



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: 3rd and 5th District
Supervisors
Department No.:
For Agenda Of: July 5, 2011 (2pm)
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme: 90
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Supervisors Farr and Lavagnino *CS for SL*
Contact Info: Cory Bantilan (x2187) or Chris Henson (x2197)
SUBJECT: Smart Meter Installation

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form:

Other Concurrence:

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

Receive and file report from Pacific Gas & Electric and Southern California Edison regarding installation of smart meters in Santa Barbara County and take action as appropriate.

Background:

The California Public Utilities Commission approved PG&E's smart meter plan on July 20, 2006, authorizing them to install smart meters throughout their territory and upgrade all of their approximately 5 million electric meters and 4 million gas meters over a 5-year period. On September 18, 2008, the CPUC approved Southern California Edison's plan to replace 5.3 million meters over a 4-year period. It is unknown how many smart meters are currently installed in Santa Barbara County.

On March 10, 2011 the CPUC asked PG&E to develop a smart meter op-out plan. On March 24, PG&E filed an opt-out proposal for CPUC consideration, which is currently proceeding at the Commission.

Numerous California cities and counties have voiced various public health, safety, security and privacy concerns in letters to the CPUC and many have imposed smart meter installation moratoriums considered non-binding by the Commission.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Budgeted: N/A

Fiscal Analysis: N/A

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:
N/A

FTEs:
N/A

Special Instructions:

Attachments: