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Lara,

Following up on our phone conversation this morning regarding the need for new county sponsored legislation relative to school siting & safety. Here is my blurb for inclusion in your packet. I'm planning on being at your Leg meeting next week to discuss/respond to questions on the information below as well as any other edits from TWIC. Anna will include this email in our next TWIC packet to ensure the Committee is kept up to date on this issue.

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***Authorizing/Enabling Legislation Regarding Title 5, California Code of Regulations (School Facilities Construction)***

*The County has been engaged in advocating for the reform of school siting policies for a number of years. Late this year the California Department of Education (CDE) announced an effort to revise Title 5 to, among other things, "align school facilities and siting policies with state sustainability goals...". In meeting with CDE staff and our Legislative Delegation over the past 5 years it has become apparent that in order to revise Title 5 such that requirements (as opposed to guidance) can be established, a legislative solution may be necessary. Through the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC), staff will work with our legislative delegation and advocate to further develop the necessary solution. This effort is consistent with our current State Legislative Platform (Ag #3, Trans #179, #182) and is reflected in the 2017 Platform revisions submitted by TWIC relative to the aforementioned Title 5 update.*

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Thank you for your help with this Lara.

- John

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