR FIRST RESPONDERS FOR THAT. AND I THINK THERE'S A VIDEO HERE SHOWING SOME, PERHAPS SOME OF THE DEPICTIONS OF THINGS THAT OCCURRED DURING THAT TIME. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT EVEN IN EAST LOS ANGELES, WHERE WE HARDLY HAVE MAJOR EVENTS LIKE THIS, ELECTRICITY WENT OUT TO ABOUT 2,000 HOMES FOR A WHILE, AND THEN ANOTHER 300 HOMES THAT DID NOT GET THEIR POWER TURNED ON FOR SEVERAL HOURS. I KNOW IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, AND WE'LL PROBABLY HEAR FROM MY COLLEAGUES ON THAT, THEY EXPERIENCED ALSO SEWER SPILLAGE AGAIN, AND ALSO, WE UNDERSTAND 100,000 GALLONS OF SEWAGE SPILLED INTO THE OCEAN THAT IMPACTED CABRILLO BEACH AND SAN PEDRO IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT. AND THEN WE ALSO KNOW THE FIFTH DISTRICT WAS HEAVILY IMPACTED AND CONTINUES AND OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO ALL THE VICTIMS AS WELL AS THE THIRD DISTRICT WHERE PEOPLE ARE STILL EMBRACING FOR THIS RAIN THAT'S COMING AND POSSIBLE LANDSLIDES AND FLOODING AND EVACUATIONS AGAIN THAT ARE I THINK STARTING AT 11 O'CLOCK. SOMEBODY ON THE PANEL MAY ADDRESS THAT. THE BURN AREAS WE KNOW CONTINUE TO BE OF GREAT CONCERN TO US, AND JUST FLOODING. BUT I DO WANT TO SAY THAT DURING THE TIME THAT WE WERE EXPERIENCING EVACUATION ORDERS, I KNOW OUR COUNTY AND THE RED

CROSS SUPPORTED FOR TEMPORARY EVACUATION SHELTERS, WHICH I THINK IS REALLY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE ARE PREPARED AS BEST WE CAN WHEN THINGS LIKE THIS HAPPEN. FLOODING MUDSLIDES AND DEBRIS FLOWS REMAIN A MAJOR RISK FOR US, AND WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE TO STAY CLEAR AND HOPEFULLY BE VIGILANT AGAIN, BE READY TO RESPOND FOR CLEARING DEBRIS, ASSISTING OUR RESIDENTS AND MONITORING VULNERABLE AREAS. I WANT TO SAY THAT THE COUNTY ALSO MADE AVAILABLE 175 ADDITIONAL HOTEL VOUCHERS THAT WERE PROVIDED BY LAHSA AND OUR WINTER SHELTER PROGRAM. AND THAT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE WHILE WE HAVE PEOPLE THAT ARE STILL IN-HOUSED OR IN NEED OF EVACUATING THEIR HOMES, THEY HAVE A PLACE TO GO. THAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND. BUT WITH THIS NEW RAINFALL THAT'S COMING, WE'RE ALSO GOING TO EXPERIENCE SANTA ANA WINDS. AND I THINK DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OTHERS CAN TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHAT THAT WILL MEAN. AND I JUST WANT TO SAY AND REITERATE THAT AS CHAIR OF THE BOARD I PROCLAIM THE LOCAL EMERGENCY FOLLOWING GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM'S PROCLAMATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND WHAT THAT DOES IS HELPS US TO MOBILIZE OUR RESOURCES, REQUEST MUTUAL AID, AND SECURE ESSENTIAL SUPPLIES AND ACCESS THE STATE AND FEDERAL SUPPORT. I UNDERSTAND OEM AND OES WILL TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT. I KNOW THAT OUR RESPONSE, WE'VE LEARNED SO MUCH FROM THE LAST TIME AROUND, AND EVEN WHEN WE HAD OUR FIRES LAST YEAR. AND IT IS NOT LOST ON ME THAT THAT IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE

TO CONTINUE TO PUT FORWARD AND ASSIST THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE STILL RECOVERING FROM THAT. I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT BY RATIFYING THIS PROCLAMATION IT AUTOMATICALLY ADDED AN ITEM A1 SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO HAVE UPDATES IF NECESSARY AND NEEDED AND I'M SURE WE WILL BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO WANT TO HAVE A VERBAL PRESENTATION PERHAPS AT OUR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 6TH AND ANY OTHER TIME WHERE CORRESPONDENCE WILL COME IN THAT WE NEED TO BE MADE AWARE OF AND I'M PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT UNDERSTANDING HOW THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AS WELL AS THE FEDERAL FEMA DEPARTMENT CAN HELP US AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO THERE TO HELP EXPEDITE THAT BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT JUST AN L.A. COUNTY EVENT THIS IMPACTED SEVERAL OTHER COUNTIES SO THERE MAY BE BROADER INTERESTS AND I UNDERSTAND OEM WILL TALK ABOUT WHAT THAT REQUIREMENT IS FOR US. AGAIN I WOULD JUST SAY I APPRECIATE EVERYONE BEING HERE AND AGAIN I WANT TO UNDERSCORE HOW IMPORTANT OUR EMPLOYEES, THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO STOOD UP AND I'M SURE THE NUMBERS THAT I'M HEARING FROM OUR DEPARTMENTS, WE HAD THOUSANDS OF EMPLOYEES OUT EACH OF THESE DAYS, AND MANY OF THEM WERE NOT ABLE TO HAVE THAT CHRISTMAS DAY OR ACTIVITY WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND PUT THEMSELVES IN HARM'S WAY AS WELL. AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE REALLY GIVE THEM THANKS. AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE DEPARTMENTS, IT HELPED TO BE ON CALL ALL THE TIME TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE ADDRESSING THESE ISSUES. SO, WITH THAT I WANT TO JUST QUICKLY GO TO OEM AND ASK KEVIN

MCGOWAN IF YOU COULD JUST TELL US, BASED ON YOUR OWN ASSESSMENT, WHAT IS YOUR ESTIMATION ABOUT ANY COUNTY PROPERTY THAT'S BEEN DAMAGED, PRIVATE, AND ANY OTHER ESTIMATES OF STORM DAMAGE.

KEVIN MCGOWAN: THANK YOU SUPERVISOR AND FOR THE RECORD KEVIN MCGOWAN DIRECTOR FOR THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE SO WE'RE GOING THROUGH THE TYPICAL PROCESS WITH THE DISASTER DECLARATION AND THE LOCAL EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION. FIRST, WE SEND OUT WHAT'S CALLED AN INITIAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE TO ALL OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND THEN IN ADDITION TO THAT, ALL OF THE 88 CITIES. AND THEN WE TAKE TIME TO COLLECT THAT, CONSOLIDATE IT ALL, AND THEN SEND IT UP TO THE STATE. SO, WE'RE STILL IN THAT GATHERING STAGE. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT IMPACTS TO THE COUNTY FROM A COST STANDPOINT IN STORMS LIKE THIS, WHICH THIS ONE'S TRACKING, TEND TO BE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COSTS. SO THAT'S ONE OF THE FIRST ONES. SO, WE'RE COLLECTING THAT FROM PRIMARILY OUR FIRST RESPONSE AGENCIES, FIRE, SHERIFF, AND PUBLIC WORKS. AND THEN IN ADDITION TO THAT, PUBLIC WORKS TENDS TO ALSO HAVE SIGNIFICANT COSTS FOR DEBRIS BASINS. SO, THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM AND MARK CAN ADDRESS THIS WITH MORE DETAIL, BUT SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF WORK PRIOR TO THE STORM TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL OF THOSE DEBRIS BASINS HAD CAPACITY TO BRING IN THE MATERIAL, THEN THEY ESTIMATE WHAT THAT'S GOING TO COST TO CLEAR ALL THAT OUT. AND

THEN IN ADDITION TO THAT, ALL THE DAMAGE ON OUR ROADWAYS AND ROAD SYSTEMS, AND THEN IN PARTICULAR OF INTEREST TO US IS JUST BECAUSE OF THE WIDESPREAD NATURE OF THIS STORM, WHAT THE IMPACTS TO ALL THE CITIES ARE. SO, WE'RE IN THAT INITIAL DAMAGE ESTIMATE COLLECTION. THIS WILL PROBABLY HAVE A SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL ASPECT TO IT. ONCE WE GET THAT INFORMATION, I'LL SEND IT TO ALL THE BOARD OFFICES AND THE CEO'S OFFICE. THE NEXT STEP IS WE TRANSMIT THAT UP TO THE STATE AND THEY USE THAT TO CONSOLIDATE WITH THE OTHER IMPACTED COUNTIES IN RELATIONSHIP TO REQUESTING A FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: IS THERE A THRESHOLD?

KEVIN MCGOWAN: YEAH, SO FOR L.A. COUNTY, IT'S OVER $46,000,000 THAT WE HAVE TO MEET IN ALL OF THOSE COSTS, BOTH EMERGENCY RESPONSE COSTS AND THEN ALSO, DAMAGES. AND THEN WHEN WE SUBMIT THAT UP TO THE STATE, THERE'S ALSO A STATE INDICATOR THAT'S OVER $70,000,000 FOR THE GOVERNOR TO REQUEST A FEDERAL DISASTER DECLARATION. THERE'S A NEXT STEP IN THIS PROCESS. ONCE WE DO THAT, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND STATE WORK WITH US LOCALLY WHAT'S CALLED A PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT. AND THEN THEY REVIEW ALL OF THOSE COSTS AND THEN MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHAT IS ELIGIBLE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY, GREAT. AND THEN I KNOW AS A FOLLOW-UP, JUST FEMA, THAT IS THE CONCERN TOO. SO, WORKING WITH THE GOVERNOR TO SEE HOW THAT, HOW WE ARE LOCKING ARMS WITH THEM TO SEE HOW WE CAN REALLY DRAW DOWN THAT MONEY.

KEVIN MCGOWAN: AND JUST TO HIGHLIGHT ONE POINT, SINCE THE GOVERNOR'S DECLARATION, FEMA REGION 9, WHICH IS OUR PARTNER IN THIS PROCESS HAS BEEN ENGAGED WITH US SINCE THE BEGINNING IN COLLECTING THOSE COSTS SO WE'LL GIVE YOU AN UPDATE ON HOW THE PROCESS IS GOING BUT RIGHT NOW, EVERYTHING IS WORKING AS SHOULD BE.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: OKAY, GREAT. I'LL HOLD MY FURTHER QUESTIONS. I THINK I TOUCHED ON THINGS THAT I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT, BUT I WILL GO TO OUR COLLEAGUES NOW AND ASK FOR KATHRYN BARGER TO GO AHEAD AND BEGIN.

