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Public Comment - Group 1

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**From:** Ronald Buckley <ronald.buckley@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 4:32 PM  
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**Subject:** Public comment agenda Item is #20-00931  
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I wish to make a public comment on this agenda item

Thank you!

Agenda Item is #20-00931

County Supervisors

I'm Ron Buckley and have lived in the City of Santa Barbara since 1971.

In reference to the gas company's slides, I have several questions followed by my recommendation.

**Slide 2:** of the Gas Company presentation: "**Environmental benefits** include removing **1,000 trucks** off the road which is equivalent to reducing **140,000 tons of carbon emissions**, or 6.3 million miles that won't be driven every year."

My 2 questions here are:

1. Are gas company meter reader trucks powered by natural gas? And if not why not?
2. **How many county jobs will be lost due to the conversion to smart meters?**

**Slide 4:** Gas meter communication module sends data 4 times a day.

1. Is it a wireless transmission, and if so, what frequencies, bandwidth and what power?
2. And the data collection unit, what are the frequencies, bandwidth, power?
3. How many times a day are the DCUs broadcasting?
4. Finally, who makes the equipment and are they UL or CSA tested and certified?

**Slide 6:** It is **impossible** to tell where they plan to put the data collection units.

1. Can the gas company provide a detailed map and the **exact** addresses of the planned cell like towers?

I understand you cannot answer my questions during public comment, however, if you supervisors both don't know the answers to them, **and understand the implications of the answers** to the citizens of this county, I recommend **you table this matter** for future consideration.

Thank you!

Ron Buckley

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**From:** Anne-Odile Thomas <aomthomas@yahoo.com>  
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Hello,

Please include my public comment into the records for agenda item #20-00931 (re. The SoCalGas Data Collection Unit project).

I will also call in tomorrow to read it in person.

Thank you,

Anne-Odile Thomas

RE: Agenda Item 20-00931

I am troubled by the lack of information on the following questions regarding the SoCalGas Data Collecting Units. I request that you delay your vote on this item until you get specific answers:

- 1) Where will they be located? SoCalGas included a vague map, but no specific addresses for this project. We need to be informed.
- 2) How close to residences will they be located? What will be the notification and appeal process for neighboring residents?
- 3) What is the exact microwave radiation measurement generated by them? SoCalGas only included a vague amount of "400 times less than a BlueTooth headset". This is not a specific nor reliable measurement.
- 4) What frequency will they use?
- 5) What fire risk do they cause? Could they amplify the impact of a wild fire and make it harder for firefighters to put out a fire?
- 6) CEQA should be considered due to the direct impact on the environment.

I am also very troubled by the densification of microwave radiation emitting equipment in residential neighborhoods. Much of this is the result of the December 2019 ordinance amendments which removed restrictions on locating small cell towers equipment in residential neighborhoods. More companies can now use this framework to their benefit at the expense of protecting county residents.

This needs to be addressed urgently by the Board of Supervisors, and the County Telecom ordinance needs to be updated to include protection for local residents.

Thank you.

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**From:** Andrew Van Gundy <andrewvangundy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 8, 2020 7:41 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Please Vote to Separate SB from SoCal

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

As you are aware, our county has a much higher percentage of ICU beds and hospital capacity than the "Southern California Region" in which we are included.

The severe lockdown orders to which our county is being subjected as a result of the low hospital capacity of hospitals located, some of them over 100 miles from our communities is devastating the livelihood of our citizens.

I am watching as Santa Barbara locals are forced to choose between complying with the health orders or losing their family run business which supports 3 generations of Santa Barbara residents. With little to no financial assistance to our local businesses, I am watching multiple families move from Santa Barbara, out of necessity, to other states.

Please stop Santa Barbara from being grouped together with such a large group of counties which are governed by standards different than our local community and face challenges that we do not have because of the vast difference in our demographics.

Sincerely,  
Andrew Van Gundy