

June 28, 2011

Honorable Board of Supervisors Santa Barbara County 123 East Anapamu Street Santa Barbara, CA 93101

**Re:** THAT YOUR BOARD ADOPT A RESOLUTION ON WIRELESS

'SMART' METERS CALLING FOR A MORATORIUM AND

PERMANENT, NO-COST OPT-OUT PLAN

## **Recommended Actions**

- 1) That your Board adopt a resolution calling for a moratorium on continued roll-out of wireless 'smart meters' in view of the recent classification of RF-EMF as a possible human carcinogen.\*
- 2) That your Board adopt within this resolution a call for a permanent opt-out plan for all consumers, at no cost to the consumer.
- 3) For those consumers whose analog (spinning dial) electric meters have already been replaced by wireless meters, that your Board adopt within this resolution a call to restore analog (spinning dial) electric meters to those consumers who request it, at no cost to the consumer.
- 4) That your Board direct this Resolution to the CPUC, California Council on Science & Technology (CCST), SCE, PG&E and Governor's office.

**Rationale:** It is not in the public interest to deploy wireless devices that produce a possible human carcinogen on a continuous basis, classified at the same IARC level as DDT, lead and engine exhaust, in all homes, businesses, schools, healthcare facilities, libraries, etc, when alternatives without health harm exist.

Respectfully submitted by:

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\*WHO Press Release 208, May 31, 2011. A Working Group of 31 scientists from 14 countries met in at IARC in Lyon, France, and has classified RF-EMF to be a possible human carcinogen (2B Possible Carcinogen). This designation applies broadly to all RF-EMF exposures, not to specific devices. Wireless 'smart meters' produce the same RF-EMF frequencies and intensities of wireless phones, on which scientific evidence the IARC decision was primarily based.