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN DECLARING THIS EMERGENCY. AND I JUST HAVE TO SAY, AND I THINK WE ALL AGREE, TO 2025, DON'T LET THE DOOR HIT YOU ON THE WAY OUT. YOU KNOW, THIS HAS BEEN A YEAR OF CHALLENGING CHALLENGES, AND I HAVE TO SAY THAT HAVING THE RAIN AT THE END KIND OF IS ICING ON THE CAKE. BUT I HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE FIRST AND FOREMOST OUR COUNTY TEAM. I WENT UP TO ALTADENA AND SAW FIRSTHAND WHAT WAS TAKING PLACE IN REAL TIME.

AND MY HAT GOES OFF TO MARK PESTRELLA AND YOUR TEAM FOR THE WORK THAT YOU DID IN REAL TIME. I TOOK A LOOK AT THE DEBRIS BASIN, WHICH WAS FULL, BUT THERE WERE PEOPLE WORKING THERE. BUT ALSO, THE K-RAILS THAT WERE PUT UP AT THE TOP OF LOMA ALTA WHICH WORKED. THERE WAS MUD, BUT IT DEFINITELY CONTROLLED THE AMOUNT OF MUD COMING DOWN. AND THEN SHERIFF LUNA, YOUR TEAM UP AT ALTADENA, YOU HAD PEOPLE, YOU ASSIGNED ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL UP THERE WHO WERE PATROLLING. AND I COMMEND EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THEM. I STOPPED BY THE SHERIFF STATION AND TALKED TO THEM. THE DEDICATION, INCREDIBLE FOR THE COMMUNITY. SO, I JUST WANT TO PUBLICLY THANK YOU AS WELL BECAUSE IT TAKES A TEAM. IT WASN'T JUST ABOUT SHERIFF WORKING BY THEMSELVES. IT WAS ABOUT COORDINATING WITH PUBLIC WORKS TO MAKE SURE THAT THE TRUCKS COULD GET UP THERE AND GET IN AND OUT. AND THEN CHIEF MARRONE, I KNOW I GOT A CALL FROM YOU. UNFORTUNATELY, WE HAD A LOSS OF LIFE UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. WHILE WE WERE FOCUSED ON THE BURN SCAR AREA, WE HAD FLASH FLOODING UP IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. AND MY HEART GOES OUT TO THE FAMILY OF THE INDIVIDUAL WHO DIED AS A RESULT OF GETTING STUCK IN MUD UP CLOSE TO CHALLENGER WAY. SO, THE TEAM IN FRONT OF US, I CAN'T EXPRESS TO YOU ENOUGH HOW MUCH ON BEHALF OF MY CONSTITUENTS WE APPRECIATE THE WORK AND THE PREPARATION THAT WENT TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR WHAT WE KNEW WAS COMING. AND THEN YOU KNOW, KEVIN MCGOWAN, TO YOU AND THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TEAM IN REAL TIME, GETTING THE INFORMATION OUT THERE ABOUT EVACUATION

WARNINGS AND MAKING SURE THAT PEOPLE UNDERSTOOD THE AREAS THAT WERE IMPACTED BECAUSE WE WERE ALL FOCUSED-ON ALTADENA. NEVER DID WE THINK THAT WE'D HAVE A TORNADO TOUCHDOWN IN BOYLE HEIGHTS OR THE IMPACT THAT IT HAD ON ALHAMBRA ON THE WIND AROUND THAT AREA. BUT ALSO, THERE WERE EVACUATION WARNINGS IN EFFECT IN OTHER AREAS OUTSIDE OF THE BURN SCAR AREA. SO, I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO NOTE THAT WE NEED TO GET THE WORD OUT ON AREAS THAT MAY THINK THAT THEY ARE NOT UNDER AN EVACUATION WARNING. YOU DID THAT, KEVIN, YOU AND YOUR TEAM. I REALLY SALUTE THE WORK THAT YOU DID. YOU KNOW, WHEN I LOOK AT THE IMPACT THAT THIS IS GOING TO HAVE LONG-TERM, THE BURN SCAR AREA, IT REALLY IS A REMINDER THAT WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY AND THIS IS REALLY SOMETHING THAT I'VE STRESSED AND SHERIFF LUNA YOU KNOW, WITH YOUR TEAM, CREDIBILITY IN TERMS OF EVACUATION WARNINGS. I KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF WAS GOING DOOR TO DOOR, KNOCKING TO LET PEOPLE KNOW, NOT ASSUMING THAT THESE GADGETS HERE ARE GOING TO BE SUFFICIENT TO NOTIFY PEOPLE AND THAT'S BOOTS ON THE GROUND AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT I THINK WE AS A COUNTY NEED TO RECOGNIZE THAT YEAR-ROUND WE NEED TO PREPARE BECAUSE THIS WAS, COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE, COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE. AND I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THE PROJECTIONS. I DON'T KNOW IF WE'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR QUESTIONS, BUT IN TERMS OF PROJECTIONS FOR THE RAINS THAT ARE GOING TO HAPPEN TONIGHT INTO TOMORROW, BUT I HOPE THAT THE PEOPLE DON'T LET THEIR GUARD DOWN. AND THAT'S A LESSON THAT I'VE LEARNED. AND THAT'S

WHY I DROVE UP TO ALTADENA, BECAUSE I WANTED TO SEE FIRSTHAND WHAT WAS GOING ON. AND PEOPLE TOOK IT SERIOUSLY. AND THEN TO THE BUSINESSES IN ALTADENA THAT SURVIVED THE FIRE ONLY TO HAVE A FLOOD IMPACT THEIR BUSINESSES AFTER THEY PUT ALL THAT MONEY INTO REOPENING. I HOPE AND I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN HELP THOSE BUSINESSES ONCE AGAIN RECOVER. BECAUSE IT'S ALONG MARIPOSA RIGHT THERE AT LAKE AVENUE. AND I KNOW CHIEF MARRONE, I THINK YOUR STAFF FROM FIRE STATION, IS THAT 12 ADJACENT TO THE SHERIFF'S STATION, HELPED OUT AS WELL TO HELP THE IMPACTED BUSINESSES UP THERE. AND THEN IN CONCLUSION, I'LL JUST SAY IT WOULDN'T BE LIKE, I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT THE WORD IS, BUT WE HAVE THE GAS LEAK UP IN CASTAIC. IT'S LIKE, WHAT NEXT? AND I DON'T EVEN WANT TO SAY WHAT NEXT, BECAUSE BE CAREFUL, I KNOW, DON'T SAY THAT. BUT THAT WAS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WHERE IT WAS AN ALL-HANDS-ON DECK. I COMMEND THE GAS COMPANY, MARION BROWN, WAS ON TOP OF IT. AND I UNDERSTAND THAT WE'VE NOW GOT THAT UNDER CONTROL. BUT IT'S JUST ONCE AGAIN A REMINDER THAT IT'S NOT A ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL AS IT RELATES TO DISASTERS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE. AND SO, WITH THAT, I JUST REALLY WANT TO URGE OUR RESIDENTS TO STAY VIGILANT AND AGAIN NOT LET YOUR GUARD DOWN. BUT I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO 2026 BECAUSE I'M CONFIDENT. IT CAN'T GET WORSE. BUT ALL KIDDING ASIDE, I DO BELIEVE THAT WE ARE STRONGER BECAUSE WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER AND I'VE SEEN IT FIRSTHAND AND SO I'M GOING TO GO OUT AND PERSONALLY THANK ALL YOUR STAFF WHEN I HAVE THE

OPPORTUNITY. I DO STOP AND TALK TO THEM BUT I WANT YOU ALSO TO CONVEY AND I THINK I CAN SPEAK FOR THE ENTIRE BOARD, OUR THANKS FOR THE WORK YOU DO. I KNOW YOU GET PAID TO DO IT, BUT I BELIEVE Y'ALL WENT ABOVE AND BEYOND. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THOSE ARE VERY IMPORTANT POINTS THAT YOU DESCRIBE. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND YEAH, 2025 HAS BEEN VERY DIFFICULT, PARTICULARLY FOR, YOU KNOW, PROBABLY MORE THAN YOUR FAIR SHARE OF SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR BARGER WITH THE DEVASTATING FIRES, WHICH IS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT THAT WAS ALMOST A YEAR AGO, JANUARY 7TH. SO YOU TWO HAVE HAD A REALLY DIFFICULT YEAR, AND WE'VE BEEN HAPPY TO STAND WITH YOU IN WAYS THAT WE COULD, MARSHALING ALL THE COUNTY RESOURCES FOR THE RECOVERY OF YOUR TWO DISTRICTS. AND AGAIN, THANK YOU TO THE STAFF OF OUR COUNTY. WE DO HAVE AN AMAZING COUNTY TEAM THAT IS THERE EVERY SINGLE DAY, PROBABLY GOING UNNOTICED MOST OF THE TIME. AND YET WHEN THERE'S AN EMERGENCY OR DISASTER, IT'S WHEN YOU REALLY SHINE AND WE APPRECIATE THAT. SO, THIS IS A BIG COUNTY, A LOT OF SORT OF DISASTER AREAS HAPPENING, WHICH IS PARTLY WHY WE'RE DOING THIS, RATIFYING THE DECLARATION TODAY. TWO PARTS OF MY DISTRICT, I THINK SOMETIMES THEY FEEL A LITTLE MAYBE NOBODY'S PAYING ATTENTION TO THEM, BUT CHIEF MARRONE, YOU AND I WERE TALKING

IN THE BACK AND YOU WERE MENTIONING HOW WE'RE HEARING THAT UP ON THE PALOS VERDES PENINSULA, THE LAND IS BEGINNING TO MOVE AGAIN. THE RAIN SEEMS TO ACCELERATE THAT. MAYBE MARK AND CHIEF AND EVEN KEVIN COULD SPEAK TO THE FACT THAT WE ARE PAYING ATTENTION AND WHAT ARE WE READY TO DO IN CASE THE LAND MOVES QUICKER THAN ANTICIPATED?

KEVIN MCGOWAN: THANKS, SUPERVISOR. AND THEN I'LL HAND IT OVER TO MARK AND CHIEF MARRONE. SO, DURING THE STORM, WE WERE IN CONSTANT COORDINATION WITH ALL OF THE CITIES ON THE PENINSULA. AND I SPOKE MULTIPLE TIMES WITH ARA, THE CITY MANAGER FOR RANCHO PALOS VERDES, WHICH HAS PRETTY MUCH THE BRUNT OF THE MAJORITY OF LAND MOVEMENT GOING ON. SO, THEY'VE BEEN OBSERVING, YOU KNOW, AND KEEPING TRACK WITH THEIR DIFFERENT PROTECTIVE MEASURES THAT THEY'VE PUT IN PLACE. THEY DEFINITELY HAD SOME INITIAL, NOT NECESSARILY THE BIG LAND MOVEMENT, BUT THE IMPACTS OF KIND OF THE TOPSOIL EROSION GOING ON TO PORTUGUESE BEND AND DIFFERENT STREET OUTLETS. SO, WE'RE IN CONSTANT COORDINATION WITH THEM. THEY'RE SUBMITTING THEIR COSTS FOR REIMBURSEMENT ALSO WITH THIS DISASTER DECLARATION. AND THEN WE'LL BE PUSHING THAT UP FORWARD. AND THEN AS FAR AS THE ACTUAL CONTINUED MOVEMENT, WE ARE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THEM TO ASSIST THEM WHERE THEY NEED SOME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. AND I'LL HAND IT OVER TO MARK.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH. AND AT THIS POINT, ARE WE SEEING ANY EVACUATIONS THAT WOULD BE NECESSARY?

KEVIN MCGOWAN: NO.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: BECAUSE I KNOW, AGAIN, WHEN THAT HAPPENS AND THE SHERIFF, OF COURSE, KICKS IN, HAS BEEN REALLY HELPFUL DURING THE EVACUATIONS AND THE EMPTY HOMES. THE SHERIFFS HAVE REALLY RESPONDED, YOU KNOW, WHEN THAT WAS HAPPENING OVER A YEAR AGO.

MARK PESTRELLA: SUPERVISOR I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE WE'VE BEEN WE'RE COORDINATING WITH RANCHO PALOS VERDES FOR SOME TIME NOW AND BEEN VERY INTENSE SINCE THE LAND MOVEMENT LAST YEAR A LOT OF MITIGATION MEASURES AND PREPARATION BEEN PUT IN PLACE FOR THIS EVENT TO HAPPEN AND YOU KNOW THEY'RE PUMPING GROUNDWATER DAILY THERE WE MADE AN INVESTMENT THERE AS YOU KNOW IN THAT SYSTEM AND WE ALSO MADE AN INVESTMENT IN THEIR SURFACE DRAINAGE CONTROL. THIS TARPS THAT YOU SAW GOOD PUT OUT MILES AND MILES OF TARP PUT OUT THAT ALL WENT INTO EFFECT LAST YEAR AND WAS RESTORED THIS YEAR. AND DURING THIS RAIN EVENT, THAT SYSTEM WAS ACTIVELY KEEPING THEM SAFE. AND SO, I'VE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE CITY MANAGER AS WELL AND THE CITY ENGINEER THROUGHOUT THIS EVENT AND PREVIOUS TO THE EVENT. AND WE CONTINUE TO BE READY TO SERVE THEM. WE DO HAVE SEWER SYSTEM

DOWN THERE. WE'RE MONITORING THE SEWER SYSTEM AND WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MAJOR DAMAGE OR ISSUES WITH THE SEWER SYSTEM IN THAT AREA DURING THIS INCIDENT. SO --

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. WELL, YOU KNOW, AND I APPRECIATE THE INVESTMENT THAT WE DID MAKE ON THE TARP, THE SLIP AND SLIDE, AS WELL AS THE PUMPING. IT SEEMS LIKE THE PUMPING HAS BEEN THE MOST EFFECTIVE SLOWING DOWN OF THE LAND MOVEMENT. I'M HOPING THAT THE PUMPING WILL BE ABLE TO KEEP UP IF WE HAVE MORE RAINS.

MARK PESTRELLA: YEAH, IT'S A CHALLENGE. THEY ARE. I HAD A BRIEFING WITH THEM A MONTH AGO OR THREE WEEKS AGO, WENT DOWN AND SAW THE INSPECTED THE AREA. THEY CONTINUE TO DO LARGE SCALE PUMPING, GROUNDWATER PUMPING THERE AT OUR AT OUR RECOMMENDATION. AS YOU KNOW WE PROVIDED IN KIND REVIEW OF WHAT THEY'RE DOING WITH OUR ENGINEERS AND CERTIFIED THAT AND THEY HAVE SHOWN GREAT RESULTS FROM THAT PUMPING AND I EXPECT THAT THAT WILL CONTINUE TO PAY OFF THE MAJOR ISSUE THERE RIGHT NOW IS THE CHANGE IN THE SURFACE OF THE OF THE GROUND BECAUSE OF THE MOVEMENT AND THAT CHANGES THE DRAINAGE PATTERN SO WE ARE JUST CONSTANTLY REBUILDING ROADS AND DRAINAGE SYSTEMS IN THAT AREA, OR THEY ARE AT LEAST DOING THAT WORK. AND WE'RE PROVIDING A TON OF ENGINEERING OVERSIGHT FOR THEM AND REVIEW OF WHAT THEY'RE PROPOSING TO DO. SO, IT'S DONE IN A SAFE

MANNER.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: YEAH, I APPRECIATE THAT WHICH ALWAYS IS A CHALLENGE BOTH AS WELL FOR THE UTILITIES, RIGHT, FOR THEIR GAS AND ELECTRIC DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ABLE TO EXIST WITH LAND MOVEMENT.

MARK PESTRELLA: YES.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SO THAT'S A PROBLEM. PLUS, COUNTY SANITATION ALSO HAS A MAJOR LINE GOING OUT THERE THAT IS ALWAYS IN JEOPARDY. SO, I REALLY APPRECIATE MARK, YOUR CONTINUING AND KEVIN, WORKING WITH THE CITY. CHIEF, DID YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING TO THAT?

ANTHONY MARRONE: YEAH, I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW, SUPERVISOR, THAT, YOU KNOW, WE ARE CLOSELY COORDINATING OUR ACTIONS WITH NOT ONLY THE SHERIFFS AND DPW BUT ALSO OEM ALL FIVE FIRE STATIONS I KNOW THERE'S A LOT OF FOCUS ON RPV BUT WE ARE OUT THERE PATROLLING MAKING SURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE LAND MOVEMENT IN THE OTHER AREAS ON THE PENINSULA AND QUITE A WHILE AGO WE DID MOVE SOME SPECIALIZED RESOURCES FOUR-WHEEL DRIVE FIREFIGHTING VEHICLES TO THE PENINSULA TO MAKE SURE THAT WE COULD NAVIGATE THE ROADS EVEN IF THERE WAS LAND MOVEMENT SO WE ARE IN CLOSE COORDINATION WITH OUR PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERS.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU WELL I REALLY APPRECIATE THAT BECAUSE AGAIN SOMETIMES THEY FEEL LIKE NO ONE'S PAYING ATTENTION TO THEIR, THEY KIND OF FEEL LIKE THEY'RE IN A CONSTANT STATE OF AN EMERGENCY AS IT AS THE LAND MOVEMENT EVOLVES. LET ME JUST SWITCH QUICKLY TO PUBLIC HEALTH. YOU KNOW WE HAVE YOU KNOW I HAVE CABRILLO BEACH, TORRANCE BEACH IN MY DISTRICT. I KNOW HOLLY HAS SOME BEACHES AND LINDSEY HAS SOME BEACHES. WHAT IS THE CURRENT STATUS OF OUR BEACHES? I KNOW CURRENTLY THEY'RE CLOSED AS A RESULT OF A BAD TOXIC REPORT A FEW DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS. BUT I UNDERSTAND THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER SAMPLING AND WONDERING WHERE IT STANDS TODAY BECAUSE TOMORROW THERE'S A TRADITION DOWN IN SAN PEDRO, THERE'S THE POLAR BEAR PLUNGE WHICH TAKES PLACE EVERY JANUARY 1ST, RAIN OR SHINE, BUT WHAT IS THE STATUS TODAY OF THAT BEACH, OR ALL OF OUR BEACHES?

STELLA FOGLEMAN: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. I'M STELLA FOGELMAN. I AM THE DIRECTOR OF THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE DIVISION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, REPRESENTING FOR DR. BARBARA FERRER. AND THANK YOU FOR THE GREAT QUESTION ABOUT CABRILLO BEACH AND THE OCEAN WATER. I WANTED TO TAKE A MOMENT TO GIVE SOME BACKGROUND ON HOW IT WORKS FOR THE OCEAN WATER CLOSURES. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE WATER IS STILL CONTAMINATED FROM THE SEWAGE SPILL. SO THAT

IS STILL CURRENTLY CLOSED. BUT JUST FOR SOME BACKGROUND, THE OCEAN WATER CLOSURE DOES REMAIN IN EFFECT DUE TO THE SEWAGE SPILL AFFECTING CABRILLO BEACH, AND WATER CONTACT DURING A BEACH CLOSURE MAY CAUSE ILLNESS, ESPECIALLY IN CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY, AND SUSCEPTIBLE PEOPLE. SO, SWIMMERS SHOULD AVOID WATER CONTACT UNFORTUNATELY AT THE POSTED AREAS OF THE BEACH UNTIL THE HAZARDOUS CONDITION HAS ENDED. WE DO CONTINUE TO TEST THE WATER QUALITY AND SAMPLING OF THE IMPACTED WATER IS CONDUCTED AT LEAST TWO CONSECUTIVE DAYS FOLLOWING THE SPILL TO ENSURE THAT IT MEETS THE STATE STANDARDS. AND UNFORTUNATELY, MONDAY'S SAMPLES, WE GOT THE RESULTS YESTERDAY AND THEY DID NOT MEET THE STATE STANDARDS. SO, IT DOES REMAIN CLOSED AND THAT DOES REALLY HELP THEM.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: SO, IT WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW JANUARY 1ST.

STELLA FOGLEMAN: UNFORTUNATELY, YES.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: VERY UNFORTUNATE I WAS SO LOOKING FORWARD TO.

STELLA FOGLEMAN: I'M SORRY YEAH WERE YOU?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: TO GOT A NEW BATHING SUIT AND EVERYTHING TO DIP DIPPING INTO THAT FRIGID WATER AS A NEW YEAR'S TRADITION.

BUT I WILL RESPECT PUBLIC HEALTH CLOSURE OF THE BEACH AND WARN OTHERS TO AVOID SWIMMING TOMORROW. SO NOW THIS CLOSURE, WAS IT RELATED TO THE SPILL, THE SEWAGE SPILL, AND DOES THAT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE RAINS?

STELLA FOGLEMAN: YES.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: HOW, DOES THIS, IS THIS CONNECTED?

