



December 1, 2009

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

Honorable Chairman Centeno  
Supervisor Salud Carbajal  
Supervisor Janet Wolf  
Supervisor Doreen Farr  
Supervisor Joni Gray

cc: Glenn Russell, Director, Planning and Development

**Re: Request to your Board to Adopt as an Emergency Measure an Interim Ordinance (Moratorium) on Wireless Antenna Facility Applications on the South Coast and to Initiate P&D Program to Update Telecommunications Ordinances for the County**

From: Cindy Sage, Sage Associates and EMR Policy Institute, Marshfield, VT

- 1) We urge the Board of Supervisors to adopt the recommended actions proposed by Planning and Development (Briefing Letter on Telecommunications Program) dated December 1, 2009.
- 2) We urge the Board to adopt an interim ordinance authorizing a moratorium on wireless antenna facility applications and application processing, including pending applications on the south coast, in order to allow P&D staff sufficient time to review the adequacy of both the telecommunications ordinance with respect to 'new and emerging technologies' and to re-assess the adequacy of pending applications (full disclosure, consistency of information, adequacy of supporting consultant evaluations, lack of cumulative project analysis, lack of cumulative visual impairment analysis).
- 2) We urge the Board to direct P&D staff to initiate General Plan amendments that will take new, emerging technologies, including but not limited to distributed network antennas on utility poles into account, since this technology was not anticipated in the 1995-1998 telecommunications ordinance updates. It is arguable that community impacts from the roll-out of many new wireless antenna facilities has the potential to negatively affect local schools and residential areas, creating a threat to public safety, health, welfare and enjoyment of properties.