MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

Support for Assembly Bill 986:   State of Emergency and Local Emergency: Landslides and Climate Change

Climate change is real, and it impact the lives of residents and communities around the world. In Los Angeles County (County), over the last several years, it has been impacted by numerous local emergencies costing lives and property damage.

In 2024, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes was heavily impacted by landslides that caused irreversible damage, yet due to landslides not being included in the California Emergency Services Act (CESA), it was difficult to declare emergencies and access certain resources for recovery and remediation purposes for impacted residents.

Currently, "local emergency" lists "air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, deenergization event, electromagnetic pulse attack, plant or animal infestation or disease, the Governor's warning of an earthquake or volcanic prediction, or an earthquake…"[1]

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 986 earlier this year to amend the California Emergency Services Act to include "a landslide and preexisting conditions exacerbated by climate change among those conditions

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[1] https://legiscan.com/CA/text/AB986/id/3186983

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constituting a state of emergency or local emergency"[2].

To ensure that there is a clear process to declare such emergencies for landslides and to access resources, supporting AB 986 is how the County Board of Supervisors can continue advocating for its residents when natural disasters and local emergencies occur.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Suspend Section 22.1 of the Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion; and

2. Direct the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch (CEO-LAIR) to support Assembly Bill 986: State of Emergency and Local Emergency: Landslides and Climate Change.

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[2] Id.