STELLA FOGLEMAN: MY UNDERSTANDING, YES, IS IT'S CONNECTED. WE WILL, AT ANY TIME THERE IS RAIN AND THERE IS POTENTIAL CONTAMINATION JUST BECAUSE OF THE OVERFLOW AND HOW THAT HAPPENS. SO, WE DO CONTINUE TO TEST FOR THOSE BACTERIAL LEVELS JUST TO ENSURE SAFETY. SO, IT COULD BE RELATED TO RAIN RUNOFF FROM THE LAND, JUST OVERALL CONTAMINATION, HOW THAT OVERFLOWS INTO THE OCEAN, BUT THIS WAS A LARGE SEWAGE SPILL. SO, THIS IS THE UNDERSTANDING THAT IT'S CONNECTED.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR GIVING US THAT UPDATE FROM PUBLIC HEALTH, BECAUSE WE'D SURE HATE TO SEE FOLKS DIVING IN TOMORROW. AND SO, I GUESS WE HAVE TO DO A GOOD JOB MAKING CLEAR TO EVERYONE THAT THAT'S OFF LIMITS, UNFORTUNATELY. WITH THAT, LET'S GO TO SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM CHAIR AND HAPPY NEW YEAR AND HAPPY KWANZAA TO ONE AND ALL THE SIXTH DAY OF KWANZAA SO I WANTED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS WELL. THANK YOU. I WANT TO ECHO ALL OF MY COLLEAGUES' ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE WORK OF THE COUNTY FAMILY. THE WORK THAT YOU ALL DO AND WHAT YOU REPRESENT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL WORK OF GOVERNMENT. I MEAN THAT IS THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AND SOMETIMES IT'S THE INVISIBLE WORK. PEOPLE DON'T THINK ABOUT WHAT'S UNDER THE STREETS. PEOPLE DON'T THINK ABOUT SEWER SYSTEM UNTIL IT FAILS US. AND SO, THE INFRASTRUCTURE WORK IS SO IMPORTANT. IT'S OFTEN INVISIBLE. SO, I WANT TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUES' ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. AND IT SEEMS TO ALL, WE ALWAYS HAVE THESE CRISES DURING HOLIDAYS. I MEAN, EVER SINCE 2020, EVERY CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, WE'VE HAD SOME INFRASTRUCTURE CHALLENGE IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR TALKING ABOUT THE SEWAGE LEAK. DIRECTOR PESTRELLO, I SAW YOU NODDING. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO ADD TO THAT UPDATE IN TERMS OF WHAT HAPPENED IN THE CARSON AREA?

MARK PESTRELLA: THANK YOU SUPERVISOR. IN FACT, I WANT TO ECHO FIRST THANK YOU TO THE BOARD AND TO OUR STAFFS WHO ARE WORKING DURING CHRISTMAS EVENTS AND YEAR-ROUND. AS YOU SAID, WHEN THEY'RE NOT SEEN, SIGHT UNSEEN, THEY PREVENTED A LOT OF LIVES FROM BEING LOST AND THEY PREVENTED A LOT OF SEWAGE FILLS FROM

HAPPENING. THERE WAS A SIGNIFICANT OVERFLOW OF THE SEWAGE SYSTEM OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT IN THE CARSON AREA, THIS IS THE ONE YOU'RE REFERRING TO, WAS ESTIMATED AT SOME HUNDRED THOUSAND GALLONS, WHICH IS A GOOD AMOUNT OF FLOW OUT OF A SYSTEM. AND IT ISN'T SURPRISING THAT WE WOULD HAVE HIGH READINGS, BACTERIA COUNT READINGS, AT LEAST IN SAN PEDRO HARBOR. BUT I WOULD SAY THAT MY GUESS AND EXPERIENCE TELLS ME THAT THE READINGS YOU'RE SEEING AT THE BEACH ARE RELATED AS OUR HEALTH OFFICER MENTIONED, RELATED TO JUST GENERAL RUNOFF FROM ALL THE STORM DRAINS AND FROM THE L.A. RIVER, WHICH DISCHARGED AN EXTRAORDINARY AMOUNT OF WATER INTO THE SAN PEDRO BAY, AS WELL AS THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER. AND THEN OF COURSE, BY INNO CREEK, WE HAD THE SAME DISCHARGE AS HAVING BECAUSE WE HAD EXTRAORDINARY FLOWS. AS FAR AS THIS OVERFLOW HAPPENED IT WAS CLEANED UP, AT LEAST THE CLEANUP THAT THEY DO IS CLEAN UP AROUND THE AREA THAT IT SPILLED TO. IT SPILLED ONTO THE STREET SYSTEM OUT OF A MANHOLE, AND THEN IT MOVED ON THE STREET SYSTEM ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE DRAINAGE INTO CATCH BASINS. IT THEN MADE THEIR WAY BACK INTO DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL, WHICH IS THE MOST – THE LOCALIZED LARGE DRAIN FOR THAT AREA. THAT DISCHARGE WAS CARRIED BY A HUGE AMOUNT OF FLOW THAT WAS HAPPENING IN DOMINGUEZ CHANNEL AND MADE ITS WAY TO SAN PEDRO. SO, THE EVENT HAS SUBSIDED. WE'VE GOT THAT UNDER CONTROL. THE SPILL PART OF IT ENDED FAIRLY QUICKLY. IT WAS VERY RELATED TO HOW MUCH WATER WAS IN THE SYSTEM. SO, I WANT

TO TELL YOU ONE THING ALTHOUGH THESE ARE TWO DIFFERENT SYSTEMS THE FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM AND THE SEWAGE SYSTEM WHEN WE HAVE FLOW RATES LIKE WE EXPERIENCED WITH THIS EVENT THEY TEND TO MIX AND THAT'S UNFORTUNATE. THE ONLY GOOD THING ABOUT THAT FLOW IS THAT IT DOES TEND TO DILUTE THE FLOW, DILUTE THE SEWAGE AND THAT IS OLD TREATMENT. DILUTION IS THE SOLUTION AS THEY USED TO SAY. WE DON'T TREAT THAT WAY ANYMORE, BUT IN THIS EVENT WE DID HAVE QUITE A BIT OF DILUTION THAT OCCURRED AND FLOWED INTO THE SYSTEM. SO, WE'RE WORKING WITH COUNTY SAN. WE'RE LOOKING AT AFTER ACTION ON, AS YOU MENTIONED TO ME IN YOUR TEXT BACK IS HOW ARE WE GOING TO MAKE SURE THAT DOESN'T HAPPEN AGAIN WE ARE LOOKING AT IT WE'RE AWARE OF THE OPERATION NOW HOW IT HAPPENED WHAT WE'RE LOOKING AT IS WHAT WE CAN DO IN THESE LOWER LYING AREAS TO PREVENT IT FROM EMERGING IN THE MANHOLES IN THE FIRST PLACE AND KEEP IT IN THE SYSTEM THAT IT IT'S DESIGNED TO STAY IN.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: I APPRECIATE THAT I MEAN RECOGNIZING THE ACCUMULATIVE IMPACT OF THIS MAJOR STORM SUSTAINED OVER TIME AND AS YOU SAID HOW THESE TWO SEPARATE SYSTEMS THAT SERVE SEPARATE PURPOSES SOMETIMES UNFORTUNATELY MERGE. SO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THAT. I THINK THE IMPORTANT POINT FOR US AS A BOARD TO COMMUNICATE IS FOR YOU KNOW EVERY ANGELENO TO REMAIN VIGILANT IF YOU'RE ON THE STREETS TO YOU KNOW PAY ATTENTION TO MANHOLES TO BE THOUGHTFUL IN TERMS OF WHERE YOU SHOW UP AT THE

BEACH OR WHAT HAVE YOU. AND WHILE GOVERNMENT AND WE'RE PLAYING A ROLE TO BE PREPARED AS YOU ALL REPRESENT AGENCIES THAT ARE, ALL OF US AS RESIDENTS HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE PREPARED AS WELL AND NOT PUT OURSELVES IN HARM'S WAY, TO PAY ATTENTION TO THE ALERTS WHETHER YOU GET THEM ON YOUR PHONE, A KNOCK AT THE DOOR, WHATEVER THE CASE IS. SO, WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO BE PREPARED AS WELL. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE EMPHASIZE THAT. ONE FOLLOW-UP QUESTION, YOU TALKED ABOUT THE $46,000,000 THRESHOLD BEFORE STATE AID KICKS IN. IS THAT A $46,000,000 LOSS, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, OR PUBLIC EXPENSES ONLY?

KEVIN MCGOWAN: THAT'S A GREAT QUESTION. SO, IT GETS COMPLICATED. THERE'S TWO PROGRAMS, THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS WHAT I WAS REFERENCING WITH THE THRESHOLD. THAT'S THE REIMBURSEMENT TO GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND IT'S A COMBINATION OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE COSTS, WHICH IS CATEGORIZED AS CATEGORY B. AND THEN CATEGORY A WOULD BE DEBRIS AND DEBRIS REMOVAL AND THEN ALL THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPACTS, WHICH COULD BE PARKS, DIFFERENT COUNTY FACILITIES. SO THAT'S ALL THE THRESHOLD IS IN FOR COUNTY IMPACTS AND THEN ALSO CITY IMPACTS.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: OKAY, I THOUGHT I WAS GOING TO ASK YOU SO IT'S CITY AND IT'S COMBINED.

KEVIN MCGOWAN: CORRECT. THE INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, WHICH IS SUPPORTING, YOU KNOW, COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS THAT ARE IMPACTED IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT SITUATION. THE IMPACTS ASSOCIATED WITH THAT FROM A FINANCIAL STANDPOINT AREN'T INCLUDED IN, THEY HAVE THEIR OWN INDICATOR. SO, WE HAVE TO HAVE A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF PROPERTIES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. AND THEN THERE'S ALSO ANOTHER PROGRAM, WHICH IS THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. SO, WE'RE EXPLORING BOTH PROGRAMS. I DON'T WANT TO GET ANYONE'S HOPES UP. WE'RE NOT ANYWHERE CLOSE TO THE INDICATOR FOR IMPACTED RESIDENTS GETTING SUPPORT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AND THE STATE DOESN'T HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. THE ONLY PROGRAM THAT SUPPORTS RESIDENTS IS THROUGH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: GOT IT. BECAUSE THERE WAS LOTS OF CONVERSATION ABOUT THAT IN MY DISTRICT AROUND THE LA BREA HILLSIDE.

KEVIN MCGOWAN: CORRECT.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AND PRIVATE RESIDENTS REALLY NEEDING TO UNDERSTAND. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE WORK THAT YOU HAVE DONE ON THE LA BREA HILLSIDE IT SEEMS TO BE HOLDING I'M CROSSING ALL MY FINGERS WE HAVEN'T

HEARD FROM ANY CONSTITUENTS IN THAT AREA WHEN IT'S REMIND ME WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME THE COUNTY HIT THE $46,000,000 THRESHOLD WHAT EVENT WAS THAT.

KEVIN MCGOWAN: WELL, THE JANUARY FIRES WE HIT ALL OF OUR INDICATORS FOR INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE. FOR THE WINTER STORMS OF 23/24, WE HAD PUBLIC ASSISTANCE, WE GOT A MAJOR DISASTER DECLARATION FOR THAT WINTER STORM. AND THEN ALSO SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: OKAY. I OF COURSE KNEW THE FIRES, BUT I WAS WONDERING IN TERMS OF SIMILAR.

KEVIN MCGOWAN: THE LAST WINTER STORMS WERE THE 23/24 WINTER STORMS.

