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January 14, 2025

Jeff Toney  
Director, San Diego County Office of Emergency Services  
5580 Overland Avenue, Suite 100  
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**RE: Situation Assessment of Water Storage and Fire Hydrant Operability in San Diego County**

Dear Director Toney:

As the fires in LA continue to burn and destroy homes, businesses, and disrupting the life of Californians, more and more people have become concerned regarding their region and if their area is prepared for a similar situation. As a red flag warning has been issued for San Diego County from Monday January 13 to Wednesday January 15, it is imperative that we ensure San Diego County is prepared for the worst.

My office has been flooded with calls from constituents asking if San Diego County has some of the same problems we are witnessing in LA. In LA, fire hydrants throughout the affected area had seemingly dried up, significantly hampering the firefighters' efforts in fighting the blaze.

In order for the citizens of our county to have some sense of reassurance in the case of a fire starting, I am urging you to conduct an immediate situation assessment and report publicly on both the water level within reservoirs which service our county, as well as the system for providing water to hydrants. Please let my office know if you need any assistance from us- or need clarification of the assessment and assurances I seek to address concerns and questions named by San Diegans.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carl DeMaio". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carl DeMaio  
Assemblyman, District 75

cc:

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