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Lawmakers to Examine Emergency Alert Systems

(Sacramento, CA) – Assemblymember Marc Levine will join fellow legislators in Carpinteria on Tuesday for a special informational hearing into California’s public warning systems and how those systems could evolve under recent changes in state law.

Assemblymember Levine, D-Marin County, will join his co-chair of the Assembly Select Committee on Natural Disaster, Response and Recovery, Assemblymember Monique Limon, D-Santa Barbara, as well as state Sen. Hanna-Beth Jackson, D-Santa Barbara, who chairs the Joint Legislative Committee on Emergency Management.

The lawmakers will hear expert testimony from police and fire officials, county administrators, and representatives of the Governor’s Office of Emergency Services.

“Lawmakers don’t put out fires, but it’s our job to make sure we’re prepared for the next one better than we were for the last one,” said Levine. “Climate change means disasters like wildfires are certain to come with greater frequency and greater danger. By working with our world class first responders, my hope is that we can better prepare our communities for this risk.”

“This year, we passed a series of bills to improve our emergency alert systems but there is still more to be done,” said Senator Jackson. “The purpose of this hearing is to examine what we accomplished this year and further improvements that need to be made. I look forward to a robust and thoughtful discussion as we prepare for the challenges ahead.”

The hearing will be livestreamed at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5WfyH6MMluU>

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Assemblymember Marc Levine represents the 10th Assembly District, which includes Marin and Sonoma Counties