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: SO, WE ARE GETTING IT COMING AND GOING. AGAIN, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU. I WANT TO THANK L.A. COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT AS WELL FOR YOUR WORK AND REMIND EVERYONE THAT WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY AS INDIVIDUAL RESIDENTS TO STAY VIGILANT AND PAY ATTENTION AND STAY SAFE AS WELL. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR

LINDSAY HORVATH.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND THANKS AGAIN TO OUR ESTEEMED PANEL. I WANT TO ECHO MY COLLEAGUES' PRAISE OF YOUR RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT'S GREAT WORK, THE WAY THAT YOU SHOWED UP FOR OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS THAT YOU ARE HERE ON NEW YEAR'S EVE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYONE KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AND WHAT YOU'RE CONTINUING TO DO TO KEEP COMMUNITIES SAFE. THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL LEADERSHIP, FOR YOUR COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP, AND THANKS ALSO TO ALL OF THE MEN AND WOMEN WHOM YOU REPRESENT. I BELIEVE THEIR GREAT WORK DESERVES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AS WELL, AND I THANK YOU ALL FOR THAT. I KNOW A LOT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED ALREADY BUT GIVEN THAT WE HAVE LIVED THROUGH AND WE'RE COMING UP ON A ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF A PRETTY SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCY AND DISASTERS THAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. KEVIN, I'M WONDERING WHAT IMPROVEMENTS IN COMMUNICATION, EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND COORDINATION WERE YOU ABLE TO IMPLEMENT WITH THESE RAINS AS COMPARED TO WHAT WE HAD EXPERIENCED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR?

KEVIN MCGOWAN: YEAH, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I MEAN, THE THING THAT STANDS OUT IS FROM THE GET-GO OF THE JANUARY WILDFIRES. WE WERE CONSTANTLY PUTTING IMPROVEMENTS IN PLACE LESSONS LEARNED. WE IMPLEMENTED IN THE WINTER STORMS IMMEDIATELY

FOLLOWING THE WILDFIRES. THE DOOR KNOCK PARTNERSHIP, SO THAT'S BEEN EXPANSIVE. HUGE SHOUT OUT TO OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THEN ALL THE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS THAT SEND OUT POLICE OFFICERS AND DEPUTIES IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THIS RAIN TO GO OUT AND DO THE DOOR KNOCKS. BUT THERE'S A REALLY SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF COORDINATION THAT TAKES PLACE BETWEEN THE COUNTY, THE CITIES, AND THEN THE LAW ENFORCEMENT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC WORKS DOING THE ASSESSMENT ON WHAT THE THREAT AND THE HAZARD IS. THEY'RE THE ONES WHO REALLY GIVE US THE INDICATION OF WHAT THE IMPACT AREA IS GOING TO BE. WE DO THIS THROUGH A UNIFIED COORDINATION EFFORT, AND THEN WE ALL KIND OF CARVE OUT LANES ON WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO. ON THE STORM SIDE OF IT, WE HAVE A LOT OF EXTENSIVE COORDINATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND WHAT AREAS WE'RE GOING TO ALERT AND THEN WHAT CITIES ARE GOING TO DO THEIR NOTIFICATIONS AND THEN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. SO, ONE THING THAT I THINK EVERYONE IN OUR COUNTY EXPERIENCED IN THIS WINTER STORM WAS THE LARGE AMOUNT OF NOTIFICATIONS THAT THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WAS PUTTING OUT. WE ACTUALLY HAVE A WEATHER SERVICE FORECASTER THAT SITS IN OUR EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND A BIG SHOUT OUT TO THE OEM TEAM AND EOC TEAM THAT STAFFED THAT THROUGHOUT THIS WHOLE PERIOD WITH THOSE PARTNERS SO THAT WE'RE PUSHING OUT THAT INFORMATION. SO, I THINK THERE'S BEEN A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF THE AFTER-ACTION ITEMS THAT WERE ALREADY IMPLEMENTED AND WE SAW THE FRUITS OF THAT KIND OF BEAR OUT DURING THIS

STORM.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU. SHERIFF, DID YOU WANT TO ADD?

ROBERT LUNA: YES, ROBERT LUNA, SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. TO ADD TO WHAT MY PARTNER KEVIN JUST TALKED ABOUT, FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WE DEVELOPED WHAT WE CALL THE CITIZENS EVACUATION TRACKER, WHICH CAME ONLINE RIGHT ABOUT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL. AND WHAT THIS HAS DONE, IT'S IMPROVED OUR REAL-TIME SITUATIONAL AWARENESS IN THE FIELD, AND ADDITIONALLY, IT HELPS THE DEPUTIES LOG THE DOOR-TO-DOOR CONTACTS. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT KEVIN'S TALKING ABOUT WITH THESE DOOR KNOCKS IS WE GO AROUND AND WE HAND OUT THESE FLYERS TO SPECIFIC ADDRESSES THAT PUBLIC WORKS HAS IDENTIFIED. ONE OF MY STAFF MEMBERS WILL HAND A COPY OF THAT OUT. AND I PUT THIS UP LIKE IT'S NO BIG DEAL, BUT I ACKNOWLEDGE THE ANXIETY ONE OF OUR RESIDENTS MUST FEEL WHEN THEY RECEIVE THIS FLYER. AND IT'S LIKE, OH MY GOD, WHAT DO I DO? SO, BUT THIS IS HELPING US. AND I THINK IT'LL HELP US KEEP PEOPLE SAFER AS WE MOVE ON. AND AS YOU'RE AWARE, OUR PATROL DEPUTIES DO WEAR BODY-WORN CAMERAS. SO, THE INFORMATION'S LOGGED ON THERE, WHETHER THEY WERE ABLE TO MAKE CONTACT, NOBODY WAS HOME, OR WHAT HAPPENS A LOT OF TIMES, PEOPLE REFUSE TO EVACUATE. SO THAT'S DOCUMENTED AS WELL, AND THAT HELPS A LOT. I'VE GOT TO GIVE EACH AND EVERY

ONE OF YOU CREDIT BECAUSE YOU APPROVED OUR NEW CAD SYSTEM, WHICH WILL BE COMING ONLINE IN MID 2026. THAT IS AN ADDITIONAL TOOL THAT WILL ENHANCE OUR TECHNOLOGICAL CAPABILITIES OF NOT ONLY THE SITUATIONAL AWARENESS OF WHERE OUR DEPUTIES ARE GOING, WHERE THEY SHOULD BE, BUT WHO HASN'T BEEN EVACUATED, WHICH WE DIDN'T HAVE BEFORE. SO, THESE ARE SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENTS UPON WHICH WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST. AND THIS IS NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE FIRE THAT HAPPENED, THESE ARE TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS WE'RE ALREADY THINKING ABOUT IN MODERNIZING OUR DEPARTMENT. SO, I DO APPRECIATE THAT QUESTION. AND AS YOU RECEIVE THESE FLYERS, JUST ANOTHER NOTE, THIS OTHER FLYER THAT I HAVE IN MY HAND IS WHAT OUR HOST TEAM GIVES OUT TO OUR OWN HOUSE POPULATION. THOSE USUALLY ARE NOT TRACKED WITH EVERYONE ELSE'S RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY WHETHER IT'S ALTADENA, MALIBU OR ANYWHERE ELSE THAT WE'RE FOCUSED ON BUT THESE GO OUT AND IN THIS LAST STORM FOR EXAMPLE WE HAD OVER 140 CONTACTS OF PEOPLE WE SAID YOU NEED TO GET OUT OF THIS FLOOD CONTROL, YOU'RE IN DANGER. AND THAT HAS HELPED TREMENDOUSLY, AND I BELIEVE SAVING MORE LIVES THAT EITHER WE OR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAVE TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF FLOOD CONTROLS IN THESE TIMES. SO, WHEN YOU SEE THE LACK OF THAT ON THE NEWS, IT'S A LOT OF WORK AND PREPARATION THAT'S GOING INTO PLAY BEHIND IT.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: ABSOLUTELY. I KNOW YOUR HOST TEAM IS PRESENT AT THE ECRC, WHICH ALSO HELPS IN TERMS OF

COORDINATION. WHO'S OUT THERE? WHO KNOWS OUR PEOPLE? WHO KNOWS HOW TO COMMUNICATE THEM? WHO KNOWS CULTURAL COMPETENCY IN TERMS OF APPROACHING PEOPLE AND BEING TRAUMA INFORMED IN TERMS OF THAT RESPONSE. SO, I THINK YOUR TEAM IS QUITE WELL SITUATED TO BE DOING THIS KIND OF WORK, ESPECIALLY AT A TIME SUCH AS THIS. SO, THANK YOU FOR LETTING US KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU'VE UPDATED YOUR PROCEDURES IN TERMS OF HOW YOU ARE IMPLEMENTING. I SEE PUBLIC WORKS WANTS TO JUMP IN AS WELL.

MARK PESTRELLA: THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH. I WANTED JUST THE OPPORTUNITY TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND OF COURSE, CHIEF MARRONE'S GROUP FROM FIRE. AND WHAT I WOULD SAY, ONE OF THE THINGS IS WE'VE HAD GREAT RELATIONS THROUGH THE YEARS, BUT WHAT'S REALLY MADE A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR PUBLIC WORKS IN PREPARING COMMUNITY IS HAVING SHERIFF BE THE FACE OF AN EVACUATION ORDER, WHAT SHERIFF LUNA JUST DESCRIBED TO YOU, HANDS-ON, TAKING INFORMATION FROM PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTLY AND GOING WITH PRECISION TO PROPERTY OWNERS. WE HAD THIS RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE PROPERTY OWNERS BEFORE THE STORM, OR WE'RE TALKING TO THEM, LOOKING AT THEIR PROPERTIES. BUT WHAT THE SHERIFF'S BEEN ABLE TO DO IS CONVERT THAT TO PLAIN LANGUAGE WITH ENFORCEMENT AND WITH COMPASSION. AND I REALLY WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THEM AND THE COORDINATION THAT THEY'VE HAD WITH OUR TEAM THROUGHOUT THAT. MY OWN TEAM, WHO SPENT LOTS OF TIME IN THE FIELD WANTED TO APPRECIATE THE RELATIONSHIP THAT

THEY'VE BUILT WITH THE SHERIFF CAPTAINS AND THE FIRE CAPTAINS IN THE FIELD BECAUSE THE FOLKS IN THE FIELD, THE OPERATIONAL PEOPLE, THEIR RELATIONSHIP MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE AS WE KEEP PEOPLE PREPARED AS SUPERVISOR MITCHELL SAID, BUT ALSO AS WE RESPOND TO THE EMERGENCY. SO, I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THERE IS A, THERE'S JUST AN INCREASED LEVEL OF COORDINATION AND I APPRECIATE SHERIFF LUNA'S LEADERSHIP IN COOPERATION WITH PUBLIC WORKS. IT'S BEEN OUTSTANDING.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: GREAT, THANK YOU. I JUST HAVE TWO MORE QUESTIONS. FIRST, THERE'S ALWAYS SORT OF, OR THERE HAS SORT OF CONSISTENTLY BEEN MISCOMMUNICATION, NOT INTENTIONAL, BUT JUST AROUND WHO'S RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT WHEN IT COMES TO CITY VERSUS COUNTY. WE ESPECIALLY RUN INTO THIS IN MY DISTRICT IN THE OVERLAPPING CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO, FROM AN OEM PERSPECTIVE, HOW ARE WE WORKING WITH EACH OF OUR INDIVIDUAL CITIES TO MAKE SURE THAT WHAT WE WOULD DO FOR ANY OF OUR COUNTY AREAS IS ALSO HOW WE'RE ADVISING OUR CITIES AS WELL, WHO ARE LOOKING TO US, WHO MIGHT NOT HAVE THE SAME KIND OF RESOURCES AND UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT'S GOING ON. HOW ARE YOU WORKING WITH OUR INDIVIDUAL CITIES TO MAKE SURE WE'RE GETTING A UNIFIED VERY CLEAR MESSAGE?

