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Subject: [External] TJ RIVER VALLEY LOCAL EMERGENCY REVIEW (PLEASE INCLUDE WITH DOCUMENTS FOR AGENDA #4)
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Good Morning, Supervisors,

I agree that the situation is a crisis, an emergency if you will. But declaring and then continuing a local state of emergency, while sounding nice, should only be done if the County has a publicly articulated program to fix the problems. You have already sent a letter, but no actual plan to fix anything soon and reopen beaches and stop the drain on business – although there is a request for funds in the FY 2025 budget.

Testing the water is not a plan to fix the problem – it is more like a plot to continue the problem. You should be using hand-held pollution monitors, as I suggested, to zero in on the problem. Using local people volunteers, and resources to clean and corral the garbage.

One speaker even reminded us that there were once some sort of containment reservoirs. I would suggest transferring the border wall out to sea instead of it being an eyesore on land, to divert the sewage further out to sea.

Will we wait for 2025 funding, passing fruitless letters and passing unanswered resolutions, or will we implement excellent ideas from our community full of creativity, thinkers, and scientists?

So I see no need to continue this contrived emergency declaration further unless you really mean business and now, on an emergency basis. Yes, there is an emergency, but we are crying out for a fix, not more letters or nice words.

Regards,

Paul Henkin