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SUBJECT: Direction to CEO to Evaluate the Blue Tomorrow study of North Coast Stormwater Per the New Board Policy on Environmental Health Risk Studies and Provide a Report to our Board.

RECOMMENDATION:

Direct the County Executive Officer to evaluate the Blue Tomorrow study of North Coast stormwater per the recently adopted Board policy on environmental health risk studies and provide a report to our Board.

DISCUSSION:

On today's Board agenda is a recommendation to adopt a policy regarding having the County Executive Office coordinate and prepare an evaluation report to our Board on studies regarding environmental health risks in Ventura County.

One such study is a study prepared by the private consulting firm Blue Tomorrow regarding natural and man-made toxic constituents found in stormwater, see <http://blue-tomorrow.com/projects/> This study indicates that several seasonal streams that drain onto beaches along the northern coast of Ventura County convey substances that may pose a hazard to human health.

I was contacted by citizens residing in the northern coastal area of District 1 who expressed their serious concerns with the results of the study by Blue Tomorrow. It is important for the residents, the many visitors and the general public to know whether or not there is a potential health or environmental risk in the areas the study identifies. In light of this study, and the large number of beachgoers who may be exposed to the identified potential health risks, I recommend that the Blue Tomorrow study be evaluated by the CEO per the new Board policy.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Steve Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Bennett,
Supervisor, First District