KEVIN MCGOWAN: YEAH. THANKS SUPERVISOR AND THEN I'LL SEE IF MARK WANTS TO JUMP INTO YOU ON THIS. WHEN IT'S RELATED TO A

STORM, WINTER STORMS IN PARTICULAR, THE COUNTY HOSTS A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT COORDINATION MEETINGS FIRST AND FOREMOST WITH ALL THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY ENTITIES. SO, THERE'S PRIOR TO THE STORM EVEN OCCURRING, THERE'S DIRECT COORDINATION THAT'S TAKING PLACE AT THAT LEVEL. WE ALSO WORK WITH THE BOARD OFFICES AND YOUR TEAMS, WHICH YOUR STAFF DO AN AMAZING JOB SUPPORTING US, GETTING THAT MESSAGE OUT THROUGH YOUR PARTNERSHIPS WITH THOSE CITIES. THEN ONCE WE GO INTO THE ACTUAL RESPONSE, WE HAVE THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER ACTIVATED. AND IN THAT CONSTRUCT, ALL OF THE CITIES HAVE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AREA COORDINATORS THAT WORK THROUGH THE CITIES AND THOSE DISASTER MANAGEMENT AREA COORDINATORS TO COORDINATE WITH US AT THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER. WHEN THERE'S PARTICULAR CAPABILITIES THAT A CITY MAY NOT POSSESS OR THEY DON'T USE VERY OFTEN THAT WE DO, WE'RE ALWAYS THERE TO SUPPORT THEM. SO, A COMMON ONE WOULD COME UP WOULD BE LIKE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEMS. BUT FOR SOME CITIES, THEY HAVE THAT CAPABILITY AND THEY USE THAT FREQUENTLY ENOUGH WHERE THEY ARE GOING TO DO IT. SO, FOR EXAMPLE, THE CITY OF L.A., THEY WILL BE ABLE TO MAYBE COORDINATE WITH A MESSAGE. SO, WE'RE USING THE SAME TERMINOLOGY, BUT THEY'LL SEND OUT THEIR MESSAGE VIA THEIR SYSTEM AND WE'LL SEND IT OUT VIA OUR SYSTEM. AND SO BEFORE ANY OF THOSE MESSAGES GET SENT OUT, WE DO THAT COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION ON THE FRONT SIDE, MAKE SURE THAT THE MESSAGE IS SIMILAR AND THEN THEY'LL

USE THEIR SYSTEM, WE'LL USE OUR SYSTEM TO PUSH THOSE MESSAGES OUT. SO THAT'S ONE EXAMPLE. IN REAL TIME, LIKE ANOTHER GOOD EXAMPLE IS PUBLIC WORKS IDENTIFIED THAT THEY WERE GOING TO PROACTIVELY RELEASE SOME WATER IN THE TUJUNGA AREA. THAT'S COORDINATED THROUGH PUBLIC WORKS, OEM AND THE CITY OF L.A. PRIOR TO ANY OF THAT OCCURRING. SO THAT WAS A GOOD AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE THAT RELEASE OCCURRED SO THAT THEY COULD COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR COMMUNITY MEMBERS THAT GET KIND OF ISOLATED THROUGH AN ARIZONA CROSSING THAT THE WATER CLOSES OFF. SO, THERE'S A LOT OF DYNAMIC THINGS THAT ARE TAKING PLACE. WE HAVE THOSE PRE-ESTABLISHED RELATIONSHIPS AND THEN WE ACTIVELY COORDINATE WITH THEM ON THE FRONT SIDE.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: SO, IS IT THE CASE THEN THAT ANYTHING THAT'S GOING ON IN AN INCORPORATED CITY, WE ALSO KNOW IS GOING ON FROM A COUNTY PERSPECTIVE?

KEVIN MCGOWAN: I THINK THE GOAL IS TO KNOW, IT'S A TWO-WAY STREET. WE WERE, YOU KNOW, WE NEED THEM TO COMMUNICATE TO US ALSO. AND I THINK THAT'S WHERE SOMETIMES THERE'S CHALLENGES IS NOT EVERY CITY. FOR THE WINTER STORMS, NOT EVERY CITY ACTIVATED THEIR EMERGENCY OPERATION CENTER. AND SO, THE ABILITY TO MONITOR WHAT'S GOING ON IN EVERY CITY IS SOMEWHAT CONTINGENT UPON THOSE CITIES' RELATIONSHIPS WITH US AND WHAT THEY'RE WILLING TO COMMUNICATE WITH US. I THINK IT'S GENERALLY

WHEN SIGNIFICANT EMERGENCIES ARE TAKING PLACE, WE'RE AWARE OF THEM. YOU KNOW WHETHER THAT'S THROUGH MUTUAL AID, WHEN THE SHERIFF'S PROVIDING LAW ENFORCEMENT MUTUAL AID OR CHIEF MARRONE'S PROVIDING FIRE MUTUAL AID, THOSE TYPES OF THINGS ARE TRACKED WITHIN THE COUNTY'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER AND THEIR DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS CENTERS. SO, I THINK WHEN IT'S VERY SIGNIFICANT STUFF, WE ARE AWARE OF IT WHETHER IT'S GETTING COMMUNICATED TO US OR NOT, JUST BECAUSE OF THOSE DIFFERENT SYSTEMS. BUT YEAH, GENERALLY LIKE WE WERE, YOU KNOW, WE NEED THEIR PARTNERSHIP IN THAT.

MARK PESTRELLA: SUPERVISOR, THE ONE THING I WOULD MENTION IS THAT THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT IS A REGIONAL ENTITY. YOU'RE THE BOARD OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT MAINTAINS, AS THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT, WE MAINTAIN RELATIONSHIPS WITH EVERY SINGLE CONSTITUENT CITY. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S IMPROVED IS RURAL CLARITY, NOT ONLY FOR OUR COUNTY. SO FOR INSTANCE, WE'VE WORKED OUT THAT PUBLIC WORKS IS GOING TO BE THE LEAD ON FLOOD INCIDENTS AND I'M MAKING THE CALL, A RECOMMENDATION ON EVACUATIONS NOW, DIRECTLY TO THIS TEAM AND THE SAME RECOMMENDATIONS ARE MADE BY MYSELF TO THOSE CITIES WHAT'S WORKING OUT WITH CITIES AND YOU HAVE TO MAINTAIN THIS CONSTANTLY IS WHO'S IN CHARGE WHAT IS THE WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THAT CITY MANAGER OR MAYOR, WHOEVER IT IS IN EACH CITY. SO,

THE EMERGENCY COORDINATORS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN THOSE RELATIONS. KEVIN'S DONE A GOOD JOB OF HAVING THAT ROSTER. AND THAT CREATES A KIND OF AMOUNT OF ACCOUNTABILITY TOO, AS WELL, I HAVE TO SAY, BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD SITUATIONS THAT KEVIN IS DESCRIBING THE SITUATION IN TUJUNGA. WE HAD COMMUNICATED THAT CLEARLY THEY WERE AT RISK. THAT'S A CITY AREA. WE COORDINATED EARLY ON WITH THEM AND WE WERE COMMUNICATING AT THE RIGHT LEVEL SO THAT THE DECISION MAKER AT THE CITY LEVEL HAD THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR NOTIFICATION AS WELL AS THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT. SO THAT'S ROLE CLARITY AND ASSUMING OUR RESPONSIBILITIES AND MAINTAINING THAT PROPERLY IS, IS MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE IN TERMS OF SERVICES TO CITY, BUT ALSO ACCOUNTABILITY FOR WITHIN THE CITY ITSELF.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: I THINK THAT'S HELPFUL FOR YOU TO EXPLAIN. I HEAR A LOT OF FRUSTRATION FROM PEOPLE WHEN I TRY TO EXPLAIN TO THEM, YOU KNOW, HOW DOES GOVERNMENT WORK AND WHO SHOWS UP IN WHAT SORT OF CIRCUMSTANCE AND WHY. AND THERE IS AN EXPECTATION THAT THERE IS SOME SORT OF CENTRALIZED INFORMATION SOMEWHERE, BUT I THINK IT'S VERY HELPFUL FOR YOU TO CLARIFY THAT THAT ONLY HAPPENS IF YOU HAVE ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS ON THE OTHER SIDE. IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT THE COUNTY DOES ALONE. MY LAST QUESTION IS SORT OF ON A MORE HUMAN LEVEL BECAUSE I GOT SOME PANIC TEXTS FROM PEOPLE AS WE WERE STARTING TO MAKE ANNOUNCEMENTS AROUND BEING PREPARED. AND I THINK WE ALWAYS

HAVE TO BE PREPARED. I COMPLETELY AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND IT'S SOMETHING WE DO IN OUR DISTRICT A LOT IN PREPARING FOR ANY KIND OF EMERGENCY. AND I THINK ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WE HEARD FROM OUR AFTER-ACTION REPORT WAS THAT FOR SOME PEOPLE THEY HEARD SO MUCH INFORMATION, THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH IT. THEY KIND OF GOT OVERWHELMED. AND I THINK FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST LIVED THROUGH 2025 AND WERE DIRECTLY IMPACTED, IT'S VERY TRIGGERING. AND SO, IS THERE EVER GOING TO BE A TIME WHERE RAIN IS JUST RAIN AND NOT LIKE AN ALL HANDS-ON DECK ALERT FOR PEOPLE? BECAUSE IT IS TRIGGERING. AND I THINK TRYING TO UNDERSTAND HOW WE MAKE THESE CALLS SO PEOPLE DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE SORT OF THE BOY WHO CRIED WOLF, BUT INSTEAD WE'RE ACTUALLY ASKING THEM TO BE ALERT AND PREPARE THEMSELVES AND TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES. HOW ARE WE MAKING THOSE DISTINCTIONS JUST TO COMMUNICATE TO PEOPLE ON A HUMAN LEVEL?

