



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

Ken Stripling

DATE: February 26, 2019

SUBJECT: FEDERAL LEGISLATION: S. 47

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council support S. 47 (Murkowski) and transmit position statements to Senator Lisa Murkowski, Santa Clarita's federal legislative delegation, appropriate legislative committees, and other Members of Congress, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND

Authored by Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), S. 47 is an omnibus public lands bill that includes language that proposes to establish a national memorial and national monument to commemorate the victims of the Saint Francis Dam collapse on March 12, 1928.

Specifically, this bill:

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.

Analysis

S. 47 is an omnibus bill containing a wide variety of provisions and public land designations. Included in the bill, is a provision that 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 Council supported stand-alone bills, H.R. 2156 (Knight) and S. 1926 (Harris), during the 2018 legislative year.

There are two stand-alone bills, S. 129, authored by Senator Kamala Harris (D-CA) and House Resolution 1015, authored by Representative Katie Hill (D-CA-25) that propose the same actions included in S. 47, 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. 129 and House Resolution 1015, under a separate agenda report.

S. 47 was introduced on January 8, 2019, and passed the Senate (92-8) on February 12, 2019. Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) and Kamala Harris (D-CA) voted in support of the bill. S. 47 will now be considered by the House of Representatives. No date for consideration of the bill was scheduled in the House of Representatives at the time of the draft of this report.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt a "neutral" position on S. 47
2. Adopt an "oppose" position on S. 47
3. Take no action on S. 47
4. Refer S. 47 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. 47 - Bill Text (Specific to Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Monument and Memorial)
- S. 47 - Bill Text (available in the City Clerk's Reading file)