



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL: Ken Stripling

DATE: March 27, 2018

SUBJECT: FEDERAL LEGISLATION: S. 1926

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Michael Murphy

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council adopt the Legislative Committee’s recommendation to support S. 1926 (Harris) and transmit position statements to Senator Kamala Harris; Senator Dianne Feinstein; Representative Steve Knight; the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources; and other Members of the Senate and committees, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND

Authored by Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA), S. 1926 proposes to establish a national memorial and national monument to commemorate the victims of the Saint Francis Dam collapse on March 12, 1928. This bill is a companion bill to House Resolution 2156, introduced by Representative Steve Knight (R-CA-25) and approved by the House of Representatives on July 11, 2017. Upon the recommendation of the Legislative Committee, the City Council supported House Resolution 2156 on June 13, 2017.

Specifically, S. 1926:

1. Authorizes the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to establish the Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Memorial to honor the victims of the Saint Francis Dam disaster of March 12, 1928.
2. Requires the USDA to submit to Congress, by three years after the bill’s enactment, recommendations regarding:
 - a. the planning, design, construction, and long-term management of the Memorial;
 - b. the proposed boundaries;
 - c. a visitor center and educational facilities; and
 - d. ensuring public access to the Memorial.

3. Requires the USDA to consult with the Santa Clarita City Council, along with appropriate Federal agencies, state government, tribal government, and the public in preparing the recommendations listed in subsection (2) of this summary.
4. Requires the USDA to develop a management plan for the Monument by four years after the bill's enactment.

S. 1926 would create a national memorial and national monument to honor those who were killed, injured or survived the Saint Francis Dam collapse on March 12, 1928.

The City of Santa Clarita 2018 Legislative Platform (Legislative Platform) includes a component related to the Saint Francis Dam. Specifically, component 1 under the "Federal" section of the Legislative Platform advises that the City Council "Support legislation to establish the St. Francis Dam Disaster National Memorial and National Monument."

S. 1926 was introduced in the Senate and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on October 5, 2017.

The City Council Legislative Committee met on March 19, 2018, and recommends that the City Council adopt a "support" position for S. 1926.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt a "neutral" position on S. 1926
2. Adopt an "oppose" position on S. 1926
3. Take no action on S. 1926
4. Refer S. 1926 back to the Legislative Committee
5. Other action, as determined by the City Council

FISCAL IMPACT

The resources required to implement the recommended action are contained within the City of Santa Clarita's adopted FY 2017-18 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

S. 1926 - Bill Text