KEVIN MCGOWAN: YEAH, THANK YOU. AND I KNOW THE SHERIFF WANTS TO MENTION SOMETHING. I'M SURE MY COLLEAGUES ALL DO. I'LL TAKE FIRST SWING AT THIS ONE. WE TAKE ADVICE AND DIRECTION FROM THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE FIRST AND FOREMOST RELATED TO THE FORECAST. AND SO, IN THIS PARTICULAR FORECAST, IF EVERYONE KIND OF REFERS BACK TO A WEEK AGO NOW, MAYBE A LITTLE BIT LONGER, THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE, THEY INITIALLY FORECASTED THIS AS A SIGNIFICANT STORM, AND THEN IT KEPT

RATCHETING UP. AND IT GOT TO THE POINT WHERE THEY STARTED USING THAT PURPLISH MAGENTA COLOR, WHICH IS THEIR MOST EXTREME CLASSIFICATION. AND SO FOR US IN THE COUNTY, OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION AS A WHOLE, YOU KNOW, WE TAKE A LOT OF CUES FROM THOSE THRESHOLDS THAT THE NATIONAL, WHEN IT COMES TO THESE NATURAL DISASTERS THAT ARE STORM OR WEATHER DRIVEN, WHEN IT'S A NORMAL OR A MODERATE STORM, WE STILL PREPARE FOR THOSE, BUT IT'S LESS SIGNIFICANT THAN WHEN WE START GETTING INTO THE HIGH AND EXTREME OR CRITICAL AND THEN EXTREME. AND SO, THIS ONE STARTED OUT IN THE HIGH RANGE, THEN IT GOT BUMPED UP TO CRITICAL AND THEN BY THE DAY BEFORE THE PRESS CONFERENCE, IT GOT PUT INTO AN EXTREME CATEGORY. AND SO, I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE'RE NOT APPROACHING THESE PROBLEM SETS FROM A STANDPOINT OF JUST LIKE, HEY, EVERYTHING'S EXTREME. WE TAKE INDICATORS FROM OUR EXPERTS IN ALL OF THESE DIFFERENT FIELDS. AND THEN WE ALSO LOOK AT THE VULNERABILITIES THAT OUR COMMUNITY HAS. THE PUBLIC WORKS TEAM HAS AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE, OUR FIRE, SHERIFF PARTNERS, OEM. WE HAVE AN IMMENSE AMOUNT OF KNOWLEDGE OF OUR HAZARDS THAT EXIST HERE. AND I DON'T KNOW IF WHEN WE HAVE RAINSTORMS, WHEN THE FUTURE IS GOING TO BE THAT THEY'RE JUST GOING TO BE NORMAL, BECAUSE WHEN YOU'RE IN A BURN SCAR AREA, OF WHICH NOW WE HAVE A HUGE AMOUNT OF OUR COUNTY IN BURN SCAR AREAS, THERE'S ALWAYS GOING TO BE A HEIGHTENED THREAT RELATED TO THAT. SO, IT'S GOING TO BE IMPORTANT FOR PEOPLE TO

UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND OUR COMMUNITIES TO BE PREPARED. WE ALL LOOK FORWARD TO THE DAY THAT WE DON'T HAVE A WIND EVENT OR A RAIN EVENT THAT PUTS US IN AN EXTREME CATEGORY. BUT THE WAY IT'S TRENDING LATELY, IT'S NOT GOING THAT WAY. WE GET MORE SIGNIFICANT WEATHER EVERY YEAR AND IT'S INCUMBENT UPON ALL OF US TO BE PREPARED FOR THOSE. SHERIFF?

ROBERT LUNA: YEAH, IF I MAY ADD TO THAT REALLY QUICK, BECAUSE IT IS A CONCERN, AT LEAST FOR US IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE WHEN WE GO OUT TO CONTACT PEOPLE, WE DO GET A LOT OF, WELL, THIS IS JUST HAPPENING AGAIN. YOU GUYS ARE OVERREACTING. SO, WE MAKE SURE WE'RE CHECKING WITH EACH OTHER. KEVIN LAID OUT HOW WE DO THAT. BUT I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THIS. WE JUST HAD RECORD RAIN AMOUNTS IN THE LAST WEEK. AND I THINK ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS WE DIDN'T HAVE THE DEATH TOLL AND THE DAMAGE THAT WE WOULD HAVE HAD, A LOT OF IT IS BECAUSE OF THIS TEAM UP HERE, SPECIFICALLY PUBLIC WORKS, BECAUSE YOU ALL TALKED ABOUT IT. THEY TOOK A LOT OF PREVENTATIVE MEASURES WHICH WOULD HAVE MADE THINGS WORSE. BUT THIS IS WHERE I JUST WANT TO SUMMARIZE. AND WE STARTED OFF TALKING ABOUT 2025. IT WAS IN MOST REGARDS, NOT A GREAT YEAR FROM A DISASTER PERSPECTIVE, BUT BEING A PERSON OF FAITH, WHAT I SAY, IT'S A WARNING. YES, WE HAD THE WORST NATURAL DISASTER IN THIS COUNTY'S HISTORY IN JANUARY. YES, WE'RE LEAVING 2025 WITH

FLOODS. AND WHAT I'D LIKE TO PUT OUT TO OUR COMMUNITIES IS THAT WE LIVE IN EARTHQUAKE COUNTRY, AND IT IS OUR PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE PREPARED FOR WORST CASE SCENARIO. WE HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO PLAN FOR WORST CASE SCENARIO. I NEED THE COMMUNITY TO JOIN US, NOT TO PANIC, BUT TO BE PREPARED. BECAUSE WHEN WE TALK ABOUT THIS GAS LINE RUPTURE UP NORTH, WHEN THEY TALK ABOUT THE BIG EARTHQUAKES, THEY TALK ABOUT RUPTURES OF WATER SOURCES, GAS LINES, ELECTRICITY. SO PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT PART OF YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION IS THAT YOU PREPARE YOUR FAMILY WITH A GOOD EMERGENCY PLAN TO SUSTAIN YOURSELF FOR TWO WEEKS. THAT IS EVERY ONE OF OUR RESPONSIBILITIES, SPECIFICALLY IF YOU HAVE ELDER PARENTS OR RELATIVES WHO LIVE IN THIS AREA AND YOU DON'T LIVE WITH THEM. THAT'S MY PLEA TO OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: THANK YOU.

MARK PESTRELLA: SUPERVISOR, LET ME TAKE SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE EVACUATIONS BECAUSE PUBLIC WORKS AND MYSELF, I AM TAKING THE ROLE AND HAVE TAKE THAT ROLE FOR MANY YEARS OF MAKING THE CALL ON EVACUATIONS WHEN IT COMES TO WEATHER RELATED AND STORM RELATED EVENTS. AND SO, I JUST WANT TO SPEAK TO THE PUBLIC THAT I DON'T TAKE THAT DECISION WHEN I MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION TO ANYONE LIGHTLY. BUT I WOULD POSE THEM, AS THE SHERIFF WAS ALLUDING TO, I'M GOING TO BE CONSERVATIVE WHEN

IT COMES TO PEOPLE'S LIVES. I GO TO BED AT NIGHT EVERY NIGHT THINKING, DID WE DO EVERYTHING WE COULD TO PREPARE PEOPLE? AND PART OF THAT IS DECIDING WHEN IT'S TIME TO PULL PEOPLE FROM THEIR HOMES. AND THAT IS NOT SOMETHING I TAKE LIGHTLY, AND I AM CONSERVATIVE ABOUT IT, BUT WE DON'T. WE DO IT WITH PRECISION AND WITH GREAT KNOWLEDGE, AS KEVIN SAID, ALLUDED TO, NOT ONLY THE RESOURCES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, STATE GOVERNMENT, BUT RESOURCES YOU HAVE INVESTED IN. YOU HAVE AN INCREDIBLE STAFF OF HYDROLOGISTS AND FLOOD CONTROL ENGINEERS THAT WORK FOR US, WHAT WE CALL OUR STORM BOSSES THAT ARE ON. THERE'S SIX OF THEM THAT WORK AROUND THE CLOCK MAKING ASSESSMENTS AS TO WHERE THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE ARE. AND THEIR JOB IS TO PREPARE PEOPLE, NOT TO MAKE A PERFECT SYSTEM, THEY PREPARE PEOPLE. SO, THEY'RE LOOKING AT VULNERABILITIES. AND THEN THEY'RE COACHING ME ABOUT WHAT THEY SEE. AND THEN WE'RE MAKING PREDICTIONS, AS YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT OUR PHASE MAPS, WE'RE MAKING PREDICTIONS ABOUT NOT ONLY WHAT WILL STAY IN THE SYSTEM, BUT WHAT WILL BREAK OUT OF THE SYSTEM, WHETHER IT IMPACTS THE ROAD SYSTEM OR THAT. AND SO GENERALLY, SUPERVISOR WITH RAINN, GENERALLY IN L.A., EVERYONE SHOULD BE ALERT IN L.A., ALWAYS. BUT THEN THERE ARE THIS OTHER LEVEL WHERE WE'RE SEEING THE VULNERABILITIES AND WE'RE USING BEST SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. AND THEN IT JUST COMES DOWN TO A DECISION BY SOMEONE LIKE ME TO SAY, YOU KNOW WHAT, IT'S NOT WORTH SOMEONE'S LIFE HERE. AND I COME TO MY PARTNER AGENCIES

HERE SAYING, I KNOW I'M GOING TO KEEP YOUR FOLKS UP AT NIGHT AND I KNOW I'VE ASKED SHERIFF LUNA TO PUT HIS PEOPLE INTO ACTION MULTIPLE TIMES NOW. THAT ISN'T DONE LIGHTLY. SO AS PEOPLE I KNOW FEEL LIKE THEY MIGHT BE OVERWHELMED WITH INFORMATION, THEY SHOULD KNOW THEY HAVE A WORLD-CLASS SYSTEM AND PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEIR LIVES AS OUR JOB. SO, I'M NOT GOING TO APOLOGIZE FOR THE INFORMATION. I THINK WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT OUT, WE'RE GOING TO PUT IT OUT AS PRECISE AS WE CAN, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO BE CONSERVATIVE BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO GO TO BED THINKING I COULD HAVE SAVED SOMEONE'S LIFE IF I JUST EVACUATED THEM. SO

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: I THINK THAT MAKES SENSE.

MARK PESTRELLA: THAT'S THE ANSWER TO THAT INFORMATION.

