



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

*Ken Stripling*

DATE: February 26, 2019

SUBJECT: FEDERAL LEGISLATION: S. 129 & H.R. 1015

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council:

1. Support S. 129 (Harris) and H.R. 1015 (Hill).
2. Transmit position statements to Senator Kamala Harris, Representative Katie Hill, Senator Dianne Feinstein, members of applicable congressional committees, other Members of Congress, administration officials, and interested organizations, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND

United States Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) has introduced S. 129, the Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Memorial Act. United States Representative Katie Hill (D-CA-25) has introduced House Resolution 1015, a companion bill to S. 129. The bills propose to establish a national memorial and national monument to commemorate the victims of the Saint Francis Dam collapse on March 12, 1928.

Specifically, the bills:

1. Authorize 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. Require 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. Require 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. Require the USDA to develop a management plan for the Monument by four years after the bill's enactment.

### Analysis

S. 129 and H.R. 1015 propose to 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 Council supported similar bills, H.R. 2156 (Knight) and S. 1926 (Harris), during the 2018 legislative year. S. 129 and H.R. 1015 propose identical legislation to H.R. 2156 (Knight) and S. 1926 (Harris).

There is a public lands omnibus bill, S. 47, authored by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK) that includes the same actions included in S. 129 and H.R. 1015, related to the designation of a national memorial and national monument of the Saint Francis Dam collapse. The City Council is also asked to review and consider supporting S. 47, under a separate agenda report.

S. 129 was introduced and referred to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on January 15, 2019. H.R. 1015 was introduced and referred to the House of Representatives Committee on Natural Resources on February 6, 2019.

### ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt a “neutral” position on S. 129 and H.R. 1015
2. Adopt an “oppose” position on S. 129 and H.R. 1015
3. Take no action on S. 129 and H.R. 1015
4. Refer S. 129 and H.R. 1015 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 Fiscal Year 2018-19 budget.

### ATTACHMENTS

S. 129 - Bill Text

HR 1015 - Bill Text (available in the City Clerk's Reading File)