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AND IT'S INCREDIBLY HELPFUL, I THINK, FOR YOU ALL TO DESCRIBE HOW YOU ARE GOING THROUGH THAT PROCESS, BECAUSE IT ISN'T SORT OF A CAVALIER THING. IT IS VERY MUCH METHODICAL, THOUGHT THROUGH, BASED ON DATA THAT YOU'RE GETTING IN REAL TIME. AND, YOU KNOW, AS THINGS EVOLVE, WE HAVE TO RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. BUT I THINK FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE LIVED THROUGH THE EMOTIONAL TRAUMA, HEARING ANYTHING THAT SOUNDS LIKE AN EMERGENCY, AS THE SHERIFF INDICATED, SEEING A FLYER ON YOUR DOOR CAN BRING BACK A LOT OF THINGS FOR PEOPLE. AND SO,

MAKING SURE THAT WE ARE MINDFUL OF THAT AS WELL AND THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO RESPOND TO THE EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING OF PEOPLE, I THINK IS IMPORTANT TOO. THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ONE LAST QUESTION, JANICE, AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU. YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO, BOY, THAT WAS VERY INTENSE, MARK, BUT I THINK IT REALLY SPEAKS TO, I THINK, HOW YOU ALL APPROACH REALLY EVERY DAY HERE IN THE COUNTY, BUT CERTAINLY DURING AN EVENT THAT WE'RE HERE RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY. I WANTED TO JUST HAVE A QUICK FOLLOW UP ON THE BEACH BECAUSE LISTENING TO YOU ABOUT WHEN IT BECOMES CRITICAL TO EVACUATE SOMEONE FROM THEIR HOME, LISTENING TO YOU TALK ABOUT THE POTENTIAL DANGERS OF ENTERING THE WATER ONCE YOU'VE DECLARED IT CLOSED IS PRETTY SERIOUS. AND I WAS GOING TO ASK CHIEF, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE THIS INFORMATION, BUT I MEAN, ARE LIFEGUARDS, EVEN WHEN CABRILLO BEACH IS CLOSED, SO AGAIN, IT'S NOT AN ADVISORY, IT'S CLOSED, WILL THE LIFEGUARDS SHOW UP? ARE THEY RESPONSIBLE FOR WARNING PEOPLE? I KNOW THERE'S SOME SIGNAGE, BUT NOT EVERYBODY PAYS ATTENTION TO SIGNS. DO YOU THINK WE'RE DOING A GOOD ENOUGH JOB REALLY ARTICULATING THE DANGER OF GETTING IN THE OCEAN WHEN OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT HAS DECLARED ITS TOXIC LEVELS SO HIGH THAT IT ACTUALLY WOULD PUT PEOPLE'S HEALTH AT RISK? IS

THAT THE LIFEGUARD'S RESPONSIBILITY THAT DAY TO WARN PEOPLE OR ARE THEY ON DUTY EVEN WHEN THE BEACH IS CLOSED?

ANTHONY MARRONE: YES, THEY STILL COME TO WORK SO THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS AND WE DO HAVE A THREE-PRONGED APPROACH TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE DON'T USE THE OCEAN WHEN IT'S CLOSED DUE TO THESE HIGH BACTERIA LEVELS AND WE CLOSELY COORDINATE WITH PUBLIC HEALTH, BUT THERE IS SIGNAGE THAT IS POSTED. WE HAVE REAL-LIFE LIFEGUARDS THAT SHOW UP TO WORK THAT ARE BOTH IN TOWERS AND IN VEHICLES THAT DRIVE UP AND DOWN THE BEACH AND ALERT OUR BEACH VISITORS THAT THE OCEAN IS CLOSED, LIKE AN EVACUATION ORDER FOR THE OCEAN, BECAUSE OF THESE DANGEROUSLY HIGH BACTERIA LEVELS. AND THEN WE RELY ON THE LOCAL NEWS MEDIA, OUR SOCIAL MEDIA, TO GET THE MESSAGE OUT TO PEOPLE THAT SWIMMING ISN'T SAFE. LIKE DIRECTOR PESTRELLA SAID, IT'S NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF A SEWAGE SPILL, BUT IT'S ALSO BECAUSE OF THE STORM WATER RUNOFF FROM OUR FLOOD CONTROL SYSTEM THAT BRINGS TOXINS FROM OUR COMMUNITIES INTO THE OCEAN. IT'S NOT JUST THE SEWAGE SPILL, WHICH HELPED CLOSE THOSE BEACHES, BUT WE APPRECIATE OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE FACT THAT THEY CONTINUALLY TEST TO GIVE US THE MOST UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: RIGHT. IT'S JUST THAT I WORRY A LITTLE BIT JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN'T PUT A FENCE AROUND THE OCEAN, RIGHT? I REMEMBER DURING COVID, WE ACTUALLY REALLY SHUT DOWN OUR

BEACHES. WE SHUT DOWN THE PARKING LOTS. WE, IT REALLY, YOU COULD NOT GET ACCESS. THIS MAKES ME A LITTLE CONCERNED BECAUSE, ESPECIALLY TOMORROW, IT'S THIS ANNUAL EVENT THAT PEOPLE HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO. AND AGAIN, YOU CAN'T FENCE OFF THE OCEAN. JUST HOPING THAT, AS YOU SAID, IT'S UP TO ITS PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY MAKING SURE YOU'RE SAFE, BUT IT IS A CHALLENGE.

ANTHONY MARRONE: OH, IT'S A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE 72 MILES OF COASTLINE WE HAVE THREE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS THAT IT IMPACTS AND OUR LIFEGUARDS ARE THANKFULLY STILL COMING TO WORK EVEN WHEN IT'S RAINING TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC IS SAFE.

SUP. JANICE HAHN: THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL. SEEING NO OTHER QUESTIONS I REALLY WANT TO THANK OUR PANELIST FOR GOING INTO DETAIL ABOUT WHAT IT IS YOU DID TO HELP PREPARE FOR THE STORM AND THE ONE THAT IS COMING. AND I THINK THAT THAT ISN'T LOST ON ANY OF US. AND AGAIN, JUST WANT TO SALUTE ALL OUR COUNTY EMPLOYEES, YOUR LEADERSHIP FOR THEIR 24/72, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, HOURS THAT THEY PUT OUT, THEY ARE PROTECTING OUR PUBLIC. IT REALLY MATTERS. AND IT IS TRUE. MANY LIVES WERE SAVED. AND THERE WAS A LOT OF PEOPLE THAT WERE RESCUED BECAUSE OF THE FLOODING THAT HAD TO BE REMOVED FROM CARS, AS I

UNDERSTAND. SO, I THINK THERE'S A LOT THAT PEOPLE MAY NOT FULLY SEE IN THE NEWS, BUT YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS HELP FOR PEOPLE AND BEST WAY FOR US TO ARTICULATE IT IS FOR US TO GET THAT INFORMATION OUT AS BEST WE CAN. SO, APPRECIATE. SHERIFF, YOU WANT TO SAY SOMETHING?

ROBERT LUNA: YEAH, JUST REALLY QUICK AS WE'RE TALKING ABOUT PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY AND SIGNS. UNFORTUNATELY, OUR DEPUTIES ISSUED 122 CITATIONS DURING THIS LAST WEATHER EVENT FOR PEOPLE IGNORING SIGNS. PLEASE, IF YOU SEE A ROAD CLOSURE SIGN, IT'S THERE FOR YOUR SAFETY. WE DON'T WANT ANYBODY DYING BECAUSE THEY GO AROUND A SIGN AND THEY GET STUCK AND THEN THEY DROWN. PLEASE, YOU SEE THOSE SIGNS? DEPUTIES DON'T WANT TO ISSUE CITATIONS BUT I CAN'T HAVE THAT CONTINUOUSLY TO HAPPEN SO THANK YOU.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. THANK YOU ALL AGAIN VERY MUCH AND WITH THAT EXECUTIVE OFFICER PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: MADAM CHAIR, THERE ARE NO IN-PERSON SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP FOR THIS ITEM. WE WILL GO TO REMOTE SPEAKERS. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR REMOTE PARTICIPANTS TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE TO ADDRESS ITEM 1. IF YOU NOT HAVE ALREADY DONE SO, USE THE RAISE HAND FEATURE ON YOUR

DEVICE OR PRESS STAR THREE ON YOUR TELEPHONE NOW. CALLER WITH PHONE NUMBER 424363, YOUR LINE IS UN-MUTED. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BEGIN. CALLER, PLEASE BEGIN. OKAY, WE WILL GO TO THE NEXT CALLER. GOVERNOR NPP 2026, YOUR LINE IS NOT UNMUTED. PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HELLO.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: PLEASE BEGIN.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HELLO. ARE YOU THERE?

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: YES, PLEASE BEGIN.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: YES WE ARE. GO AHEAD, MA'AM.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: HELLO. MY NAME IS ANASTAS CAMARAS, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA 2026. AND I WANT, WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT YOU ADDRESS THE HOMELESS ISSUE AND GETTING THE PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA’AM

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: GET THEM A RAINCOAT FOR $9.99 AND THAT KIND OF STUFF. AND WE'VE ALREADY FUNDED THROUGH PROP 1 CALIFORNIA.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: MA'AM, MA'AM, THIS IS SPECIFICALLY PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE RATIFICATION OF THE PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE WINTER STORMS.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: YES.

DAWYN R. HARRISON: YOU NEED TO KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO THAT ITEM.

TELEPHONE SPEAKER: CAN WE ADDRESS THE HOMELESS AND THE WINTER STORM? PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE ON THE STREET AND THIS IS A BLESSING FROM GOD TO GET EVERYTHING TOGETHER BECAUSE WE WON'T HAVE ANY FIRES, BUT PLEASE ADDRESS THE HOMELESS ISSUE AND GET PEOPLE OFF THE STREETS. THANK YOU.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT CONCLUDES PUBLIC COMMENT ON THIS ITEM.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU VERY MUCH AGAIN TO EVERYONE. I WILL MOVE THE ITEM SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR BARGER TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: THANK YOU. ON ITEM 1, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

SUP. LINDSEY P. HORVATH: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

SUP. JANICE HAHN: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

SUP. KATHRYN BARGER: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: AYE.

LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE OFFICER: SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 5 TO 0.

SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR: THANK YOU. WITH THAT, MEMBERS, HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE. FELIZ PROSPERO AÑO NUEVO. HAPPY KWANZAA. AND THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR COMING AND YOUR STAFFS. AND ALL OUR DEPARTMENT HEADS AND OUR EMPLOYEES. OUR NEXT MEETING MEMBERS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY THE SIXTH AT 09:30AM IN 2026. THANK YOU, OUR MEETING IS ADJOURNED. GOD BLESS YOU. WHOO!

I, KATHRYN J, ROBSON, Certified Shorthand Reporter Number qualified in and for the State of California, do hereby certify:

That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors December 31, 2025, were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction and supervision;

That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived in the office of the reporter and which have been provided to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as certified by me.

I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor related to any party to the said action; nor in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 9th day of January 2026, for the County records to be used only for authentication purposes of duly certified transcripts as on file of the office of the reporter.

KATHRYN J. ROBSON

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